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Flag bearers in the march were, left (holding the RSL flag), Ian Lawrence, who was in the SAS in Perth in the early '70s, with Mike Foenander, who was in Singapore's Nee Soon from 1968-70.

## Huge crowds for Cowes Anzac commemorations

The Phillip Island RSL said approximately 2000 people attended the two services in Cowes on Anzac Day.

"It would seem that lovely weather and the lifting of the Covid umbrella culminated in approximately 2000 attending each of the two services conducted by the Phillip Island RSL at the Cenotaph

at Cowes," said President Chris Thompson.

"It was impossible for me to successfully gauge the full total at each from my position, but feedback from numerous attendees seemed to verify that we equalled or surpassed our last pre-Covid attendances, a marvellous turnout for all concerned."

The Dawn Service saw speeches from the Executive Officer of HMAS Cerberus Commander Peter Martin and Newhaven College Captain Laura Vivian.

"Both speeches were extremely well received by all in attendance," Chris said.

"The 11am services saw Lieutenant Ryan Latty from Cerberus and

Newhaven College student Coco Hosken deliver speeches which left us appreciating that our younger generations appreciate the commitment, sacrifice, and dedication of those we were there to remember."

On behalf of the RSL, Chris thanked Newhaven College, The Royal Australian Navy for their Sentry and March parties, the

RAAF for its flyover at the 11am service, and the dedicated staff "who endeavoured in the last couple of weeks to ensure everything went as planned".

"And thank you to the visitors and people of Phillip Island who attended to remember those who could not be there themselves.

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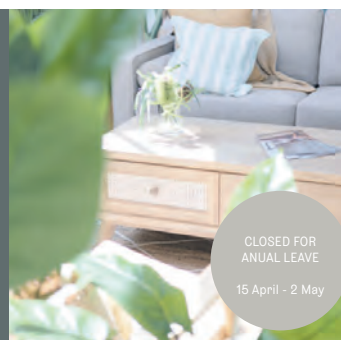
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## Happy 70th birthday Rosa!

Rosa Scarlato, much-loved matriarch of Pino's Trattoria celebrated her 70th birthday doing what she loves ... working in her Cowes restaurant!

"She had so many cards and flowers they didn't know if it was a funeral or a birthday," joked her family. Rosa shared her birthday joy with customers, dressed in sequins and sporting a sparkling tiara.

According to one friend, the champagne started flowing early.

"It was early in the morning when I delivered a card and she already had bunches and bunches of flowers.

"She asked me if I wanted a glass of champagne," they said.

"She worked all day and night and loved every minute of it!"



Booms were used on the Shearwater Estate lake to contain the fuel spill.

## Clean up continues at Shearwater Estate

Crews from Melbourne Water returned to Shearwater Estate last Friday, to assess the clean up of the lake after diesel fuel leaked into the water before Easter.

A spokesperson for Melbourne Water confirmed that a contractor had again been sent to the area to "undertake any further clean up at the site, following further notification of an oil sheen". Residents confirmed crews were in the area.

"They had already removed the containment booms prior to the weekend rain so the best the blokes could do was to skim around the edges," resident Vanna Watters said.

She said an officer from the EPA told her a report was being prepared to present to Melbourne Water, Westernport Water and Bass Coast Shire Council.

"My understanding is more can be done to prevent this happening again, but it means an effort from all these authorities."

Residents are not holding their breath that they will see action anytime soon.

"If it happens again, there will be serious questions and accountability," she said.

The spill happened around April 4 and resi-

dents believe the fuel came from the Blue Gum Industrial Estate.

At the time EPA Gippsland Acting Regional Manager Stacey Clark confirmed the EPA had investigated the incident.

"EPA officers spent several hours over two days at Cowes, working with Council officers to investigate a series of possible sources of an oil slick on Blue Gum Drain Lake," Ms Clark said.

"The source of the spill has proved difficult to trace, but the search went as far as lifting sewer lids to follow any traces of oil back to a possible source.

"EPA also took the opportunity to inspect local businesses in the immediate area and offer compliance advice to several of them on measures that would trap a similar spill if it should occur."

Ms Clark said spills of oil or fuel can also come from vehicles and residential sources.

Members of the public can report pollution by calling EPA's 24-hour hotline on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842) or providing details online at [epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution](http://epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution)

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## Smashed but no grab

A vehicle parked in a driveway on Settlement Road had its back window smashed last week, in broad daylight.

Police said while it appeared the rear of the vehicle had been rummaged through, nothing was stolen.

The investigation is ongoing.

## Candidates declared

Eight candidates will contest the seat of Monash in the May 21 election.

Sitting member Russell Broadbent is being challenged by a field that includes candidates from the ALP, Greens, United Australia Party, Liberal Democrats, Australian Federation Party, Pauline Hanson's One Nation and a Voices for Monash independent.

The confirmed candidates announced on April 22 are: Russell Broadbent - Liberal, Jessica O'Donnell - ALP, Mat Morgan - Greens, Deb Leonard - Independent Voices for

Monash, Christine McShane - United Australia Party, Meg Edwards - Liberal Democrats, Allan Hicken - Paul Hanson's One Nation and David Welsh - Australian Federation Party.

Mat Morgan scored the top spot on the ballot paper, followed by Russell Broadbent and Deb Leonard in second and third spot respectively.

Russell Broadbent has held the seat since 2004 and currently holds it with a margin of 6.9 per cent.

ABC election analyst Anthony Green has it classified as a safe seat for the Liberal Party and is predicting it as a Liberal win.

According to the ABC website, of the 66 polling places in 2019, 51 recorded Liberal Party majorities.

Information on the electorate and all candidates is available at [www.abc.net.au/news/elections/federal/2022/guide/mona](http://www.abc.net.au/news/elections/federal/2022/guide/mona)

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# Garbage cost down, shire borrowings up: draft budget

Garbage costs will be reduced and the rate increase will remain within the mandated government cap, according to the draft 2022/23 Bass Coast Shire budget.

After several years of massive garbage cost price hikes, this budget proposes a 1.8 per cent reduction in the waste service charge, while rate-payers will fork out a 1.75 per cent increase on their rate bill, in line with the state government's cap.

Unlike past years, when there was a long list of capital works projects, the draft budget has only a few headline projects, despite \$28.8 million in spending.

This spending, however, comes at a cost, with loans set to spike at \$30 million.

### Major projects

There will be \$11.2 million spent on new leisure and recreational facilities, including the complete construction of the new Cowes Cultural and Community Centre (\$2.8 million), due to be finished by the end of the financial year.

The CCCC will also have \$2.2 million spent to improve surroundings, including the western landscape facing Thompson Avenue and the eastern courtyard, with this costing included in the existing contract.

The Anderson Road boat ramp has been earmarked \$200,000 for detailed designs and \$300,000 will go to the Kilcunda skate park construction.

At San Remo, \$1.8 million will be spent on the Shetland Heights and Potters Hill Road unsealed road upgrade and \$500,000 will be spent on the Cowes-Rhyll Road shared pathway, all part of an allocated \$14 million budget to improve roads and paths.

Other capital works include:

- kindergarten expansion (\$400,000), including a new two-room kindergarten at Newhaven Primary School, as well as space for maternal



The draft budget allocates \$11.2 million on new leisure and recreational facilities including construction of the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre, due to be finished by the end of the financial year.

and child health funded by the Victorian School Building Authority;

- renewal of the Rhyll Hall (\$300,000)
- San Remo Structure Plan (\$150,000)
- the long-awaited neighbourhood character and housing strategy (\$150,000).

### Climate change

In 2019 council declared a climate emergency, with this draft budget providing \$5.1 million on climate change actions.

About \$400,000 will provide public electric vehicle charging stations at Newhaven Visitor Centre, as well as in Grantville, Inverloch and Wonthaggi.

The Grantville landfill micro turbines project (\$1.6 million) will use landfill gas emissions to power the site to reduce CO2 emissions.

Funding (\$2.1 million) will go towards protecting the environment, including stopping private landowners encroaching into foreshore reserves by restoring native vegetation

and habitat.

More funding will go to building a rock wall and beach groynes to stop coastal erosion (\$1 million).

### Borrowings

To fund the major projects, the shire will take out \$17.1 million in new borrowings, in addition to refinancing of \$11.7 million in loans already held.

In total, borrowings will increase to \$30.5 million as of June 30, 2023 and will again rise to \$44.2 million by 2025/26.

According to the shire, Victorian Auditor-General's Office indicators say Bass Coast's financial position will "remain sound with ongoing operating surpluses and investment in capital expenditure".

"While the draft budget reflects increased council borrowings, this is tied to the major capital investment program and the level of debt is still expected to remain within prudential guidelines," the budget states.

The draft budget projects an operating surplus of \$2.2 million but has

a projected adjusted underlying deficit of \$4.7 million in 2022/23, rising to a surplus of \$1.3 million in 2025/26.

This deficit is "largely attributable" to one-off landfill rehabilitation works costing \$4.1 million, required to be completed within the 2022/23 financial year.

Grants from state or Federal governments will decrease by \$11 million compared to 2021/22 "due mainly to specific funding received for large non-recurring capital works projects in 2021/22".

### Staff costs

There are 318 full-time equivalent staff employed by the shire, with employee costs in this budget totalling \$31.8 million, rising to \$36.4 million by 2025/26.

In 2020/21 employee costs were \$29.6 million.

The CEO's office costs \$467,000, with two staff.

The shire renegotiated its staff enterprise agreement in 2021, allowing for an annual wage increase of 1.6 per cent in July 2022.



Got a query about the draft budget? Council is holding an online Facebook forum on Wednesday, May 4 from 6pm – 7.30pm so the community can provide input and ask questions.

## How to comment on the budget

- An online Facebook forum is the only opportunity to chat about the draft budget or provide input and questions – Wednesday, May 4 at [www.facebook.com/basscoastshire](https://www.facebook.com/basscoastshire) from 6pm to 7.30pm;
- The draft budget and draft fees and charges schedule will also be open for submissions until Monday, May 16.
- Council will receive and hear submissions (either personally or by a person acting on their behalf) on Wednesday, May 25 in Wonthaggi, which will be both in person and live streamed.
- The draft documents will be available at [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au](https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au) as well as Council's website at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au](https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au) or at any customer service centre.



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# Fees increased in draft budget

Want to take a load of rubbish to the tip? Well, it's about to cost you a lot more.

And community groups wanting to rent the soon-to-be-built Cowes Cultural and Community Centre

will now know how much they will need to fork out, with fees and charges released for the first time.

Bass Coast Shire's draft 2022/23 budget details a range of price hikes in its draft fees and charges

schedule (see table).

"Fees are reviewed annually to ensure that an equitable balance between user funded services and ratepayer funded services is maintained," the shire said.

A comparison of costs between the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre (WUCAC) and the soon to be built Cowes Cultural and Community Centre:

	WUAC	CCCC
Standard – Community & Function		\$80
Standard (not subsidised) – Green Room / Foyer / Project Space	\$50 (decreasing from \$53.70)	
Grand Hall		\$120
Gallery (including 30% commission on works sold)		\$100
Gallery – subsidy – minimum fee or 30% commission on works sold (whichever is greater)		\$300
Standard – performance – full day (4-8 hours)	\$1500	\$1275
Standard – performance – half day (up to 4 hours)	\$750	\$638

Community groups wanting to use the new Cowes Cultural and Community Centre can now see the proposed fee structure and how it compares to the Wonthaggi Union Theatre.

Draft council fees and charges 2022/23 – proposed increases

	2021/22	2022/23
Upgrade waste bin 120L to 240L	\$59.20	\$98.42
Additional 240L waste bin	\$176.40	\$226.84
Hard waste at call collection fees	\$67	\$110
Commercial and industrial waste and construction and demolition waste and landfill fees	\$200.90	\$300
Municipal waste landfill fees per tonne	\$164.80	\$252.00
Mattress	\$10.30	\$32.50
Mattress – double, queen, king	\$20.60	\$32.50

A comparison of current fees and charges and those proposed in the draft 2022/23 budget.

# Budget projects missing in action

Some of Bass Coast Shire's major projects have quietly fallen off the radar, if the draft 2022/23 budget is an indicator.

For example, the long-awaited masterplan for a transfer station on Gap Road. Last year the shire budget included \$100,000 for the planning and design of a new Phillip Island Transfer Station.

About 45 hectares at 380 Back Beach Road – opposite the Grand Prix Circuit – (but which has Gap Road frontage) – was purchased by the shire in 2019 for \$1.6 million and the new transfer station and council depot will be housed on about 4.5 hectares on the property.

When asked by the Advertiser why Gap Road wasn't included in this draft budget, a shire spokesperson said funding had been allocated for the project in 2027/28.

Also the Heritage Review, released earlier this year, proposed more investigation into potential heritage listing of 163 residential homes, 15 commercial places, 30 landscape sites and 27 trees.

At the time a shire spokesperson said they were seeking funding to carry out the actions detailed in the review, but last week the spokesperson said the project was "largely complete and is now absorbed into the operational budget".

# Rates capped but creeping up

Bass Coast Shire has again followed the state government's directive and kept rate increases to 1.75 per cent.

The base average rate households will fork out will be \$1591, up from last year's \$1566 when the cap was 1.5 per cent (which was a rise on the previous year's \$1544).

When combined with the garbage charge (see separate story) the total rate increase will be 4.8 per cent for two years, then jumps to 5.9 per cent in 2025/26.

Furthermore, for the next three years (from 22/23 to 25/26) rates will increase by 2.25 per cent.

There has been a 3.3 per cent growth in the number of properties in the shire, with more than 33,000

rateable properties.

The total rates and charges for the 2022/23 year will be \$69.8 million.

