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The local community dug deep for this year's Good Friday Appeal, raising over \$50,000 for the Royal Children's Hospital. CFA Area Manager Simon Hartley injected some fun into the serious task of fundraising in his traffic-stopping outfit! For a full run down of Good Friday Appeal events, turn to pages 6 and 7.

Island roads to slow under speed zone review

Roads on Phillip Island would have a maximum speed limit of 80km/hr under a proposal by Regional Roads Victoria.

The proposal would also see some roads that are currently zoned 80km/hr drop to 60km/hr, including Cowes Rhyll Road, Coghlan Road, Ventnor Beach and Grossard Point roads.

Last year a coalition of Phillip Island community groups called for a speed reduction on island roads to protect wildlife.

The Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group, Island Voice,

Rhyll Community Association and a Cowes citizen scientist – who has been researching roadkill for two years – called for a reduction to 80km/hr on the five island roads that currently have a 100km/hr limit: Back Beach Road, Ventnor Road, Rhyll-Newhaven Road, Berrys Beach Road and a section of Ventnor Beach Road.

The groups said four dirt roads were also unsigned and therefore seen as 100km zones: Pyramid Rock, Harbison, McFees and Watts roads.

In addition they were concerned

two sealed roads on the island – Gap Road and Smiths Beach Road, between the Phillip Island Road and Back Beach Road – have no speed limit signs and therefore by default – by law – became 100km/hr roads.

An Advertiser poll last year, run for nearly two weeks, asked whether motorists supported a reduction in speed to 80km/hr on the roads that currently have 100km/hr limit.

Results were split, with 49 per cent (514 votes) in support and 51 per cent (522 votes) against.

“Wildlife roadkill is prevalent on roads all over the island,” citizen

scientist Ron Day told the Advertiser last year.

“Do we have to wait for a human tragedy to occur on our roads before Regional Roads Victoria will accept the need for lower speeds?”

Last year Ventnor residents also created a petition requesting Bass Coast Shire and RRV “act as a matter of urgency to cut speed limits and improve signage in residential precincts of Ventnor”.

“We are particularly concerned about safety along Ventnor Beach Road and its interfaces with Lyall Street and Harris Road, specifi-

cally the numerous access points to walking trails and nature reserves, public playgrounds and toilets, the pony club precinct, car parks and dog beaches,” the petition stated.

Organisers of the petition told the Advertiser they were concerned there were no footpaths on Ventnor Beach Road, which is shared by foot traffic and bikes, alongside cars that often travel faster than 80km.

Several years ago the Phillip Island Integrated Transport Study (PIITS) recommended 80kph speed limits throughout Phillip Island.

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Close call at San Remo play ground

A huge pine tree branch came crashing down around 4pm last Thursday, narrowly missing the children's playground on the San Remo foreshore.

Fortunately, no one was injured.

Nearby business owners and customers raced across fearing children or families might have been trapped under the tree.

SES crews arrived quickly and secured the area.

Nathan Murphy from the Spicy Duck restaurant on Marine Parade was one of the first on the scene.

"Thank god this didn't happen tomorrow," he said when the foreshore would have been filled with people enjoying the Easter holidays.

Michael Kenny from the San Remo SES Unit said the team responded quickly but arriving onsite, they realised the tree required specialist equipment.

"We contacted the shire and they sent out a team to clear and assess

the tree," he said.

"We cordoned off the area and advised people via our social media to avoid the area if possible."

Michael echoed the sentiments of business owners saying the timing of the incident was incredibly fortunate.

"How lucky it fell on Thursday, instead of Friday with all the local events happening in San Remo."

A spokesperson for Bass Coast Shire Council said the area and the tree limb was made safe on Friday morning.

"The team is back there again today (Tuesday) and have done further works."

"These trees are inspected monthly for visible external cracking and for other maintenance items by Council's Arborist. Due to the nature of the failure, we will be engaging an external Arborist to provide a detailed report on the condition of the trees in the area."



The huge pine tree branch fell around 4pm on Thursday afternoon, just missing a picnic area and the children's playground. Photo courtesy of Nathan Murphy.



Rhyll tree removal an eyesore?

Rhyll residents say they are shocked foreshore vegetation was "butchered" by an arborist, despite a permit to remove the trees.

A 20-metre-long section of native vegetation in front of the Rhyll Yacht Club was last month chainsawed, after the club received a permit for removal.

"The way they have hacked the trees is disrespectful to the environment," said one resident who asked not to be named.

"There are coastal banksias and other species in an area used by the public that has now been butchered."

Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie confirmed the Yacht Club did obtain a permit to remove the vegetation,

with the work undertaken by an authorised tree removal contractor.

Club commodore Ray Flatters said the vegetation had obstructed their view of the water "to ensure safe operations during activities" for children through to older members.

"We take our duty of care towards our members participating in club events very seriously and being able to monitor racing and where necessary, to direct rescue activities is a major part of our safety procedures," Mr Flatters said.

He said members were conscious of the sensitive environment and would volunteer to plant new indigenous low growing shrubs and ground covers.



The crew from "Advancing Australia" visited Phillip Island to film Mat Bowtell, who is part of the episode screening on April 10 at 6pm, showing tech-savvy Australians making the world a better place.

Mat and Guy share the screen

What do actor Guy Pearce and Phillip Island's Mat Bowtell have in common?

Screen time!

This week Mat will grace our television screens when he joins the internationally acclaimed actor on a new show "Advancing Australia", which showcases inspirational trailblazers.

Mat is one of 36 Australians featured on the show.

Host Guy Pearce said he found the stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things to make the country a better place compelling.

"Being involved in "Advancing Australia" gave me a unique insight into some exceptional examples of Australian Innovation," Guy said.

"It was a real thrill to explore some incredible work being done by a

wide variety of Aussies leading the way, globally, across a broad range of fields."

Mat is featured in episode three, which will screen on April 10 at 6pm on Network 10.

The episode shows how three tech-savvy Aussies are making the world a better place for millions of Australians living with disabilities, using fantastic plastic, high performance rubber and a metal with superpowers.

The episode was filmed over two days on Phillip Island late last year, at the Free 3D Hands factory and on the beach at Cape Woolamai.

The show focuses on Mat's work at Free 3D Hands, providing assistive devices free to children who need them.

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Heartless hoons sabotage start to footy season

Volunteers from the Phillip Island Football Netball Club arriving for a working bee at the start of the football season, were greeted with a devastating sight.

Overnight, hoons had driven onto the oval, tearing up the playing surface.

"I turned up early to Friday morning's working bee, and to find that someone had again gained access to the playing surface was heartbreaking," said Club President Chris Ross.

"The build up to our season starting was such a fantastic feeling amongst the club and community, and the ground was looking absolutely pristine.

"I was gutted to find the damage."

The heroes of the day were the outdoor team from Bass Coast Shire Council who worked for hours on Good Friday to repair the damage.

"I would like to thank the boys from the Shire for their work repairing the ground," said Chris.

"The outdoor team led by Darren and Corey Green came to the rescue with equipment to repair the damage and mow the oval again.

"They spent four or five hours on a public holiday to get the oval back to a safe playing surface. I cannot thank them enough."

Chris said he also received several calls from Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari, offering support.

Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie said it appeared the damage happened late Thursday night or early Friday morning.



Corey and Darren Green from Bass Coast Shire Council's outdoor team spent over four hours on Good Friday repairing damage to the Cowes Oval. "I cannot thank them enough," said PIFNC President Chris Ross.

"A member of staff noticed the damage early on Friday morning and raised the alarm," Ms Wastie said.

"Our Sports Oval and Mowing Team spent five hours doing repairs. They packed and rolled the damaged grass and then mowed to reduce the visual appearance. The damage was far less noticeable and the game proceeded without incident.

"Our Sports Oval and Mowing Team works extremely hard and takes enormous pride in ensuring playing surfaces are in pristine order for local sporting clubs to utilise throughout the season," Ms Wastie continued.

"For Darren and Corey to come in and repair the oval on a public holiday highlights the care and dedication they have for their job as well as their commitment to the delivery of local sport across the Shire."

The club is currently working with Phillip Island taxis and lo-

cal police to find the culprits.

A neighbour reported seeing two cars but was unable to get the registration numbers of the vehicles.

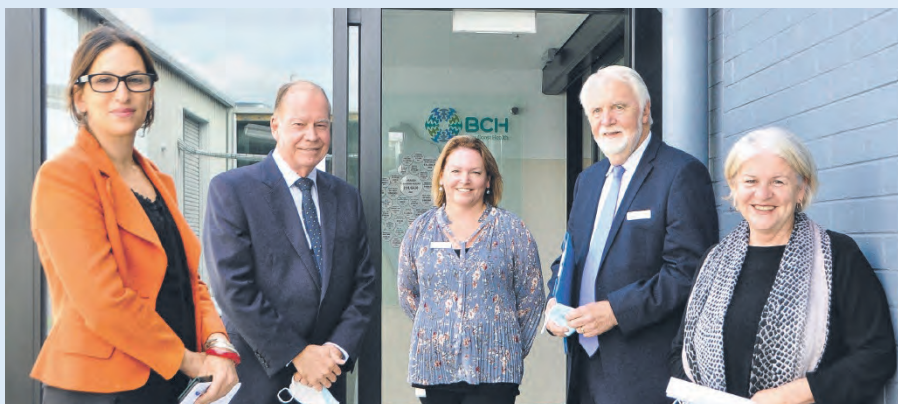
"Unfortunately there are two areas in our boundary fencing that allow access to the oval," said Chris, adding the club hoped to secure government funding to erect a new fence around the whole ground.

"Our existing one is well past its use-by date."

Ms Wastie said the council would also be looking at ways to stop incidents like this from happening.

"We will be investigating how we can prevent unauthorised vehicles from entering the Reserve in the future.

"Senseless vandalism like this has a negative impact on the community and our staff, who in this case had worked hard to ensure the ground was in awesome condition for the big game."



Touring the new cancer care facility at Wonthaggi Hospital last week are, from left: State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent, with Bass Coast Health Director of Operations Kirsten Weinzierl, board chair Don Paproth, and Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child.

New cancer care centre opened

The official opening of Wonthaggi Hospital's new cancer care centre last week was described as a "heartfelt moment" by one politician.

Another said it was an "emotional experience".

All agreed the new Integrated Care Centre – also known as The L. Rigby Centre – was a "momentous day for Bass Coast".

Three years in the making, the centre for the first time offers local resident cancer treatments supplied by Alfred Health including oncology, haematology, breast care and surgery, chemotherapy for most cancers, blood and iron infusions, and holistic nursing care including McGrath Foundation Breast Care Nurse.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said in the next 12 months new services will include further treatment including skin, bladder and lung cancers. A survivorship program will also be developed as well as expanded palliative care.

"There has always been significant demand for local cancer services in Bass Coast," Ms Child said.

"Patients needing comprehensive cancer care had to travel, sometimes every day for weeks at a time, to Melbourne or Traralgon."

The centre was built with \$1.46 million from the Federal government, as well as \$2.2 million in state government funding

for ongoing costs.

The Commonwealth funds were supported by a substantial and generous donation of \$850,000 from Lawrence, Doreen and Lorelei Rigby.

Local groups such as the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary have also contributed about \$245,000 for furniture and equipment.

Phillip Island resident and nurse Kirsten Weinzierl said she knew the need for the Integrated Care Centre as a Bass Coast Health staff member, but she also recognised the need on a personal level.

