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New Owners at the Denman Island

General Store *By Grumpy*

COMMUNITY INFO

Gumpy is handing over the baton of ownership of the General Store and Post Office to Wayne and Everett Procter effective May 11th. "We are really excited about the prospect of continuing the over century long tradition of serving the Denman Island community" said new owner Wayne Procter. His son Everett noted "I am looking forward to spending time on Denman Island. I plan to be part of the store at least one a week. I am thrilled that we will have the chance to make the Denman Island General Store a better store for islanders and visitors alike." The Procters will be keeping all the staff and have made a long time staff member as well as long time Denman resident Jennifer West the manager.

The new owners own 28 stores including a grocery store and Post Office on Thetis Island. "We like the grocery and Post Office model. We intend to keep that model here on Denman Island" said Wayne Procter. He added that "The General Store is a great store and we want to continue that passion."

For Grumpy it is a time of very mixed emotions. "I have lost 2 parents and a younger sister in the space of 9 months and that puts things into a different perspective for me" said Grumpy. On the other hand, Grumpy has really enjoyed the job and the community. He will be leaving with sadness but with gladness that the World Headquarters will be in very capable hands. Despite being told by a famous Hollywood personality that he has a future in Hollywood, Grumpy is staying on Denman and has purchased a plot in the Green Cemetery. Full disclosure: What the famous Hollywood personality said in full was that Grumpy has a future in Hollywood as a janitor at the Ramada West Inn in Hollywood. 🍷

ADIMS Earth Day - DI Winter Shoreline Cleanup Report

By Liz Johnston • ADIMS

COMMUNITY INFO

The ADIMS Board of Directors wishes everyone on Denman Island a wonderful Earth Day! About 71% of the Earth's surface is water-covered and the oceans hold about 96.5% of all the Earth's water. All life on Earth depends on the ocean providing homes to more species than we can count. The ocean produces over half of the world's oxygen and absorbs 50 times more carbon dioxide than our atmosphere.

ADIMS has just completed a 'Denman Island Winter Shoreline Cleanup' (January to April). Approximately 6 – 8 metric tons of debris was collected by local contract vessels, trucks and teams and sorted by a small volunteer ADIMS team. Everything will be transported to be recycled by Ocean Legacy this week.

Denman Islanders did not hear much about this ADIMS' Winter Shoreline Cleanup, as this was a 'one time' only Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) funded initiative in response to a winter storm season that saw vast amounts of shellfish industry plastic wash up on our shoreline. Liz Johnston, Shoreline Cleanup coordinator, and Lisa Pierce of ADIMS were leads on this cleanup utilizing local contract boats, teams, and trucks as well a few volunteers.

After collecting over 8 metric tons of marine industry plastic just last fall in our Annual DI Community Beach Cleanup, it was extremely disheartening to witness new inundations of debris washing ashore just weeks later. After loud and official complaints, funding was offered by DFO for ADIMS to facilitate a Winter Shoreline Cleanup. ADIMS wanted to ensure that K'ómoks First Nation and local island contractors would get first opportunity for any job creation. An 'Expression of Interest' was posted in the Grapevine for contractors and a small group of ADIMS volunteers also assisted.

ADIMS certainly does not see its role as a service group cleaning up industry garbage! We do however see the immediate need to remove plastics, predator nets, and hazardous materials as quickly as possible from our marine environment to prevent accumulation and harm to marine wildlife and ecosystem.

Shoreline cleanup is just one of many ADIMS' ongoing initiatives. ADIMS Eco-Forum and Alternative Practices Committee work tirelessly on finding long term solutions to the many marine issues and concerns by collaborating and networking with politicians, DFO, industry, First Nations, scientists, biologists and many other stakeholders. ADIMS is active with the 'Save the Herring' Campaign' and with ongoing 'community' marine concerns. Plastic Free Denman (PFD) is an ADIMS subcommittee. ADIMS Facebook page and Website links provide ongoing marine research news and community outreach.

If you find beach debris, you can drop it off anytime at Oyster Beach Farm, 2621 Northwest Rd. Please contact Liz Johnston ahead of arrival, as this is private property. Email: lizjj@telus.net



Many thanks to DFO and Chris Marrie for the funding for this past 'Winter Cleanup' and to all the teams, boat operators, truckers and all the volunteers who assisted! ADIMS will be planning our usual Annual Community Beach Cleanup in September 2021 and will be looking forward to working with all the amazing and dedicated Denman Island Marine Steward volunteers!
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The Group of Several Fundraiser for Pepper Lane Fence Project By Jane Lighthall **COMMUNITY INFO**

The DCLTA sponsored insert in last week's Grapevine announced the launch of the fundraiser for the fencing required at Pepper Lane, the 2 acre site where eight units of Seniors Affordable Housing will be built. Apologies to Brenda Green for the omission of her name from the list of artists who call themselves The Group of Several. Brenda also is contributing an original work of art which means seven prizes will be awarded to names chosen from those who contribute \$190 or more. The artists are asking you to share your ICBC rebate cheque if you can spare it. Please help if you can.

Winners will be chosen on May 1st.

To donate:

- Cheques** made out to Denman Community Land Trust Association can be mailed to DCLTA, c/o 3771 East Rd, Denman Island
- or, put in the Free Post at Abraxas in the red file under Z
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As a registered charity, DCLTA issues tax receipts for \$20 and more. 🍷

Dear Fellow Denman Islanders **COMMUNITY INFO**

By Jo-Anne McLean

The COVID pandemic is definitely lasting a lot longer than anyone would have believed when it started over a year ago. It has made all of us act and think in totally different ways than we have ever done before. Everyone on the island has been extremely careful and fortunately we have avoided any outbreaks that have been so common throughout our country.

GOOD NEWS - Some of us have already had our 1st shot of the vaccine and we are so fortunate that the rest of the island will have the opportunity to be vaccinated at our "ACTIVITY CENTRE" starting on the 28th of this month. Please register if you have not already! Within 4 months we should all have had our second shot.

