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Blackberry Fair Update

By *Maxine Rogers*
• Fair Coordinator

COMMUNITY INFO

THE Blackberry Fair Fun Run is in grave danger. I cannot find anyone to head the Fun Run volunteers! I have two people who have a great deal of experience organising fun runs, especially this one and the third person is both kind and capable. So if you would like to head this team and get the Run happening, please email Maxine Rogers at maxine.rogers@gmail.com to volunteer.

In other Fair news, the Spinners and Weavers Guild will be providing a demonstration of their crafts on the stage in the Front Hall. Don't miss this event!

Any vendor or community group wishing to rent booth space at the Fair should phone Chris Wardman at 335-1124 to apply for a space. Book early to avoid disappointment. 🍷

DICES Employment Opportunity

By *Maya Rytz*
• DICES

COMMUNITY INFO

WANT to work with kids, youth and community – come join our team! Denman Island Community Education Society (DICES) invites applications for a Program Coordinator job offer. This position is funded by Canada Summer Job and is a fixed-term contract starting at the end of August 2021 until the end of February 2022. The candidate should be experienced in delivering programs for children and youth and have strong written and verbal communication skills. Must be a reliable individual, willing to work evenings and weekends.

Find a full job description at <http://dices.ca/employment/>, and submit your resume to dices.director@gmail.com by August 18th, 2021.

Feel free to contact dices.director@gmail.com with any questions regarding the job offer. 🍷

Save the Date!

**Friday August 20th 2-3pm
at Abraxas Books**

COMMUNITY INFO

By *Yvon & Valerie Raoul*

**Stories and Songs from
Earle Peach**

COME and hear activist singer-songwriter *Earle Peach*, who recently published a book called "Questions to the Moon", part memoir and part a collection of songs he has written. Earle is well known in Vancouver as the founder and director of several community choirs, including the Highs and Lows (maintaining mental health through music) and the Solidarity Notes, who sing at many protests, marches and picket lines. We got to know Earle as members of that choir and believe you will enjoy his presentation. He has performed before on Denman to a packed hall, with his group the Illiteratty (featured at the Vancouver Folk Festival in 2019). This time he will be here on Denman at Abraxas Books 2-3pm on Friday August 20th, at the Hornby Community Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday evening, August 21st, and in Comox at the Little Red Church (2182 Comox Ave.) at 7.30pm on Thursday August 19th. Anyone interested in participating in a potential singing session with Earle on Hornby on Sunday afternoon (August 22nd) can contact Nym Hughes at 335-1912. The Denman event on Friday afternoon will be a fundraiser, all proceeds will go to the Fairy Creek protest camp. Earle himself recently spent time in jail for protesting against the TransCanada pipeline. Yvon will provide an update on what is going on at Fairy Creek. We hope to see you there! 🍷

Fibre-to-Home Season Three The Covid Dividend

COMMUNITY INFO

By Anthony Gregson

IF it is possible to speak of a Covid dividend, this has got to be it. Spurred on by BC's Covid Economic Recovery Plan, the BC government has agreed to pony up 80% of the money needed to bring high-quality fibre-to-home internet to 1350 homes on Hornby and Denman. The money comes from the Connecting British Columbia program which has invested \$180 million since 2017 in upgrading internet for remote communities, \$90 million of that in 2020.

CityWest Cable and Telephone Company, a regional telco out of Prince Rupert, will partner with the CVRD to create our own ISP (internet service provider), as they have already done so successfully with Strathcona Regional District. Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. Josie Osborne travelled to Hornby last Thursday, on behalf of her Cabinet colleague, Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizen Services, to announce the \$5.64 million contribution. The remaining 20% of the \$7.6 million project will be divided equally between City West and the CVRD which is funding the required community contribution.

The announcement followed on the heels of the decision of the CVRD on July 7th to set up a broadband connectivity service, an entirely different role from anything the CVRD has done before. That means the new connectivity service bylaw and the tax funding must be approved by referendum. Advance voting is currently scheduled for November 15th with a general vote on November 27th.

The CVRD will borrow \$767,677 from the BC Municipal Finance Authority to be repaid over a maximum period of 10 years to finance development of the infrastructure. Of this money, \$760,000 will be issued to CityWest as capital financing under a 20-year agreement to finance the development of the infrastructure. The loan will be repaid through an annual tax of \$39.70 per household on Hornby and Denman.

Hornby and Denman will get robust internet with fibre-to-home, land line and 400 cable channels. CityWest will administer the service which will be available at competitive rates to what is on offer from Telus.

Minister Osborne pointed out that the islands' problems with internet are very similar to what she has learned from monthly consultations with municipalities in Northern BC. With CityWest coming forward, her observation is a reminder that change often comes from the nether regions.


City West has indicated that they intend to redistribute up to 20% of the subscription net profits back to ratepayers, as a return on investment for the community contribution. This opens up the tantalizing possibility of not only great internet, but also a granting program to fund key community initiatives and services. The CVRD says that the bylaw has been written at a high level to anticipate this very prospect. As Karen Ross of HICEEC points out, CityWest's attitude to profit sharing reflects their deep roots in community. CityWest is owned by the City of Prince Rupert where they have a 100-year history. In stark contrast, Telus refused to come to the table, even with 90% government funding, because the project didn't meet their return-on-investment for shareholders.

All this depends, as it always has, on a high level of island subscriptions. In the end, we are talking about business. The service tax is a loan repayment mechanism, not a permanent subsidy. In the long run, the service must be self-sustaining. CityWest is preparing an extensive information campaign with the CVRD.