Several years ago, Kirsten's husband Rob was diagnosed with stage 3 colorectal cancer and her mother died of the same cancer when she was a teenager.

"The unforeseen costs of travelling back and forth to the city for treatment were incredible," Kirsten said, estimating it to be about \$70,000 including fuel, food, accommodation and loss of income.

"The travel also had a huge impact on the wellbeing of their family. Our son was 14 at the time. We had to organise care while Rob was having treatment in Melbourne; it was a very difficult time in our life."

Rob's treatment was successful, and he is now well, with early diagnosis crucial.

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Mike and Kate Manley from Cowes want to see the “community charm and natural environment valued”.



Bass Coast Shire staff Cyleste Athanassas and Fybian Chakaodza with artist Peter Walker (middle) at the Cowes community forum last week, one of a series held by the council across the region.

What people are saying:

“When is the council going to have electric vehicles?”

“Better planning for the ratepayers of Phillip Island. It’s our money, let us spend it.”

“Do not close the current footy grounds to relocate them elsewhere (when the new sports hub on the corner of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads gets started). The population has grown so much we need two sporting complexes.”

“Too much is given to Nature Parks. It is out of proportion to the rest of the island.”

“Serious investment in, and subsidy of public transport – sure it’s a state issue but council should advocate for an effective regional public transport network.”

“The weight of the Bass Coast population lives on the eastern side of Bass Coast and deserves more funding (for a skate park). Cowes has just received a brand new park and there’s still talk about another (very large) skatepark going somewhere near the Island. There needs to be better, more equal representation.”

“Selfishly thinking about where my family live, I value the natural amenity and nature-based activities.”

“Some sort of beautification works for Phillip Island is much needed. Having one of Australia’s most popular tourist attractions and having international events, the entrance and roadsides are an embarrassment.”

“You need better advertising of events like this. I only heard about it one hour beforehand by word of mouth. I looked at council’s website and it’s not easy to find under events.”

Cowes has its say on Bass Coast’s future

Concerns about over-development have again dominated a community forum last week, to discuss the future of Phillip Island.

The forum was part of a series held by the Bass Coast Shire over the past month.

Following last October’s council elections, it is a state government requirement that all shires consult the community, to shape direction for the next four years.

The forum at the Cowes Football Club rooms last Monday night saw residents stick post-it notes of ideas, criticisms and suggestions for council.

When asked “what do you value about Bass Coast”, respondents cited over-development, a theme highlighted at previous forums.

“Less housing estate developments that don’t fit with the culture of Phillip Island,” wrote one, with another adding they would like to

see “the careful blending of rural and residential and to keep all town boundaries”.

“Phillip Island is a unique piece of Victoria,” they said.

Another said there should be more open spaces and “parks set aside within town boundaries” and “don’t allow overdevelopment”.

Mike and Kate Manley, who moved to Cowes three months’ ago, said they understood when businesses said they wanted more residents and visitors to boost the local economy, but added “it’s not necessary”.

“You can still have vibrant businesses without ruining the community with overdevelopment,” Mike said.

“We would hate this to become anything like the Gold Coast. The value here is the community charm and the natural environment.”

In a Facebook forum on the issue,

Barbara Moje said she was worried the population explosion “will result in the loss of the character of our region”.

“The new housing subdivisions already resemble suburban Cranbourne. It has already started,” Barbara said.

Former councillor Neil Rankine agreed saying “Bass Coast’s character is changing too quickly, we don’t want to look or be like the Surf Coast”.

Some went further and commented that Cowes “is old and run down”, while another respondent said “encourage landlords to improve shop fronts”.

Hot topics

There were recurring hot topics, including a repeated request for red bin collection over peak holiday periods.

Dog ownership was again up for

debate, with many saying beaches should be protected for wildlife and equally many calling for increased numbers of off-leash dog beaches or a dog park.

Some called for “greater supervision, restrictions and policing of holiday accommodation, especially during schoolies and Christmas”, with another suggesting more police at peak times.

At Rhyll, the debate was dominated by the island’s arts community calling for a dedicated Cowes art gallery. At the Cowes meeting this was again a dominant theme.

Wildlife, too, was a popular theme.

“I was horrified to hear koalas are not deemed native to the island,” said one respondent.

“They are a massive tourist attraction. When the few at the koala centre die there will be no more koalas.”



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Hospital site confirmed

Victorian Health Minister Martin Foley visited Phillip Island last week to confirm the site of the long-awaited Community Hospital.

The government has acquired the current PICAL site, next door to the Health Hub, which is where the new facility will be based.

"The Community Hospital will integrate into what the Hub is delivering," the Minister said, also noting he hoped the facility would exceed community expectations.

But he made it clear while there will be a wide range of services on offer, the new Community Hospital doesn't fit the mould of a traditional hospital.

Patients won't be checking in and staying the night.

Minister Foley confirmed there will be beds at the hospital, but they won't be used for acute overnight stays.

Instead, the beds will be used for day surgeries and for stabilising and monitoring patients as needed.

"They will be available 24 hours a day," he said.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said patients needing specialised care that required a hospital stay, would be sent to Wonthaggi or a suitable facility.

The new community hospital will offer outpatient care, community-based health and social care services, including medical and specialist appointments, women's health, paediatric, mental health, public dental, diagnostic pathology and imaging, day chemotherapy, dialysis, urgent care, day surgeries and rehabilitation support.

Community input needed

The proposal for the new Community Hospital is already facing criticism from the Phillip Island Medical Health Action Group (PIMHAG), a group that has long campaigned for improved medical services on the island.



Minister for Health Martin Foley, with Jan Child – CEO Bass Coast Health, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Don Paproth – Bass Coast Health Board Chair and Mim Kershaw – Bass Coast Health Board Member unveiling the Community Hospital sign at the future site, currently occupied by PICAL.

Peter Paul from PIMHAG said while they welcomed the announcement and looked forward to having a strong relationship with Minister Foley, more details were needed.

"The Minister didn't mention a budget and we've got to ask, is it still adhering to the 24/7 no payment, 365 days a year model, the same as the Hub?"

"Is there a date for building to commence? Is there a date for when we see the plan?" Peter questioned.

"We need to be able to see what's on the plan and say, does this work here?"

During his visit, Minister Foley said designs for the new hospital were in, and Bass Coast Health (BCH) had put together a model of care that reflected the community needs.

"This is not coming from Lonsdale Street," he stated.

BCH CEO Jan Child agreed, saying community was "at the centre" of the new plans and having health services in the local community, with great staff and services, would be better for patients.

However PIMHAG was critical of the lack of consultation and Peter Paul said the Community Consultative Committee appointed by the government was "missing in action".

He also stated neither the committee nor the community had input into the design for the new hospital. "The transparency in this is unbelievably bad."

Representatives from PIMHAG were not included in the Minister's visit, instead meeting him briefly outside the Health Hub.

"We have forwarded him a letter inviting him to the island for an in-depth meeting," Peter said.

He urged the Minister and Bass

Coast Health to work with PIMHAG to get community input.

Bass Coast Health advised the budget and approval for the Community Hospital would be announced in May.

Care at home

Both Ms Child and Minister Foley spoke of an increased focus on care in the home, saying one positive to come from Covid was people embracing in home care and telehealth opportunities.

"People now are feeling more comfortable getting support in the home," the Minister said.

"There's been an increased demand and it will be the next big thing."

He said there was growing evidence of better health outcomes when people were treated in their own homes and Ms Child agreed.

"Patients prefer it and we want to do it more," she said.

The "Better at Home" program offers an alternative way for people to receive care and treatment in their own home.

It aims to reduce the time spent in hospital or avoid hospital admission completely, with patients being visited by doctors, nurses or allied health professionals in their own home.

Focus on mental health

During his visit, Minister Foley also talked about mental health issues saying "Bass Coast is ideally placed for mental health hubs".

"I look forward to working with the community to find the most appropriate location."

"We want services for people before they reach the edge of the cliff," he said.

"The suicide toll is two times the road toll and we need to break that down, and get people coming forward for help."



Minister Martin Foley, with Bass Coast Health Chair Don Paproth (left) and CEO Jan Child, during a tour of the Health Hub facilities.

Health Minister visits Health Hub

During a flying visit to Phillip Island last week, Victorian Health Minister Martin Foley toured the Health Hub in Cowes.

Minister Foley was in town to confirm the site of the long-awaited Community Hospital, which will be built next door to the existing Hub.

During his tour he described the Hub as a much-needed investment in the island community and predicted the population increase for the area, as well as an ageing population, meant demand for the Hub services would only increase.

Staff confirmed that presentations at the facility continue to grow, particularly at night, and the 24/7 medical team also acted as a backstop resource for residential aged care in the area.

"We are working closely with aged care facilities, and they call the doctors and nurses at the hub if they need advice," said Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child.

The Minister thanked the clinical and admin staff at the hub for their hard work and praised the fundraising efforts of the Health Hub Auxiliary.

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Extraordinary day of fund raising for San Remo

The San Remo community raised \$34,348 for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The fundraising effort included the annual CFA tin rattle and street collection, The San Remo Hotel's Walk for the Kids events, an Easter fishing competition and several raffles.

The CFA collection, which took in San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai, Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach raised \$16,315.

Blessed by ideal conditions, The Walk for the Kids, organised by Elyse Fisher from the San Remo Hotel with help from Craig Edmonds, of Jim's Bait and Tackle, attracted plenty of participants. It included two events – an eight kilometre walk along the George Bass Coastal Walk

between Punchbowl and Kilcunda, and a five-kilometre trail around San Remo. Between them, the two walks raised \$8628.

Jim's Bait and Tackle's annual Easter Fishing competition was also buoyed by the brilliant weather, and a \$9000 prize pool thanks to generous sponsors, raising \$3400.

A chance to win a share in a race-horse, donated by local trainer Ricky Maund attracted plenty of attention, with the raffle raising \$4500, while the CFA raffle added a further \$1505 to the total.

At the end of the day, a late donation of \$1000 by the Smart family pushed the tally to \$34,348.

Well done on an extraordinary effort by an incredible and generous community.



Gary, Sophie, Lucy, Rachael, Becky, Daisy, Asha and Nikki, with Groodle puppies Rufus and Jarvis took on the Walk for the Kids to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal.



Jack, Chloe, Jo and Darren Smart donated \$1000 to the San Remo Good Friday Appeal, bringing the overall total to \$34,348.



On the Good Friday Appeal Walk for the Kids (from left to right): Fiona and Carol Blair, Jackie Stewart, Annie Dempsey, Andrea Blair-Dempsey, Finley and Darren Dempsey.

GLAM Appeal for the kids



The GLAMS and friends got together again this year to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Walk for the Kids from Kilcunda to Punchbowl on Good Friday. From left to right: Greg O'Callaghan, Geoff Sammons, Peter Innes, Debbie Walsh, Carolyne O'Callaghan, Lynne Haag, Annie Hawley, Rick Fitzgerald, Alison Fitzgerald, Belinda Smith and Vicki Smith.

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Three generations showed up to collect donations for this year's Good Friday Appeal: Terry and Sue Quarrell, Rebecca Quarrell and Joe Myall and baby Ellie Myall



CFA members Rodney Beale, Kyle Wood, Lino Drazzi, Brad Rodwell, Sue Quarrell, Alex Szutta and Gary Grace were out collecting for the Good Friday Appeal. Overall the brigade raised \$11,850.