AND THEN!!

Hopefully the restrictions will start to be lifted and we can start to slowly get back to living a somewhat normal life again. The Activity Centre and Museum have basically been closed for over a year now. It will be fabulous to have our fitness centre reopen, the gym and the lounge operational, the Charity Auction, the Xmas Craft Fair, Pickleball, Table Tennis, Yoga, Memorials, Remembrance Day Celebration ,etc. The volunteer staff at the Museum is in the process of *continued on P.5...*

TIDE TABLE		
Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove Source: tides.gc.ca		
2021-04-22 (Thursday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	Height (ft)
03:34	4.5	14.8
09:58	3.0	9.8
14:22	3.5	11.5
20:59	1.6	5.2
2021-04-23 (Friday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	Height (ft)
04:08	4.5	14.8
10:29	2.6	8.5
15:38	3.7	12.1
21:56	1.7	5.6
2021-04-24 (Saturday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	Height (ft)
04:38	4.6	15.1
11:03	2.2	7.2
16:42	4.0	13.1
22:47	1.8	5.9
2021-04-25 (Sunday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	Height (ft)
05:06	4.6	15.1
11:40	1.7	5.6
17:43	4.2	13.8
23:35	2.0	6.6
2021-04-26 (Monday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	Height (ft)
05:35	4.7	15.4
12:19	1.2	3.9
18:43	4.4	14.4
2021-04-27 (Tuesday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	Height (ft)
00:23	2.3	7.5
06:05	4.7	15.4
13:00	0.8	2.6
19:43	4.6	15.1
2021-04-28 (Wednesday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	Height (ft)
01:11	2.7	8.9
06:38	4.7	15.4
13:42	0.5	1.6
20:41	4.8	15.7
2021-04-29 (Thursday)		
Time PDT	Height (m)	Height (ft)
02:03	3.0	9.8
07:14	4.6	15.1
14:25	0.3	1.0
21:40	4.9	16.1



An Unpainted Portrait: Crossing

ARTS&LIT

By Leo Simmons



Cross Country Run. Def: a term devised by physical education teachers as an excuse to send children out to permanently damage their joints by running over rocks while wearing studs... provided they do not fall off the rocks first.

First, allow me to reassure you that in this context, 'studs' relates to the protruding aluminum nodules or cleats screwed into the soles of rugby boots, and absolutely NOT to the relative attractiveness of the people wearing said boots.

Even rugby, a sport in which the weight of mud covering a body can occasionally represent an accurate measure of expended effort, could not be played in every type of weather. Rugby in snow, for example, was a frustrating mix of freezing hands and dropped balls (*rugby balls* - shame on you!), of steaming piles of bodies and pinky-blue gooseflesh. Very cold, dry weather produced genuinely hazardous conditions in the form of hard-frozen ground. When interfacing with a knee, elbow or head, frozen ground becomes unyielding concrete which strips skin from bone and inflicts spectacular bruises. This is an established and thoroughly tested fact in school sports circles, yet it rarely impressed our impassive games masters sufficiently to call off a probable bloodbath.

Similarly, rain-flooded playing fields presented an undeniable obstacle to the task of conducting anything approaching a competitive game. For one thing, there was the added *frisson* of potentially leaving the playing fields missing one or two of the smaller boys. Submersion, you see. Also, the comedy value - to the teachers, anyway - of sixty wetter-than-a-wet-thing boys could not be overlooked. However, faced with a liability-challenging situation, they had another trick in their arsenal. Denied the chance to watch us inflict short-term injury upon ourselves, instead they could relish the prospect of causing lasting disability. This was accomplished - one lower joint at a time - by sending us off on what was endearingly called a 'cross country run'.

We had the fortune to live in a part of the country which was replete with open spaces. The area was genuinely beautiful in parts and offered us many opportunities for exploration and recreation in our own time. The rugby club used by the school nestled in the shadow of the tallest point of our peninsula, a sandstone promontory with a Viking history and known for centuries as Thor's Hill. It had been an ancient place of gathering; a place where warriors had come together to act as governors and judges. A place of ceremony, ritual and spirituality, it survived as a huge sandstone bowl with a central plinth or altar, and emanated an air of immense antiquity.

Picturesque as it was, the parkland within which it lay presented the teachers with an opportunity for inflicting physical exertion upon us while still technically circumventing laws forbidding cruelty against children. We dreaded such days. The problem was not necessarily the idea of running for a couple of miles over uneven, rocky surfaces, although even at that early stage, my body had an allergy to running any kind of distance. No, the issue most painfully at hand - well, actually at foot - was that we ran that couple of miles over rocky terrain in *rugby boots*, complete with aluminum studs.

The first two hundred metres weren't so bad, running along on the gravel and packed dirt of the driveway of the rugby club. Once onto the verge of the busy main road, we had mostly grass to run upon, interspersed with several broad paved driveways to large, exceedingly expensive houses. From there, the situation deteriorated as we ran uphill along a narrow sidewalk while speeding cars passed by mere inches away. Pain had just begun to register in our non-cushioned feet and knees when the route took us onto a muddy section of path between garden fences, and thence into a wooded area of parkland. Suddenly, we were surrounded

by trees and bracken.

Most of us slowed to a walk at this point; it wasn't a wise strategy to complete the run too quickly and give the teachers a chance to dream up another, more distressing way to exercise us. It was also an opportunity to be kind to our joints before we began the long climb upon a sandstone ridge to the top of Thor's Hill. That climb was brutal; unyielding rock meeting unyielding rugby boot meeting yielding, soft feet and ankles, knees and...well, you get the picture. By the time we reached the crucible-shaped top of the hill, my head was usually throbbing.