Bass Coast Shire opted not to make any changes to the existing rate differential, applying a Capital Improved Valuation (CIV) to all properties.

A review of the shire's rating strategy was started in 2020 but was discontinued in the wake of COVID-19, with this budget detailing a discussion paper on the three differential land rates, for developed land, vacant land and farmland.

The farm rating differential of 80 per cent is in addition to the opportunity to apply for the Rural Land Management Program, which returns about \$665,000 to the rural community for land management.

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# Finally, garbage cost relief ... but not for long

It has been a while since ratepayers paid less for getting their garbage bins emptied.

But that is the promise of this year's draft Bass Coast Shire 2022/23 budget.

According to the budget, the standard garbage charge will decrease by \$8.84 to \$492.08.

However, for the next two years (23/24 and 24/25) the garbage charge will increase by three per cent and the year after that 3.5 per cent.

In 2018 we paid \$374 for garbage charges on our rates notice, and last year it rose \$4.43 or 0.9 per cent, bringing the total charge for each household to \$500, a move that earned widespread community criticism.

This year's budget states the 1.8 per cent reduction in the standard waste service charge was "significantly lower than the current headline inflation rate of 3.5 per cent per annum and reflects value from ongoing business and efficiency improvements".

## User pays

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said this year they had taken a user pays approach to the waste charge calculation, which had resulted in the

1.8 per cent reduction in the standard household waste charge.

"Historically the cost of waste services has been distributed using a model that considers the number of bins held across the municipality," Ms Wastie said.

"In the draft 2022/23 budget the waste charge is distributed based on a model that considers the volume of waste that each property has available for them to utilise.

"Therefore, the annual cost for households who elect to use the larger 240 litre landfill bins has increased and the annual cost for households who utilise the standard 120 litre landfill bin has reduced."

Under the new fee structure, to upgrade a waste bin from 120L to 240L, the cost has risen from \$59.20 to \$98.42.

An additional 240L waste bin has increased from \$176.40 to \$226.84.

However, an additional 240L recycle bin has dropped from \$106.20 to \$102.04.

In previous years, Bass Coast's budgets have stated the garbage charge increase "has been impacted by the increased cost of recycling and planned capital works for waste infrastructure".

# Island fire fighters breathe easy

Phillip Island is one of more than 200 CFA branches to receive new breathing apparatus sets.

The CFA said generous community donations from the 2019/20 bushfires will fund more than 200 breathing apparatus (BA) sets to brigades across the state – some receiving the capability for the first time.

In a recent media statement, it said the CFA and Brigades Donations Trust was allocating \$2.25 million "to purchase this important equipment which improves our capability and protects the health and safety of our firefighters."

The Phillip Island Fire Brigade received two new breathing apparatus sets.

"These sets have been a great addition to our fire brigade," said a brigade spokesperson.

"Breathing Apparatuses are vital equipment for our firefighters as they protect from harmful products at fires and incidents."

Other brigades in the area to receive the new BA sets include Sorrento, Mt Martha, Keysborough, Koo Wee Rup and Baxter.

The overall project cost \$2.75 million, with some brigades choosing to co-fund the project, expanding the program by nearly 20 per cent.

Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the project funded one BA set and in some cases the brigade funded the second set.

"The additional funding support from brigades allowed us to extend the scope from 200 BA sets to a total of 234 BA sets and 468 BA cylinders," he said.

"These are currently being delivered to 116 brigades across the state which will then be installed into their fire trucks.



Joe Myall (3rd Lieutenant) and Terry Quarrell (Brigade President) of the Phillip Island Fire Brigade with the new Breathing Apparatus sets, funded thanks to community donations from the 2019/20 bushfires.

"At the end of the rollout, 514 brigades will have BA with 43 of those brigades receiving the capability for the first time."

Chair of the CFA and Brigades Dona-

tions Fund Graeme Jilbert said it's great to see the community donations going towards such an important project which focused on increasing the safety of firefighters.

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# Basham: guilty

The jury in the Supreme Court trial for alleged murderer Adrian Basham has delivered a verdict of guilty.

After less than two days of deliberations, the jury foreperson last Thursday handed down the verdict on one count of murder.

The judge's associate asked the jury whether they had reached a verdict and the foreperson replied "yes".

The associate then asked whether the jury found Adrian Basham guilty or not guilty on the one charge of murder and the foreperson replied "guilty".

Justice Lesley Taylor thanked the jury for their service and discharged them.

Counsel for the prosecution Nanette Rogers and defence counsel Ashley Halphen agreed on a date for the plea hearing – a pre-sentence hearing – for Monday September

19, after which time Justice Taylor will deliver her sentence.

Justice Taylor adjourned the trial until September 19, with the maximum possible sentence for murder being life in jail.

Adrian James Basham is accused of killing the mother of their three children, Samantha Fraser, 38, at her Cowes garage on July 23, 2018.

Mr Basham pleaded not guilty.

The trial was televised online and Mr Basham could not be seen on the screen. About 60 people listened to the online verdict, including witnesses and media.

Mr Halphen said they did not dispute that Mr Basham was in the garage – in breach of an intervention order – and had inflicted 41 non-fatal injuries on her body.

However, the defence argued Ms Fraser was alive when Mr Basham left the garage, alleging she had instead suicided by hanging.

Dr Rogers described the defence's argument as "absolute rubbish" and said Mr Basham had instead staged the suicide.

"Samantha Fraser did not kill herself after being assaulted so extensively by the accused. It was a cold and brutal murder, and it was Adrian Basham who did it," Dr Rogers said.

The trial began on March 16 and the prosecution concluded its evidence on April 11, with the defence opting to call no witnesses.

If you or anyone you know needs support, contact the National Sexual Assault, Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service on 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732).



In 2018 the community held a vigil, mourning the death of Samantha Fraser. Last week the community was united in its relief at the guilty verdict.

## Change for Sam reset

Change for Sam – the initiative formed in the wake of Sam Fraser's death – will step up work to prevent deaths from family violence, now the Adrian Basham Supreme Court murder trial has concluded.

Sam's friend Lija Matthews, who gave evidence at the Basham Supreme Court trial, is the chair of Change for Sam and she told the Advertiser they were finally able to make their Facebook page live last week.

"We just published the Change for Sam Facebook page," Lija said, adding they always maintained a website.

"We slowed down social media presence as the trial came closer and during the trial because the jury needed to know nothing about this issue and with the internet, so much information is so easily accessible."

Lija said the team had been working behind the scenes to make positive change, including linking organisations to stop the disconnection in services.

"We want there to be one place people can get information, so they know where to go and get answers to questions," she said.

"A lot of places do similar work for similar reasons and we want to connect the dots."

She said this year they would continue that work.



Sam's friend Lija Matthews, who gave evidence at the Basham Supreme Court trial, is the chair of Change for Sam and last week said they were now free to reboot their work to have a community free from gendered violence.

"We want to make sure anyone who needs help doesn't feel alone, their voice is being heard and they know where to find help."

Lija said now was the time to celebrate Sam as a "beautiful person, loving mother, friend and daughter".

"She is one of the statistics and there's got to be something positive to come out of this."

### Court case

Last week Lija and Sam's

friends were interviewed across all media, following the verdict.

"It's still very raw. It comes down to the fact Sam is not here. This all wouldn't be part of our lives if she was here."

"I'm happy that the truth we already knew all along has finally come out. We could say what we wanted, but it needed to come from a jury and judge."

She said throughout the trial they were "incredibly well supported" by the prosecution team, as well as victim support workers "who were there whenever we needed them".

"We couldn't have had a better team."

"But the prospect of him (Mr Basham) being released was always petrifying and it's good to know he's not coming out."

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## Outpouring of collective grief for Sam Fraser

The Phillip Island community has posted messages of love and support for the family and friends of Samantha Fraser in the wake of the Adrian Basham Supreme Court murder trial.

Last Thursday, once the guilty verdict was announced, hundreds of people posted social media comments.

Change for Sam – the organisation formed in the wake of Sam's death to prevent such deaths in the future – posted a message on their new Facebook page saying "we miss you Sam".

"We will do everything we can so this doesn't happen again, there is too much evil out there living among us," the post read.

"We are all responsible for our own actions ... Choose KIND."

"After 1368 days we finally got the verdict that we all already knew! Guilty!!!"

Sam's friend Patrice Mahoney wrote a touching tribute on her Facebook page: "Say her name ... Samantha Fraser".

"As the news of guilty rippled through our community we collectively felt a sigh of relief. That the memory of Samantha Fraser will never be silenced," Patrice wrote.

"And now, as we walk through the days after her death, we have the comfort of knowing that even a jury of strangers can see the absolute vindictive and depraved behaviour of this man."

"Sam's loving memory, kindness for others and want to make the world a better place will never be forgotten."

"Today is a small victory for us, and justice for one family of a woman killed by their intimate partner. Today is a step forward to justice for mothers whose daughters lost their lives to family violence. Today is a small step towards justice for the children who lost their mothers."

"Importantly today is justice for the Fraser family and friends that witnessed the abuse



Friends said the result was a victory, describing Sam Fraser as "a daughter, friend, colleague and her most valued role in life ... as a devoted and loving mother."

and subsequent loss of Samantha, a daughter, friend, colleague and her most valued role in life ... as a devoted and loving mother."

### Bravery

One of Change for Sam's organisers, Samiro Douglas, responded to the guilty verdict.

"Finally, the island can exhale and then inhale anew, knowing the justice system heard Sam's voice," Samiro wrote.

"Congratulations to her friends and family who spoke her voice loud and strong and have held the space for this moment."

Paula Kelly responded saying "There are many things we can all do in the space of Prevention of Violence Together moving forward to honour this terrible loss and tragedy".

Many people paid tribute to the bravery of family and friends who testified and faced Mr Basham in the court room, while others said the verdict gave them hope in a "world of sorrow and sadness".

Independent candidate for Monash and Cape Woolamai mother Deb Leonard wrote that Sam's murder by her ex-husband "rocked our community".

Deb said family violence statistics in the Monash electorate were above average for the state and were rising.

"I am glad this matter has been brought to justice and will provide closure for some, but it will not bring her back," Deb wrote.

"We need collective intergenerational education about respectful relationships. We need to talk more and remove any stigma. We need to support victims to leave violent relationships."

Cowes Coastal Candles and Décor posted they were selling candles in memory of Sam Fraser, with \$5 from each candle donated to her children.

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Another rockfall near the steps of the Colonnades. PINP has engaged a geotechnical engineer to assess the stability of coastal cliffs, to work out the best way to mitigate risks to beach goers.

## Rockfalls continue at Colonnades

A section of the basalt columns near the steps of the Colonnades has been roped off, after another collapse last week.

There were rockfalls in the same area in January and March this year.

The January event was described as "significant" by Phillip Island Nature Parks.

Permanent signage has been erected at the bottom of the stairs at the main Colonnades entry, alerting beachgoers to the potential danger.

The affected area is now roped off and additional warning signs erected around it.

Earlier this year, a Nature Parks spokesperson said staff had been liaising with Parks Victoria and DELWP staff who have experience with similar events, on how best to manage the risk of rockfalls or coastal cliffs collapsing in areas frequented by beach users.

"As a result of these discussions, the Nature Parks will be engaging a geotechnical engineer to assess the stability of these areas and make recommendations on how to mitigate the risks to beach users."

"The Nature Parks recommends that beach users avoid the temptation to set up in the shade of coastal cliffs and do not stay stationary within 10 metres from the base of any coastal cliff."

Rockfalls over summer included the Colonnades and Surf Beach, with the Nature Parks installing temporary VMS boards in the car parks to warn beach goers of the danger.

## Last ditch attempt to amend Anderson Road carpark

A proposed new carpark at the Anderson Road boat ramp has been described as "botanic vandalism" by a Bass Coast Shire councillor.

Cr Ronnie Bauer unsuccessfully moved a motion at last week's council meeting calling for the eastern carpark redevelopment to be stopped and plans be redesigned to stop the lopping of three gum trees.

He also called for an arborist's report to confirm the health of the trees. "These mature gum trees may not be native to Phillip Island however they have grown majestically in that location," Cr Bauer said.

"As part of our environment policy, grand trees of this nature need to be saved wherever possible."

"The proposed redevelopment of this carpark in its current form is nothing short of botanic vandalism."

He disputed shire officers who said the gum trees were weeds and added the shire received widespread criticism for cutting down 15 trees to make way for the transit centre.

"Nobody would contemplate removing the cypress trees that create the canopy to the entrance of Cowes because they are not native," Cr Bauer said.

Crs David Rooks, Michael Whelan, Clare Le Serve and Leticia Laing voted against the motion, scuppering it, with Cr Rooks saying the soon-to-be upgraded Anderson Road boat ramp would need 50 car parks.

"There are 24 parks now (in the west carpark) and we are going to add another 20 (in the new east park) and so it will still fall short for the demand in the area," Cr Rooks said.

"I cringe when any tree needs to be removed but these trees are non-indigenous."

### Redesign

Work on the new \$675,000 eastern car park – which will formalise the



The Anderson Road boat ramp eastern carpark – set for construction from May – will be considerably closer to surrounding neighbours than the current park.

current casual small carpark – is set to start in May, following recent community consultation.

As detailed in the Advertiser, surrounding residents have criticised the plans.

Mr Craig Brown said he was one of the owners most impacted, with the proposed car park just 12 metres from his front fence, much closer than the current park that is 15 – 30 metres from his home.

In addition, he said the new eastern car park and turning bay was set to be raised 700mm.

"With the new car park set to be higher and closer we will have cars turning facing into our property, including our dining room and balcony," he said.

Cr Bauer's failed motion also called for a new design to allow the carpark turning circle to be brought back 15 metres, which was in the original concept drawings.