CFA's great Good Friday Appeal

In CFA's 70th year of support for the Good Friday Appeal, members across Victoria opened their hearts once again, helping to raise \$1,028,328 for the Royal Children's Hospital.

The Cowes CFA brigade raised \$11,850, with firefighters and trucks taking to the streets.

Cowes Area Manager Simon Hartley said there was a lot less traffic on the road than in previous years.

Even so, between the brigade and tin rattling by CFA families the Murdochs and the Andersons, \$20,800 was raised.

The San Remo CFA was on the streets of San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai, Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach to support the appeal, raising \$16,315.

Area Manager Graham Taylor said this was their biggest total, and \$3000 more than the previous record reached in 2019.



Murray Johnston collecting donations in Cowes for the Good Friday Appeal.

"We had 50 adults and children out on the street. They followed the fire truck around the street, which made as much noise as possible to get everyone's attention."

The San Remo community held a variety of events (see separate story), raising over \$34,000. The overall tally for the Good Friday Appeal's this year was \$17,122,879.

Penguin TV viewers help raise funds

Viewers of Phillip Island Nature Parks' Live Penguin TV were treated to a very special episode last Thursday.

This edition of Live Penguin TV was dedicated to raising funds for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, and included a raft of special guests including members from the local CFA, and Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield.

The most special of guests however was animal loving Royal Children's Hospital patient Leah, who came along to the Penguin Parade with mum Ann and dad Graham. Leah had visited the penguins as a child but has not been able to return because of her health and hospital visits, at one stage spending 10 months in hospital.

Leah took part in the livestream and told host Ranger Jordan Roberts: "The Royal Children's Hospital is everything to me. They're like our family and I would like to go through the hospital and hug each and every person who works there."

"The Good Friday Appeal raises money to help families like ours, because it's not just the kid that's sick – it's really the whole family."

Leah's story, along with those of so many other amazing children, clearly resonated with Livestream viewers as they donated a total of



Ranger Skye with Graham, Ann and Leah Boileau-Evans, who took part in the livestream to support the Good Friday Appeal, sharing their story. At one stage, Leah spent 10 months in hospital.

\$2376 to the Nature Parks 'Virtual Tin' during the one hour livestream, and into the next morning.

Roving reporter for the livestream, Ranger Skye Nichol said: "It was so heartening to play a small part in raising funds for the Royal Chil-

dren's Hospital Good Friday Appeal to help families like Leah's."

"I also want to share our heartfelt thanks to members of Phillip Island's CFA who rattled their tins at the Penguin Parade, receiving some great donations from our visitors."



Zoe Geyer is taking over as the TRPI Co-ordinator from Bhavani Rooks, who helped steer the group through the difficult Covid times of 2020.

Passing on the baton at TRPI

Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) has appointed Zoe Geyer as the group's new Co-ordinator.

Zoe takes over from Bhavani Rooks who helped steer the TRPI ship through difficult Covid times.

"I love being part of TRPI and my time as Co-ordinator was both challenging and rewarding," said Bhavani.

"But I have my own business to run as well as a small farmlet to manage and enjoy, so I am really glad that Zoe is up for taking on the Co-ordinator role and I can once again contribute to TRPI as a volunteer in the Carbon Farming group."

Zoe moved to Phillip Island in 2019 with her young daughter to enjoy the space, the environment and the community. Zoe is an architect with her own Melbourne-based business but is passionate about sustainability.

"I have great enthusiasm for leading change and a passion for finding innovative ways to address the issues that face us: climate change, conservation and ecology, tourism, and the balance of these alongside the built environment and population growth," said Zoe.

Zoe is a signatory to the Architects Declare a Climate and Biodiversity Emergency and is a certified Passivhaus designer which demonstrates her passion for energy efficiency as much as for renewable energy.

Despite the unusual year in 2020, TRPI managed some important foundational work to ensure the move towards 100 per cent renewable energy and being carbon neutral takes important steps forward in 2021.

At the beginning of 2020 TRPI partnered with Newhaven Primary School to pilot a mini TRPI approach that enabled students to surface their own ideas on how to tackle climate change and increase renewable energy.

The pilot was a success and the original intention was to offer it to other schools and this year, the TRPI Education Group will approach other schools to see if they are interested.

In late March 2020, the TRPI Core Group and partners collaborated

with David Coote of Analytical Engines to develop the Totally Renewable Phillip Island Pre-feasibility study.

This study assessed and set out priority actions for achieving the TRPI goal of 100 per cent renewable energy by 2030.

The group faced challenges acting on these recommendations last year, but said in 2021 it will seek partnerships, commission specific designs and seek investment to take the recommendations forward.

TRPI also made an important submission to Bass Coast Shire Council on a Cycle Safe Network for the Island and Shire.

"Zoe has her work cut out for her but with the dedicated core group of volunteers and the support of Bass Coast Shire, Phillip Island Nature Parks and Westernport Water I hope we can get going on our first community owned renewable energy installation this year," said Bhavani.

Zoe said her focus will be on finding out what help people most need on their renewable energy journey.

"My main focus to begin with will be reaching out to people to find out what will make a difference for them: is it information they need, is it investing in renewables, is it about ways to make their homes more energy efficient?" said Zoe.

"To get the ball rolling, we have a survey accessible through the TRPI website and Facebook that we would love people to complete."

"It's focussed on renewables and batteries at the moment, to help us build the case for investment in our first big project."

"But we hope to reach out regularly on all issues we take an interest in – food and waste reduction, zero emissions transport, carbon farming – so people across the Island and San Remo can help shape the action we then lead," said Zoe.

For more information or to fill in the survey, visit www.totallyrenewablephillipisland.weebly.com/ or go to www.facebook.com/totallyrenewablephillipisland/.

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Island roads to slow under speed zone review

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RRV proposal

Transport Department Gippsland director Sara Rhodes-Ward last week told the Advertiser that “focused on ensuring safer roads for Phillip Island”, RRV had reviewed all existing rural 100km/h speed limits on sealed arterial and municipal roads, with the shire.

“The review has resulted in a proposal to introduce a maximum speed limit of 80km/h across the island’s sealed road network to improve safety for the local community, visitors, and Phillip Island’s unique wildlife,” Ms Rhodes said, adding they had worked for six years with stakeholders including businesses, Destination Phillip Island, residents’ association and the transport reference group.

“We will continue to inform the community as we finalise our proposal in the coming months.”

According to a confidential map received by the Advertiser (see photo), RRV has monitored average road speeds across the island.

On Berrys Beach Road

monitoring showed drivers averaged 80km/hr, which has instigated the recommendation of an 80km limit.

On Ventnor Beach Road the average speed was 85km/hr, leading to a recommended drop to 60.

Yet on the Cowes-Rhyll Road, motorists drove at an average 77km/hr, with RRV recommending it become a 60 zone.

Criticism, support

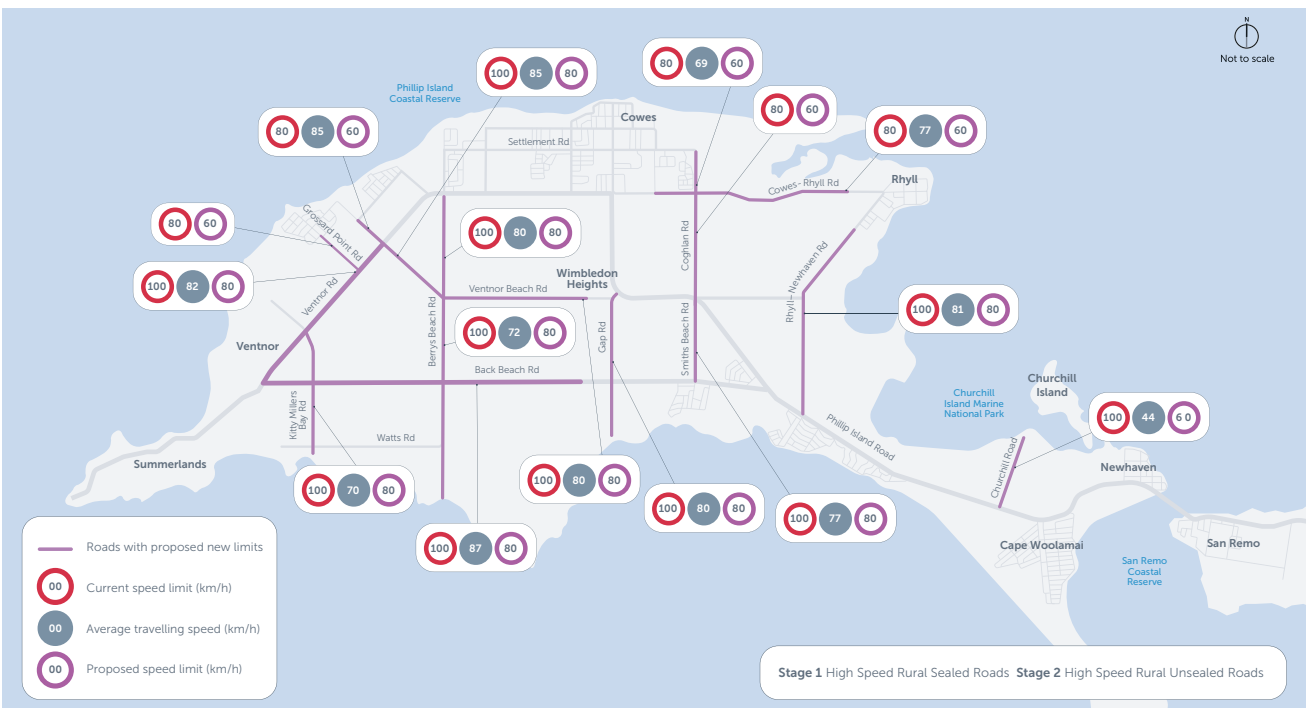
Former councillor Stephen Fullarton criticised aspects of the proposed speed reductions.

“I can accept 100km-80km but to drop key roads to 60 – such as the Cowes-Rhyll Road and Coghlan Road – is unacceptable,” he said.

“I fully acknowledge wildlife issues, but wildlife problems are dusk to dawn, not daytime.

“If you’re a tradie crawling round in 60km zones, it will be difficult. I urge the community to give their input.”

Island Voice acting secretary Peter McMahon last week welcomed RRV’s proposal but said some recommendations didn’t “go far enough”.



According to this map received by the Advertiser, RRV has monitored average road speeds across the island, which has led to their proposed speed reductions.

Under the Regional Roads Victoria changes to Phillip Island speed limits, these roads would be changed:

	Ventnor Road, Ventnor Beach Road (section), Kitty Miller Bay Road, Back Beach Road, Gap Road, Smiths Beach Road, Rhyll-Newhaven Road
	Cowes-Rhyll Road, Coghlan Road, Grossard Point Road, Ventnor Beach Road (section)
	100km/h to 60km/h = Churchill Road

Local residents the face of new campaign to keep active and healthy

Local residents are the stars of a new campaign encouraging people to 'Step Outside and Move Your Way'.

Recently photoshoots were held at locations across Bass Coast and South Gippsland including Inverloch, Cowes, San Remo, Foster, Fish Creek, Mirboo North and Korumburra.

The photographs will be used as part of a campaign to increase the amount of walking and activity people aged 55 years and older do in our local natural spaces including beaches, trails and parks.

The campaign was co-designed with local residents. Everything from the logo, key messages and images were designed by our local community.

