

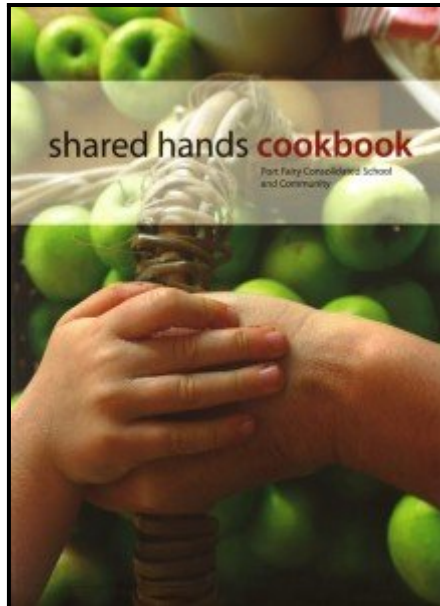
The artistic face of Christopher Grace

At arm's length: we discover the artistic side of chef Christopher Grace.

Homestyle cakes a recipe for success

There is a fair chance that among all of the thousands of cafe reviews ever written, very few have featured a cafe inside a nursing home. Yes – a nursing home. And the particular nursing home in question is the largest and oldest in Warrnambool – Lyndoch...

At last – a cookbook you can use!



How many times have you been lured into buying a sumptuous-looking cookbook, only to find that the fine print includes ingredients that you have either never heard of, or which are almost impossible to buy? (Fresh bamboo sticks, dried banana leaf, mud crab...)

And we all own at least one cookbook that has such convoluted, complex recipes that even if you source the ingredients, you haven't got time to devote an entire day to making dinner.

There are no such problems with this week's choice for Bookmarks, which is a collection of recipes from the Port Fairy Consolidated School and Community.

This is what **Michaelie Clark**, from Warrnambool Books, has to say about her selection:

'This book was released by the Port Fairy Consolidated School and Community last year and is very impressive (deviates greatly from the old binders you used to get with photocopies of Mum's yo-yo recipe, etc)!

It has been a consistent seller since its release.

In 2007, the Port Fairy Consolidated School made a successful application to join the [Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program](#), which gave the students the tools and support to grow, harvest, prepare and share food, with a strong focus on the value of local produce.

An important result of the program is the **Shared Hands Cookbook**, a beautiful collection of recipes from the school and its associates, the local culinary community, and others they are inspired by. The book includes high quality, full-colour photos of most of the dishes, plus lots of images from the garden, the school and around the town.

The recipes are easy to follow, diverse and incredibly tempting (the 'Baked Zucchini Stuffed with Spicy Rice' and the 'Quince and White Chocolate Muffins' would be pretty hard to pass up), but best of all is the book's wonderful local flavour.'

Yum!

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