"The carpark should be moved northwards to save the trees and reduced westward to retain the amenities of the residents."

Cr Bauer said the new eastern carpark will only be used as an over-

flow at peak season.

### Not budging

Shire officers said following the initial design, a portion of the carpark plan was rotated to the north to increase the tree offset and they had used an "avoid and minimise" process to reduce vegetation removal.

"Any further rotation to the north will impact upon the coastal fore-shore vegetation and turning movements for car and boat trailers," officers said.

"In addition, the last seven to eight metres of this proposed carpark is being excavated to 700mm below existing ground level which will reduce the impact of vehicle headlights spilling into neighbouring properties."

"A reduction in the eastern boundary of the proposed carpark by 15 metres would reduce the functionality and number of parking spaces available to boat users, and due to the new turning circle alignment, increase the amount of vegetation to be removed and require a new permitting process."

They said the project was tender ready with all permits approved.



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# State government thwarts developer's housing plans

The state government's proposed planning changes for Newhaven have been criticised because they affect plans for a housing subdivision.

Geoff Moed, known to many locals as the former owner of A Maze'N Things, said he bought 30 acres of land several years ago because he believed it was earmarked by the shire for future housing development and was within Newhaven's town boundaries.

The 30 acres is currently zoned farming and runs from the chocolate factory to the water's edge overlooking Churchill Island.

According to the 2010 San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai structure plan, the land – which is low lying and environmentally sensitive – is “future residential subject to a detailed structure plan and coastal vulnerability hazard assess-

ment”, with the town boundary finishing at Samuel Amess Drive.

But Geoff said a curveball to his plans came last month when the state government released the draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), out for community feedback until April 29.

The draft locks in Newhaven's town boundary at Boys Home Road – a long way from Geoff's land.

The draft SPP also includes a series of beefed-up landscape planning controls to protect significant landscapes around the island, including areas north of Cowes-Rhyll Road to Newhaven, taking in Geoff's land.

## Subdivision

Geoff said he was partnering with neighbouring landholder Howard Verway to develop a combined 59-

acre parcel of land into a housing estate.

He said they had already paid for environmental and traffic reports.

“Council documents state it is “future residential” land, which is the reason why I bought the property,” Geoff said.

“If not for the SPP we'd have had the application in more than 12 months ago.

“We have spent tens of thousands of dollars already.

“We were waiting for the SPP but did not expect the town boundaries to be shifted.”

Geoff said they had not finalised the design layout and could not say how many home lots there would be, explaining that would be negotiated with the shire, possibly a combination of one to two acre lots, through to a mix of social housing of 300m2.

“We want to put a development there that is appropriate for Phillip Island. Making money is not the main aim. Certainly it will be profitable but we want to build a housing estate, which the island needs.

“The size of the blocks will be determined by council in accordance with the needs to meet the local strategic framework.”

## Environment

Geoff said he understood the land proposed for the subdivision was environmentally sensitive.

For that reason, both he and Howard would donate half of it to the Crown as wetlands, especially the low-lying areas that were at the high tide mark and of “limited value”.

He said they would also add water retention basins, cycle and walking paths and coastal viewing areas.

The subdivision would be inspired by The Cape, at Cape Patterson, with eight-star efficient standards.

“We want it to produce more power than it consumes. Everything would have strong environmental respect.

“We both want to produce a development that is the best on Phillip Island and in keeping with the ecological and environmental credentials that the island should have, but doesn't at present.”



Former owner of A Maze'N Things Geoff Moed is angry the state government's draft SPP obstructs his plans to develop a housing estate on land at Newhaven stretching to Churchill Island.

## Popular?

The draft SPP promotes housing development away from Phillip Island and instead focuses growth in Wonthaggi and Cape Patterson.

Geoff said he understood new housing estates on the island were not popular.

“I understand people who live on Phillip Island mostly don't want new

housing estates, but there is still a requirement that council has 15 years supply of land available.”

He said new homes were critical to plug staffing shortfalls in businesses and to address the housing shortage.

“If you went to every business along Phillip Island Road, nine out of 10 are short staffed.

“I don't want the island's town boundaries continually extended, but the fact is documents show a boundary at Samuel Amess Drive.”

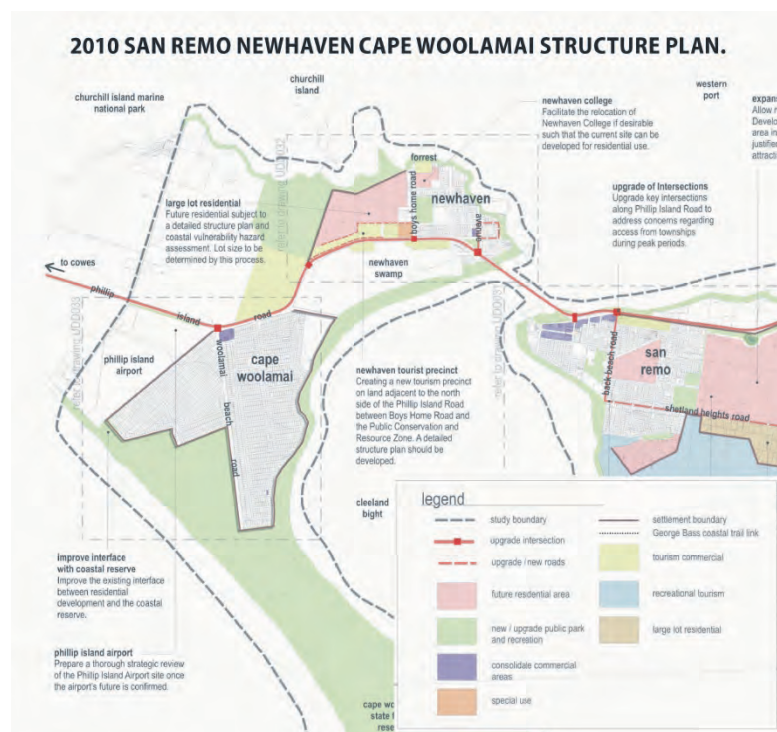
Geoff said he wanted local decisions to be made by local planners, not Spring Street.

“I don't want the government telling us how to do things.

“I feel shafted.”

The land backs on to the Churchill Island Marine National Park and an ecological study included in the draft SPP states Newhaven could be home to threatened species such as the orange-bellied parrot, growling grass frog, and swamp antechinus, which need protection.

The draft SPP said acid sulfate soils were prevalent in wetlands around Newhaven. These soils are harmless if not disturbed but urbanisation can disturb them and trigger the release of toxic elements.



The 2010 San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai structure plan states this land behind the chocolate factory is “future residential subject to a detailed structure plan and coastal vulnerability hazard assessment. Lot size to be determined by this process”.

## Newhaven West: history

In 2012 a proposal for Newhaven West – behind Boys Home Road, the Chocolate Factory to the water's edge overlooking Churchill Island – was first flagged.

Planning Scheme Amendment C130 sought to rezone the land from farming to residential use and included consideration of a planning permit for 930 Phillip Island Road, Newhaven for the use and development of a micro-brewery and dairy centre. Council resolved to request authorisation from the Planning Minister to prepare and exhibit the Planning Scheme Amendment in May 2012.

The (then) Department of Planning and Community Develop-

ment requested further information from the proponent before proceeding with their consideration of the proposal. This sought clarification of the location of relevant zones as part of the Planning Scheme Amendment.

The further information was not provided to a satisfactory standard and as such council decided not to proceed with the Amendment in October 2014. In 2017 residents along Boys Home Road in Newhaven received a letter from planners representing owners of land at the back of the Chocolate Factory, which they planned to protest, but the proposal went no further.

## Council Update

### Business and Industry Survey

The 2022 Business and Industry Survey is now open. Information gathered from the survey will help Council understand some of the challenges and opportunities for businesses in Bass Coast and better guide the work Council does to facilitate a healthy and sustainable economy.

The survey can be found at [www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/businesssurvey](http://www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/businesssurvey).

The survey closes on Monday, 23 May. Everyone who completes the survey will go into a draw to win one of three \$100 gift vouchers from Revive Beauty and Spa, Zeal and Flow or Ivy Plant Studio.

For more information on the survey, contact Council's Business Support Team on [business.support@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:business.support@basscoast.vic.gov.au) or the numbers below.

### Draft 2022/23 Budget

Submissions are invited to the Draft 2022/23 Budget and can be made online, through [www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/22-23budget](http://www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/22-23budget).

Interested community members are invited to an on-line Facebook Q&A forum to learn more about the Draft 2022/23 Budget on Wednesday, 4 May at [www.facebook.com/basscoastshire](http://www.facebook.com/basscoastshire), from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

The submission period will close at 5.00pm on Monday, 16 May and submissions will be considered by Council on Wednesday, 25 May. Council will also hear submissions from community organisations on Wednesday, 25 May.

The Final 2022/23 Budget will be presented at the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 15 June for adoption. Responses to budget submissions, including any funding changes will be incorporated into this Council Report.

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Campaigners say these signs – erected along the Bass Highway urging protection of wildlife and the Grantville forest from sandmining – were quickly removed or damaged.

## Last chance to save wildlife, woodlands

Dozens of signs posted along the Bass Highway – alerting holiday travellers to threats to wildlife from mining in the Grantville forest – were quickly vandalised, say campaigners.

Members of the Save Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) community action group say they hand painted and erected dozens of signs on the highway over the Easter holidays, alerting travellers to the presence of powerful owls, endangered bandicoots and other wildlife in the Grantville forest.

But SWPW convenor Catherine Watson said soon after being erected, the signs were “smashed or removed”, and said she believed sand miners were responsible.

“While many of the signs were smashed, we can assure the miners we won't rest while Western Port's last forest, and the endangered wildlife and flora it supports, is under attack from their activities,” Catherine said.

“It is critical that the Bass Coast community, and visitors, are aware of the forest we are losing to mining.”

Catherine said this week was the last week the community had the chance to send a message to the state government that the Western Port Woodlands must be protected through submissions on the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscape (DAL) draft policy.

Submissions close on April 29 and the SWPW website has information to help write a submission.

She said SWPW was advocating for the Western Port Woodlands to be protected with its own significant landscape and environmental overlays.

“We must protect this forest from the ravages of sand mining,” she said.

“Only then can the rare and endangered wildlife and flora it supports be protected.”





Hamish, Harvey, Austin and Kaleb from Newhaven Primary with Mat Bowtell of Free 3D Hands, build a custom-made 3D hand as part of the Kids as Catalyst pilot program last year. Photo courtesy of 3FatesMedia.

## Kids get a big connection

A successful pilot program run at Newhaven Primary School last year will be rolled out to other schools, thanks to state government funding.

Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts was one of 27 programs funded by Vic Health's \$5 million program, The Big Connect.

The Big Connect supports the mental wellbeing of young people, by creating opportunities for them to reconnect with families, friends and communities, in ways that work for them.

The government said the programs are aimed at young people and were selected by young people. The Big Connect includes partnerships with sports, active recreation, arts, cultural, youth, health promotion and community food sectors across Victoria.

The Kids as Catalysts program helps students build meaningful social connections through community action, in partnership with the local community.

Alison Bradfield is General Manager of Kids Thrive, the organisation that developed and ran the pilot program at Newhaven Primary School.

She said the funding will allow the program to be rolled out to five schools in the region.

Work is already underway on the

first phase of a new program, which will include primary schools at Newhaven, Bass Valley and Powlett River. "The program will start in schools in term three," Alison confirmed.

### Pilot

The local pilot program, funded by the Bass Coast Community Foundation, ran at Newhaven Primary School in 2021.

The Grade 5 and 6 students formed teams around their passions for local issues and secured a community partner organisation to work with.

In this partnership the children designed and created a community action plan and pitched to a community panel, with \$1130 granted to the projects by the panel.

Students worked on issues including animal welfare, children, disability, cultural diversity, elders, environment and gender.

Examples included a team that worked with Mat Bowtell at Free 3D Hands to build a custom-made 3D hand.

Another team became animal life-savers, working with Maru Koala and Animal Park.

Newhaven Primary will be part of the newly funded program running later this year.

# Foster carers urgently needed

Every child deserves to grow up within a stable family environment, in a loving and safe home.

But the sad reality is that not all children can.

In Victoria, during 2018-19, 10,000 children and young people were in out-of-home care.

OzChild is a leading child welfare organisation, committed to improving the lives of at-risk children, young people and families in our community.

And it is appealing this week to community members to consider foster care.

"As a fellow Gippslander, I've seen the love and capacity to look after others in this community – after storms, supporting local businesses during Covid and after the bush fires," OzChild Director Dale Rogers, who is also a local resident, said. "Our community is amazing, but I don't think people know what's happening to the most vulnerable people in the community, the children and young people who are unable to live at home."

"Too many children and young people are having to move away from this region, due to a lack of foster carers in Gippsland."

"If a child cannot stay with their birth family or next of kin, for a variety of complex reasons, a foster carer is the absolutely next best thing."

Mr Rogers said when the need for foster carers in your own community is broadcast "it's easy to think it will be ok, someone else will come forward".

"But the reality is very few people put their hand up for what is often described as the most rewarding thing they'll ever do."

"In Gippsland the need for carers has never been more urgent."

Mr Rogers said his organisation has received calls for almost 400 homes for children in Gippsland over the last 12 months, but the number of carers available to an-



Every child deserves to grow up within a stable family environment, in a loving and safe home. Leading child welfare organisation OzChild said foster carers in Gippsland are desperately needed.

swer those calls fell short.

"When we can't find a local family to care for a child or young person, the next step is to find carers outside of the region," he said.

However, having to place a child outside of their local area means removing them from the community they are familiar with, school, friends, and their networks.