Sandy trails then led us to a ravine which, to our immense relief, was graced with a springy, soft grassy floor. There was, however, an unfriendly thicket of gorse bushes - made *entirely* of spines - through which to navigate safely. As any eleven/twelve-year-old will attest, safely negotiating such obstacles is absolutely impossible when running. On any other day, it might have been delightful to wander, meander - or even mosey - along the trails, however on such days as we were tortured this way, we were always either cold, wet or cold and wet. As you might imagine, this made us less than enthusiastic wanderers/meanderers. Moseying? Out of the question.

Eventually, the path opened out onto the edge of the playing fields and our remaining route back to the warm refuge of the rugby club was free of hazards. Bleeding from gorse scratches, hobbling on painful feet, hypothermic and wishing we were just about anywhere else, we would arrive back at the club to be yelled at about how long it had taken us to complete the course. Anyone nursing a more significant injury incurred the wrath of the teachers, firstly for 'messing about' (a standard assumption) and secondly for causing an incident they were expected to report upon, despite not supervising or monitoring the activity in any way.

It was a reminder that no matter what happened, the games masters were committed to being disappointed with us.



...continued from P.3 totally revamping their exhibits and they are looking forward to showing off the fruits of their hard work. A quick preview has shown very exciting updates and impressive displays!

NEW ISLANDERS

During this time there has been a large number of new folks who have moved to Denman Island and we have not had an opportunity to really welcome them to our beautiful and friendly island. So as soon as the “provincial health restrictions” allow us the Denman Senior & Museum Society is planning to host a “WELCOME EVENT” for all new islanders at the Activity Center and Museum. Plans are still in the works but we visualize a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon with long time residents welcoming our new islanders. Refreshments will be served and representatives from the many clubs and organizations will be there to introduce themselves.

More to follow and in the meantime stay well

Looking forward to getting together in the not-too-distant future.

The Denman Seniors and Museum Society 🍷

Living Well: Eagle-Eyed

By Verna Isbister

In all my years on this Island I’ve never seen this kind of behaviour. It happened twice in the last year: once as I was getting off the ferry and next on the beach off East Road. I’m not sure that I can blame this on covid circumstances, although unusual things have been occurring, but more than likely it’s just something I’ve never been privy to witness.

The eagle has always been one of my favorite birds. Its majestic presence at the top of trees is a sight to behold. Their gleaming white heads can be spotted across the lakes, on the shore and in the air: their outstretched wings sometimes gracefully whooshing across the skies or rocketing across the waves at speeds up to 50 kilometers an hour. Their keen eyesight is unbelievable. They can see objects five kilometers in the distance: thus the idiom “eagle-eyed”. Eagles make two iconic sounds called the “peal call” with high pitched cries and a “chatter call” with notes, then silence followed by descending notes. My eyes and ears are attentive to this bird’s presence.

I once remember Peter Gzowski on CBC’s Morningside program talking about the thrill of seeing one eagle, while outside my Island window, five eagles perched in a Douglas fir tree.

It’s so exciting to watch the eagle’s nest at Boyle Point over the spring. First the nest repairs, then the egg count, eaglet count, feeding and fledging.

So perhaps you can understand my dismay when last fall I witnessed two eagles ganging up on an innocent seagull minding its own business. The pair flew at the seagull, bumping into it with successive force like bullies in a school hallway until the seagull fell into the water. Next one of the eagles, with talons extended, grabbed the seagull and attempted to take flight. The dazed seagull struggled and dropped back into the ocean. The other eagle tried its luck, diving, striking and killing the poor gull. Then the eagles flew up to the pier and watched their dead prey floating in the brink. It all seemed for sport as they didn’t appear to be interested in eating their kill. What a drama!

The East Road incident occurred one evening last week as the gulls enjoyed a pleasant apero of herring roe. From out of nowhere we witnessed an eagle attack and kill a seagull. Then the eagle dragged the gull onto the rocks and began eviscerating the bird. The eagle then took off into the skies carrying the seagull above the treeline and presumably back to its nest. I was shocked by the seeming violence and my estimation of the eagle was brought into question.



Luckily, my camera was near at hand.

In 1784, Benjamin Franklin expressed his dislike of the eagle when he wrote, “He is a Bird of bad moral character ... Besides he is a rank Coward.” Benjamin Franklin’s view was influenced by a Quaker naturalist, William Bartram, who described the eagle as “an execrable tyrant: he supports his assumed dignity and grandeur through rapine and violence.” (Robert P. Collins)

I’m sure that one of the many bird experts on the Island can shed some light on the eagle’s behaviour. I know that eagles are raptors and are known to eat other birds; however, it does seem strange to me that I’ve only witnessed such behaviour during Covid. It is rather disquieting to see violence even in the animal kingdom.

During this past year, we have all witnessed some “interesting behaviour”. This Covid pandemic has rocketed

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A Letter from Chief (Hegus) Rempel of K'ómoks First Nations

Submitted by Karen Stewart

COMM INFO

Many of you have already read Chief Rempel's letter regarding middens on Denman which I recently posted on Facebook. I am submitting it here as well so that those of us who may have missed that posting have the opportunity to become familiar with the significance that archeological sites on Denman have for the K'ómoks people. The history of Denman since post-contact settlement has inevitably impacted First Nation sites. As Denman's population has grown in recent times the rate of disturbance has increased through road building, land clearing, site preparation and construction etc. These activities have disturbed a number of the numerous middens here. Often the only sign of this disturbance is white shell and black soil. But occasionally more significant artifacts and even human remains appear. Speaking from personal experience, on beach walks with my sister Christine, I have encountered human remains scattered on open ground after such disturbance on two separate occasions. At the time, I was unsure of what actions I should take. Thankfully, in response to a request from Christine, Chief Nicole Rempel of the K'ómoks First Nation has very kindly responded with this letter. Here she gives us a clear understanding of the process which should be followed when a midden is encountered. I urge everyone to read her letter and heed her words - proceed carefully whenever your actions are likely to impact these important K'ómoks people's ancestral sites. They are all over Denman, evidence of the thousands of years this island has been occupied by Indigenous peoples. 🍷



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Denman Island is a highly significant place in K'ómoks First Nation Territory. It is ecologically, culturally, historically, and spiritually significant to KFN people. It was home to our Pentlatch ancestors for thousands of years, ancestors who reaped the bounty of the lands, waters, and beaches of this beautiful island.