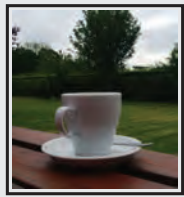
Osborne made the announcement to a roundtable of folks from both islands who have either played a major role in getting to this point or are significant stakeholders with a story to tell. It was apparent that Covid has only served to exacerbate the appalling consequences of poor internet service.

Lori Nawrot, Executive Director of the Hornby Denman Island Healthcare Society, pointed out that "virtual care is the new reality" with online consultations. On-line training is also vital if we are to train an adequate corps of much-needed healthcare workers. Hornby

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TIDE TABLE		
Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove		
Source: tides.gc.ca		
2021-08-12 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:20	2.6	8.5
08:40	4.0	13.1
15:04	1.6	5.2
21:44	4.7	15.4
2021-08-13 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:08	2.3	7.5
09:47	3.9	12.8
15:46	2.1	6.9
22:12	4.7	15.4
2021-08-14 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:59	1.9	6.2
11:08	3.8	12.5
16:35	2.6	8.5
22:43	4.6	15.1
2021-08-15 (Sunday) 		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:55	1.6	5.2
12:48	3.8	12.5
17:36	3.1	10.2
23:20	4.5	14.8
2021-08-16 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
06:54	1.3	4.3
14:31	4.1	13.5
18:55	3.5	11.5
2021-08-17 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
00:05	4.4	14.4
07:56	1.0	3.3
15:49	4.3	14.1
20:25	3.6	11.8
2021-08-18 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
01:03	4.3	14.1
08:57	0.8	2.6
16:48	4.5	14.8
21:44	3.6	11.8
2021-08-19 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:11	4.3	14.1
09:55	0.7	2.3
17:36	4.7	15.4
22:48	3.5	11.5





ARTS&LIT

A Work in Progress: Joining In

By Leo Simmons

Working in an office environment had always seemed like a very feeble progression from writing at a school desk, and so without any solid dreams of alternatives, I'd decided that it wasn't for me, and never would be.

Unfortunately for me and many others of my school year, finding gainful employment in the early 1980s in northern England was something easier said than done. For months after having finished school, I cycled to the nearest job centre, signed on the dotted line to say that I was actively looking for work, and scanned the wall for employment notices. In doing so, I joined a silent group of young men and women who, like me, surveyed the meagre offerings with a complete lack of enthusiasm. The pickings were slim, to put it mildly. Within a short time, however, it dawned on me that office work was the most frequently offered role and in a desert of salaried occupations, seemed the most likely route to securing a job.

Grimly, I started applying for a series of administrative jobs. Most of them were anything but specialized - thankfully - and were uninspiringly titled 'Office Worker' or if the recruiter was feeling particularly lively: 'Administrative Assistant'. All of them offered meagre compensation, but in a world where the cupboard was almost entirely bare, I couldn't afford to be choosy. Three opportunities still stand out to this day. The first was as a teller/administrative gopher in a building society; a type of financial institution through which almost all mortgages were purchased. It began as an interview process that went much as I expected; three people asking me questions while I tried not to shake or sweat too much. Two days later a phone message informed me that I had been short-listed! Success, I felt, was almost certainly assured!

The following 'interview' took the form of an informal chat with a senior manager who presented me with a bundle of paper, a pen and the task of writing a short, but amusing story. Utterly unable to link the task and the role on offer, I disengaged my inhibitions and filled several pages before the manager came back to the room. Quietly confident, I sat back and watched as she read my work. For some reason, she began darting glances toward me as she read. The glances became longer and longer until finally she placed both hands on the scrawl in front of her and said quietly "I'm not sure that this is going to be the environment for you..."

Some weeks later and still nursing the wounds of such a brutal rejection, I sat before a somewhat intimidating board of interviewers. They had convened to test my mettle with regard to - you guessed it - an 'administrative assistant' role in the health service. Five people - four women of different ages and one wrinkled, balding man - grilled me for what seemed like a very long time until what would prove to be the final question was delivered. "Young man," said the not-very-young-man, "...you would be working in an office comprised entirely of female co-workers. How do you feel about that?" There was a brief silence.

I was eighteen, completely undersexed, and more than a little terrified of women

despite my urges or aspirations. My blood pressure spiked - I have no doubt now that my face turned the colour of a tomato - and I tried my very best to sound completely unruffled by the notion. What actually came out of my mouth was very probably drivel, since the interview was almost immediately brought to a conclusion and I was never to hear from them again. Sometimes - when fuelled by a distorted world view and/or intoxicants - I wonder if the letter offering me the job was lost in the mail, and an office full of women waits - to this day, no doubt - with bated breath for their very young, first male colleague to turn up and make the tea. Nah, I don't think so, either.

The third interview experience was remarkable in a way I hadn't expected; my interviewer was quite obviously drunk. I felt a surge of hope; this could be my big chance! Donald Protheroe was the branch manager of the Venerable Engineering Insurance Association, and within the small offices perched on the highest floor of a Victorian neo-classical monstrosity of a building, he was a god. I didn't know it at the time, but I guessed that he must have felt pretty secure in his position to be conducting a job interview while three sheets to the wind.

He had, he said, interviewed three people before me and in advance of what had no doubt been a liquid lunch. He waved a hand dismissively. "Wankers. Waste of time." He paused, breathing a little too heavily. "You're not a wanker, are you?" he said in a suspicious tone. I felt sure he would have loomed over me were it not for the fact that he seemed unable to get off his chair. I thought quickly, decided to keep my teenage masturbatory habits to myself and replied with a straight face "Certainly not, Mr Protheroe!" He nodded. "Good. Don't like wankers. Waste of..." He drifted off, having caught sight of something through his

office window.