"Maintaining connections like these is very important, for all of us. But for children already facing uncertainty, stability and familiarity can make an incredible difference during such a traumatic time."

Finding a foster home where siblings can be cared for together is also challenging Mr Rogers said.

"If foster carers cannot take all siblings together, sometimes the only option is to separate the children."

"And nobody wants to see that

happen," he said.

"I implore anyone who has ever considered becoming a carer to take the first step and reach out to us today."

"We'd love to hear from you."

OzChild foster carer Lisa Liang is one such person who contacted OzChild and is very glad she did.

"I encourage anyone wanting to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children in your local community to do it," said Lisa.

"It's something I wish I'd done sooner."

You'll never regret being the lifeline a child so desperately needs, is the message from OzChild.

For more information on becoming a foster carer, and helping vulnerable children in need, you can enquire online at [ozchild.org.au](http://ozchild.org.au) and discover how you can get involved.

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Doug Arnold from the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia lays a wreath at the San Remo Cenotaph.



Organisers Krishna and John Methven OAM, with Newhaven College captain Jack Papas.



Gaye Carias – a Legatee for the area handed out poppies to those attending the service.

## A moving community tribute at San Remo

With record crowds at Anzac events across the shire, San Remo's traditional Anzac Day 11am Service attracted around 300 people.

The large crowd listened to moving speeches by MC John Methven OAM and Newhaven College School Captain Jack Papas.

John spoke briefly about the significance of the Lone Pine, which was planted on the San Remo foreshore in 2015.

"The term Lone Pine comes from Gallipoli," John said, referring to the solitary pine tree on a hill that the soldiers used as a direction finder.

It was also the scene of a savage battle.

"Lone Pine was an action that featured one of the most famous assaults in the campaign," John explained.

Nearly 2300 men were killed and wounded as the Australian troops took and held the Turkish trenches.

The soldiers' efforts allowed Australian troops to evacuate at night by sea – without a single life being

lost.

"One of the group kept a pine cone from the tree and brought it home," John said.

"Many years later, five trees were grown from the seeds and four of them survived.

"The seeds have been raised and controlled by Legacy and our Lone Pine is an actual descendent of the original Lone Pine."

### New generation

Newhaven College captain Jack Papas said it was hard for his generation to relate to the hardship of the Anzacs, many of whom were the same age as he is now.

He described Anzac Day as an appreciation of their sacrifice, not a glorification of war.

In an age ruled by technology, and as the recent Covid lockdowns had shown, he said it was easy to become disconnected.

"Anzac Day brings us back together and acts as a reminder of a time when the world came together.

"The Anzacs sacrificed them-

selves so that we can be here today.

"We are living freely in a beautiful part of the world because of soldiers who put their lives on the line. They died so the generations after them could imagine a world where war didn't exist.

"I promise to never forget the lessons they have taught us and to work towards a future they would be proud of."

Many in the crowd had family connections to Anzac Day and other conflicts, including current service men and women.

Cr Rochelle Halstead had also attended the Bass Dawn Service, which attracted a big crowd.

She said being able to attend after the years of Covid restrictions, plus the current conflict in Ukraine were possible reasons for the big turnout.

"I think the events in the world are having an impact. These are the biggest events I've seen."

Barbara Maxfield from Adelaide was at the service with her sister Karen Cahill who lives in San Remo. She was looking forward to

watching the international Anzac Day commemorations in Villers-Bretonneux, where her daughter was marching in the parade.

Legatee Gaye Garias distributed poppies to the crowd, as she has done for the past three years.

"My dad was a POW in Germany, so my sisters and I started coming to the service," she said.

"Mum was in the Land Army. When all the men went off to war, she was 16 and volunteered and went and worked on farms around Australia."

The contribution of the Land Army wasn't formally recognised as part of Anzac commemorations until the mid 80s, Gaye said, when the women were allowed to march.

"She came every year. She loved it."

Graham Swallow wore his father's World War 2 medals and remembers going into the city with his father for the annual march.

"He didn't talk a lot about the war," he said.

Rod Legg served in the Navy for

11 years, including trips to Vietnam on the HMAS Sydney Troop Carrier and working on the HMAS Stuart, a type 12 frigate.

"I did 10 trips on the Sydney, taking troops up. We took and delivered them and went home. Those poor buggers had 12 months to do."

He was 16 when he joined the navy and just 22 when he went to Vietnam.

"Wars are fought by young people," he said.

The Ode was read by Bill Noble and once again Peter Buitenhuis played the Last Post and Reveille.

Wreaths were laid by Cr Rochelle Halstead on behalf of Bass Coast Shire Council, Keith Gregory for Rotary, Caroline Talbot for the Bendigo Community Banks, Doug Arnold from the Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia, Maureen Matthews for the War Widows.

Jazzy and Riley from Newhaven Primary School and Jane Ross on behalf of her father Bill Ross and all the Desert Rats, as well as a number of individual wreaths.



Phillip Island resident since 1977, John Batty (second from right), was awarded the RSL's Community Anzac award for 45 years of community service to organisations such as Cowes primary school, Warley hospital, arts, bowls, pony club and aged care. John is seen here with his son Phillip and daughter Jo, as well as Commander Peter Martin, from HMAS Cerberus.

## John's 45 years of service recognized

This year's Phillip Island RSL Community Anzac award was presented to John William Batty, at the 11am service in Cowes.

John arrived on Phillip Island in 1977 and quickly became an asset to the local community, known for his knowledge, understanding, care and as someone who never turned away anyone who asked for help.

His commitment to the community included involvement in a huge range of local groups, and he also audited the books for many community groups free of charge.

Over the years, some of the groups John has been either a committee member of, or auditor for, include Cowes

Kindergarten, Cowes Primary School, Warley Hospital Board of Management, Phillip Island Arts and Cultural Committee, the Bowls Club, Pony Club, Adult Riders Club and Historical Society.

He has also served on the Board of Management for Rose Lodge and Phillip Island Homes for the Aged.

He served as an administrator for the Homes for the Aged, in full time and part time roles for 32 years – a role he still holds.

Over the 45 years John and his family have lived on the island, he has been a quiet achiever and certainly looks for no recognition.

"His quiet achievements give him pleasure and he en-

joys his involvement in the community," said friend Joy Niven.

"His forward planning for the care of the aged is always on his mind.

"As a community we owe John a lot. He has been a big driving force behind the provision of housing for the aged on Phillip Island."

Melaleuca Aged Care provides 37 aged care beds, 17 independent living units, 12 village units and 10 Melaleuca suites. This is run by a Committee of Management and is a not-for-profit organization.

In John's free time he enjoys his family and grandchildren, ten pin bowling and bowls.



Head of Junior School Ralph Arceo with College Captain Coco Hosken and Junior School Captains Callan Reilly, Flynn Doig, Addison O'Connor and Scarlett Rennie.

## Newhaven student leaders' Anzac contribution

Newhaven College Year 12 student leaders Laura Vivian, Coco Hosken, Jack Papas and Jasmine Sullivan represented the College to deliver keynote speeches at local Anzac Day ceremonies across Bass Coast.

Junior School Captains Callan Reilly, Flynn Doig, Addison O'Connor and Scarlett Rennie also took part in the Anzac Day services, laying wreaths on behalf of the College at the 11am ceremony.

In his speech to the San Remo audience Jack Papas shared his appreciation of the sacrifices of those who fought to protect us to achieve the freedom and peace we experience every day.

"Our connection to every ANZAC is that they sacrificed themselves so that we can stand here today.

"We get to live freely in a wonderful part of the world and feel safe because of the sacrifices that were made by those who have come before us.

"I stand here now as an 18-year-old that is going to school and enjoying every part of my life, I would be incredibly ignorant if I didn't acknowledge that this is a direct result of the Anzacs' sacrifices.

"To think that kids my age and younger signed up instantly to go to war is unfathomable. The heroic actions and values shown by these soldiers are what has shaped the



Bass House Captain Jasmine Sullivan with Secretary Inverloch RSL Sub Branch Lindsay Guerin.

country we live in today."

Bass House Captain Jasmine Sullivan delivered a special message to attendees at the 11am Inverloch service, reflecting on how war impacted on her own family.

"My Opa, although he never officially fought, was a part of the Dutch underground, a resistance movement against the Nazis, in WW2.

"My other close connection to war is much closer to home, my great Grandpa, who fought in Darwin also in WW2, on the guns responsible for shooting down the air raid planes.

"Both men, risked their lives to fight for something they believed in, freedom, safety and peace, but had such vastly different experiences.

"Across Australia, we pay our respects, and give thanks

to those who served in our country's uniform, and as we do, we make a promise to never forget them.

"Their memories will live on, as we continue to tell their stories on days such as today.

"I know we are grateful for the sacrifice many made, so that we do not have to, thank you."

Laura Vivien spoke at the Cowes Dawn Service.

"Do I have the right to cry? I've come to the conclusion that I can cry because remembrance is the only way we can repay every soldier, every medic, who served our country. Because it is them we have to thank for our safety. Them that let us be here this morning."

"And it is here we honour them. At dawn on this day."



Rowan Marsh (left), a member of the Phillip Island RSL, served with his mate Peter Stainthorpe in Vietnam in the late 1960s, in the 106 Field Battery.



The marching contingent from HMAS Cerberus gathered at St Philip's on Monday morning, before marching down Thompson Avenue to the cenotaph for the 11am Anzac service.



Island identities Tom Goode and Bob Matthews, both served in the Vietnam War.



Newhaven College student Coco Hosken (centre) spoke at the 11am service about the importance of remembrance and peace. She is pictured with, left, Lieutenant Ryan Latty, from HMAS Cerberus and Phillip Island RSL president Chris Thompson



Colin McKenzie, also known as Tex the Cowboy, played The Last Post on the bugle at the Anzac services.



More than 1000 people attended the 11am service on the Cowes foreshore, the first to be held since the pandemic.

More Anzac Day photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au)



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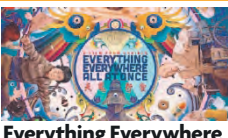
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# THE PULSE

Events, entertainment and community news

## Art exhibition goes online

The successful exhibition of works by the members of the Artists' Society of Phillip Island held at Easter is now available online.

Works can be viewed by logging in to [www.artshow.aspi-inc.org.au](http://www.artshow.aspi-inc.org.au) and can also be purchased through that site. The site will remain active until Sunday, May 22.

ASPI thanked Newhaven College for providing an excellent venue for the Annual Easter Exhibition, saying the artwork was enjoyed by many locals and visitors.

"There is a huge amount of work in staging these exhibitions with countless hours put in by the ASPI Committee and members, families and friends," said ASPI president Miranda Sage.

"This is an extraordinary contribution and ensures a successful outcome.

"None of this would come together without the sponsorship and support of local organisations, businesses and individuals," she said.

The public voted for their favourite work of the exhibition.

The winner of The People's



*Work from the successful ASPI Easter Exhibition held at Newhaven College is now available for purchase online at [www.artshow.aspi-inc.org.au](http://www.artshow.aspi-inc.org.au).*

Choice Award was Nicholas Perrin with his painting "Blues in the Woods".

He was awarded a voucher for art materials from Senior Art Supplies. The raffle was drawn and winners were notified and have received their prizes.

The ASPI Committee will now start planning the Cup Weekend Exhibition with the first priority being finding a venue.

## TRPI hosts special film screenings and discussion

Totally Renewable Phillip Island and Westernport Water have joined forces to present the Damon Gameau film "Regenerating Australia" and host a Community Social.

The event kicks off on Saturday, April 30 at 2pm at the Penguin Parade and includes three separate screenings at the Nature Parks theatre and a chance for the community to talk with groups interested in what regeneration means for the island.

Groups present will include Nature Parks, Westernport Water, Totally Renewable Phillip Island, Phillip Island Business Network, Cosy Homes, Phillip Island Conservation Society plus more.

Doors will open to the public at 2pm. The film is 17 minutes long

and will be screened at 2.30pm, 3pm, and 3.30pm on the day.

People are welcome to come along just to see the film.

Tickets are free however bookings are necessary for theatre capacity: tickets can be reserved via [Eventbrite.com.au](http://Eventbrite.com.au).

Zoe Geyer from TRPI said community groups and community members are welcome to remain in the café/foyer area for the duration of the event for socialising and discussing a positive future in Phillip Island and beyond.

Local musicians Paul Patten and CAVEMANverses will be playing. Local children's author Meg Humphrys will be crowd-funding her new book 'Wave of Change' and the Nature Parks café will be serving drinks exclusively for the event.

## World Labyrinth Day just around the bend

World Labyrinth Day is on Saturday, May 7 and the community is invited to be part of a labyrinth walk at 1pm in San Remo.

The San Remo Meditation Labyrinth is located at the end of Back Beach Road, past Lions Park. The labyrinth is on the right of the unmade section of the road, alongside a row of Cypress trees.

Lorraine and Geoff Rodda are residents of San Remo and are organisers of the Walk for the Australian Labyrinth Network.

At this year's walk, Lorraine said walkers will be "reflecting on the lived experiences of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the need for their recognition in the Australian Constitution".

"This cannot be too hard. This country had a White Australia Policy and then a Multicultural Policy so now it's time for a recognition policy.

"The original people of Australia are the longest living culture on the planet.

"In 2011, research on a 100-year-old piece of hair from an Aboriginal man from Western Australia proved his ancestors lived on this continent 70,000 years ago, and expanded into the world 40,000 years ago," Lorraine said.

"At that time, Europeans and

Asians were somewhere in Africa and the Middle East, not daring to enter the world until 30,000 years later.

A ten-minute video about the Murdoch and Copenhagen Universities Research is available at [youtu.be/v8ToTv7ieO8](https://youtu.be/v8ToTv7ieO8)

Lorraine and Geoff invite people across the Bass Coast to walk in recognition and celebration of the oldest living culture on the planet.