While our history on Denman Island extends into time out of mind, our peoples' connections to this important place carry continue to this day. The earliest explorers and surveyors in this are in the 1850's visited K'ómoks and Pentlatch settlements on Denman Island. In the 1860's, the first baptisms of K'ómoks and Pentlatch people occurred on Denman Island. And in the 1870's KFN was denied the reserve lands our ancestors requested on Denman Island. But our ancestors continued to visit and harvest resources here, as will our descendants.

The traces of our ancestors are clearly evident in the shell middens and other archaeological sites around the shores of Denman. Shell middens are a type of archaeological site that are comprised of quantities of clam shells, artifacts, bones, and features such as hearths or burials. The shell middens around Denman are remains of our ancestors' settlements and camps. These sites are important, historically, culturally, and spiritually. They are historically important to us because they contain a record of our ancestors' lifeways going back thousands of years. This archaeological record is the only window into the history of the Pentlatch people here. These sites are culturally and spiritually important to us because they are also the resting places of our ancestors.

While not every single shell midden contains burials, most do, and several of the shell middens on Denman Island contain many burials. We at KFN approach all work in or around shell middens extremely conservatively, because of the associated risk of encountering burials or human bones. According to our cultural teachings, burial places are to be respected and not to be disturbed. Our ancestors are still there. We take care of our ancestors, and our ancestors take care of us. We respectfully request that you consider our position if you are planning development on one of our heritage sites.

We know that the bones and belongings of our ancestors are uncovered on Denman Island, as elsewhere, through erosion and development. Our staff and archaeologist have been to Denman Island to collect the remains of our ancestors twice this winter, and they expect to do so again. These remains will be permanently stored in cedar boxes within the KFN mortuary house at our cemetery. If you find bones that you think are human, please contact KFN and the Archaeology Branch. If you have artifacts you have found and would like to repatriate them back to KFN please contact us.

Respectfully,

Nicole Rempel
Hegus (Chief)
K'ómoks First Nation



...continued from P.5 into our lives and has caused some lasting damage. We haven't been at our best. If people have forgiven me for my bad behaviour I guess I owe it to the eagle to forgive and try to understand its behaviour.

How about you? Do you have people to forgive? How do you handle it when people don't live up to your expectations or behave badly?

Perhaps nature has yet again taught me some important life lessons. Despite all of the disappointments and challenges, we are being called upon to ride the currents, to rise above our circumstances, to change our perspectives and to patiently keep our eyes fixed ahead. 🍷

The 1907 Denman Island Double Murder

SPECIAL INTEREST

By Craig Baird

Murders are relatively rare these days, especially on beautiful islands like Denman Island. Even in the past, they were rare, but that doesn't mean they didn't happen.

One such murder that shocked many residents occurred in April of 1887 concerned a man who drank too much, and an Indigenous woman who was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

While some Indigenous were fishing near Yellow Rock, Louis Amacas had been drinking nearby and began to shoot his gun through the roof of his house. Kitty Clackadock, a Comox Indigenous woman, along with another woman, went to see what was happening. As they approached the house, Amacas fired a shot at Clackadock, hitting her in the head and killing her instantly.

Upon shooting the woman, Amacas put his gun down. It was at that moment that the husband of Kitty, Mohi, arrived and seeing that his wife was dead, he picked up the gun and shot Amacas, killing him instantly as well.

According to the news report, published in the Victoria Daily Times on April 15, 1887, Mohi then threatened the wife and child of Amacas, before turning his attention to attaching a rope and stone to the body of Amacas and dumping it in the water.

Amacas' wife and child would get into a canoe and paddle to Qualicum, where they notified the police. The police then took possession of the body of Kitty and

transported it down to Victoria on the Robert Dunsmuir, where it was put into the charge of Chief Constable Stewart.

Unfortunately, that is where the tale ends in the newspapers.

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Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Celebrates

By Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council **PRESS RELEASE**



(Port Alberni, BC): After waiting 26 long months for a decision from the BC Court of Appeal in the Ahousaht et al case, the court has unanimously ruled that the Federal Government has been infringing on the five Nuu-chah-nulth Nations' right to a commercial fishery. The Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council (NTC) is excited and relieved that the courts have finally confirmed this right that we know we have held since the beginning of time. The right to a commercial fishery also went to the Supreme Court of Canada

in 2014, when Canada was denied leave to appeal the decision of the lower courts, and has still not been implemented.

"In this current reality of reconciliation, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and the Federal Government's commitment to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, First Nations should not have to go to court twice to get their rights implemented by the Federal Government. But by so doing, we got the victory we wanted. Today we mark this day as a long-awaited decision and know our ancestors are celebrating with us," said Kekinusuqs, Judith Sayers, NTC President.

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...continued from P.7 “The Court of Appeal clearly stated that the Justice at the BC Supreme Court could not impose new limits on this right and that the commercial right to a fishery was a priority to other fisheries,” she added.



First T'aaq-wiihak prawn fishery 2019

The commercial fishermen of the Five Nations represented in the Ahousaht et al case have long been waiting to get back onto the waters to fully exercise their right to a commercial fishery. For many years, they have been limited to a very

small fishery and this has not been acceptable as fishing is a way of life for them. Now, the Court of Appeal has agreed with them, and we are urging Fisheries and Oceans Canada to act immediately in implementing the court ruling.

“Today is a day to celebrate,” said Mariah Charleson, NTC Vice-President. “I am discouraged that Canada went to this length to deny their infringement of our inherent rights, but today we celebrate. Today’s decision lets the entire world know what we as Nuuchahnulth have known for a very long time; that our rights have been, and continue to be, infringed upon by Canada. With this acknowledgement, we can begin to work together and move forward in a good way,” she added.