Rebecca Scott, Prevention Manager at the South Coast Primary & Community

Partnership, thanked all the people who contributed ideas for the campaign. “It is really important to involve the community right from the start of the project. They know the local area, have insights as to what might motivate local people and are keen to encourage others to get active”.

She said that moving more as we age has many benefits, even starting out with small steps. “We’re encouraging locals to build outdoor recreation into their daily routine and explore where they live”.

The campaign will be delivered over 12 months and will include activities, resources and prompts to get you out and about.

For information about the campaign please go to <https://www.southcoastpcp.org.au/>

their monthly meeting at the end of April, adding he urged all stakeholders to be a united front and support the changes, rather than pushing for “individual interests”.

Ron Day – who daily for two years has surveyed roadkill on the Cowes-Rhyll Road, last year told the Advertiser a “common comment” from drivers opposed to reduced speed limits on the island was

that “an animal will be just as dead if hit at 60k/h as it would at 100k/h”.

“What they fail to acknowledge is a driver’s ability, due to additional reaction time, to safely avoid an animal impact at the lower speed,” he said.

“The five roads on which we are wanting to implement speed reductions have unsealed gravel verges and

do not have solid, or wire rope barriers to prevent collisions with roadside trees and vegetation. There is also the real possibility of a vehicle roll over should it run off the verge and into the deep culverts or drains.

“The inconvenience to motorists (of a 20km/hr speed reduction) is less than one minute of extra travel time on any of the five roads in question.”

Speed reduction will hurt business, says transport boss

The head of Phillip Island’s peak transport company has criticised parts of the proposed speed limit reductions, describing them as “excessive” and predicting an economic impact.

Director of South Coast Bus and Taxi Michael Wright (pictured) said he was “generally supportive” of RRV’s proposed speed review, adding he understood the importance of wildlife protection, including to attract visitors.



Mr Wright, who has 50 commercial passenger vehicles, said to move “safely and efficiently around the area, roads matter” and he was particularly concerned about the 60kph limit proposed for Coghlan Road and Cowes-Rhyll Road.

“This is excessive to say the least,” Mr Wright said, adding he also had concerns other roads (including Harbison Road, Pyramid Rock Road and Watts Road) could have a reduction.

“Arterial roads on the island are a finite resource and so we need to find balanced solutions. We shouldn’t exclude one user for the sake of others.”

Mr Wright said his concerns were shared by industrial estate businesses, which had doubled in occupancy over the past decade.

He said because of main street congestion, Coghlan Road was the only viable access to the industrial estate, “making this important link even more critical”.

“Thompson Avenue could not handle the extra traffic should Coghlan Road be downgraded.”

Mr Wright said there were twice as many islanders employed in trades and services as there were in accommodation and hospitality.

“While Covid has been devastating for the visitor econo-

my what last year taught us is there is a substantial locally reliant economy that isn’t as attached to visitors as we thought.

“Slowing down our roads has an economic impact, that’s the facts and so balance needs to prevail. Why should this cost be put back onto industry?”

Mr Wright agreed that while traffic congestion was a nightmare on long weekends and summer holidays, “most of us have adapted to avoiding this”.

“The concept of ‘you’re on island time’ has been pitched in support of reductions. ‘Island Time’ may support 100kph to 80kph respecting the island’s special environment but down to 60kph on long stretches of road like Cowes-Rhyll Road is a stretch too far.

“We have relatively long distances to cover on a daily basis and are not a small island where we can all drive around in golf carts like Hamilton Island.

“There is only one road onto and across most of the island and only one road from Cowes

to Rhyll. With no plans to substantially improve alternatives like public transport options, the private car will dominate.”

Mr Wright questioned if roadkill could even be avoided at 60kph.

“Our experience is you can be subject to a wildlife incident at as little as 40kph.”

He said Newhaven College had “dynamic speed limits” at school times reducing the road speed from 80kph to 40 kph.

“The rest of the time the road goes on as normal. Why can’t we slow speed limits down only when they are needed, like dawn and dusk for example?”

He suggested wildlife could be funnelled using fences into crossing points or underpasses.

Mr Wright said while the RRV consultation process was “robust”, he cautioned that local residents and industries “should not be left out of the conversation”.

“Please speak up to ensure your interests are not eroded and we find a balanced road network that meets ‘all’ our needs.”



Best in Show winner Gay Mosby with her piece titled "Hoodoo Gurus".



Cr Rochelle Halstead (newly appointed Chair of the Arts and Culture Committee) with husband Tony at the ASPI Easter Exhibition.



Jolande Anastasi, winner of the 'Painting' category at the ASPI Easter Weekend Exhibition with Peter Paul.

Easter art at Ramada

The Artists Society of Phillip Island's (ASPI) Easter Exhibition held at the Ramada Resort was an outstanding success.

The nearly 200 entries were beautifully hung, with a diversity of work on display, including visual art, sculpture, photography, wearable art, and sustainable art.

Visitors were plentiful and complimentary of the ambience and feel of the space and surrounds, commenting on the ease of parking and the feel of the Exhibition.

ASPI reported the exhibition had been an "exciting success" in every way.

Winners at the exhibition were:
Best in Show: Gay Mosby – Hoodoo Gurus
Best Contemporary: Yzabela Dior – Burlesco
Highly Commended: Ian Pascoe – Shearwater
Best Painting: Jolande Anastasi – View to Newhaven
Highly Commended: Felicity Morris – Surf Beach Fields
Sustainable Future: Beverley Watson – Ocean Debris

Highly Commended: Norma Stack Robinson – Merino Shawl/Scarf
Best Wearable Art: Margaret Knight – Cloak of Positivity
Highly Commended: Shirley Collins – Imagination Blooms
Best Other Medium: Ajanta Judd – Boy and Dogs
Highly Commended: Chris Farrell – Island Waters
 Winners of the Raffle and People's Choice will be announced next week.
 More photos at www.pisra.com.au



Island Equipment Hire generously donated a cherry picker for the Cowes Primary School golf ball drop fundraiser.

Easter fundraiser a giant success

Cowes Primary School ended term one with a Giant Easter Raffle and Golf Ball Drop, fundraising initiatives of the School Council.

"The conditions were superb and the excitement levels high," said Principal Rod McKenzie of the draw, with over 16 prizes on offer.

The winner of the golf ball dropped collected \$500, with Island Equipment Hire generously donating a cherry picker for the drop.

Golf Balls were \$10 each and tickets in the raffle were \$2, with students selling tickets to neighbours and friends.

"I was delighted to receive a call from a community member who rang simply to say that two students, Ksenia and Mika, had visited her house to sell tickets and she had been incredibly impressed by their politeness and ability to say what the funds would go towards," said Mr McKenzie.

He said figures were still being finalised, but it looked like the school had raised over \$8000.

"I am very grateful for the support we received from our school community and the broader community, especially given the Fete, our major fundraising initiative, did not go ahead on the March long weekend."

Funds raised will go towards a new enclosed bicycle shed.

"A large number of students ride each day and we are looking to enhance the current facility and encourage even more students to ride," Mr McKenzie said.

Patchwork in action

A new community display space at Cotton onto Craft is currently showcasing the work of the Phillip Island Patchworkers.

After a difficult 12-months due to Covid, the group was thrilled to have the chance to display members' work.

"We would like to thank Cotton onto Craft for the opportunity to use their window to draw attention to our group," said spokesperson Kylee Roby. "Small traders have been doing it tough the last twelve months but Cotton onto Craft has been thinking of how community engagement can make a difference. Wendy and Heather are providing one of their display windows to interested groups."

Members of Phillip Island Patchworkers have been busy over the Covid period and some of their wonderful work is now on display until the end of April. The club has a proud history of more than three decades.

Back in 1984 Glenda Frost started patchwork classes at the Community House in Cowes. In 1985 the ladies decided to form a monthly group and so Phillip Island Patchworkers began.

"Thirty-six years on we now have over 160 members and a wealth of knowledge when it comes to quilting, embroidery, sewing, knitting and chit chat," Kylee said.

The group holds a Saturday Quilt-In three times a year.

"Members come together at Newhaven Hall for the day to catch up and raise money for local charities," Kylee explained.

"Donations in past years have been given to Free 3D Hands, Vietnam Veterans Museum and victims of bushfire."

"We also celebrate members Big 'O' birthday at the Quilt In. Members will give the person celebrating their Big 'O' birthday a 12-inch square of fabric, which they will then use to create a quilt."

"With our Christmas Quilt In, we also have a Christmas tree. Members place non-perishable food and gifts under the tree that are then donated to PICAL."

The Patchworkers' major fundraiser is their



A display at Cotton onto Craft in Cowes is currently showcasing the work of Phillip Island Patchworkers.

annual display at the Newhaven Hall over Melbourne Cup Weekend.

The money raised goes to Cowes and San Remo SES and CFA as well as the Cape Woolamai Surf Lifesaving Club. Members display quilts, bags and other hand-crafted items they have made throughout the year. There is also a raffle with the first prize of a quilt made over the four-day display. The Patchworkers' legendary Devonshire tea is also available.

The group also runs a Comfort Quilt Project, where quilts made at workshops throughout the year are donated to 'Safe Steps' to support victims of family violence.

The project began in 2014 and since then over 600 quilts have been donated. Some of these quilts have also been donated to local charities, churches and schools to assist them with their fundraising.

For anyone interested in getting involved, beginners classes run each year from March to July.

There are also six groups that meet each month, with a \$3 entry fee. The different groups meet on different days and times.

- Nocturnals: Monday nights at the Newhaven Hall from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.
- Shearwater: First Tuesday of the month at the Information Centre, Newhaven, from 10.30am to 2pm (byo lunch and mug).
- Marie's Day: Second Tuesday of the month, 10.30am to 2pm at Newhaven Yacht Squadron.
- Heritage Group: Last Tuesday of the month, 10.30am to 2pm at PICAL (byo lunch and mug).
- Corinella Group: Fourth Wednesday of the month, 10.30am to 2pm at Corinella Community Centre, (byo lunch and mug, plus a \$4 fee).
- Wonthaggi Patchers: First and third Friday of the month, 10am to 2pm at Wonthaggi Cricket Club (byo lunch and mug).

"People are welcome to come along to these groups to see what our members do and ask any questions they may have in relation to the group," Kylee said.

"We are always happy to welcome new members."

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New committee and exciting times for PICAL

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) held its 2021 Annual General Meeting on March 25, to receive the Annual Report and elect a new committee.

Three serving committee members were re-elected: Jeff Floyd as President, Steph Thornborrow as Vice-President and Steve Davie as Treasurer. Eight new committee members were also elected, with Andrew Chappell as Secretary. These new members bring a wealth of experience and a range of skills to PICAL.

"These skills and insights will be invaluable as PICAL faces another very challenging year, said President, Jeff Floyd.

"We have to work hard to maintain all of our services while finalising

with Bass Coast Shire Council the building of two new facilities before Christmas and the complete move of PICAL's operations to these new facilities.

"I would like to thank the Council and their officers for the great support they have given PICAL to get to this point."

PICAL's main hub will be built in Warley Avenue, with Boomerang Bags and the community garden being relocated to a nearby satellite hub. The location of this second hub will be finalised with the Council in the near future.

At last month's meeting Council resolved to fully fund Stage 1 of PICAL's new building, but has not yet provided any funds for the Stage 2

development.