Several moments passed as he wrestled mightily with the task of thinking and completely ignored my carefully composed curriculum vitae spread before him. Eventually a thought arrived, and he thumped the desk. "Got any hobbies?" he asked, trying to conceal a belch. Ah, an easy one, I thought. "Rugby." I said, thinking I was on safe ground. "Rugby? RUGBY?" His face darkened. "Bunch of boozing thugs!" He tried to stand, nearly over-balanced and sat back on his chair with enough force to send it swivelling around. As he came back into view, a playful grin split his face in two. "Only kidding! LOVE rugby!" I wondered why...

For the next thirty minutes, I played straight man to his funny guy, nodded in the right places and laughed at almost all of the punch lines. It seemed like the sensible thing to do. Finally, he took a deep breath and closed his eyes as if in preparation for a great effort. After a tense couple of minutes, one eye popped open, almost as if he was checking I was still there. With the other eye still closed he almost whispered. "I LIKE you. I bloody do! In fact, I like you SO much, I'm gonna give you the JOB!" He shouted the last word loud enough for me to jump a little, which made him laugh.

Two minutes later, I was trying my best to hold him up without appearing to do so while he announced to three other workers in the main office that "I found him! He'll be joining us next week, won't you John?" He hugged me with one arm, proud of his new conquest, who, apparently, was called John. To this day I've no idea who John was. Probably a wanker.

...continued from P.3 Fire Chief Doug Chinnery spoke to training. It takes two years to get a foreman through the training process, much of which is now on-line, instead of going to Comox or Nanaimo.

School district 71 trustee chair Sheila McDonnell spoke of the huge issues for kids trapped at home by Covid with poor internet as well as the lost opportunity to access on-line courses from top institutions around the world. We learned that 40% of library holdings of the Vancouver Island Regional Public Library system are digital, with islanders unable to download high quality audio book and film collections subscribed by the library.

Donald Segal, president of the Hornby Island Resident Association, pointed out the loss of sales at the Farmers Market, where poor internet allowed only four out of 33 vendors to process credit card transactions. He also spoke of the broader consequences for climate change where planning had to reach beyond the permanent residents to everyone who had a stake in the islands including second-home owners, and seasonal renters. Internet was also important for visitors. "Our island offers about fifty different restorative experiences to thousands of visitors – it is not just about island residents."

Andrew Marks, Executive Director of the Hornby Arts Centre, reported how poor internet impacts the ability to maximize digital funding resources, creating burdensome inefficiencies. Poor internet also compromised the creative participation of young people, who are rooted in the digital world. He also pointed out the need for a robust internet facility for emergencies which the Art Centre is planning to supply, as well as serve visitors.

The erosion of democracy was also an issue. Ron Shepherd, chair of Denman Island Residents Association, said he had such poor internet that he could not attend an on-line meeting. Denman Island Trust trustee Laura Busheikin said that many people had told her how much more comfortable they are attending a Trust meeting by Zoom. Hybrid meetings, in person and on-line will be the Trust norm going forward.

It was obvious that the upgrade could not happen soon enough. Everything depends on two things: the success of the referendum, and the high-speed trunk cable laid between the islands by the Connected Coast Project. Landings at Gravelly Bay and Shingle Spit have already been funded by the CVRD. CityWest is on the islands now, planning the installation. Once the cable is landed, installation could take as little as two months. But with the referendum in November, that's not going to happen until 2022.

"Speed," John Grayson, vice president of HICEEC and lead on the Hornby Internet initiative, "is necessary at every point". Given the ups and downs of this project over the last three years, we get it. Hundreds of hours have been spent by volunteers who brought high-level professional expertise in project management, telecommunications, and consulting savvy born of long experience. The Denman Island Internet Committee, lead by Peter Spurr and John Wigle, who laid the groundwork for public support and an implementation plan, Karen Ross and HICEEC's internet committee who kept the project alive after Telus let everyone down, have everything to be proud of. It is very fortunate that Daniel Arbour is there as Area A Director to keep the project in front of the CVRD council, and even that Minister Osborne has herself experience of internet upgrades and the work that is involved as former mayor of Tofino. It is deeply gratifying to see this investment brought to the point where, as Minister Osborne put it, "government can't say no", even if it took a pandemic to say finally Yes.



Kaimerata 2021: An Appreciation

ARTS&LIT

By Robert Newton

KAI GLEUSTEEN is Concertmaster of the Symphony Orchestra of the Gran Teatre del Liceu in Barcelona, meaning that he occupies the first chair of the violin section. A concertmaster must be an outstanding violinist playing solo passages in the absence of a guest soloist. Also, a concertmaster must intermediate between the orchestra and the conductor, and carry out management responsibilities. Kai therefore has the skills for artistry and for management essential for his touring ensemble called Kaimerata.

One of the advantages of Kai's position is that he is only required to be in the orchestra half of the year. During the rest of the year he is free to perform elsewhere with his partner and collaborator Catherine Ordronneau, piano. They are the core of the Kaimerata ensemble that performed again in our Community Hall this past weekend. With experience and stellar reputations they are able to recruit high-level musicians to join the ensemble, this time including the estimable Beth Sandvoss, cello, and Dan Scholz, viola.

When the musicians stepped on the stage for the first of three concerts and thereafter, they were greeted with loud enthusiasm as beloved friends of the community. Over the years our audience knows what to expect when Kaimerata returns. All three performances had a full house according to pandemic restrictions, and all three received standing ovations that were as appreciative and enthusiastic as the finest events I have ever seen in our hall. Of course the long wait for music events to resume may have had something to do with it.