They also ask walkers to participate in the research being undertaken by the Labyrinth Society, Inc., Veriditas.

The Legacy Labyrinth Project, in partnership with the Australian Labyrinth Network Inc., have engaged The Baylor University School of Social Work to undertake the research. Register for the research here: [www.legacylabyrinthproject.org/world-labyrinth-day](http://www.legacylabyrinthproject.org/world-labyrinth-day)

"Be the change you want to see in Australia by walking as one at 1pm as the world turns on World Labyrinth Day," said Lorraine.

"Of course, you can walk at any time, but we ask you to register your walk in a journal provided onsite."

For further information, contact Lorraine and Geoff Rodda on 0400 045 397 or email [gjrodda@gmail.com](mailto:gjrodda@gmail.com).



## Probus gets into the Easter spirit

*The Probus Club of Cowes got into the Easter spirit with a fabulous Easter Hat Parade. The members modelled their colourful creations and lots of fun was had by all!*



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*Members of the San Remo Probus Club recently visited Shepparton for three days and outings included a cruise on Lake Mulwala.*

## Probus cruises Lake Mulwala

Recently members of the San Remo Probus Club undertook a three-day trip to Shepparton, which included a cruise on Lake Mulwala.

The San Remo Club meets on the second Monday of each month at 10am in the Newhaven Public Hall and new members are always most welcome.

All you need to do is attend a meeting, show proof of double Covid vaccination and introduce yourself. The Club boasts a wide range of activities designed to promote friendship and fun amongst its members. Come and join us and find out more.



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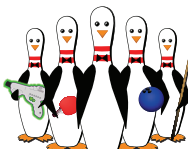
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# On the road and out of his comfort zone

Like many young people, Phillip Island's Rory Marshall had his post-university plans derailed by Covid.

After completing his public health and health promotion course, Rory's plan was to travel around South America for six to eight months.

"I didn't want to go straight into work. I never had a gap year after high school, so I wanted to travel."

With international borders closed, and facing the prospect of another lockdown during Melbourne's winter in 2021, Rory decided to change plans.

With the money he'd saved for his trip, he bought a van, fitted it out and hit the road, crossing the border into NSW just days before the border closed again.

"I was not spending another winter in Victoria in lockdown in the freezing cold," he said.

"I decided to go north where the restrictions were not as hectic, and it was warmer."

With no fixed destination or set plan, Rory was happy to travel, meet people and do odd jobs to earn money so he could keep moving.

By August last year, he'd arrived in far north Queensland.

A friend from Victoria who was also travelling suggested Rory come and work with him at the Fruit Forest Farm at Mission Beach.

Nestled among the rainforest, the farm produces exotic fruits and plants, with a focus on sustainable farming practices.

Rory said the decision to move to Mission Beach and work at the farm

was life changing.

As well as introducing him to the exquisite tastes of tropical fruits, Rory also met a healer called Mark Norman who helped cure his psoriasis – an auto-immune system disease that causes itchy, inflamed skin.

Having suffered with the disease all his life, he moved to a fruit-based diet and said his psoriasis is now completely gone.

He started documenting the results and his time on the farm in an online blog and then via Instagram.

Soon he was doing media interviews and was being contacted by psoriasis sufferers from around the globe.

It also had a big personal impact.

Rory has now decided to study iridology, as well as regenerative detoxification and herbology and said he wants to help others find a way to heal.

"I lost a lot of faith in the public health sector in the past few years," he admitted.

"Everyone should be empowered to be the change they want to be in life and not rely on pharmaceutical companies."

"With a lot of inflammatory diseases – the only way to solve the issue is to fix the problems inside the body, not the symptoms."

"With psoriasis, steroid cream treats the symptoms rather than the root causes."

## On the road

For now, Rory is keen to continue travelling. He has handed in his notice at the farm and is packing



Escaping last year's Covid lockdown, Phillip Island's Rory Marshall fitted out a van and headed north, for a life changing experience in far north Queensland. He hopes sharing his story will inspire others.

up his van this month and leaving Queensland.

He's heading as far south as possible, to travel around Tasmania.

"I thought, if I can survive a summer in one of the hottest parts of Australia, I can survive winter in one of the coldest parts," he said.

"I want to get out of my comfort zone and get into a challenging environment."

Like before, his trip south has no set timetable.

"I'm taking it one day at a time, I don't really have any plan of attack."

The trip does involve one planned stop – a visit to Phillip Island to see friends and family.

"My parents are about to sell the house and move to Bendigo, so I need to figure out what to do with my stuff."

But then he will hit the road again.

"I am addicted to travelling, that's where I do my learning and growing."

Even before Covid, Rory said he travelled as much as possible, visiting nine different countries in the six years since finishing school.

"I've always come back from overseas with a completely different mindset."

"It is one of the best things you can do to understand yourself and the world."

He hopes his story can inspire others, especially anyone feeling trapped or lost because of the pandemic.

"If you're in a position to, get out and explore," he said.

"You don't have to feel trapped, there are so many opportunities for employment and personal growth out there."

"Hopefully I can inspire people to take a gamble. It is a positive thing if you have the courage to get out of your comfort zone."

For now, he's looking forward to exploring Tasmania, after hearing glowing reports from fellow travellers about the beauty and uniqueness of the island.

"I had a few mates in Queensland who went to Tassie at Christmas and they said it was number one."

"I have never been there, so I decided I needed to go and check it out. I want to get a photo of a Tasmania devil, see the Southern Lights and do some hiking."

But outside that, there is no firm plan.

"Everything I own is in my van, so where I take my van is where I live. The whole of Australia is my bedroom."

Follow Rory's travels on Instagram @RoryMarshall.

Read about his travels in FNQ at [www.pisra.com.au/community/a-taste-of-paradise](http://www.pisra.com.au/community/a-taste-of-paradise)

# An amazing new chapter for iconic attraction

One of Phillip Island's most loved attractions, A Maze'N Things, has new owners and there's plenty of exciting news ahead.

Park Lane Holiday Parks operate six holiday parks across Victoria and Phillip Island has just joined the family.

Owned by the Hellings family, Park Lane has 30 years' experience in creating memorable family holidays.

The company took over just before the busy Easter holidays and have nothing but praise for the staff at A Maze'N Things.

"It's been very busy, but it's been wonderful," said Park Lane General Manager Josh Hellings, whose parents founded the company.

"It is a fantastically run business already."

The popular theme park will continue to operate as is, with Park Lane initially focused on accommodation.

Although it was still early days, Josh confirmed that the company was keen to "heavily invest in the holiday park".

"When we were looking at buying, we knew the theme park was well run and was an icon in the area. We felt where we could really add value was in the holiday park portion of the business."

Long term, the plan is to add some additional cabins, refurbish existing structures and improve the facilities to make it the best possible experience for customers.

Already Park Lane has made some adjustments, including addressing minor safety concerns, repainting cabins and upgrading garden beds and the holiday park entrance.

Business Development Manager Courtney Hellings, said the work to date ensured the property was in line with company standards, but there were more substantial plans afoot.

"Park Lane is a very customer-centric business," she said.

"We ask what makes it a good experience for guests to stay here, from the linen we use to the play facilities provided."

"We want to create a one-stop-shop for families. They can stay in



Lee Dickens, Park Lane Holiday Park Area Manager with Guest Experience Officer, Stephanie Edwards. The new owners are focused on adding value to the accommodation side of the business and guests at the holiday park get a 50 per cent discount on entrance to A Maze'N Things.

the Park Lane Holiday Park where kids can ride their bikes, swim in the pool ... and in walking distance there's A Maze'N Things, and a nice restaurant."

Josh said the family market and school groups were a key focus.

"Guests at the holiday park get a 50 per cent discount on entrance to the theme park, so if A Maze'N Things is a key thing people want to do when they visit the island, staying at Park Lane makes it an affordable way to entertain the family."

Courtney said its central location meant the Holiday Park was ideally placed for anyone who wanted to get out and explore the island, but was also a place where families could just relax and stay put.

## Award winning

Park Lane has plenty of experience in creating unique experiences for guests at their holiday parks, and their BIG4 Holiday Park in the Yarra Valley is an award-winner.

It currently offers a range of cabin

accommodation options, caravan and camping sites and luxurious glamping.

Courtney said the plan was to create something similar at Phillip Island, and provide guests with an exciting range of holiday options.

"Josh's parents always have a focus on investing back into the business and expanding the experience for guests," she said.

Josh agreed.

"We are super excited for this property – it has so much going for it. People already know A Maze'N Things is a great place to bring the family, but they may not be aware you can stay here as well."

He said Park Lane Holiday Park was ideal for anyone planning a winter getaway on the island.

"You have the theme park right there for wet weather and cold days, which is fantastic for the kids."

Find out more and make a booking at [www.parklaneholidayparks.com.au/phillipisland/](http://www.parklaneholidayparks.com.au/phillipisland/).

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# Graduation celebration

Erin Quigley, a former student of Newhaven College and Cowes Primary, recently graduated from the Master of Educational Psychology at the University of Melbourne with First Class Honours.

Erin, whose previous qualifications include the Graduate Diploma in Psychology; Graduate Diploma in Psychology (Advanced); Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and Master

of Applied History, was inspired to retrain as a psychologist after working in student welfare in the university sector for over a decade.

Erin is now a registered psychologist working at a child and adolescent private practice in Aberfeldie where she provides counselling and psychoeducational assessments.

Erin is the daughter of Cowes residents Bob and Marian Quigley.



## SPECIAL DELIVERY



## Welcome Atulya

Atulya Pathi was born on March 9 at Wonthaggi Hospital and was warmly welcomed by parents Sandhyarani and Vijay Pathi and sister Vaagdevi (7) of San Remo.



## A bloomin' lovely Rose

Moby Rosco Rose was born on April 11, 2022 weighing 4010 grams, to proud parents Keely and Tristan Rose from Ventnor.





Jessica O'Donnell, the ALP candidate for Monash in the upcoming election visited Cowes last week to talk to local voters about their concerns.



Allan Barnes was one of the local voters who was keen to talk about the current election issues with Jessica O'Donnell, the ALP candidate for Monash.

# Jessica back in the fray

Back in 2019, Jessica O'Donnell described herself as a fresh voice for Monash when she ran for the ALP.

Although sitting member Russell Broadbent retained the seat there was an almost four per cent swing against him.

Jessica's campaign attracted 29.51 per cent of the vote and at the time, she told the Advertiser she was in for the long haul and would be back for the next election.

True to her word, Jessica is again campaigning for the ALP and last Thursday was in Cowes talking to local voters about the issues that are important to them this time around.

She said the mood on the ground is noticeably different from the 2019 campaign.

"There's a huge difference.

"More people want to chat and volunteer (to help my campaign) and I've had no real negative comments this time around," she said.

"People talk to me most about aged care and the NDIS. These impact so many people who are very vulnerable. It impacts people we care about.

"People want to talk and they want someone to listen and to care ... and to find a way to fix it."

The environment, jobs and the post-Covid economy are issues that are raised right across the electorate.

She said integrity in Federal politics was also a concern for voters.

The current Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent was quoted in an article in The Age (April 17) saying the issue was not one that local voters were concerned about, and it had not been raised with him.

"It does get brought up a bit," Jessica said, noting it has increased in the last few weeks.

"After the Age article appeared, people reached out and said, 'I care'."

Mr Broadbent's controversial anti-vaccination stance also appeared to be out of step with the community, Jessica said.

"This is a highly vaccinated community.

"I hear time and time again about his stance on vaccination."

She said generally there was a mood of anger and disillusionment in the electorate, that the current state of politics doesn't represent the views and values of the voters.

"They want to see the state of politics that is reflective of their views."

She also believes the impact of Covid has changed the make-up of the electorate.

Research shows there are 9000 new voters who have moved into Monash, many of them coming from more politically progressive areas in the city, she said.

Operating a small, grassroots team, Jessica is determined to make further inroads into the seat.

For her, the three big issues are health, education and the environment.

But she is passionate about listening to what the community needs and representing their views.

"I believe in grass roots community action," she said.

"As a politician, your job is to be someone there to help and deliver what your community needs.

"I am not interested in being a career politician. I'm interested in the community."

## Island issues

On Phillip Island, Jessica said funding for the pool and a review of the local government boundaries have also been raised with her.

She has met with Bass Coast Shire Council about their advocacy priorities, as well as community groups such as Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group, Island Voice and the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund.

During last week's street walk locals expressed their support for Jessica's campaign.

"We need someone with lots of energy to do some good around the island, and I'm hoping Jess can get some funding to help our community," one resident said.

Corinne Lim lives in Balwyn but owns a holiday house in the shire. The traditional Liberal voter said she was fed up with the current gov-

ernment and she would be voting Labor because the country needed a change. "I'm voting against Liberal," she said.

Michael Brown raised the issue of funding for a Phillip Island pool, while the owners of Cohiba discussed problems with their outdoor dining area, saying the Council had reversed its approval for outdoor



Jordan O'Brien and Alex Clayton, owners of Cohiba in Cowes, discuss issues with their outdoor dining approvals with ALP candidate Jessica O'Brien during her visit to Cowes last week.

dining at their venue, citing safety issues.

Jessica said after talking to locals, a pool for Phillip Island remains at the top of the list, a request she will take up with the Labor Party.

She's keen to spend more time at this end of the electorate and encouraged people to get in contact with her.

"You can contact me through Facebook or Instagram - my email and phone number are on there."

She said she's happy to come and talk to community groups or catch up with people whenever she can.

"If you send me an invite to something, I turn up."

## Background

In 2016, at the age of 29, Jessica became Baw Baw Shire Council's youngest ever councillor.

