



Please forward this Email Tree to family, friends, colleagues and members of your community group.

**The time has come for the Portarlington Community Email Tree to relax in the paddock as it were.**

The Email Tree is now hibernating and can return when there is an urgent need to share vital information quickly.

The Tree began in 2009 in response to community groups needing an easy way to share information, news and asks for help.

The Tree has done that proudly.

Since 2009, ways for groups to reach others has changed.

So many social media options are now available for community groups to share their message.

So after 14 years, this is the final Portarlington Community Email Tree.

My thanks to local groups, City of Greater Geelong, Bellarine Community Health, Bellarine Bayside and so many more who contributed to the Tree.

And thank you to groups who forwarded the Tree to their members – that was the best way to share the Tree.

Thankyou to all who read the Tree, volunteered because you read it in the Tree, went to an event or had your say because you found out about it via the Tree.

My personal thanks to all who have shared events, news and asked for volunteers to help out. You nurtured and grew the Tree.

Thank you to representatives from community groups and Tree readers who came to the miniature railway for a final goodbye photo.

You and so many others made the Tree successful.

It was a great chance to catch up and I so thank the Portarlington Bellarine Miniature Railway for allowing us to gather at the station.

The railway station is a lovely informal place to hold a relaxing and happy gathering.

## Image:

Back row: Wage (City of Greater Geelong), rep standing in for Kate (Port Neighbourhood House), Jenny Wills (Women in Local Democracy and Staying in Port), Vicki Perret (Geelong Sustainability, Bellarine Catchment Network) David Hughs (St Andrew's), Geoff Fary (Fight MND), John Turner (Lions and long-suffering husband)

In the train: Richard Underwood (Mussel Festival), Sarah (Email Tree), Ingrid (Indented Head Community Association), Anna (Portarlington Maltese Pensioners Association), Glenda (Tree recipient), Kerry (Bellarine Agricultural Show), Karen (Seniors), Jonathan (JNH Software - IT saviour), Eliz T



Apologies: Gemma Tobschall, Robyn Jenes, Susan Doubleday, Pam Scott, Lauren Deale

Thankyou read by John Turner attached.

## Just In

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### My Aged Care Access Support at BCH Portarlington

10:00am – 2:00pm, Tuesday and Thursday at Portarlington Community Health, 39 Fenwick Street.



**Do you need help to connect with My Aged Care?**

*Our Volunteers can support you.*

Do you need help or know someone who needs help connecting with My Aged Care?

Starting TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY, a volunteer staffed service will be operating from the Bellarine Community Health site in Portarlington.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 2pm volunteers will provide a warm welcome and help for people who want to connect with My Aged Care.

No appointment is needed, just pop in.

Volunteers might not have all the answers you need, but they can help give you some insight and direction on what to do and where to go to access aged care services.

## News

### Nominations open for the Monica Hayes Award - International Women's Day



Nominations are now open for the 2024 Monica Hayes Award.

The Award honours Monica Hayes, a feminist, activist and community leader who died at home in Portarlington in 2016 from Motor Neurone Disease.

Nominations are invited for women whose endeavours make a difference for others/inspire women and girls to develop new skills/actively engage in their community.

You can nominate a friend, neighbour or colleague and application forms are available from the Portarlington Neighbourhood House and the Portarlington Bendigo Bank, Springdale Neighbourhood House, Drysdale and the Post Offices in Indented Head and St Leonards.

**The closing date for nomination is Friday 23 February** and the Award will be presented at the Northern Bellarine International Women's Day afternoon tea celebration on 7 March at the Portarlington Golf Club.

Any queries – please contact International Women's Day Committee member, Jenny Wills 5259 2032 or email [jeni.wills@bigpond.com](mailto:jeni.wills@bigpond.com)

## Building Digital Skills Program

From Geelong Regional Libraries:

Are you over 50 and want to build your online skills?



Learning new digital skills is more important than ever and we can help!

We are delivering free sessions across our library network to help you confidently use your smartphone, computer, or device.

Join the Building Digital Skills program and improve your ability to navigate the digital world [here](#).

## G33, The Fyansford Cement Works and the Bellarine Railway



There are so many fascinating stories that involve trains.

G33 is just one of them.

Plus, it tells not only its service but restoration.

It's a good read [here](#)

## Heritage Advisory Committee - Expressions of Interest 2024



The City of Greater Geelong is seeking expressions of interest for four independent community members to be appointed to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

The role of the Heritage Advisory Committee is to assist Council on cultural and natural heritage matters within the municipality, through advocacy on, and awareness raising of, emerging local issues.

For more information about this opportunity please click [here](#)

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Portarlington Community Email Tree

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