The NTC would like to extend its gratitude to those First Nations and organizations that have supported Nuuchahnulth Nations through these two court cases and voiced their support.

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The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council (NTC) provides programs and services to over 10,000 registered members. The role of the NTC is to represent 14 First Nations in three regions stretching 300 kilometers of

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T'aaq-wiihak Fraser sockeye landings 2018

Mistrusting the NDP's Tactics

By Eartha Muirhead

OP/ED

This past week, hundreds of people mobilized to multiple blockade frontlines, prepared to risk arrest and thousands of citizens were putting pressure on the provincial government to deliver on its promise to protect old-growth forests. The ancient forest protection blockades on Pacheedaht territory, was dealt a big public relations challenge when Pacheedaht Band Council Chief, Jeff Jones, acting in concert with the NDP, asked for the blockades to come down, citing interference from "third party activists" in their right to self-determination. The announcement included a forthcoming Forest Stewardship Plan that promised to identify key

old-growth forests on their territory for conservation, with government financing of economic alternatives to the old-growth logging on their unceded territory. The blockades and protection camps still stand as organizers pause to reflect on the forces of the colonial/capitalist status quo at play, consult with

Indigenous peoples on the territory and continue to accept the bold and principled leadership of Pacheedaht elder and Rainforest Flying Squad member Bill Jones who has steadfastly asserted his sovereign Indigenous right as a title-holder to his land in welcoming and inviting people to help defend the last stands of ancient forests, from further industrial desecration. Revenue-sharing agreements signed in duress between government and First Nations silence hereditary elders, women, youth and community members from speaking out as title-holders exercising traditional responsibilities under Indigenous law to protect land, water and life. This does not constitute free, prior and informed consent. In a media conference, only moments after the Pacheedaht announcement, Premier Horgan, in his one and only attempt at addressing the eight month blockades in his own electoral riding on Pacheedaht territory, accused the Rainforest Flying Squad of violations of Indigenous rights. The Premier is colluding with a system of resource extractive violence that reflects the history of genocide on Indigenous people that has always been about expanding resource extraction on stolen land and that is close to completely wiping out the last ancient forests. The Rainforest Flying Squad echoes the call of Bill Jones, hereditary Pacheedaht elder, to defend these forests with him and the hundreds of others mobilizing to the frontlines to peacefully participate in our COVID-compliant protection camps. The full collaborative statement of the RFS, Bill Jones and his niece Kati George Jim can be viewed here:

<https://laststandforforests.com/news-media/why-we-stand-with-pacheedaht-elder-bill-jones/>

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The Big Needle - Denman Drag-nyet

OP/ED

By Bill Engleson • www.engleson.ca

Ladies and Gentlemen, the poem you are about to read is not true.

Nevertheless, the names have been changed to protect the author.

This is the Island (Well, one of them, anyways).

I retired here. I write here. I volunteer here.

It was a Friday. Another hot April day in Pair of Dice.

I'm me. I'm a Reflective. I rolled them.

Ernie Blue, Fred Biddle, and I were having a morning Zoom coffee klatch,

nattering about this and that,

this being the vaccine that'd be here on the island in less than two weeks

and that, well, best not go there given certain folks sensibilities.

At one point, I asked the men, "You fella's signed up?" knowing full well that neither was a slouch.

"For the cruise to Haida Gwaii?" Ernie joshed,

No doubt feeling pretty confident that tourism there was still on lockdown.

Fred Biddle chimed in with a lifelong lament that,

"Men, I regret never going on a cruise. Can't see it ever happening again."

I personally refrained from reminding Fred about those cruising incidents last year when hundreds of folks

were stuffed in their cabins for weeks,

floundering at sea,

wondering when the fun was gonna begin,

wondering if they'd ever have fun again.

I expect he was remembering

and was just feeling silly.

So, we sat in our respective Zoom closets pondering the state of the world,

the coming vaccine, the folks anxious as spit to get jabbed,

and those who won't get their shot if their life depended on it,

some who have even drawn a line in the sand, a very public line,

a line intermittently less than six feet from their neighbour, and who even on occasion demand mask less fealty to those in their wake.

As I Zoominated in silence about the complexities of it all,

Ernie opined, "Ya know, this Covid Combat,

this Vaccine Vitriol, it's like a guerrilla war,

with some of them anti-younameits up in the hills taking pot-shots

at the best public health common sense we have, thinking they know best."

That did it for me. I bade my compadres farewell,

and drifted into deeper reflective repose

wondering what it would all look like

a year, two years, ten years

down the forever pandemic road.

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Letters to the Editor

Dr Malthouse has passed on a letter written by Dr Charles D. Hoffe to Dr. Bonnie Henry describing patients he has seen in his Lytton practice who suffered side effects from the Moderna vaccine. Dr. Bonnie Henry has replied to his questions and arranged an interview with a vaccine safety specialist on April 14. Nothing has yet been posted about the results of this interview but you can see Dr. Hoffe interviewed by Laura-Lynn Tyler at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=752EZogqucg>

which enlarges on the letter printed in Grapevine.

Dr. Hoffe is, according to Rate Your Doctor, well-liked by a lot of his patients although one or two complain of his religious beliefs being injected in their consultation with him. On the video he appears to be a very pleasant practitioner, concerned about what he feels are the side effects of the Moderna vaccine. He speaks of one patient suffering from COPD dying 24 days after receiving the vaccine but admits candidly that he has no way of knowing if the vaccine had anything to do with his death. Of the other three patients suffering neurological disabilities he has only correlation with the vaccine jab as “evidence” that it was responsible.