The AGM received a report on PICAL's operations over the past year and the major challenges that Covid-19 brought to PICAL and its clients in the community.

The report showed PICAL fed 5485 people from across Bass Coast in 2020 and grew to become the largest emergency food outlet in the region.

PICAL met this challenge with its staff and volunteers going above and beyond to support the local community said Centre Manager Greg Thompson.

The story of PICAL's work is set out in its Annual Report and a wonderful video produced by PICAL volunteers. Both of these records are on the PICAL website.



The PICAL New Committee of management, elected at the AGM last month includes Terry Heffernan, Michelle Stewart, Sally Matthews, Jeff Floyd, Fran Mandergheddes and Steph Thornborrow. Not pictured are committee members: Andy Chappell, Tim Anders, Denise McGill (OAM), Steve Davie and Julie Lynch.

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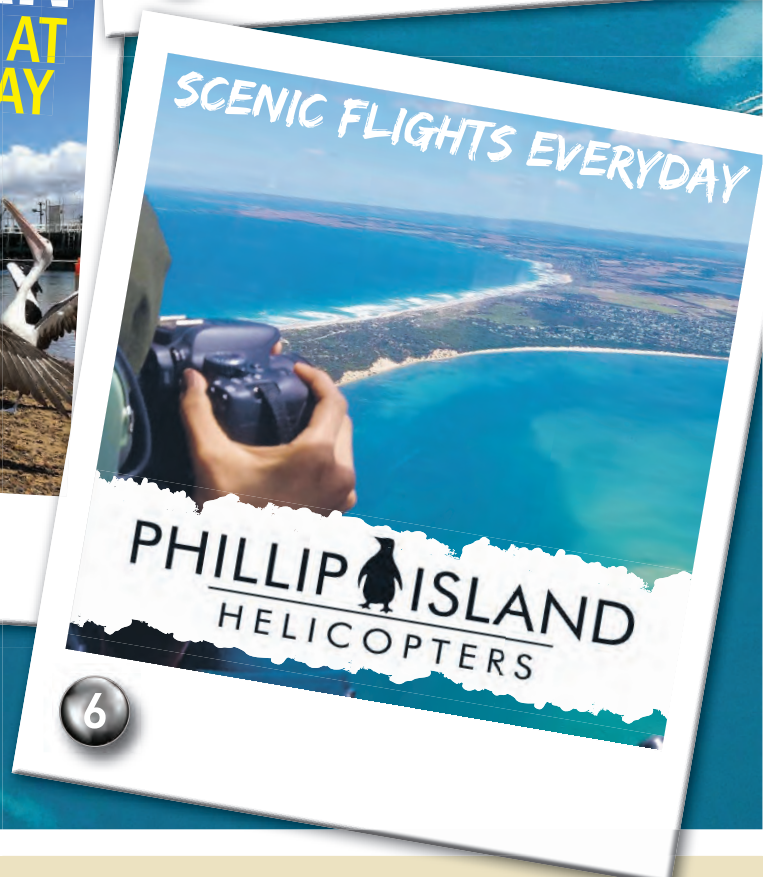
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tiful bay views before heading into the farm where all-day activities will keep everyone entertained. There are blacksmithing demonstrations, lawn games, guided ranger tours, milking, shearing, whip cracking and working dogs, not to mention historic buildings to explore, heritage gardens and orchards to stroll through, and plenty of friendly farm animals.

Head down the road and wander the boardwalks and trails at the Koala Conservation Reserve to find koalas in treetops, wallabies hopping and echidnas in the undergrowth. Keep your eyes peeled for a huge array of birdlife as well.

For the active families, how about a 2km walk along the beach and around the point at low tide to explore the 19th Century shipwreck of the SS Speke at Kitty Miller Bay?

Learn about climate resilience and the deep ocean at the Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies. Enter the lab to examine oceanic specimens under the microscope, feel the icy

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While you're out that way, take a walk down the Nobbies Boardwalk for views of Seal Rocks, look out for Little Penguins resting in their burrows, and watch the waves crashing into cave at the blowhole.

And what visit to Phillip Island would be complete without a trip to see the Little Penguins waddle home at dusk. Pack your woolies and a blanket for a cosy viewing experience after the sun goes down.

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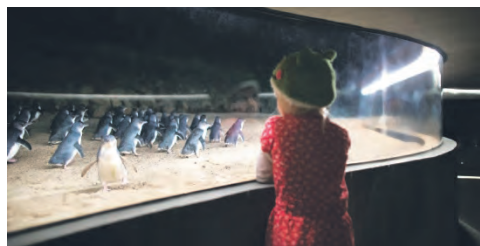
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Residents last week celebrated the news the state government had rejected AGL's proposal to build a "gas factory" on Western Port. Back (left to right): Laura Brearley, Lois Green, Marian Quigley, Jan Taylor, Jill Rogers, Christine Caldwell, Tim O'Brien, (Save Westernport Woodlands), Bev Watson, Irene Wright (Smiths Beach Beachcomber), Charles Watson (Phillip Island Landcare) and Phil Wright (Phillip Island Board Riders Club). Front (left to right): Jan Fleming, Anne Davie, Kay Setches, John Adam and Jane Jobe (Phillip Island Conservation Society).

Locals party after AGL's bay "gas factory" rejected

Champagne corks popped around Phillip Island last week after the state government quashed AGL's proposal to build a gas import terminal in Western Port.

The three-year battle against the proposal was led by a broad alliance including local fishermen, businesses such as Wildlife Coast Cruises, Bass Coast Shire, the Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS), and residents including even a Cowes psychologist concerned about the social impacts.

In rejecting the project Planning Minister Richard Wynne said it would have unacceptable effects on the bay environment, which is listed as a Ramsar wetland of international significance.

"This has been an exhaustive, open and transparent process and this is the right outcome for the local community, the environment and Victoria as a whole," Mr Wynne said, referring to 6000 public submissions and a report by an independent Inquiry and Advisory Committee (IAC).

"It's very clear to me that this project would cause unacceptable impacts on the Western Port environment and the Ramsar wetlands – it's important these areas are protected."

PICS president Jeff Nottle heralded the announcement a victory for the environment and bay communities, while conservation lawyers said the landmark decision was only the second time a proposal had been rejected by a Minister under Environmental Effects Statement legislation.

He said Minister Wynne shared their concerns that AGL proposed to suck up about 470 million litres of seawater – including fish eggs and larvae – with water discharged into the bay about 7C colder and containing up to 47kg of chlorine a day.

"This outcome is the result of a campaign running for the last three and a half years that has included hundreds of hours of community analysis and thousands of individual submissions," Mr Nottle said.

Tourism concerns

However he said he was concerned Minister Wynne did not recognise other concerns raised by PICS, the shire, business and community members, particularly the potential for the project to impact tourism on the island.

"The IAC said it was not present-

ed with any evidence that negative media reporting or public perceptions of the project would influence travel or holiday preferences or had diminished the region's tourism reputation," Mr Nottle said.

"As a result the Minister agreed with the IAC's assessment that there would be no adverse impact for Phillip Island on nature-based tourism.

"Eco tourism and employment concerns should specifically be included in any future terms of reference in any environmental assessments that may affect our island. We know tourists visit Phillip Island to experience the natural environment and not industrial developments."

Mr Nottle said he was also concerned the IAC and Minister concluded the project's lighting would not significantly impact migratory birds.

He said PICS would now focus its campaigns to seek more permanent protections for Western Port.

"The community should not need to put in thousands of hours of effort every time a large company or government has a thought bubble about exploiting Western Port," he said.

A united alliance fought AGL and won

Bass Coast Shire Mayor Brett Tessari also welcomed the state government's rejection of AGL's proposal to build a gas import terminal in Western Port.

"Over a long period of time, council has listened to and advocated with our community on this important issue, and this outcome proves that well organised collaboration between communities and council can make a big difference," Cr Tessari said.

He said the shire's submission against the project said the project

represented a substantial risk to the unique environment of the bay.

"Our submission acknowledged the importance and the value our community hold for the Ramsar Wetland and Western Port, its use as a recreational area and water-based activities and its role in the economic prosperity of Bass Coast," Cr Tessari concluded.

Lawyers at Environmental Justice Australia (EJA), representing Environment Victoria, Victorian National Parks Association and Save West-

ernport, celebrated the win saying they believed it was only the second time a proposal had been rejected by a Minister under the Environmental Effects Statement legislation.

EJA lawyer Virginia Trecowthick said the Minister's announcement showed how inappropriate the project was.

"It should never have progressed to this stage, especially given this is an internationally recognised wetland under the Ramsar Convention," she said.



Lija Matthews, Change for Sam committee member, distributed the Easter kindness packs to Cowes Primary School with help from staff and students. Front (left to right): Ksenia, Lija Matthews, Piper and Quinn. Back (left to right): Trevor Fraser, Airlie and Vice Principal Sarah Tyrrell.

Easter kindness with Change for Sam

The latest initiative from Change for Sam encouraged children to spread kindness and respect over Easter and throughout the school holidays.

Last week, Cowes Primary School children were given 10 ideas on how they can be kind over the school holidays along with a small chocolate to enjoy for Easter. The list included simple acts of kindness promoting respectful, genuine and generous exchanges in the home and in the Bass Coast community.

"Being kind is such a simple thing to do. If we all chose kindness first then the world would be a happier place," said Lija Matthews, Change for Sam committee member and Sam's friend.

"I wanted to show the kids that they are special to all of us. I wanted to remind them that their words and actions are so important and just to give a few ways of simple ways to promote more kindness in our community.

"Our community is awesome already but who wouldn't like to receive more kindness in their day?"

Phillip Island Chocolate Factory sweetened the Change for Sam Easter activity with a donation of over 560 chocolates, while Bass Coast

Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari and his wife Leanne hopped on board to fund the printing costs for the Kindness Checklist.

"I'm so thankful that both Phillip Island Chocolate Factory and Brett and Leanne Tessari are just as passionate in spreading the kindness too," Lija said.

Kondanapanny (Panny) Letchumanan, Phillip Island Chocolate Factory owner, said he was "happy to support kindness to and between children and the community".

For Brett and Leanne Tessari, getting involved in the "fantastic initiative" was an easy decision.

"If this helps to put a smile on the school kids faces after the 12 months they have been through, then how could my wife and I not get involved," said Brett.

"Lija's efforts in fighting to keep her friend Sam's name at the forefront of all our thoughts is inspiring.

"Sam's plight is something each and every one of us should never forget and Change for Sam will help that happen. Well done to Panny and the Phillip Island Chocolate Factory for getting involved as well."

For more information about Change for Sam, please visit www.changeforsam.com.



Members of PIMHAG at the site of the proposed Community Hospital. Back row: Greg Murphy, Jenny Lonergan, Greg Mead, Keith Jobe, Peter Paul, John Matthews, Paul Waylen, Bruce Procter and Bob Pascoe. Front: Gill Scrase, Cefn Price and Graeme Cock.

PIMHAG celebrate new hospital announcement

By Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group

Several past and present PIMHAG (Phillip Island Medical & Health Action Group) members gathered on Saturday at the site of the proposed Phillip Island Community Hospital (PICH), to celebrate the placing of official signage by the state government.

It has been a long time coming. The time gap between erection of a sign and the implementation of services is still several years, and there are a myriad of decisions to be made. PIMHAG seeks the active involvement of the community in your Hospital.