Kai and Catherine attest their regard for our audience when they communicate

with an earnest desire to help us better appreciate the music. Kai said to me that his speeches just come off the top of his head. At the conclusion of his speech about Bach's Goldberg Variations, I uttered bravo quietly to myself because his articulate words were so cogent and so informative beyond what I thought I knew about the Goldberg Variations.

These great events occurred despite the pain Kai endures while his collarbone heals. He had to limit his time performing. The burden for filling programs over three days fell to Catherine who performed long and demanding works. After Schumann's Symphonic Etudes I feared she might faint. Despite that, she revived to play in Beethoven's Archduke Trio. Kai however seemed unfazed. I ask, who can play violin with a broken collarbone? Answer: only someone with determination and consummate mastery. May we have many more years with Kaimerata on Denman Island. Next year, Tchaikovsky!



CityWest Continues Southern Expansion

PRESS RELEASE

By CityWest

CITYWEST is on track for even more expansion into the future, thanks to Provincial funding, massive community support, and the dedicated work of the company's 80 employees.



Last week, B.C.'s Ministry of Citizens' Services announced \$5.64 million in funding for improved Internet services on Denman and Hornby Islands, naming CityWest as the service provider who will use the funds to build and operate the network.

"Upgrading the networks on Hornby and Denman will boost the performance of Internet services and prepare the islands to be connected to the high-performance Connected Coast network," said Lisa Beare, Minister of Citizens' Services, in a government press release.

The announcement fits with CityWest's mission to improve Internet connectivity in underserved rural and remote communities. Over the last few months, CityWest has also announced its intention to expand into Vanderhoof, Cortes Island, Bella Coola, Bamfield, Tow Hill, Tlell, and Zeballos.

And now, the company is continuing its expansion to Denman and Hornby Islands.

"For many years Denman and Hornby Islanders have had some of the worst Internet in our region. Residents clearly asked for a solution, and I am happy that with this major Provincial grant opportunity we may be able to provide fibre optic internet to every home on the islands at an affordable cost," said Daniel Arbour, a Director with the Comox Valley Regional District. "In the next weeks and months the CVRD will engage with residents towards a referendum this fall

for the community's 10 per cent share of the project funding."

Arbour's comments were echoed by others on the islands, who have long sought an improved Internet solution for residents and businesses.

"This is great news for everyone on the islands," said Karen Ross, the Coordinator for the Hornby Denman Internet Committee. "We held extensive community consultations on the islands, and we received overwhelming support for this application. The principles of universality, affordability, and future-proofed technology are foundational to CityWest's successful application. We encourage residents to sign up for a drop to their premises through the CityWest website, in order for the project to commence as soon as possible."

CityWest will be able to serve these new customers by connecting their communities to the Connected Coast network, an undersea cable project that will bring backbone bandwidth to 139 rural and remoted coastal communities along the BC coast, as well as around Vancouver Island. The Connected Coast project is co-managed by CityWest and the Strathcona Regional District.

“The announcement on Denman and Hornby Islands expands our service area greatly, and it shows how hungry people are for great Internet and amazing customer service,” said Stefan Woloszyn, CEO of CityWest. “The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how important these services are to people living in rural and remote communities, and we’re grateful for the government’s support to help us build these essential networks.”

All projects are currently in their beginning phases. Over the coming months, CityWest will be releasing more information on when construction will start.

For more information, please contact Chris Armstrong, VP Sales & Marketing at CityWest: 250-624-1499 or 250-624-7006, or email chris.armstrong@cwct.ca.

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A Word from a DI Volunteer Firefighter

OP/ED

By Brian Holt

IN the middle of our Thursday (July 22nd) practice we received a call involving an MVI on the north end of the island. All trucks and members of our department were out of the hall and working on deployments that involved fighting potential forest fires when a call came in from central dispatch . On receiving the call from Dispatch with information about the MVI our First Responder personal jumped into action and were on scene in record time. I will not go into the details of the accident out of respect for those involved. I am here to tell you about the loss of a beautiful young island girl and the effect it’s having on the community, especially our volunteer men and women (no names mentioned). The incident was handled by our first responders in the most professional manner imaginable even though all victims were personally known by the members.

We often talk about guardian angels that are watching over us, but there are also the earthbound angels that work amongst us and they do Gods work every day they answer that call for help. The night that those first responders answered the call and ran into that scene, there was only one thing on their mind and that was to help the victims and to bring them home to their loved ones, but life does

not always work in our favour. This young women was carried away by our heavenly angels at the same time as our earthly angels were doing their best to keep this young lady with us. It was not to be that night and we are left to pick up the pieces. I can not begin to tell you the loss and anguish felt by our department and it showed during our debrief. Yes, we as humans put on a brave face for those around us as we face adversity, but when the fight for life is over that is when the humanity shines as we close ranks around our emotional selves. Please think of our earth bound guardian angels and pray for them every time you hear the siren call.

I am proud and honoured to work with these volunteer professionals. 🍇

A Medicalized Society?

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OP/ED

By Christiane Brown

An image to remind of us past tyranny



HAVING been born in Berlin at the end of WW II, into a family, some members of which lost their lives because of their resistance to the National Socialist regime, I cannot ignore the sound of alarm bells, again.

Going back to the years between 1933-1945, medicine was also at the heart of the German society, not because of a pandemic but due to a political dictatorship that focused on "the collective body of the people" (in German: Volkskörper), regulating life in a centralized and selective way.

Then and also now, medicine was part of state administration; it was a

comprehensive medical police system, i.e., health was no longer defined as a private matter. Health became a public issue, generally binding and mandatory. Then and now, individuals were supposed to arrange their lives according to the guidelines of science and state.