All vaccines have some side effects. For instance the DTaP vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis has in very, very rare cases been known to produce seizures, lowered consciousness and high fever yet it has protected millions from the scourge of these three diseases. As many doctors have striven to point out, vaccines do not prevent infection; rather they prime your immune system to attack the invading organism before it can begin to reproduce to make you sick and create a new source of infection. It is not the vaccine, per se, that prevents infection, it is a majority of the community getting the vaccine that does that denies the virus an environment in which to spawn and mutate. If a large enough percentage of the population remains unvaccinated everyone in the population is at risk of infection as the virus still has an environment in which it can thrive and mutate—which is why there is a re-jigged flu vaccine every year. But those vaccinated will have a better chance of fighting off the infection. It would do us a great service if these good doctors could at least enlighten us on the mechanisms of viruses rather than confusing us as to infection and reproduction.

Viruses cannot reproduce on their own but have to hijack our cellular manufacturing tools—ribosomes—in order to do so. The four vaccines approved in Canada attempt to deliver a very small, neutral portion of the Covid virus to the ribosomes in our cell which will then begin to produce it, setting our immune system defenses in motion. They differ only in how they get that small piece of the virus into your cells. AstraZeneca and Johnson decided to go with a whole adenovirus which causes only mild symptoms in humans and are easily manipulated. The adenovirus has the code for the selected bit of Covid virus introduced into its genome. The adenovirus is the transport which can break through the cell wall to begin to reproduce itself and the included Covid bit—to which our immune system will then react. Pfizer and Moderna went for mRNA (messenger RNA). Without RNA there would be no life on earth. All proteins in the human body are created with the help of RNA already in our bodies. A short piece of mRNA is coded the selected Covid bit and wrapped in a coating designed to allow it to slip through the cell wall where the cell's ribosomes begin to manufacture it to prime our immune system. All four have selected the Covid spike protein as the introduced bit and thus the eventual outcome of them is

pretty much the same. There is no genetic modification of any of our DNA in either of these systems.

I am more than willing to be corrected by any reputable scientist on any of these details but I won't accept scientific correction from some of Dr. Malthouse's sources—Breitbart, Del Bigtee or Sherri Tenpenny—as these sources have very deliberately attempted to create a general distrust of all science.

Both doctors suggest that Covid is no worse than seasonal flu. From the Journal of the American Medical Association:

“During the week ending April 21, 2020, 15,455 COVID-19 counted deaths were reported in the US. The reported number of counted deaths from the previous week, ending April 14, was 14,478. By contrast, according to the CDC, counted deaths during the peak week of the influenza seasons from 2013-2014 to 2019-2020 ranged from 351 (2015-2016, week 11 of 2016) to 1626 (2017-2018, week 3 of 2018).⁶ The mean number of counted deaths during the peak week of influenza seasons from 2013-2020 was 752.4 (95% CI, 558.8-946.1).⁷ These statistics on counted deaths suggest that the number of COVID-19 deaths for the week ending April 21 was 9.5-fold to 44.1-fold greater than the peak week of counted influenza deaths (my emphasis) during the past 7 influenza seasons in the US, with a 20.5-fold mean increase (95% CI, 16.3-27.7), which gives a case fatality ratio of 0.02 percent.”

In the Spanish flu epidemic a conservative guess is that of 500,000,000 infected, 50,000,000 died for a case fatality risk of around 10%—my own parents both worked in Winnipeg at the time where there were 1216 deaths from flu out of a population of 180,000. In Canada deaths from seasonal flu are approximately 7000 per annum for a case fatality risk of just under 0.01% To April 16, Covid has killed 23,618 Canadians in

just over a year for a case fatality risk of 0.02%. So what are we to make of their suggestion that Covid is no worse than seasonal flu? Which flu are they talking about?

Both doctors state correctly that the approved vaccines are still in Phase 3 trials but neither suggests what this means. The Pfizer vaccine currently has six Phase 3 trials ongoing and by far the largest is scheduled to end on April 6, 2023. Are the doctors encouraging us to do nothing until the trial is ended when we can then count the dead?

I do hope the vaccine safety specialist can convince Dr. Hoffe of the nature of these vaccines and the difference between reproduction and infection. For the clear implication of the vaccine 'hesitant' is that no one is paying any attention to researching side effects and indeed are going to great lengths to cover up the fact. If you follow the claims by these doctors you will be led to some sites and publications plying heavy bias, conspiracies and false information. Laura-Lynn Tyler who interviews Dr. Hoffe, is CEO of Laura Lynn Ministries, a charity to spread the Gospel, and Leader of the BC Christian Heritage Party—whose website will tell you what sort of BC we would live in if they were to form government. There is no overt evidence that Dr. Hoffe is a member of the party.

The voice of the tens of millions vaccinated cannot be heard; you cannot say unequivocally "I did not get Covid (or the mumps or measles) because I was vaccinated. But the extremely small number of those suffering side effects are vocal and should indeed be cared for and investigated. Those however who take up their cause are often zealots who criticize from a very distinct set of beliefs. They rarely offer positive procedures (Dr. Malthouse did briefly in his first letter suggest certain alternative remedies) but their criticism of vaccines implies three possibilities: (1) reliance on alternative medicine with no vaccines at all; (2) let citizens die until the long term has passed and the side effects countered when we can begin to administer safe vaccines; (3) let the virus run its course without intervention as it is similar to flu. Number 2 of course is just a gloss on number 3; we vaccinate only after the side effects are countered.

I can certainly speak for both myself and my partner that neither of us has suffered any side effects from the Moderna vaccine in the four weeks since we received our jab. And there are now tens of millions of relatively voiceless people like us.

Oakley Rankin 

Dear Editor:

The recent vandalism at the dock on April 17th. where the newly painted concrete

barriers (that protect the memorial benches and picnic table from accidental vehicle damage) were spray painted with badly spelled words such as "Entitled" is heartbreaking. The word "entitled" is defined as "believing oneself to be inherently deserving of privileges or special treatment". Obviously, the miscreant who decided to uglify one of Denman's treasured community outdoor spaces felt "entitled".

These barriers had just been freshly painted in preparation for the Denman Community School's grads to showcase their artistic skills as the annual "leaving gift" to our community. Hopefully, this gift can proceed but what kind of a message does scrawling badly spelled words on surfaces send to those who appreciate the peaceful green space at the community dock? This space is extremely popular with locals and transients alike of all ages and now with the good weather, has become a popular party spot.