We were also pleased to meet

briefly with our Health Minister Mr Martin Foley earlier in the week and we thanked him for briefly sharing information re the progress of the PICH, and the newly opened state of the art Cancer facilities at Wonthaggi Hospital. We look forward to future meetings with officials when timelines for design, services and construction will be discussed with the Community.

Our committee and supporters have come a long way over the past decade and together we remain committed to achieve what Phillip Island needs – local medical facilities that we can be proud of, setting a benchmark for the other nine community hospitals to be built in Victoria.

- St John's Market correction -

In our March 11 edition, the story "St John's Market on Chapel to close" incorrectly reported that Darlene Grummisch also ran a market at St Philip's Church on the second Saturday of the month.

The market on the second Saturday of the month is run by church volunteers and has operated for over 20 years.

However, a new market – Market on Church, run by Darlene – will

now be held at St Philip's on the fourth Saturday of the month. The church said a booking for the new market was confirmed on March 26.

We apologise for any confusion the article may have caused.



This immaculately presented property includes four bedrooms, two bathrooms, open plan kitchen/dining, extensive entertaining areas and a separate and versatile unit/workshop.



The house includes open plan kitchen/dining and extensive entertaining areas and the neutral hybrid water resistant flooring throughout is a highlight.

Presentation Perfect

As you enter this spacious, single-level modern brick home you are greeted by quality and style. This premium built and immaculately presented property provides a 35 square meter floorplan, offering four bedrooms, two bathrooms, open plan kitchen/dining, extensive entertaining areas and a separate and versatile unit/workshop. A modern palate of cream, white and grey and the neutral hybrid water resistant flooring throughout is a highlight. The kitchen is simply

divine and has been designed with entertaining in mind. The enormous central island stone bench, stainless steel appliances, electric oven, gas hotplates, dishwasher and stylish pendant lights are finished to the highest of standards. A floor to ceiling butler's pantry provides an abundance of cupboard and bench space. Skylights complete the bright, airy and inviting kitchen zone. The spacious open plan living, and dining area includes a cosy gas

fireplace and African volcanic rock feature tiles, bringing character and warmth. Double sliding doors flow out to an alfresco outdoor entertainment area, complete with ceiling fans and merbau decking. The master bedroom offers walk in robe and full ensuite, superior double vanity, glass shower screen and modern tiles giving it a luxurious feel. With three additional bedrooms all with built in robes and a second bathroom with free standing bath, there is plenty of room for

the whole family. To keep the home comfortable all year round the property has two split system heating/cooling units, acoustic insulation, ceiling fans, quality blinds, LED down lights and a 22-tube solar hot water system. The separate unit with oversized garage is perfect for boat/caravan storage. The self-contained unit includes laundry and bathroom with shower. All external walls are fitted with 90mm polystyrene panels and acoustic ceiling insulation.

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The front-facing Master suite with ensuite, built-in robe and dressing area overlooks the beautifully landscaped gardens. The study is also located at the front of the home and has internal access to the garage.

Wandering deeper into the heart of the home via the tiled hallway you find a living room and a formal dining area with a gas log fire. This in turn leads to the beautiful hardwood kitchen with stone benchtops, stainless steel appliances, self-cleaning oven, integrated coffee machine and large windows creating a servery directly onto the deck and pool area. Just past the kitchen is a second living room with built-in cabinetry, once again overlooking the pool and gardens.

From the central living area, you will find three large bedrooms all with built-in robes, each has its own outlook onto the gardens. The large family bathroom offers both a bath and shower and separate toilet cen-



The fully covered merbau deck entertaining area with its radiant heaters and ceiling fan makes this zone comfortable to enjoy the serenity of the garden and pool with family and friends all year round.

tral to these three bedrooms. There is a large laundry with lots of storage and external access also leads to a secure fenced area for the dogs in the family.

The fully covered merbau deck entertaining area with its radiant heaters and ceiling fan makes this zone comfortable to enjoy the serenity of the garden and pool with family and friends all year round. This is a very large space designed to entertain with a built-in gas plumbed barbecue and entrance directly into the pool.

At the rear of the property is a huge three bay barn style garage with a workshop and a self-contained stu-

dio complete with its own garden entrance. The garage offers luxury accommodation for cars, your boat or caravan plus an enclosed space for those unique or classic cars. It has power and water and a well-equipped workshop, also a mezzanine loft with storage and an additional hobby room.

"Jerebeth Cottage" is gently nestled next to the barn style garage with its own direct access through automatic gates, featuring two bedrooms, one bathroom, separate laundry and kitchen. This cottage is separate from the main residence so it can be a flexible space for a holiday accommoda-

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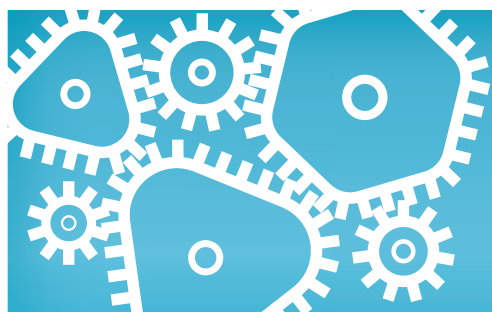
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Let's give Cowes some respect

Cowes needs to have footpaths cleaned in CBD more often. Some flowering hanging baskets in Thompson Avenue, Council to grow them in their nursery, water with Council truck and replace them as required in the different seasons, so we have a nice display all year, to encourage locals and tourists to our town.

Public toilets in Cowes are inadequate for elderly and small children. Currently located at the Transit Station and Jetty, with questionable one at the library, until demolition. During events we have portable toilets behind the main shops. We need permanent toilets, alternatively on the Olive Justice site. This area should be a permanent green parkland which could suitably accommodate a toilet block.

Over development: Cowes has far too many housing estates! Please stop! We do not need small/average house blocks, particularly on corners, being subdivided for additional housing in residential areas. We do not have the necessary infrastructure to cope.

Rubbish bins: it should be compulsory for all rubbish bins to be returned to inside property within 24 hours of being emptied, instead of being left out, sometimes for weeks on end to cause damage as they blow onto roads.

Let's give Cowes and Phillip Island the respect it deserves. Take care of our environment, native animals, fauna and flora.

P.S. The road surface where the bus and taxi rank were located is in desperate need of repair ... now! Outside Gullivers café.

J. Falkingham, Cowes

Clarification on bullying debate

I write to point out issues in the article "Rude residents threaten, bully shire staff, councillors (Advertiser, 31 March).

If left unchecked, a casual reader might think the proposed policy is justified.

The article states Cr Whelan detailed shoddy, sometimes illegal actions by a minority of residents.

Having watched the debate I contend that, rather than detailing claims, Cr Whelan and some other Councillors proffered unsubstantiated claims which were entirely devoid of context.

Perhaps 1000 emails were exchanged on a single issue. But without context to that statement, without knowing the circumstances of the issue, no reasonable person could determine if the email exchanges were reasonable or not.

Similarly, for the claim that a ratepayer sent more than 450 emails, costing 80 hours of officer time. Again, without knowing the circumstances of the issue, no reasonable person could determine if it was reasonable.

Likewise, the claim that Council lost a number of officers because of the behaviour from a small number of community members. Where's the substantiation and context to this claim? None is presented by Councillors.

Further, Cr Halsted did not say that she had

"seen staff in tears". What in fact she did say is "I haven't been around at these times, but I've heard of staff who have been in tears".

I understand the need for empathy; however, I disagree with accepting hearsay as a legitimate reason to support this proposed policy.

I'm a trained and legally accredited Health and Safety Representative, and I'm committed to preventing abuse, bullying, violence, or discrimination.

But, as was pointed out by Cr Kent, tried and proven processes for dealing with people who pose a risk of abuse, bullying, or violence already exist.

These processes just need to be better managed by our Council leadership team.

It's clear to me that this policy is not so much about 'managing' individuals who present risk of abuse, bullying, or violence. In my opinion it is instead a Trojan Horse policy, which will likely be used to prevent reasonable community members from having direct communications with their elected community representatives or with senior managers at Council.

Kevin Griffin, Wonthaggi

Beautify Cowes

Further to J Falkingham's letter (March 31), I too noticed the difference the addition of a few plants and greenery has made to an otherwise dreary laneway in the CBD of Cowes. What a positive trend this could set if other small businesses followed in a similar way, a win for them in attracting more business and a benefit to the local community through the improved street appeal.

Living in Cowes many of us often take for granted the beautifully planted garden beds at the roundabouts, the recent outdoor area improvements and the iconic avenue of Cypress trees along Thompson Avenue which Cowes is famous for. None of this would have happened without foresight by those who were interested in improving where they lived.

Many towns and villages in Australia and overseas have a group or voluntary committee tasked with identifying projects that enhance and beautify their town precincts, thoroughfares or landmarks. Often outcomes are achieved through good planning and at lower cost using volunteers, eg. applying a coat of paint to an old building or planting vegetation to hide an ugly area. Other more expensive projects may be completed through fund raising or applying for grants. Nothing happens though without someone or an organisation identifying the need and taking actions to complete the task.

The Island has many organisations interested in caring for the community, its people and environment, however I have not been able to find any with a vision to beautify Cowes or its surrounds. I would like to think that at some point in time someone in the local community has the vision and passion to establish such a group. The Island has come a long way in recent years yet has so much potential for continued improvement.

Rick Nelson, Cowes

Vale Richard Schmeiszl

Richard Schmeiszl has been described as a colourful character who was larger than life.

He spent more than 30 of his 47-year career as a reporter at the South Gippsland Sentinel Times, having previously enjoyed a successful career at various prominent publications in Melbourne.

He broke many major stories at both a national and local level and was a thorn in the side of councils and police in particular and others whom he felt needed to be held to account.

Through his reporting, Richard courted controversy, creating challenges for many, especially his children who grew up enduring less than complimentary comments about their father.

Two of the topics of wrongdoing he blasted open resulted in him winning Australia's most coveted journalism awards – a Walkley and a Quill – unheard of for a reporter on a country "rag".

He was agreeably proud of those awards and the other 19 he won during his long career.

Aside from controversy, he also stood up for the underdog. Those needing help always sought him out and he wrote what he could on their behalf.

Richard was eccentric, kind, generous, hilarious, stubborn, extravagant and frequently outrageous. He moved through life with a combination of grit, wit, easy charm and a born-to-rule mentality, yet he mixed easily with people from wildly divergent backgrounds and circumstances.

He could talk his way out of and into anything, including spinning a sob story to a Melbourne supermarket employee during the height of last year's pandemic, resulting in him being directed out a back door with a large box of that rare commodity – toilet paper, plus a big tub of his favourite chocolate ice cream. He paid for neither.

Richard's sudden death on March 23 shocked many, not least his wife Jane and children Kate and William. He developed an aggressive cancer and his descent was rapid.

Richard was born in 1943 in Locs, Hungary. As an infant, he became very ill, spending three months in a Hungarian hospital. His life was saved when his father came home on leave from



Ardent Cat's fan Richard Schmeiszl, with former Geelong captain Cameron Ling last year.

the war, providing a vital transfusion of the unusual blood they shared.

As the tide of the war turned, he, his mother, brother and her parents had to flee Hungary to Germany, ahead of the Russian advance; on foot then by train which was frequently bombed by the Allies.

At war's end, the Red Cross helped reunite the family and, following two years in a refugee camp in Italy the four Schmeiszls migrated to Australia via the Irish ship the Dundalk Bay.