Seeing the gaps and needs in the area, and believing the region wasn't getting its fair share, she joined the Labor Party and in 2019 was nominated as the candidate for Monash.

In 2022, she's back for another shot.

A few things have changed in the past four years.

She's now a single parent juggling a 17-year-old son studying for VCE with the demands of an election campaign and running a business, while studying a Masters of International Relations.

Her business in Strategic Communications and Project Management works with the construction industry, so she's no stranger to holding her own in a male-dominated environment.

She thinks that will stand her in good stead if she makes it into Federal parliament.

Despite the disturbing revelations of the parliamentary culture over the past few years, Jessica is "more than happy to take that on".

"If even just running in the seat can inspire one young woman to go into politics, I've done my job," she said.

And if she does manage to stage an upset and win the seat, first on her to-do list will be a community infrastructure audit, to get a clear sense of what is needed.

"Having a list of all the things that need to be done, so you can work out what grants are available at any level of government - that's what this job is meant to be.

"You're someone there to help and deliver what the community needs."

# Candidates in environmental online forum

Just Transition South Gippsland (JTSJ) and Bass Coast Climate Action Network (BC-CAN) are presenting an online candidates forum on May 3, focused on environmental issues.

The two groups say the climate emergency is looming as a major issue in the forthcoming Federal election.

The forum will give voters of Monash the opportunity to hear and question the views of candidates on key issues of climate change action and environmental protection.

Federal Liberal member Russell Broadbent, Labor candidate Jessica O'Donnell, the Greens Matt Morgan, and Independent Deb Leonard

have confirmed their participation.

All other candidates have been invited to join them in the forum to answer questions on climate and environmental issues, particularly on their positions and preferred policies on climate change.

The forum will run on Zoom on Tuesday May 3 from 7.30pm until 9pm.

To register to attend the online forum just go to the JTSJ website at [jtsouthgippsland.org](https://jtsouthgippsland.org) or the BC-CAN Facebook page at [facebook.com/BassCoastCAN](https://facebook.com/BassCoastCAN) and follow the links.

"Millions of Australians recognise that climate breakdown is the major issue of the moment," JTSJ

spokesman Neil Barrett said.

"We can see that climate change is a vote-changing issue.

"You only have to look across the country at the credible challenges from independents highlighting climate action to see that it is going to have a big impact on the election outcome.

"Since the last election in 2019, Australia has been ablaze with bushfires that burned over 17 million hectares, destroyed over 3500 homes, killing 33 people and an estimated one billion animals.

"Since February this year, catastrophic record floods have wreaked havoc all along Australia's east coast, taking more lives and

destroying houses, stock and property.

"Australians know this is climate breakdown and that it's only going to get worse, and they want to know what their candidates intend to do about it should they be elected to Parliament," Mr Barrett said.

"As an electorate with a large and vital agricultural sector, there are many voters deeply worried that the failure to develop policies that directly address climate change will leave us with an unstable climate of more drought, along with increases in intense, heavy rainfall, and all the flow-on effects on our economy, health and general safety."

The forum will allow candidates

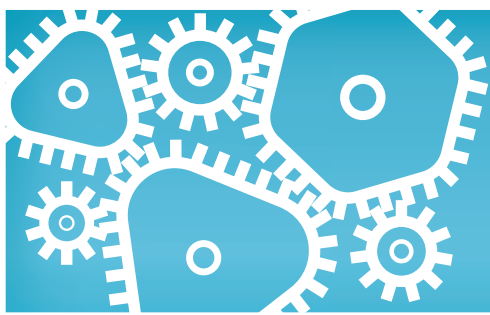
to present their views and positions on climate change action and environmental protection and provide Monash voters an opportunity to ask candidates questions.

"We know Australians across the political spectrum are concerned about both climate change and the natural environment, and this forum will give candidates the chance to display leadership on the issues and to address voters' concerns," Mr Barrett said.

You can register to attend the online Monash Candidates' Forum at [jtsouthgippsland.org](https://jtsouthgippsland.org) or at [facebook.com/BassCoastCAN](https://facebook.com/BassCoastCAN)

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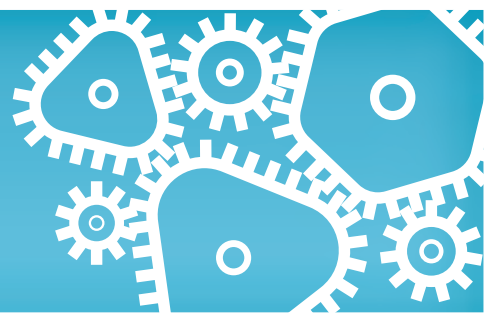
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### Engaging with your Federal representative

1. When Liberals and Labor want to open 114 new coal and gas projects in Australia, they're giving up on limiting global heating to 1.5 degrees.

2. Meanwhile at UN IPCC, April 4 2022, 195 member governments of IPCC, approve third instalment of IPCC's 6th Assessment Report (AR6) which reports on the physical science basis and on impacts and adaptation.

United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres says the latest report is "a litany of broken climate promises ... a file of shame". "Climate promises and plans must be turned into reality and action, now. It is time to stop burning our planet, and start investing in the abundant renewable energy all around us," he said in a video message.

3. Now April 2022, Coalition intends to prolong life of coal burning power stations, by changing notice required for closure from three to five years!

How crazy is this? For any sanity to prevail, you need to engage with candidates for Federal Election, right now, by phone, letter, email, in person or all of the above,  
*Bernie McComb, Cowes*

### Registration for scooters

When is it going to be made compulsory for these eBikes and/or electric scooters to be registered? Having had two close calls with them in recent months, had there been a rego, I could've reported the incidents to the police.

The first close call came in January school holidays, when a group of four approached outside La Porchetta. They were riding four abreast and only at the last minute veered to allow me to get through! This is on the footpath! When I berated one kid who looked about 15 or 16, he told me it was legal for him to ride there. He argued back and forth until I told him that my ex-husband was a policeman and those bikes were not to be ridden on footpaths. His closing remark was "have a nice day".

The latest incident happened late Easter Saturday when two girls (riding without helmets) nearly dark, approached on the footpath in Shearwater Estate.

The second rider veered onto the grass, the first held her ground and only veered at the last moment, almost clipping my walker as she came back onto the concrete. I had to hold my dog really close to avoid collision. When I turned around to confront her she was 50 yards up the footpath.

Upon phoning the police, he agreed - until those devices are registered, the police are unable to act. Some sort of by-law has to be enacted so that innocent pedestrians are safe to walk around without fear.

*Marianne Kennedy, Cowes*

### Wasted opportunity

A great opportunity was missed, by the Council, at their meeting on April 20, to give the children of Cape Woolamai a very positive message that their recreational needs were of concern to the councillors.

Cr Rochelle Halstead moved a notice of motion that called for amendments to BCSC's current skate strategy including "provision of a BMX track in the Cape Woolamai area near Veterans Drive to complement the Strategy". The motion was seconded by Cr Bauer.

The motion was eventually defeated on the casting vote of the Mayor who stated it was a "pre-emptive strategy". The Notice of Motion was not pre-emptive to the

strategy, only directing that the options be considered as part of the strategy

What a missed opportunity, killed by a technicality.

I commend and thank Cr Halstead for all her efforts. She was the only councillor to come and view the damage to the foreshore. She immediately understood everyone's needs and put forward positive ideas to help rectify the damage, meet the needs of our youth and protect the foreshore.

The council's decision is extremely disheartening and frustrating for all Cape Woolamai residents.

*Marg Dumergue, Cape Woolamai*

### Drone research disparaged

I find it vaguely amusing that someone has used drones to tell us that sand is moving eastward around the Island (The Advertiser, April 21). Had Professor David Kennedy bothered to consult the people who have lived here for generations, he would have saved a lot of time and money, and most likely have been offered the use of historic photographs many of us have. These photographs indicate the concern we locals have had for many years. It would be of more use to seek solutions, rather than to tell us what we already know.

*Dr Lynda M Hanlon, Rhyll*

### Vote for future generations

Do you love your grandkids? If you do, please think clearly before you cast your vote on election day. The evidence of climate change is all around us, and expectations are that severe bushfires and floods and droughts will continue increasing in frequency and intensity. It's our kids and grandkids who will wear the biggest impacts.

Supporting climate action is easy. Here in the Monash electorate, we're very fortunate to have a strong independent candidate - Deb Leonard - who is committed to taking action on climate change. You don't have to deviate from your normal voting patterns - just to put a 1 beside Deb's name on your ballot paper, and then number the other candidates in the way you would ordinarily vote. Easy.

Regardless of who becomes our representative for Monash, it will send them a strong message that you care about the future for your kids and grandkids. And if you don't take this opportunity, be prepared for the day when your grandkids stop loving you, because they will inevitably find out that you had the opportunity to take a simple step and you chose not to.

*Annette Stewart, Sunderland Bay*

### We love The Island

People in Corinella would love to view this magazine (The Island, Autumn 2022 edition). Phillip Island is our main source of shopping, eating out, activities etc. Phillip Island I am sure holds the record for visitors each year.

I feel Bass Coast Shire Council has yet to see what an asset Phillip Island is to this region. Phillip Islanders have a sense of belonging and pride in where they live. Your recent free magazine displayed this beautifully.

When I cross the bridge at San Remo, I too feel that sense of belonging. I have a few new areas to visit thanks to your magazine. Well done to an informative, enjoyable read.

Good health and happiness to you all and I wish your new venture every success.

*Ella Hayes, Corinella*

### Anzac Day reminder

I was honoured to represent Bass Coast Shire at this year's Anzac Day commemorations at the cenotaph in Cowes.

It brought into sharp focus and reminded me that I am the son of a European refugee who survived the holocaust. I was born in this wonderful country and enjoy the freedoms that I too often take for granted because of the sacrifices made by our service men and women.

To those serviceman and women, I thank you.

On this day I would like to remember all the animals that went to war and never came back.

From the immortalised Simpson's donkey to the horses that gallantly charged into battle and those horses that moved the supplies and transported men.

I would also like to remember the dogs. Whether they were sniffing out munitions, helping in search and rescue, or just being a comfort to soldiers between actions. Let's remember them.

For everybody who has suffered in war - Lest we forget.

*Ronnie Bauer, Cowes*

### Protect our freedoms

At the Anzac Day dawn service in Wonthaggi, I estimate around 500 people attended. Even more attended the mid-morning service.

That's a sizeable proportion of the town's population turning out to remember those who have sacrificed and those who continue to serve to protect the freedoms we enjoy in this great land.

At the 10am service Deputy Mayor Cr Laing placed a wreath from Council. Other Councillors participated at ceremonies across the shire, including the mayor placing a wreath at Cowes.

Notably, during his address at the Dawn Service, MC Mr. David Leesh reminded us: "We must continue to make this nation, Australia, into one worthy of their sacrifice. And as we treasure our freedom, our civil liberties, our free speech - our uniquely Australian way of living in fact - that is when we will cherish the spirit of the Anzacs".

Ironically, come June your local councillors will vote on hastily rushed out rules which, if adopted, will diminish the very freedoms and civil liberties of which Mr Leesh spoke.

Councillors are proposing rule changes that will allow the mayor to effectively get rid of public question time at council meetings. And there are other changes that will reduce transparency and accountability at Bass Coast Shire Council.

There are some at council, including some councillors, who are desperate to prevent uncomfortable questions, or reasonable public criticism of council, being aired at council meetings. And they're willing to adopt these repressive rules to prevent it.

The current mayor has demonstrated that he is quite willing to stop public questions being read at council meetings. He prevented public questions from being read at last month's council meeting, even before the rules have been considered.

If your councillors agree to these changes, a significant and likely irreversible blow to public transparency and accountability at Bass Coast Shire Council will occur.

Come June, councillors will reveal to the community whether or not they truly cherish the Anzac spirit, and whether or not they will continue to make this nation into one worthy of their sacrifice.

*Kevin Griffin, BCRRA*

# Monash voters miss out again

Monash Independent candidate, Deb Leonard, has blasted the two major political parties for making an obscene number of campaign commitments in only a handful of electorates in a bid to win votes at the forthcoming Federal election.

The practice, known as pork-barrelling is common in all Australia elections and employed by both sides of politics.

In 2018, analysis of data collected from the Australian Electoral Commission and the Federal infrastructure department showed marginal seats received around three times more funding than safe seats.

Monash is currently held by Russell Broadbent for the Liberal party on a margin of 6.9 per cent.

Neither party is targeting Monash for funding.

"Monash is regarded as a safe Liberal seat, so consequently, our communities receive none of the generous campaign promises and commitments that are rolled out on a daily basis in a handful of marginal seats," Ms Leonard said.

"Our sitting Liberal MP is not fighting for the people of Monash to get their fair share. He is allowing our electorate to be completely overlooked when it comes to funding.

"If I'm elected, I will support a system whereby the communities in Monash get what they're entitled to. I'm not asking for special treatment, but rather just our share of the cake," Ms Leonard said.

"There are so many projects across the many towns and communities of the Monash electorate screaming out for support - hospitals, roads, aquatic centres, community facilities, but sadly, they are missing out because we are not regarded as a marginal seat.

"It's time to change the situation and the system.

"If I'm elected, I will be a powerful and loud voice that will advocate passionately for the people of this electorate.

"And it's also time to make the major parties realise that they can no longer take the people of Monash for granted."

### Cash splash

Ms Leonard said that data printed in The Age newspaper early this week showed the Labor and Liberal parties are involved in a bidding war which is not to the benefit of the nation or individual electorates.

She was scathing of her assessment of the two parties.

"According to The Age, the Liberal Party has so far promised \$833 million per day in commitments to marginal electorates, with Labor's promises not far behind this obscene figure."