Then and now, professionals, including medical doctors and hospital workers were (in some countries) provided with increased income and benefits for following "the party-line".

Then and now, no respect was being paid to the individual's ability and

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...continued from P.7 autonomy to cope responsibly with difficult situations; instead, we find ourselves back in the Middle Ages when church leaders and monarchs demanded blind obedience. No alternatives to solve the crisis were listened to. In fact they were being ridiculed.

What governments and the media rarely mention today is world hunger, catastrophic refugee situations, poverty and hunger in Africa, not to mention the Palestinian misery or the 120 million day-laborers in India who were robbed of their livelihoods for "protection against infection."

One could add countless examples where the "protection" turns into the opposite and the damage done far exceeds the threat of the virus - socially, medically and psychologically.

Digital schooling, which is a tragedy from the point of view of education and also of child-and youth-psychology, is being promoted and ever more enforced. The human right of a child to see the unmasked countenance of the Other, the development of trust and confidence, the need and right to breathe unhindered, are endangered globally by government policies - "for our protection." Technical surveillance - "for our protection." Lockdowns of places such as synagogues, churches and mosques; of artistic activities and performances, of badly needed libraries, all without consulting these communities first - "for our protection."

Why are supermarkets and bars "essential services"? Spiritual and artistic activities (done responsibly in a crisis) are not?

What we are witnessing is fear mongering on an unheard-of scale. People who are expressing doubt or skepticism with regards to Bill Gates' "selfless" plan for global "vaccinations" are being called rightwing or even radical rightwing.

And then there is "The Great Reset" looming, led by the German Klaus Schwab and his wealthy elites, which - you heard it right - "will re-define what it means to be human," and yes, mass "vaccinations" are part of the plan.

The similarity between the spirit of National Fascism in the 1930s, and what is showing its ugly face now, only this time globally, is too obvious to ignore and gets deeply under my skin.

I am fully aware that it is not helpful, and can even be dangerous, to simplify history and to deny a serious illness with many deaths; but it is most certainly

dangerous to ignore technocratic and totalitarian forces.

This has never happened before on such a global scale; it should be a red light to all of us and we cannot afford to look away.

The following quote by Joseph Weizenbaum who played an important role in the development of the computer at MIT, said (and I paraphrase):

We should realize that mankind has managed to create the most appalling surveillance states even without use of the computer. I would not be concerned about the future of the computers and the surveillance state, if humans had developed sufficient morality. Because then they would be able to employ technology in a good way and use it to defend democratic values. The appalling form of computer-driven surveillance will primarily be a consequence of human beings who no longer wish to defend their freedoms and no longer take any interest in their freedom.

Could this situation be an opportunity for us to reflect upon the core values of human freedom and human dignity, without fear? Or will we allow Klaus Schwab to use this "window of opportunity" and "take advantage" of this Covid time to reset the World Economic Forum's global agenda?



Publisher's Notes

I've learned quite a bit in my time with the Grapevine. Not the least of which is, 'it takes a community to pull off a weekly.' For 30 years, 50 issues each, Hornby and Denman continue to engage their's. From the variety of content to the adverts to everything in-between, Grapevine issue #1500 is now firmly within sight!

30 years has seen a lot of change. These past couple of years have seen fair bit of growth as well. The Grapevine has enjoyed several new advertisers of late and has seen an increase in circulation affirming this growth.

I know what you're thinking.

"If that were the case, Mike, you'd be able to provide anecdotal evidence supporting your claims!"

Well, dear readers, I'm not fool enough to come unprepared after throwing down like that. I present to you a couple of vignettes revealing the benefits to advertising locally *and* local advertising:

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“Say! Are those flowers wilting in the heat of the journey or is it the pressure of their carbon footprint that makes them sag?”

Courtesy of having an on-island option, money, the environment and time were spared. The Grapevine is pleased to inform our readers that Keep Floral’s morning-fresh bouquet was a not just ‘a hit,’ but mother and daughter were subsequently availed more of one another’s company in the lead up to such a special occasion! Ah!

Here’s another one.

Yet *another* friend of the Grapevine was needing a dump run to put the finishing touches on a weeklong effort sorting and consolidating their refuse which had piled up over a long Covid winter. You know the feeling; at a point, you just want to see it gone. As gulf islanders, we know all too well that the garbage isn’t gone until it is gone. It might sit there in bags for weeks or months yet if not followed through on and taken away. Which then begs the question, “just what of the ravens?!”

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“What day was that again, Mike? *Sunday!*!”

He even had room to spare. All the angst of watching it pile up over months knowing that it would need to one day be dealt with, *suddenly over*, GONE! It was already becoming a distant memory as Ian departed down the drive. Ah!

Again, no ferry wait, no added time bled from one’s idyllic island existence, no matter how one might define their idyllic!

Like I said, **community!** Islanders helping islanders enjoy more of what it means to be islanders!

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Like a simple ‘hello’ to your neighbour, letting them know that they still haven’t returned the spiralizer attachment to the Kitchenaid they borrowed all this time ago. That, too, would be **30% OFF!**

The point being, the Grapevine wouldn’t be where it is without you, our community. 30 years and 1500 issues is proof positive. So let’s hear from you Denman & Hornby! There’s no better time than Sept.2021 to connect locally.

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Letters to the Editor

GRAPEVINE · I believe that the letter from Carie McGregor in last week's issue requires a response. It is not "a fact that many, many people are dying and being injured by these shots." This is a long ago de-bunked piece of mis-information spread by the anti vax, covid-denying crowd. There is not a shred of actual scientific evidence to back this claim. Second, it is not true that the covid vaccines approved for use in Canada and in most of the rest of the world are unproven and insufficiently tested. Again, this is standard anti-vax rhetoric.