They went straight to Bonegilla Migrant Camp. Richard's mother quickly found work as a maid with a well-to-do Toorak family, while his father followed the flood of migrants to the factories in Geelong. His parents worked hard, saved well and quickly put a deposit on a house.

Richard began his education at Armadale State School in 1950. He knew no English, but in three years topped the class.

The family was reunited in Geelong, where his parents worked double shifts in a foundry, leaving Richard and his brother to their own devices. Richard made the best of it. He joined Cubs, played tennis, did boxing and loved swimming, excelling at breaststroke.

His skill at fencing resulted in him becoming Australian junior epee champion and an invitation to represent Australia at an international fencing competition in New Zealand. Wanting his son to focus on his studies, his father refused permission for him to go.

Scholastic excellence continued until the middle of second-

ary school, when Richard decided having fun was more exciting than study. For the rest of his life, he regaled everyone with stories of his antics, many of which were based at St Joseph's College Geelong, where he was a weekly boarder.

His facility with the written word earned him a job as a cadet reporter at the Melbourne Sun, followed by various journals including TV Week, Everybody's magazine and Go Set. His career focussed on show business writing and pop music and he interviewed many famous people including the Beatles, Michael Jackson, the Rolling Stones, Roy Orbison, Normie Rowe, Little Patti and Judith Durham. He was described by one editor as Australia's leading show business writer, receiving numerous promotions.

By the late 1960s, Richard was working for Truth newspaper. Covering a case at Oakleigh Courthouse, he took a fancy to a young reporter in a red dress called Jane Ross. They married in 1974.

Richard suffered from the illness of alcoholism. Trying to escape the drinking culture of show business, he took a job at The Advocate, a Catholic weekly newspaper. He was proud to interview and be blessed by Mother Teresa and of writing the reflections of Father John Brosnan who supported Ronald Ryan, the last man to be hanged in Victoria.

With Jane expecting their first child, Richard thought a move to country Victoria would provide a better life for his family. It took him many years to come to terms with his demons, but when he did, he inspired many others to follow his example of sobriety. He was a member of AA and recently celebrated 32 years without a drink.

During his years at the Sentinel Times, he often clashed with public servants whose tendency to spend their lives in meetings bamboozled and infuriated him.

He retired in 2011, enjoying friendships at Lang Lang Golf Club, reconnecting with St Joseph's College and Geelong High School and following his beloved Geelong Cats.

His family is left with the legacy of an extraordinary individual who touched the lives of many.

As a former colleague wrote in tribute: "Vale Richard Schmeiszl ... exclusive!"



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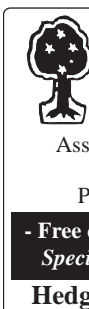
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Pink Day Winners Lesley Meadowcroft, Wendy Hopkins, Vicky Roff-Smith and Lorraine Hammon who won the day with 166 Points. Pink Day ladies raised a record breaking \$3000!

Phillip Island Golf results

March 30 – Men's 18 Hole Stableford

Winner was David Taylor H/c (18) with 39 points from Mark Beaton H/c (14) with 38 points.

Men's 9 Hole Stableford
Winner was David Gladman H/c (15) with 21 points from Robert Leak H/c (27) with 19 points.

Wednesday March 31 – Ladies 18 Hole Pink Ball Ambrose

Winners with 166 points: Lesley Meadowcroft, Lorraine Hammon, Vicki Roff-Smith and Wendy Hopkins.

Runners Up with 162 points: Miyuki Yamaguchi, Anne Sherwood, Liz O'Neill and Naoko McCrae.

Nearest The Bra: Pam Williams 1.5 metres

Next Game – Wednesday April 7 – Round 3 of the Walton Knockout and Webster Noonan. The field plays Stableford

Thursday April 1 – Men's & Ladies 18 Hole Stableford
Winner was Sam Orr H/c (17) with 39 points from Brent White H/c (13) with 37 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford

Winner was Len Fenton H/c (17) with 19 points from John Swarbrick H/c (40) with 18 points.

Saturday April 3 – Men's 18 Hole Stableford

Winner was Roy Fleming H/c (13) with 44 points from Chris Disher H/c (28) with 43

points.

Ladies 18 Hole Stableford
Winner was Ashlee Robinson H/c (44) with 36 points from Pam Rothfield H/c (24) with 35 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford

Winner was Wendy Wrigley H/c (32) with 18 points from Charles Mizzi H/c (30) with 17 points.

Pink Day was a wonderful event with the ladies raising a record breaking amount of over \$3,000 dollars.

Congratulations go to the organising committee.

Next Week's Event – Men's April Monthly Medal – Stroke – Sponsored by Melbourne Brick.

with skip John Newcombe, Tony McKeirnan and Bob Anketell as the day progressed with some players unable to continue so Judy Christie filled in.

Social Bowls had 16 players; winners were Barb Thompson, Marg Rogers, Ash Alibone and Ray Pepper.

On Saturday Drawn 2-4-2 Winners were Dave Hoffman and Mario Micallef, with Kevin Brown and John Flynn also 2 game winners.

The Friday Happy Hour was incorporated with an Easter Bonnet "Parade" well maybe but not quite!!

But there was some creative and colourful headwear.

PI Bowls results

This is a great time of year to play bowls and enjoy the autumn weather.

The Legacy Bowls competition was held on Wednesday. This is mostly organised by Brian Arnold and his team of helpers. With lunch organised it's even more enjoyable.

Guest attendees were Russell Spencer from Legacy and Chris Thompson from RSL Phillip Island.

Winning team was Di Pollock, Hans Olierook, Russell Taylor and John Batty.

The Runners up was a combination team



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Around the Bay

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Fishing competition a massive success raising \$3400!

It's a well known secret amongst locals and regular visitors that Autumn is the best time of the year to visit this area and can be some of the best fishing for variety for the whole year.

Easter can be a little unsettled with the big moon and huge tides but this year no one told the weather gods, and it was the best spell of weather we have seen all year and one of the best Easters for weather we can remember since being in the shop.

The fine weather also meant plenty of people visiting our corner of the State and both fishermen and holiday makers enjoyed all there is to do here.

While there is always both sides of an argument when something changes, those who were in town in the afternoons and evenings over the Easter break would have to agree that the outside dining areas have put a very different and positive feel around the place. Let's hope we can see it become a permanent fixture.

Starting off the positive feel for the weekend was all the activities around the Good Friday Appeal fundraisers.

A huge congratulations to all the people involved, organisers to sponsors, that made it such a successful day in San Remo. SES, CFA, volunteers and especially Elyse and her team from the San Remo hotel who coordinated many of the activities for the day to raise a massive town total of over \$34,000.

Our fishing competition was a massive success and a huge thanks to everyone involved.

Mel and I are very grateful to all who sponsored the competition and gave us a prize pool around \$9000, the biggest we have had since we started the comp.

Almost 90 people took away prizes for the weekend and the biggest thanks has to go to those who entered, helping us to donate \$3400 to the Good Friday Appeal.

While the fishing competition was a bit of fun there was some serious fishing happening and we weighed plenty of fish over the four days.

The best part about these weekends is the number of fish we see caught off the land.

Several of the best fish weighed, especially in the kids' categories, was from those fishing off the land and not in a boat.

There was plenty from the boats as well and some good variety which is typical of this time of the year.

Tuna were very good late last week and earlier in the weekend, but as more and more boats headed out they scattered and went deep and

became very difficult to find. If the tuna are staying around it will take a few days or so for them to settle again unless they have decided it's been long enough and time to move on and we will need to wait until they come back next year.

There was plenty of flathead reports over the weekend from offshore and the trick was just being lucky enough to find the patch.

Although there wouldn't have been, it seemed like there was only one patch of flathead out there and a select few found it and got plenty.

There was no real area or depth it was just 100 per cent luck that you found them.

The only thing in common for the successful ones was plenty of moves and short drifts.

In the Bay it was a typical holiday weekend. Fishing on the first couple of days was excellent but as the traffic got heavier the fishing slowed.

We had some good reports of take-home pinkies but we also have 100's of reports of the undersized ones in plague proportions as if they have moved back in again.

Amongst the pinkies there were some very good whiting and if you could find a quiet corner before the pinkies caught up to you it wasn't difficult to get into double figures.

The whiting are very mixed in size and you will find your share of undersize ones, unlike three or four months ago where everything was big.

We weighed several calamari for the comp but not the numbers we are used to weighing for this weekend and they have just continued their frustrating ways as it has been all season.

Still well worth dropping a jig over the side wherever you stop just in case, but difficult to justify a whole session on the calamari based on the reports this year.

What we did weigh was several flathead from land-based customers over the weekend.

The sand bar off San Remo and the jetties all produced and while no one got a lot there was enough for a feed if you persevered. Three of the five biggest flathead all came from those fishing off the land.

Probably the most note worth catch for the weekend came from a couple of customers that were fishing the comp and had been catching a few smaller fish to weigh.

They called us up Saturday late to see what time they could weigh fish and when they arrived said they had something to weigh that wasn't in the comp but wanted to see how heavy it was.

When they opened the esky there was this rather large cray trying to get out which weighed over 4kg!

Pink ladies on course for epic fundraiser



It was a sea of pink at the Phillip Island golf club last Wednesday (March 31) for the Breast Cancer Fund Raiser.

This year's Breast Cancer Fund Raiser at the Phillip Island Golf Club was the most successful ever!

64 women played golf, with others joining them in and around the clubhouse to be part of the fun, frivolity and fundraising. The day raised \$3280 for Breast Cancer, the largest amount the group has raised so far.

RSL Euchre Club Results for this week

Mens Winner – Les Walton 6 Wins. Ladies Winner – Norma Corr 7 Wins. Encouragement Award – Mark Fletcher 2 Wins. Dining Tables booked for those wishing to have dinner prior to games 6pm. Games begin 7.30pm. Please come and have a great night. Please contact Bob Hee 0418 173 388 for further details.



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Clean sweep for netballers

Under 11s

A great start to the season with the U11s being the first ever to play on the new courts.

The team captain, Ava Blake scored the first goal for the season. It was a brilliant win against Kilcunda - Bass, 21 - 2.

Under 13s

The Under 13 girls were very excited for their first game representing Phillip Island Netball club in the West Gippsland League.

There was a lot of anticipation, after such a long layoff due to Covid.

The girls started nervous but excited with the first half jitters showing through their rapid passing.

Kilcunda Bass were a strong and challenging side, with the difference in scores hovering between two and three goals for most of the game.

Our girls managed to go into three quarter time with the biggest lead of the day, which proved to be enough in the end, despite the heat taking its toll and Kilcunda Bass mounting a mini comeback late.

The best players awards went to: Matilda Feehan, Jya Donohue and Mia Hughes.

Under 15s

The sun wasn't the only thing scorching today at the first game of the season for the WG 15s Netball team.



Proud family members Rosalyn Cleeland (Grammy) and Mum Bonnie Swann were on hand to celebrate Abby Swann's netball award at the under 11s game on Saturday. Photo: By photography3922.com.au.

Scorers Meika and Lily were relentless under the ring throughout the game and at the defensive end Ruby, Isla and Sienna kept the Kilcunda-Bass girls fighting hard to score. The mid court players Maya, Hazel, Paige and Isabella fed and intercepted the ball with precision to their teammates to help secure an Island 56 to 11 goal win.

Congratulations to coach Anna on the strong start to the season and to round 1 coach's award winners Meika, Ruby and Hazel.