The community dock belongs to Denman, is maintained by volunteers and welcomes all, so for an "entitled" person to damage it, also damages their so-called message. I wonder if the RCMP would consider this "entitled" person to be "deserving of privileges or special treatment"?

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Bolsonaro: Suicide by Covid

By Gwynne Dyer • OP April 19th, 2021

OP/ED

Rounding into the home stretch, it's Italy by a full length, then the United Kingdom, with the United States and Brazil neck and neck....No, wait. Brazil is making its move. It's coming up on the outside....'

Is it disrespectful to portray the performance of the leading Covid-stricken countries as a horse-race in which the winner will be the major country with the worst death-rate per million citizens? If so, I apologise, but it certainly looks like that.

Italy led at first, was subsequently overtaken by practically everybody else, and

then did a last-quarter sprint that put it back out in front again. But Brazil, the dark horse, overtook the United States yesterday (Brazil 1,758 deaths per million, US 1,750 per million), and it may catch up with the UK next week. After that only Italy stands in the way of Brazil winning the Covid Booby Prize.

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...continued from P.11 I'm not deliberately neglecting the achievements of the small countries of south-eastern Europe (Bosnia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Slovakia and Slovenia) that occupy eight of the ten top places on the death-rate list. They're just small, and nobody had particularly high expectations for them.

Nor am I playing this ranking game just to point out that the worst-performing of the major countries all had populists in charge, at least until recently (Donald Trump in the US, Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil, Boris Johnson in the UK), except Italy, which had practically no government at all. I'm doing it because Brazil looks like it will win the Booby Prize.

The pandemic is probably going to end the political career of Jair Bolsonaro, Brazil's egregious president. In fact, his equally unpleasant son Eduardo is already dreaming of a last stand in the Trumpian style. He recently criticised the would-be heroes who stormed the Capitol in Washington on 6 January for being timid and incompetent.

"If they had been organized," said Eduardo Bolsonaro (who heads the Foreign Affairs Committee in Brazil's House of Deputies), "they would have taken the Capitol and...killed all the police inside or the congressmen they all hate." And Eduardo's father, the president, Jair has gone full Donald, trying to justify a coup in advance by insisting that next year's election will be rigged against him.

Like Trump, however, Bolsonaro cannot really rely on the support of his nation's senior military officers to save his bacon if he loses the election. He has just replaced all of Brazil's military heads of service with generals who he thinks are more loyal, but the genuinely fascist officers who might actually back him in a coup are almost all of much lower rank.

If Bolsonaro has to depend on winning the popular vote next year, however, his chances of a second term are shrinking by the day. The latest opinion poll (mid-April) finds 55% of the voters see his presidency as 'terrible', while only 26% think it is 'good' or 'excellent'. What has undone Bolsonaro, just like his hero Trump, is Covid-19.

The pandemic is so bad in Brazil now that most hospitals are rationing care, turning away Covid-stricken people whose age or underlying conditions make them less likely to survive and saving scarce beds and oxygen for those with a better chance.

The death-rate has been truly shocking. Most days last week it was in the high three thousands per day, which is about a third of the world total in a country with only 2.5% of the world's people.

It's especially horrifying in a middle-income country with a free national health service which, although it is under-funded, normally provides reasonably good care. Only 11% of the population have received at least one dose of a vaccine, and the latest forecast is for half a million deaths by July.

Even Bolsonaro sometimes wears a mask now, although he continues to take legal action against states that impose stronger anti-pandemic measures like stay-at-home orders. He is a prisoner of his own ideology, even when it is clearly hurting his popular support. And to make matters worse for him, 'Lula' is out of jail and free to run against him next year.

Brazil was never more prosperous, especially for the less privileged half of the population, than during Luiz Inacio 'Lula' da Silva's two terms as president in 2003-2011. He then withdrew because of the two-consecutive-term limit, but he would have been free to run against Bolsonaro in 2018 – and he would have won – if he had not been in jail by then.

The judge who sent him to jail later became a member of Bolsonaro's cabinet, but the Supreme Court has now annulled Lula's corruption convictions and he's free to run for president in 2022. Nobody knows how many Brazilians will have died needlessly by then, but probably enough to write Bolsonaro's political epitaph.



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by Thomas Provençal

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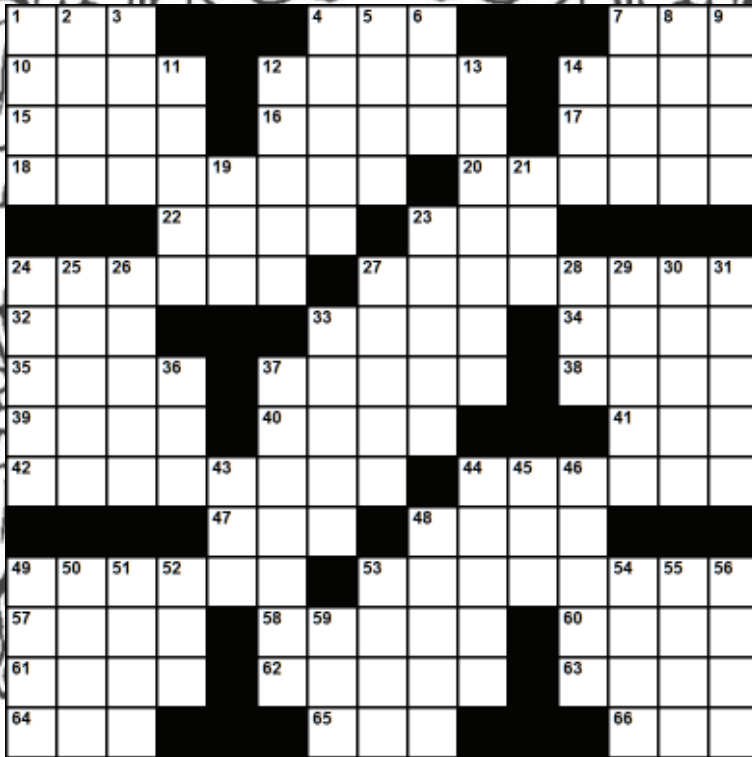
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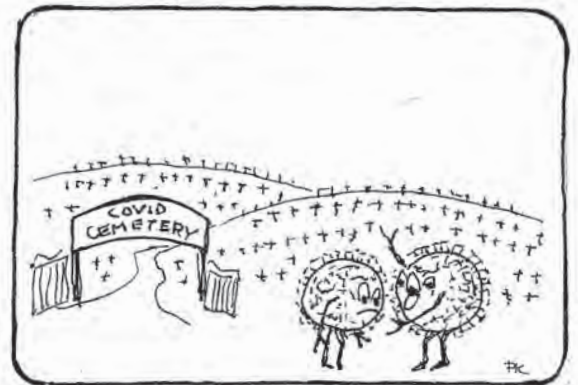
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the summer, 8 am to 3 pm. Duties
include baking bread/muffins/desserts,
preparing soups and savouries, and
prepping for service as required.