As for the "Open Letter to the Unvaccinated", I strongly suggest that anyone tempted to take it seriously do some simple google searching. Just look up the people who wrote and signed this letter. It is true that all of them are PhD's, but what does that actually mean? Not much.

The degrees held by these folks are in the following subject areas. Photography and Iconography, Theoretical Physics, Geographic Analysis, Ethics, ESL, Mathematics, Canadian Immigration, Race Theory. You might notice that not one of these 'experts' has a degree in any medical field. I, and I'm sure most of you, have some degree of expertise in some field or other. That does not make us experts in epidemiology or immunology. And, by the way, neither would MD's qualifying us to be general practitioners or orthopedists or brain surgeons. People with actual advanced degrees in immunology, epidemiology, communicable disease are the folks that I am inclined to listen to and they overwhelmingly tell us that the vaccines are safe, effective and offer the best hope for all of us to get through this.

There are some people who, unfortunately, for very valid medical reasons cannot and should not be vaccinated. However, I am sure that they know this and are taking competent medical advice already. The rest of the unvaccinated are simply allowing unwarranted fear stoked by militant, right wing idealogues put themselves, their families, their neighbours and their communities at risk. And I wish they would stop doing that. • **Dennis Forsyth** 🍷

re: Open Letter to the Unvaccinated

Eight persons educated to the highest degree possible in our society in every field from Physics to History (yes, I checked their bona fides). The best they can do with that education when applied to the problem of Covid is to dismiss all scientific studies as motivated only by profit. A truly rigorous scientific attitude! They encourage us to seek 'blind' studies probably knowing full well the ethical problems arising from blind studies involving a human control group with a disease. In short, in spite of the best education their society can give them, they really don't have a full grasp of science or its ethical problems. They ask us to put our trust in 'nature' by relying on 'natural immunity'. As a child in the fifties I had measles, mumps, chicken pox and survived with 'natural' immunity. But my individual natural immunity to measles does little for the 140,000 kids who died of measles in 2018. And it is quite possible that my natural immunity to chickenpox will not prevent my suffering as my sister has from shingles caused by the same virus.

From Wikipedia: "Naturally acquired active immunity occurs when a person is exposed to a live pathogen and develops a primary immune response, which leads to immunological memory. This type of immunity is "natural" because deliberate exposure does not induce it." The letter writers go on to say "This [natural immunity] will promote your protection against a vast range of viral variants and abrogates further spread to anyone else." In practice this means that when the body is faced with a viral or bacterial agent we must wait for the natural immune response to create active B-cells and T-cells specific to the virus or bacteria which, contrary to their claim, will not necessarily be useful on all variants. Vaccines attempt to induce a similar response to create specific B-cells and T-cells using an attenuated, less dangerous copy of the virus or bacteria in order to prepare our immune system for an immediate response to a later infection and thus greatly lessen the chance that the disease will take hold in us. And this goes for the newer means of delivery using RNA.

For the authors of this letter, vaccines are simply snake oil create by pharmaceutical greed; vaccine efficiency is to be measured strictly by individual standards; acting to improve communal safety is dangerous. Although used for centuries, the writers imply that all experience with vaccination is utterly suspect, having no effectiveness, and indeed, is actually harmful.

Speaking to their unvaccinated audience the writers state: "You are correct in your calls for a diversity of scientific opinions" but they have already dismissed all the diversity of current scientific studies as completely specious and self-seeking. They further state that you are not "a factory for new SARS-CoV-2 variants" which might leave you wondering why there are any viruses at all as no virus can exist without hijacking an organism's cells for reproduction—what is called a 'necessary' condition.

So what can we foresee as the outcomes of relying only on "natural immunity"? Nothing artificial must be introduced into our sacred bodies; no masks to reduce airborne spreading; no social distancing;

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these measures would simply slow down the process of creating natural immunity in individuals. An outbreak should be left to take its course until everyone left alive has “natural immunity” which would, of course, be the achievement of ‘herd’ immunity. Those that die along the way are collateral damage and we should do nothing to lessen their number even as we mourn their loss. For this is how natural immunity works and the survivors will be thankful. We do have much experience with natural immunity—the 1918 Flu, cholera, typhoid, yellow fever, polio, TB. Even preceding Justinian’s plague in 542 CE masking and distancing were practised in nearly all outbreaks. And the rich have always fled plague centres for the more salubrious air of the country. Would the death rates of these hundreds of earlier plagues have been lessened with a vaccine? In 1980, 2.6 million people died of measles; and in 1990, 545,000 died; by 2014, global vaccination programs had reduced the number of deaths from measles to 73,000. Despite these trends, rates of disease and deaths increased from 2017 to 2019 due to a decrease in immunization. (Wikipedia) According to the WHO 140,000 persons, mostly under 5, died from measles in 2018; 95% were unvaccinated. In 2017 Canada had 43 reported cases of measles with no deaths. Similar figures can be found for diphtheria, polio, pertussis et al, but I leave it to you to interpret these statistics; the signatories of this letter have obviously written such experiential evidence off as part of a conspiracy headed by pharmaceutical companies.

By dismissing all science on Covid these signatories cannot then claim to support science. Their Libertarian belief demands that a community can never impose any steps on its members to deal with a threat to all of them; that any response must be left to the individual. I assume these folks have no objection to our army, police, courts, OAP, OAS,—all imposed communal responses to perceived needs. But somehow a threat to our health is not grounds for a communal response. It is sad to realise that some of the most highly educated members of our society can give credence to a simplistic solution for a complex human problem. Seeking simplicity, even if contrived, is a besetting sin of us all.