However, based on the figures in The Age article, the Coalition is outspending the ALP by 20 to one. According to The Age, the Labor commitment is \$1.9 billion all up, compared to \$23.3 billion in projects announced by the Coalition in the four weeks since the budget.

In March last year, constitutional law expert Anne Twomey spoke to the Law Society Journal (LSJ).

"There seems to be a growing attitude at both the Commonwealth and State levels that Ministers have complete discretion, particularly in relation to spending public money, and that there is nothing unlawful about them using governmental resources for personal or political gain.

"This, of course, is wrong."

Constraints and checks on pork barrelling could be addressed through a Federal Integrity Commission.

Michael Bradley from Marque Lawyers told LSJ he believed the political class will only change its behaviour if forced to.

"At some point it will become so disgusting and smelly ... it will get to a point where people start to take notice and care, and that's when you'll get a response. But not before then. If they feel they are getting away with it then they are not going to change."



# Soccer news: Phillip Island Breakers v Drouin Dragons

## Senior Men's

With the rivalry between these two heavy weights on par with the likes of Rangers and Celtic, Phillip Island took kick off and the game began.

It was a cagey start to the game with Rhyley and Nathan running the Drouin backline ragged early on.

Roughly 10 minutes into the game, the referee awarded Phillip Island a free kick about 25 yards out.

Marco stepped up confidently and swung his boot as hard as it would go and bang!

The ball went soaring into the top right corner of the goal and the goalkeeper had absolutely no chance.

A great goal, however now Marco keeps comparing himself to Pirlo, but we will let him think that for a couple of weeks.

Play restarted and the game went back and forth with the Phillip Island backline holding strong.

Until, out of nowhere a fortunate goal is scored by Drouin and the scores were square once more.

Through balls seemed the most likely way to unlock the Drouin defence, eventually Nathan got onto one and slotted it past the helpless keeper and the score was 2-1 to the Breakers.

Rhyley was sent through by a delicious Jack through ball however, a divet in the pitch resulted in the ball contacting Rhyleys shin and going behind.

Drouin dodged a bullet.

Drouin's only option was route one stuff, with a long ball over the top, G met the ball with his head, but his new beauty regime resulted in the ball skidding off his forehead. Three of our defenders went after the ball like greyhounds but unfortunately forgot about the Drouin striker running through the middle completely unmarked.

The ball was centred, and the striker buried the ball past a helpless Tommy, score changes to 2-2.

The second half continued and was very similar to the first half with the legs of Phillip Island starting to show their worth.

A number of good saves from Tommy, who played a great game and with the lack of goalkeepers on the bench he fortunately didn't have to get subbed off for a toilet break!

A great shift from both Cals and Cam down the left side and with Drouin seemingly too afraid to challenge the veteran G Train down the right.

The introduction of Solo and Cam into the midfield resulted in momentum, swinging the way of the Breakers, before a miskicked through ball by Jack.

With time ticking down, this resulted in Nathan slotting home with ease for his second goal of the game.

Some may disagree but I think three goals out of 46 shots isn't a bad return.

Some last ditch defending



Best on ground for Under 17s was Xavier Godena in the Phillip Island Breakers soccer match against Drouin Dragons.

from Stu, G and Jacob in the dying minutes kept the score at 3-2 with a great first result for the Breakers.

Next week's game is at Lang Lang. Go Breakers.

## Under 17s

Phillip Island Breakers travelled to the "Dragon's lair" at Drouin.

With a 9am kick off and still school holidays the Under 17s had a tough task with

only eight players available. Special thanks to Jad and Kade Ellaz from the Under 14s, helping out to make up numbers.

Full credit to all the Breakers players running their guts out for the entire game, (literally Oscar Healey).

Stand out players were Xavier Godena, Cadel Tsioulakis, Adam Dean and Jacob Liatos.

Goalkeeper Cadel was un-

der the pump throughout the game saving numerous shots.

Unfortunately, we were defeated 9-3, however all the players walked off the pitch with their heads high.

Goal kickers were, Adam Dean, Xavier Godena and Jacob Liatos.

Coach Andrew Dean said "I'm looking forward to meeting this team again when the numbers will be even."

"I was so proud of the team

today, running the whole game out till the final whistle, and all players using their voice, playing the easy ball to feet, and encouraging each other."

## Under 12s

The Phillip Island U12A team faced off for their first game of the season against Drouin, with almost all players new to soccer and the club.

Drouin won the toss and Phillip Island started with the kick off.

The players fought the whole game through with a number of attempts on goal and showed a lot of potential.

Goalkeeper Archie Smyth had some great goal saves, denying Drouin at least three goals.

Player of the day Riley Goodwin was consistently on the attack of the ball, scoring all of Phillip Island's three goals.

Unfortunately, Phillip Island lost 9 - 3 at the final siren.

We are very proud of the team, giving it their all right up to the final siren and are very excited with this new group of players.

Under 12s B team had a win defeating Drouin White 4 - 2.

Under 14s were defeated 3 - 1 with awards going to Jasper and Devlin.

Men's Reserves were defeated by the narrowest of margins 4 - 3.

Senior women played with nine players and were defeated 5 - 3.

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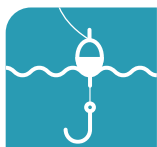
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## AROUND THE BAY

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This week rang in the last days of the school holidays, perhaps this is why the majority of our reports came from the land or because the last weekend the boat ramp required a 20 minute wait time.

With consecutive Easter and ANZAC long weekends our reports come from the tourist that come in, and at a minimum, from the locals who snuck out late at night or early morning.

It's always good to have those who have come to the Island for the long weekend and decided to give fishing a go. For most it's just something to pass the time and for others it's almost a rite of passage when visiting a fishing village like San Remo.

This is where the saying "beginners' luck" becomes forefront in our minds. Armed with a fishing rod, a bit of bait, basic tackle and absolutely no idea what they are doing, the tourist go fishing.

They come back in the shop the next day and we ask them how they went; they then reel off all of the bites they had, the fish they saw and of course the fun they had. This is all great until they get their phone out.

On their phone is a picture of a fish. Whilst they show us this picture, they tell us how they didn't know what it was and they threw it back, without realising they have just caught and thrown back a nice 45cm whiting.

Then after they leave, a local comes in, knows all the tricks all the spots and still hasn't caught a single thing.

The moral of this long-winded story is that your worst day is the reason someone has their best, and for those new to fishing there is always help available.

The Victorian Fisheries actually have an app. On this app are all of your rules and regulations, but also fish lengths, bag limits and photos of the fish for your identification. If you still struggle you're always welcome to send us a picture through our socials and we can help you out almost any time of the day.

The fishing community is a won-

derful thing, ask the people next to you – the majority of people are always willing to lend a hand.

The reports this week as previously stated nearly all stemmed from the land, there were some from boats but not in the numbers we have come to expect over the last month.

The number one target this week continued to be Whiting, but the number one catch for the week has been Salmon.

There has been some nice Salmon for Cleeland Bight, Cape Woolamai, Inverloch, San Remo Jetty and Newhaven – majority land based and nearly all above the 1kg mark.

This week's flavour has been the small metal slugs, the 15grams in the silver of the blue, anything metallic that has a reflective strip has been the success.

Those in the boats did manage a couple of nice night runs on the gummies. One local mentioned he was fishing on the mud, shone the light on the water and there were flashes of grey submarines circling the underneath of the boat.

Other reports coming out of Rhyll from early mornings with a few gummies over that 15kg mark.

Early in the week it was much like last, almost impossible to get through the massive amounts of Port Jackson sharks, later in the week though saw an easier run with not many baits lost.

It's generally this time of year that we say goodbye to our official "summer season" and prepare to bunker down for winter.

This now means the shop will be shutting two days a week, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If however, there is an exceptional day for fishing that falls on these days we will open.

The shop will also be closing an hour early on Sundays now closing at 4pm. If there are any short notice updates on our opening and closing hours, they will be posted as soon as they are known on our Facebook page.

For those who do not have social media do not hesitate to call the shop for updated hours.



Midweek bowls winners were Peter McWilliams (S), Bill Williams (L) and Luke Monckton (3).



Runners up midweek bowls were Barry Johnson (3), Jan Brown (L), Sue Wright (2) and Peter Gratton (S).

# Midweek bowls

Winners of Midweek bowls played at Corinella were Peter McWilliams, Luke Monckton and Bill Williams.

Runners up were Peter Gratton, Barry Johnson and Sue Wright.

One Game winners were Wayne Stevens, Gwen Jeffrey and John Nicholson.

It was a very slow green as usual and we were quick to adapt to the speed.

The day was very pleasant with a slight wind which made for a perfect bowling day. Happy banter could be heard across the rinks and plenty of laughter.

There were more than a few wrong bias, with one of our gun bowlers having two. All the culprits were happy to donate to the RCH tin.

Midweek treasurer Peter McWilliams sent \$200 donation on behalf of midweek bowls group for the Good Friday Appeal for the Royal Children's Hospital.

As usual there were high scores, the winners 38 points, runners up 34 points, One Game winners 23 points.

Very fierce competition and we were all fired up to have a great day.

Thank you to our members who brought in items for the free raffle

table. We had beautiful flowers and fresh produce.

A big thank you to Sue Wright who looked after the kitchen duties and Phil Wright who maned the bar, they are wonderful midweek members.

Without our volunteers, midweek bowls would not be possible.

Next week we will be playing at San Remo, 10am at the club for a 10.30am start. It will be the last game of the summer season.

We will have a week break and start back on May 12 at Koo Wee Rup.

Winter season: It will be 11am start at the club no later than 10.30am, dress mufti BYO lunch.

Everyone welcome. Come and have a great day of bowls and friendship.

See you on the green.

# Phillip Island golf results

## Wednesday, April 20, Ladies PAR

18 Hole PAR.  
Division 1: Winner Karen Green (13) +4 and runner up Rhonda Boyd (20) -2.

Division 2: Winner Wendy Hopkins (27) -3 on c/b to Jen Bilson (26) -3.

Division 3: Winner Mary Smith (45) -2 on a c/b to Judy Lawrence (43) -2.

9 Hole PAR.  
Division 1: Winner Norma Corr (40) -3 on c/b to Gill Scrase (45) -3.

NTP: 5th Karen Green, 7th Robyn Docker, 10th Jill Tyrell and 17th Kim Rippon-King.

## Thursday, April 21: Open Stableford

18 Hole Stableford Division 1: Winner Mike Fitzmaurice (16) with

38 points and runner up Wayne Morris on (13) with 37 points on c/b.

18 Hole Stableford Division 2: Winner Rowan Wales (20) with 43 points and runner up Camille Morris on (25) with 38 points.

Nine Hole Stableford: Winner Brian Carvell (25) with 19 points and runner up John Rodakis (36) with 18 points.

## Saturday, April 23, Stableford

A Grade: Winner Josh Raszkievicz (12) with 68 points and runner up Gino Manfredi (12) with 70 points.

B Grade: Winner Tony Shannon (13) with 68 points to Jason King (15) with 70 points.

C Grade: Winner Vince Collella

(22) with 69 points to Bob Fabiny (24) with 71 points.

NTP: 5th Ron Young, 7th Wayne Morris, 10th Ryan Avery, 17th Dan McConnan and 18th Rob Sparkman.

The Ladies winner was Camille Morris (24) with 40 Points from Sue Brown (23) with 38 points.

Men's NTP: 5th Ken Sellers, 7th Max Brown, 10th Mark Haringsma and 17th Phil Ellard.

Ladies NTP: 7th Sue Brown, 10th Vicki Roff Smith and 17th Deb Orr.

Nine-hole competition winner was Rob Leak.

## Sunday, April 24: Open 18 Hole Stableford

Winner was Lucy Haussegger (17) with 36 points to Trevor Croney (28) with 34 points.



The PI Bulldogs 12s and 14s and Leongatha Parrots, paying their respects during Anzac ceremony.



U14s In the huddle with Coach (R) Dan Larsson and Assistant Coach Ken Carlon. See Junior Football report on page 24.

# TIDE GUIDE

Tidal predictions for Stony Point, Cowes -0.09 Newhaven -0.31 | HIGH TIDE IS MARKED IN BLACK

WED 27 APR	THU 28 APR	FRI 29 APR	SAT 30 APR	SUN 1 MAY	MON 2 MAY	TUE 3 MAY
LOW 2:17 am 1.12 m	LOW 3:24 am 1.09 m	LOW 4:35 am 1.01 m	LOW 5:42 am 0.87 m	HIGH 12:45 am 2.59 m	HIGH 1:35 am 2.62 m	HIGH 2:17 am 2.64 m
HIGH 8:45 am 2.43 m	HIGH 10:08 am 2.42 m	HIGH 11:30 am 2.52 m	HIGH 12:43 pm 2.69 m	LOW 6:39 am 0.73 m	LOW 7:27 am 0.61 m	LOW 8:09 am 0.53 m
LOW 2:30 pm 0.93 m	LOW 3:45 pm 1.09 m	LOW 5:07 pm 1.15 m	LOW 6:21 pm 1.14 m	HIGH 1:43 pm 2.87 m	HIGH 2:32 pm 3.01 m	HIGH 3:14 pm 3.09 m
HIGH 9:36 pm 2.60 m	HIGH 10:41 pm 2.56 m	HIGH 11:46 pm 2.56 m		LOW 7:22 pm 1.10 m	LOW 8:12 pm 1.07 m	LOW 8:54 pm 1.05 m

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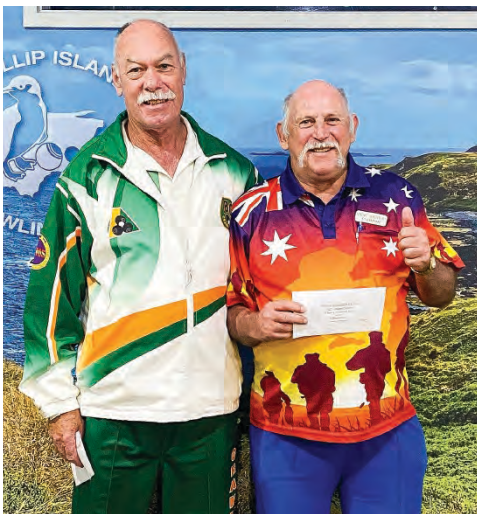
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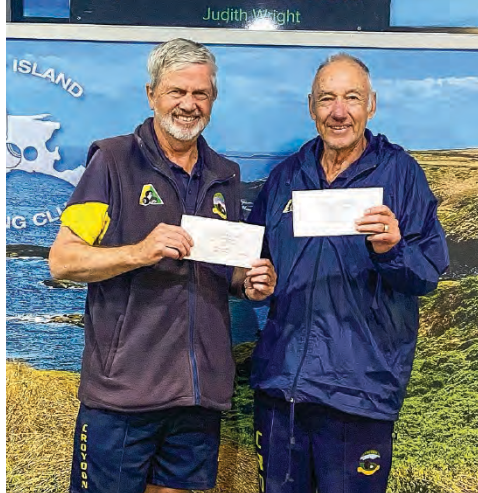
Winners of the Robin Blackman Autumn bowls carnival were S Bentley and L Quigg.