Job Requirements:

Previous kitchen experience Baking
experience is an asset, but willing to
train

Line Cook

This position could be part-time or full-
time, starting mid-June. Candidate must
be able to work in a fast-paced and busy
environment, independently as well as
part of a team.

Job Requirements:

Fast and efficient food prep skills
mandatory Minimum 3 years experience

If you'd like to join the team, email your
resume to info@seabreezelodge.com or
give us a call at 250-335-2321 to chat!

Love in the Time of Covid
by Jan. Florian.

We met on the outdoor patio

*She a Moderna woman
Told me her Astralological sign*

*I adPfizedher
Of my need to share droplets*

*Social distance dwindling
We decided to
Isolate together*

*Prick
I inoculated her
With
Messenger DNA*

*Creating a new chapter for
Masters, Johnson & Johnson
And honorable mention in the
Oxford dictionary.*

• BUSINESS DIRECTORY •

• (H) Hornby • (D) Denman • (UB) Union Bay •
• (FB) Fanny Bay • (C) Courtenay/Comox •

• ACCOMMODATIONS & RENTALS •

- Denman Activity Centre (Seniors) Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
- Denman Community Hall Rentals 335-3027 (D/H)
2 halls, commercial kitchen, new sound system
suitable for concerts, plays, meetings, weddings, etc.

• REAL ESTATE • INSURANCE • FINANCIAL SERVICES •

- Bente Pilgaard, RE/MAX The Islands 335-2510 (H/D)
- Cloufier Matthews LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants 338-7367 (All)
- Donna & Janessa Tuele • Royal LePage Hornby 335-1720 (D/H)
- Sylvie Schroeder • Royal LePage Denman Island 335-2551 (D/U)
- Katarina Meglic • Pemberton Holmes Realty 778-557-7429 (D/H)

• BUILDING • CONSTRUCTION •

- Aquarian Systems • Water Cisterns • Ed Hoepfner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Bobcat & Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (D/H)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
- DB Excavations & Clearing • Dorianbaker56@gmail.com • call or text
465-1889 (D)
- Dean's Digger - Mini Excavator & Small Haul 218-4534 (D/H)
- Denman Electric, Licensed, Fully Insured & Bonded 335-3122 (D/H)
- Excavator/Backhoe/Tandem Gravel Truck • Kenny Mather 703-6512 (All)
• John Isbister 335-2565 (D)
- Kinetic Electric, licenced, bonded & insured 335-1741 (D/H)
- Ray Ulovec-Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation 335-3145 (D/H)
- Denman Renaissance • tile & stone installation 334-6644 (D/H)
- Roc-Isle Drywall, Harvey Hodgins • 35 yrs exp. 'certified' 334-4776 (D/H)
- Seaside Electric • Licenced, Bonded & Insured 702-0570 (D/H)
- Tandem gravel truck & transfer trailer • Grant Morrison 335-0702 (D/H)
- Water Tanks & Cisterns • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (All)

• SERVICES •

- Acupuncture • Margot Davey, R.Ac 778-992-0165 (D/H)
- Acupuncturist, Herbalist, Physiotherapist • Carmen B-G, RPT, RTCMP
335-2260 (D/H)
- Chiropractic Care on Fridays • Dr. Dawn Armstrong, DC 465-8482 (D)
- Massage Clinic • 2796 Northwest Rd. • Leyah Kelly 335-2584 (D)
- Denman Works! • Tony Gregson 250-335-0287 denmanresource@gmail.com (D)
- Edwardsen Tree Service • Jered 250-580-7127 (D)
- Peter T. Mason • Land Surveying 757-8788 (All)
- Physiotherapy • Christopher Mainella • 514-605-9398 (D/H)
- Tree Service • Chipping • Certified Faller • Antoine 207-3884 (D)
- Tree Service • Darian Chase • Arborist 218-0404 (All)
- Trueview Treecare, seniors' discount • Wildbill 898-7246 (D/H)
- Music Lessons & Piano Tuning • Scott Knight 604-779-9335 (D/H)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)

He knew he couldn't just WALTZ in off the street and get a policy without a membership..



FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 22

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 23

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 24

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-dark
- GUEST COOK - DARUNA -
International Adventure to the Caribbean
- Earth Club Factory

SUNDAY 25

MONDAY 26

TUESDAY 27

WEDNESDAY 28

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm



THURSDAY 29

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 30

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm

SATURDAY 1

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-dark
- WOOD FIRED PIZZA&BEER
- Earth Club Factory

SUNDAY 2

MONDAY 3

TUESDAY 4

WEDNESDAY 5

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm

THURSDAY 6

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 4-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

The Monthly Calendar is on hold for now.

Instead we offer a 2 week summary of upcoming events on the Back Page. Email us with your event to be listed in "Fortnight Events".
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