Oakley Rankin 

Brain Waves

by Thomas Provençal

We focus with our beta waves,
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to a narrow range of frequency
to imagine and conceive
a personal reality
that we build and then believe.

We open up the spectrum
when we turn on theta waves:
an emotional connection
with the world, how it behaves,
engaging heart felt forces
that the universe engraves.

Incompatible with beta,
delta waves mean sleep.
Restricted in their frequency
to spirits of the deep
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to relax our state of mind,
we amplify perception
to a paranormal kind.
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Re: Covid denial

I was relieved when it seemed as if the “debate” in The Grapevine over vaccination had run its course. I have been defending this fine little newsletter in the last while, to

continued on P.12...



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...continued from P.11 people who are so angry over the continued publication of misleading information that they are no longer reading it. Alas, your August 5th publication of the patently ridiculous letter righteously encouraging anti-vaccers to continue feeding their fears and obstinacy has me shaking my head.

The letter was published by the so-called OCLA, which a quick search will show to be a small group of crusaders railing against “the system”, claiming to support individual civil liberties. Their position papers tell it all: abolish the tort of defamation, fight face mask requirements, claim institutional bias against “pro-life” protesters, etc.

We know that the earth is round, gravity works, vaccines are a way to control disease. What is so complicated about that? Why does a person’s “intuition” override science and common sense? Why should people with PhD’s (in what, Geography?) consider themselves more informed about Covid than epidemiologists world-wide who have dedicated their lives to helping others?

What has occurred in our culture that we are so obsessively individualistic, so self-centred and myopic that we have no consciousness of the “common good”? I am shocked when people who have chosen not to be vaccinated continue to feed their convenient delusions, despite the immense suffering and death toll wrought by the virus. Are they unable to hear the voices of health care workers, hospital workers, nurses and doctors who, at ongoing risk to themselves, witness the severity of this virus on a daily basis? Children’s hospitals in Florida are overwhelmed with Covid cases. Louisiana at this writing has 6 ICU beds left. A good Vancouver friend of mine told me he had never experienced “such profound suffering” in his life as he did this last April with Covid, that he wanted to die but his doctor refused. Covid is real and it is no picnic. Cases are on the rise again.

How about the idea of daring to NOT be different? Is that too radical for our critical thinkers?

We are all weary of the restrictions, and ours is a culture particularly resistant to containment of our freedoms. We need to do more than give lip service to caring about humanity. We need to put aside our righteous independence and recognize our interdependence with all of life. NO ONE is safe from this virus until we are all safe. Refusal, without bona fide health reasons, to avail oneself of a vaccine readily available to us, the lucky ones, shows an arrogance and a callous disregard for the rest of humanity.

Sally Campbell 🍷

Dear Denman:

As someone who has been hitchhiking on this island to my paid chores, to get groceries or to the boat for 25 years, I’d like to share a snapshot of my recent experience regarding the charged subject of covid and vaccines:

Life or Death by Bill Engleson.

*In the urban foul,
anti-vaxxers screech their rant,
scratch freedom’s chalkboard.*

*Scratch freedom’s chalkboard
as if lives saved lessen them,
as if day is night.*

*As if day is night,
they scavenge the rural wood
seeking Sorrow’s souls.*

*Seeking Sorrow’s souls,
willing to abandon life
in search of folly.*

The person says to me upon opening their door, “you ARE vaccinated, aren’t you?”

Then I say, “goodness no. Are you aware that Dr. Fauci says that viral counts in the throats of the vaccinated and unvaccinated are the same?”

Then they say huffily, “WE’RE not talking about that.”

And then what I don’t say is, sieg heil... but this happens with variations again and again.

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Some will say, “but is there misinformation?” I think at this point it is more valid to ask, “is there censorship? And an attitude of gutless unquestioning complicity?”

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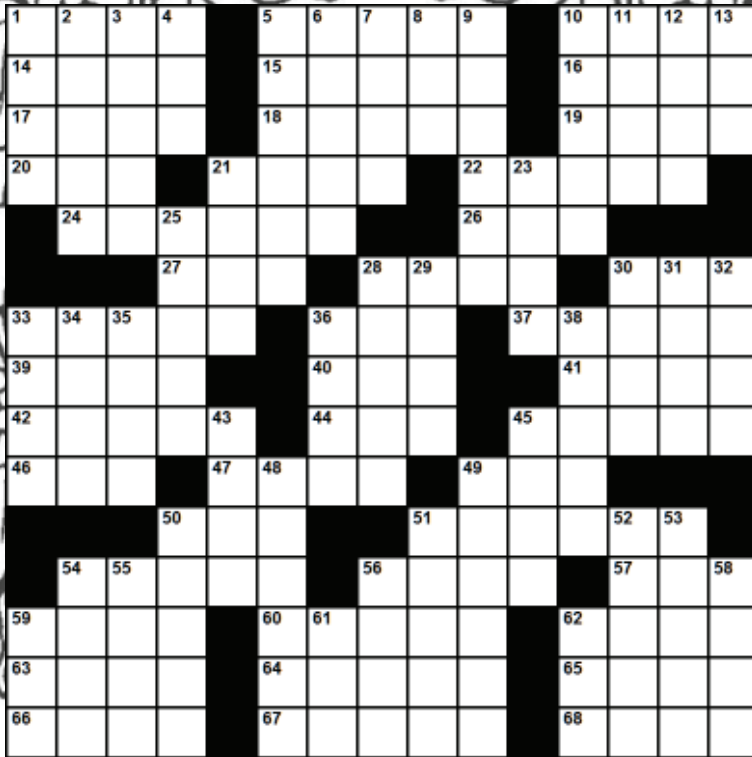
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27. Kind
28. Deep mud
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46. Approx.
47. Without much effort