Third placing in the Robin Blackman Autumn Carnival were John Parker and W Lynch.



Runners up of the bowls carnival were Sarah Ashby and Mick Coram.



T Sudborough and P Arnot came fourth in the bowls carnival.

# Phillip Island bowls

It was a fabulous first day of the Robin Blackman Autumn Carnival. First up were the pairs with both greens full – 56 players from all around Victoria and the weather was kind.

Winners: S Bentley and L Quigg. Runners up: Sarah Ashby and Mick Coram. Third Place: John Parker and W Lynch. Fourth Place: T Sudborough and P Arnot. Well done everyone.

## Phillip Island Bridge Club

Are you interested in learning bridge, just feel like a game, or want to hone your skills? In addition to competition bridge on a Monday and Wednesday, Phillip Island Bridge club has social bridge in the Newhaven club rooms on Thursday from 1pm. Play is conducted in an informal learning environment where hands can be discussed, and guidance provided by more experienced players. Formal lessons can be arranged for new players. It's not all hard work. The day kicks off with a glass of bubbles to get in the mood. Bridge is a fascinating card game that continues to challenge, sharpens your wits and exercises the brain. It is also a great way to meet local club members and make new friends. Come along and check it out. You don't need a partner. We would love to see you. For more information contact Wendy McKergow on 0459 200 265.

**Results for week April 18, 2022**  
On Monday, April 18, four pairs made master points. In fifth place with 49.54 per cent were Clare and Jim Murphy. Graham McKergow and Molly Downing tied with Ruth Stevenson and Penny Loughram on 50.46 per cent. Trish and Don Stewart-Uden finished second on 59.26 per cent. The wily father and son team Phillip and Neville Chapman won the day on 69.91 per cent. Wednesday, April 20 was a Nationwide competition and the gremlins decided they wanted to play too. Halfway through the day the server that runs bridge mates crashed. Players reverted to the old school method of manually recording results and Graham and Clare painfully manually entered them into the system at the end of play. Despite the challenges a good day was had with Trish and Don Stewart-Uden coming third with 57.29 per cent. Paul Waylen and Karen Klym made a bid for first place with 59.90 per cent but were convincingly overtaken by Matti Shubb and John Quayle on 69.27 per cent. The Helen Graham Charity Day that was held recently raised \$300. The winners on the day were Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson.

## Sun sets on summer's lifesaving patrols

Phillip Island topped the list of beach rescues in Gippsland for the 2021/22 summer lifesaving season. Figures released last week by Lifesaving Victoria showed there were 52 rescues at local beaches: 30 at Smiths Beach and 22 at Woolamai. The next highest rescue tallies were at Mal-lacoota (21) and Venus Bay (20). The season, which finished on the weekend was the busiest lifesaving season in Victoria to date. Since mid-November 2021, volunteer life-savers and professional lifeguards from Gippsland life saving clubs carried out 115 rescues across the region. This local effort was part of more than 700 rescues, 140 major first aids and what is anticipated to be over 200,000 patrol hours carried out across more than 60 Victorian locations, with lifesavers and lifeguards saving countless lives this summer. This is 18 per cent more rescues than last season, which was previously the busiest on record. Although life saving clubs and state services including the Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter Service will remain on standby during the cooler months, the lowering of the red and yellow flags marks the end of regular lifesaving patrols until later this year. LSV's general manager lifesaving services Liam Krige is reminding the community that with recreation around waterways including camping, fishing and boating expected to continue over the cooler months, it's vital to keep making safe decisions while the flags are down. "In Victoria, 62 per cent of drownings occur outside of summer months. Unintentional entry into the water – such as walking near the water and falling or slipping on unstable rocks or riverbanks – is one of the most common risks around waterways," Mr Krige said. "In winter, even if the sun is shining, average Victorian sea temperatures can drop below 15 degrees Celsius, which can cause cold water shock. "Sudden immersion in cold water can send your body into shock and significantly increase your risk of drowning, especially when combined with unintentional entry. "If you are keen for a swim during the cooler months, consider heading to an open public

pool where lifeguards can keep an eye on you," he said. "Always actively supervise children – under fives should always be in arm's reach, and under 10s in eyesight around water. "If you're boating or fishing – including from the rocks, remember no one expects to find themselves in trouble. Seventy-nine per cent of boating-related drowning deaths in the past decades involved no or improper lifejacket use. "And finally, never drink alcohol around

water – it's one of the riskiest things you can do, with more than 30 per cent of the past decade's drowning deaths involving alcohol or drugs. "The best time to prepare for next summer is now, so we encourage anyone looking to brush up on their swimming and water safety skills to enrol in swimming lessons in the off season." Patrol season 2022 – 23 is expected to commence mid-November 2022.

## PIFNC Luncheon Saturday May 7

(Home game against Inverloch/Kongwak to honour Life Members

Ian Hill and Barry Toohey

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## THIS WEEKEND DRAWS

### WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

**Garfield v Phillip Island**  
Saturday, 30 Apr

### SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION

**U10'S Football**  
Sunday May 1  
*Phillip Island Blue v Kornmiburra-Benna*  
*Dalyston v Phillip Island Red*  
**U14'S Football**  
Sunday May 1  
*Phillip Island Blue v Kornmiburra-Benna*

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

### SENIOR FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Tooradin-Dalmore	3	0	272.34	12
Inverloch-Kongwak	3	0	233.54	12
Nar Nar Goon	3	0	176.02	12
Phillip Island	3	0	161.29	12
Bunyip	2	1	152.81	8
Dalyston	1	2	96.77	4
Warragul Industrials	1	2	78.30	4
Koo Wee Rup	1	2	68.52	4
Kilcunda Bass	1	2	55.40	4
Cora Lynn	0	3	56.35	0
Korumburra-Bena	0	3	49.09	0
Garfield	0	3	37.99	0

### RESERVES FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Tooradin-Dalmore	3	0	6887.50	12
Phillip Island	3	0	371.60	12
Bunyip	2	1	256.38	8
Inverloch-Kongwak	2	1	190.60	8
Koo Wee Rup	2	1	136.11	8
Nar Nar Goon	2	1	97.50	8
Cora Lynn	1	2	100.74	4
Dalyston	1	2	83.54	4
Warragul Industrials	1	2	29.25	4
Korumburra-Bena	1	2	24.72	4
Garfield	0	3	32.23	0
Kilcunda Bass	0	3	10.45	0

### THIRDS FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Inverloch-Kongwak	3	0	1692.59	12
Tooradin-Dalmore	1	0	615.38	4
Garfield	2	0	295.00	8
Cora Lynn	2	1	97.24	8
Nar Nar Goon	2	1	61.38	8
Koo Wee Rup	1	2	119.91	4
Korumburra-Bena	1	2	32.92	4
Phillip Island	0	1	60.00	0
Bunyip	0	3	45.13	0
Dalyston	0	2	18.75	0
Kilcunda Bass	0	0	0.00	0
Warragul Industrials	0	0	0.00	0

### FOURTHS FOOTBALL

TEAM	W	L	%	PTS
Phillip Island	2	0	587.88	8
Inverloch-Kongwak	2	0	235.85	8
Warragul Industrials	2	1	355.00	8
Korumburra-Bena	2	1	241.67	8
Koo Wee Rup	2	1	123.81	8
Garfield	2	1	73.03	8
Kilcunda Bass	2	1	59.74	8
Bunyip	1	1	167.14	4
Dalyston	0	3	43.27	0
Nar Nar Goon	0	3	42.16	0
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	3	4.59	0
Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0

### NETBALL

A-GRADE	PTS	%	C-GRADE	Pts	%
Inver-Kongwak	12	275.86%	Inver-Kongwak	12	308.89%
Dalyston	12	258.54%	Tooradin-Dal	12	302.56%
Tooradin-Dal	12	244.64%	Bunyip	12	285.37%
Phillip Island	12	165.33%	Dalyston	12	224.44%
Nar Nar Goon	12	151.35%	Phillip Island	8	145.95%
Bunyip	8	145.69%	Garfield	8	97.73%
Warragul Indust	4	63.58%	Nar Nar Goon	4	102.78%
Kor-Bena	0	65.12%	Cora Lynn	4	64.42%
Garfield	0	63.16%	Kor-Bena	0	48.25%
Cora Lynn	0	59.71%	Koo Wee Rup	0	40.82%
Koo Wee Rup	0	34.07%	Warragul Indust	0	39.55%
Kilcunda Bass	0	0.00%	Kilcunda Bass	0	24.64%
B-GRADE	Pts	%	17 & UNDER	Pts	%
Tooradin-Dal	12	222.92%	Dalyston	12	266.67%
Bunyip	12	182.67%	Phillip Island	12	231.25%
Dalyston	12	162.07%	Bunyip	12	216.00%
Phillip Island	12	155.56%	Inver-Kongwak	8	218.18%
Inver-Kongwak	12	150.00%	Tooradin-Dal	8	146.38%
Nar Nar Goon	8	148.81%	Kor-Bena	8	111.25%
Garfield	4	53.33%	Nar Nar Goon	4	100.00%
Kilcunda Bass	0	70.44%	Koo Wee Rup	4	53.64%
Kor-Bena	0	67.47%	Warragul Indust	4	50.79%
Cora Lynn	0	66.43%	Cora Lynn	0	55.56%
Warragul Indust	0	50.28%	Kilcunda Bass	0	42.28%
Koo Wee Rup	0	48.70%	Garfield	0	25.00%





Phillip Island Blues U12s.



Phillip Island Blues U12s form a tunnel of honour for the U14s.

# Exciting twilight match

## U14s

The Phillip Island Bulldogs Under 14s Blues, were invited to play a twilight match on Sunday at Leongatha.

In between the 12s and 14s match, a touching Anzac ceremony was held, with a bugle player and a member of the RSL reading The Ode. Lest We Forget.

Playing under lights is always a novelty and both teams were excited and played with intensity.

At times, the chase on the ball and fierce determination was fantastic to watch.

This led to our Bulldogs taking home the win (Phillip Island: 63 - Leongatha: 33).

Best mentions to Ashton Smith, Jeremy Kelly, Charlie Fisher and Cade Wragg.

## U10s and U12s

Phillip Island Blues played a twilight match this sunny Anzac Eve at the Velodrome in Leongatha vs the Parrots and there must have been something in the water! Both the U10s and U12s Parrots were tall, strong and brought their A game moving the ball well across the field.

The Bulldog sides truly channelled the Anzac spirit with their attitudes and efforts in the face of adversity today and never backed down.

With many players absent for the Easter holidays we had some PI Reds come along to help out and fill the team for the Blues



Leongatha Parrots and Phillip Island Bulldogs Stand for the Last Post at the Anzac Eve Match at the Velodrome.

sides - U10s, Ziggy Wagner, Flynn Doig and Miller Sund and for U12s Zak Sund, Angus Kennedy and Bodhi Cooper.

U10s kept their intensity high and really put the pressure on in the third quarter, in which they really showed what they were made of.

U10 Blues award winners: Jet Fawez, Brock Larson, Ruby Parsons, Magnus Bathgate, Charles Cameron (captain) and Nick Ramage.

The U12 Parrots were moving the ball down the field well as a team.

Although the Doggies didn't manage to get any scores on the board, they managed to all but

stop the Parrots from scoring, improving their defence more with each quarter.

First quarter 5 goals 1 behind; second quarter 2 goals 2 behinds; third quarter 1 goal 3 behinds and the final quarter they only allowed the Parrots to score 3 behinds.

Final score was 8-11-59 to 0-0-0.

Standout players for the U12 Blues were Jem Hennekam, Bailey Parry, Lukah Fawaz, Tavish Mahon, Jackson Allan and Roy Paterson.

Captain for the U12s was Zane Larson this week.

The PI Blues came away with the knowledge that they can take

a knock from a bigger player, and they can get back up and give it back just as hard.

The guts the Doggies showed, getting in there to tackle no matter the odds, was something to be proud of.

At the end of the U12 match the team made an Honour Tunnel for the U14s to run onto the field through and together they lined up opposite the Parrots teams as the Australian Flag was raised, and those present at the Velodrome stood in silence as the Last Post was played.

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

"Lest we forget."



Phillip Island Blues under 10s.



U14s players paying their respects. More photos on page 22.

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