49. Be beholden to

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59. Pink baby
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35. Hay holder

36. Lament loudly
38. Noted geometer
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• CLASSIFIED ADS •

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opportunities and part-time year-round paid positions are available on Hornby Island. Apply at www.hiplay.ca

HOUSE CLEANER WANTED on Hornby Island Every Sunday 11 AM -3 PM \$150 Accommodation available if coming from off island Please call or text Case 604 910 1800 Or email KT kt@ktauleta.com

HELP WANTED. Looking for a Sandwich maker to join the Abraxas Cafe team. Shift: 11am to 4:45pm 3 afternoons a week. Would prefer someone with experience with cafe work. \$16 an hour plus tips. Please email Abraxas9@telus.net for details.

• WANTED •

WANTED: Donations of gently used books for DCA book sale at the Blackberry Faire. Call Doug Bell (335-2576), DD Fuchs (335-1413) or Susan-Marie Yoshihara (335-0253) to arrange for pickup or drop off of donated books.

WANTED: Studio ceramic and pottery pieces by Wayne Ngan and Walter Dexter. Young collector looking to connect with the local community, and to learn about and collect works from, some of Canada's best studio artists. Always happy to pay fair prices. Call today! 250-886-7335

YVAN, A LONGTIME DENMAN RESIDENT, seeks a rental location for himself and his tiny (10x24) home; he can provide caretaking/labour/rent; 250-792-2770



William Richard Slater

William (Bill) Slater passed away peacefully on the evening of August 2, 2021 at the North Island Hospital Comox Valley in the company of his three loving daughters and with a drop of Irish Whiskey on his tongue. He had a wonderful 96 years.

Bill was born May 13, 1925 in Fort William, Ontario (now Thunder Bay). When he was four, his family travelled by train to B.C. and settled in West Vancouver, where he made many lifelong friends and developed his enduring love for the beach.

A slingshot accident at age seven rendered him blind in one eye. This later made him unable to serve in WWII, so Bill contributed to the war effort by becoming a shipwright at Burrard Yarrows. After the war, he embraced the spirit of adventure and headed north to the Yukon where he worked on the wooden paddle-wheelers for British Yukon Navigation. He returned to Vancouver where he eventually became one of Canada's earliest computer systems analysts, a vocation that he took to "like a duck to water."

Bill met Queenie Gunderson at Crown Zellerbach where they both worked; they married in 1957 and moved to North Vancouver to raise their three daughters.

Bill rekindled his love for the beach when he bought a parcel of land on Denman Island in 1972. Bill retired in 1982 and a few years later he moved to Denman full-time into the house he had built himself. He became a much-loved mainstay of the community, known across the island for his warm generosity and dedicated work ethic. Bill enjoyed island life, fishing, growing vegetables and sweet peas, and hosting annual summer parties and pancake breakfasts. At age 90 he was still beachcombing and bucking and splitting firewood. More recently, Bill enjoyed weekly lunches with the "Cane Club," crib games with Chris Page and watching shows on the Knowledge Network.

Bill remained independent until a stroke in his 94th year necessitated some support. His family is grateful to the many friends and neighbours who looked out for him and the devoted home care workers who assisted him in his last years. We would also like to thank the Community Paramedic program, and Sean in particular.

Bill is predeceased by his parents William and Margaret, his siblings Norman Leeming and Edna Smith, and his wife Queenie. He is survived and dearly missed by his daughters, Stephanie (George McRae), Melinda (Roy Reichgeld) and Scenery, (Brian Casilio), grandsons Dylan and Ryder McRae, and many loving extended family members.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Aug. 28 at 2:30 at the Denman Island Community Hall (service outdoors to comply with COVID gathering restrictions). In lieu of flowers, a donation in Bill's memory may be made to Knowledge Network or your favourite charity. Memories and photos may be shared at www.piercysmtwashingtonfuneral.com.

• 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 Hoepner 335-2037 (D/H)
- Ray Ulovec • Backhoe/Excavator, Septic Installation 335-3145 (D/H)
- Bobcat & Compact Excavator • Steve Isaak 335-1853 (D/H)
- Cal's Bobcat Services • Auger, Grapple, Rake 613-447-8873 (D/H)
- DB clearing & excavations • call or text 250-465-1889 (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)
- 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 • 236-255-3354 (D/H)
- 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)
- Landscaping & Home Services • Beech&Cedar Home Maintenance
(Kane) • 335-0745 (D/H)
- Able & Ready Septic Pumping Service • 250-338-8822 (D/H)
- Home Town Shredders • Document Shredding • 334-7111 (D/H)

Monument city, one thousand years in the future.



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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 12

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

FRIDAY 13

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- RANDY DUNCAN Guesthouse

SATURDAY 14

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-2pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 15

MONDAY 16

TUESDAY 17

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 18

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



THURSDAY 19

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- FOOD BANK 4-7pm

FRIDAY 20

- AA Meeting DI United Church 7pm
- BEV FINCH Guesthouse

SATURDAY 21

- RECYCLING CENTRE 9-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9-5pm
- FREE STORE 9am-2pm
- FARMERS MARKET Old School 9:30am

SUNDAY 22

MONDAY 23

TUESDAY 24

- CAP SITE 11-2pm

WEDNESDAY 25

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



THURSDAY 26

- RECYCLING CENTRE 2-6pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-6pm
- CAP SITE 3-7pm
- 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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