Under 17s

The U17 girls were super pumped for the game, looking the goods in their ribbons and smiles on their faces.

They came out firing and got on top of KB fairly quickly, setting the tone for the rest of the game and the season.

Team work really showed throughout the game with some great plays.

Amazing team results which gave us a look into what will be a great season for the girls.

son for the girls.

Awards: Lily Huther, Zoe O'Garey, Jarrah White. Score: Phillip Island 57 - Killy-Bass 17.

C Grade

A great way to start the season, with all players, coaches and managers up and about, and especially excited to finally play in a game for points in the West Gippy league after a one year wait.

Coach Jodie Ross had the team firing early, captain Steph Krainer with Chloe Moxey, Bella Ross, Tori Legg, Stephanie James, Alice Chaston, Hayley Moxey, Chloe Kalis and Brooke Blundy, all played a solid game for their first hit out.

Conditions were not very netball like, with very high temperatures, but other than a bit of sunburn everyone survived injury free.

Great to be back in court, but plenty of training and commitment ahead for what will be a big season - the girls are capable of handling anything that will come their way.

Thanks, Killy- Bass for the game and all the best for the season ahead.

Final Score: Philip Island 47 defeated Killy-Bass 9. Best on court: Hayley Moxey, Steph James and Tori Legg.

B Grade

After a long-awaited return to the

courts, B grade were raring to go for round one against Killy- Bass.

The girls came out strong, with Emma Felso and Charli Ross using their smarts and quick moves to score 38 goals in the first half of the game.

Kylie Hammond moved into the shooting circle in the second half to add some height and helped contribute to another 41 goals.

Lots of versatility in the mid court with Maddy Taylor, Amber Formosa and Nell Chaston alternating positions throughout the game.

Lucy Vernon and Cassie Stoppa dominated in defence, rebounding any missed goals and bringing the ball down the court with ease.

The girls were so excited to be back on court and this reflected in how they played.

Lots of positives out of the first game for the year, the girls can't wait to see what they can continue to produce.

We missed having Abby McCaughan out on court with us, but she will be back from injury very soon!

A big thanks to everyone who helped out leading up to Saturday and made round one possible.

Final Score: Phillip Island 79 to Killy Bass 15. Best on ground: Cassie Stoppa, Maddy Taylor and Emma Felsovary.

No A Grade report this week due to no Killy Bass A Grade team.

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Goals:

Phillip Island: Alex Duyker 5, Dale Larkin 3, Nathan Love 2, Zach Wagner 1, John McLachlan 1, Seamus Murphy 1, Josh Simpson 1.

Kilcunda-Bass: S Pugh 4, F. Homer 1.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Blake Christopher, Alex Dyker, Zach Wagner, John McLachlan, Arie Cook, Seamus Murphy.

Kilcunda-Bass: Jack Rosenow, Angus McGillivray, Scott Pugh, Nicholas Tamburo, Shane Jerger, Finn Homer.

Under 18s

The Under 18s took the field as reigning premiers, with this group being Under 16s premiers and a legacy of back-to-back premierships in U18s for 2018 and 2019 to uphold!

New coach Kurt Lane who recently joined the club from Airport West in the EDFL led the charge, with recently retired goal umpiring stalwart Don Macklin taking over as team manager!

The first quarter started evenly with Kilcunda-Bass moving the ball well and having the PI boys chasing early.

After the five-minute mark, the PI boys began

to take control and following a series of behinds, goals were scored quickly by Will Taylor-Eagles (2), Ben Taylor and Kyle Griffin and PI took charge.

The northerly wind has freshened significantly as the quarter began, again with PI on top but not able to fully convert their dominance on the scoreboard.

The blustery wind was playing havoc with ball movement from both teams, but persistence from the pups saw three goals for the quarter to



The 2021 season of West Gippsland Football gets under away after being in mandatory recession for the whole of the 2020 season. An historic opening bounce at the Cowes oval in the match between Phillip Island and Kilcunda Bass. Photo: photography3922.com.au

move to a 53-0 lead at the long break.

The game completely opened for the pups in the third quarter.

With further goals from Liam Dayson, Jude Grace and Noah Geronimo and on-ball dominance from Tom Aylett, the result was a massive eight goal domination for the quarter with the ball spending much of the time in the PI scoring zone.

A charge into attack late in the quarter from Kilcunda Bass resulted in a goal just before three quarter time.

The final quarter continued with

the PI boys leading from the front and more goals to Hayden Smith and Coby Olarenshaw as the scores continued to flow.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 4.7.31, 7.11.53, 15.18.108, 20.20.140.

Kilcunda-Bass: 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 1.0.6, 2.0.12.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Liam Dayson 4, Will Taylor-Eagles 4, Jude Grace 3, Ben Taylor 2, Hayden Smith 2, Jack Papas 1, Noah Geronimo 1, Jack Speakman 1, Kyle Griffin 1, Coby Olarenshaw 1.

Kilcunda-Bass: Kye Godena 1, Brayden Kleverkamp 1.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Tom Aylett, Ben Taylor, Will Taylor-Eagles, Liam Dayson, Jack Papas.

Under 16s

Leading off the day was the Under 16s under new coach Matt Griffin and a talented group of boys making their move into the big league.

The first quarter started evenly with Kilcunda-Bass kicking the first goal and leading for most of the

quarter.

A string of behinds was the response from the PI boys, until the first goal was kicked by Noah Muller close to the siren.

With a northerly beginning to blow, the second quarter continued to be a close fought contest, with Max Arceo and Brady Ross leading the bulldogs.

A goal came from U/14 fill-in Yianni Caffieri and at half time the PI boys led 19-7.

The third quarter followed the script from the second, with defences well on top and PI boys defending as Kilcunda-Bass began to come back.

The only goal from the third quarter came from the boot of Brady Ross, and at three quarter time the pups led 28-9.

No one present could have predicted the final quarter!

Stung by a stirring address from the Kilcunda-Bass coach, the PI boys found themselves defending grimly for the entire final quarter.

Goals were scored, and with more than five minutes to play the margin had been reduced to only six points.

Sturdy and sure defending was the name of the game led by Oliver Hibbert, James McKelvy and Vincent Kennedy, and finally the siren sounded, and the PI boys were just ahead:

Scores:

Phillip Island: 1.5.11, 2.7.19, 3.10.28, 3.10.28.

Kilcunda-Bass: 1.0.6, 1.1.7, 1.3.9, 3.4.22.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Noah Muller, Brady Ross, Yianni Caffieri.

Kilcunda-Bass: Owen Thomas, Jed Rosenow, Ben Wemyss.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Max Thomas Arceo, Brady Ross, Oliver Hibbert, James McKelvy, Noah Muller.

TIDE GUIDE

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

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HIGH 7:33 am 2.53 m	HIGH 8:31 am 2.41 m	HIGH 9:45 am 2.32 m	HIGH 11:10 am 2.32 m	HIGH 12:29 pm 2.43 m	LOW 6:44 am 0.93 m	LOW 7:32 am 0.79 m
LOW 1:33 pm 0.62 m	LOW 2:28 pm 0.81 m	LOW 3:36 pm 0.98 m	LOW 4:57 pm 1.06 m	LOW 6:13 pm 1.07 m	HIGH 1:32 pm 2.60 m	HIGH 2:24 pm 2.76 m
HIGH 8:45 pm 2.69 m	HIGH 9:41 pm 2.57 m	HIGH 10:45 pm 2.51 m	HIGH 11:53 pm 2.51 m		LOW 7:15 pm 1.03 m	LOW 8:06 pm 0.99 m

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Hooray – Footy's back

Footy was finally back on a beautiful, sunny Phillip Island day for Easter Saturday after a 2020 Covid-enforced recess, with arch-rivals Kilcunda-Bass returning to the season opening Easter Saturday timeslot.

Planning and more planning led up to the day, with limits of up to 5000 allowed in, despite an April fools attempt by the PIFNC president with an 'limit' of 1000 circulated early on Good Friday.

The writer was taken by the trick, so good on you Chris Ross!

Even before kick-off, dramas aplenty, including a messy intrusion onto the ground by an unwelcome vehicle attempting rally-cross early Good Friday morning.

A quick call was needed to local turf gurus and Bass Coast Shire employees Darren and Corey Green.

The ground was brought back to tip-top condition ready for kick-off on Saturday.

Thank goodness for the Green's I say!

With an estimated crowd of more than 2500 at game time, the unfurling of the 2019 premiership flag took place.

Led by Jess and Shane Gislingham – in honour of the outstanding service of 40 years by Jim (Shane's dad and Jess's grandad) who had manned the gate for the bulldogs for 40 years and was loved by all local footy supporters from all clubs.

The scene was set for a long-awaited return of local footy!

Seniors

With Beau Vernon returning as senior coach, the Bulldogs entered the game with an array of new players, including five graduates from the 2019 U18s premiership team, and a string of new arrivals.

This had the old timers thinking the Foreign Legion had invaded the Island.

A special inclusion was Orlando Kane-Gillard (aka Noosh, figure that one out!) up from the 2021 U18s, handed the historic number 31 for the occasion.

Kilcunda-Bass had recruited extensively for the 2021 year, led by the signing of coach Stevie Wright (ex Sydney Swans hardman) and assistant Cameron Brown (Hawthorn premiership player and hardman).

Scary proposition – enough to



Alex "Redders" Redmond displays the spirit and determination coach Beau Vernon expected from his players in the win over Kilcunda Bass at Cowes on Saturday. Photo: photography3922.com.au

put a scare into any member of the foreign legion, opposition team or media commentator!

The game opened at a frenetic pace, with first blood to Noosh, only seven minutes in.

This was to prove to be something of a prelude for the day, with Noosh (Orlando really) destined to complete an outstanding first game with four goals.

Later in the quarter, enter the 'International Man of Mystery' wearing No 74 with a goal – the supporters all gasped – who is this player, he isn't in the follower!

Teams traded blows in the second, the Island boys clearing out to a lead, and then a dogged effort from the Kilcunda boys brought the game back to a close thing at half time.

The break was most welcome in the mid-twenty's degree sunshine.

On a serious note, it wasn't a day to be named Brodie, with both PI Brodie's (Johnston and Thompson) going down with injuries and leaving only one rotation available – the stats men at least appreciated that!

From that point on, it was the Youle, Noosh and that 'International Man of Mystery' show.

The third quarter saw one-way traffic as this trio led the way, ably assisted by the 'older brigade' and the young bucks of the team.

Some supporters – wearing their Bulldogs merchandise – were moved to head over the opposition huddle at three quarter time

to listen to the opposition coach's address.

Brave supporters when you consider what the Kilcunda coaches had delivered over the journey.

This writer was surprised they even got back!

More goals followed in the last quarter – despite the coach's suggestion to slow the game down and to use the outer side.

We won't have any of that said the trio, ably assisted with Damian Pearce and the coach's 'bro' Zak Vernon.

But the supporters continued to wonder who that 'International Man of Mystery' was, who kept marking in the forward line and kicking goals!

Those that stayed for the excellent music from Bern Carrol and her drummer were able to hear 'that man' in No 74 was a bloke called Max Blake.

I can feel a new nickname is coming!

Scores:
Phillip Island: 2.7.19, 5.9.39, 9.11.65, 16.12. 108
Kilcunda-Bass: 0.0.0, 4.1.25, 4.3.27, 6.5.41

Goals:
Phillip Island: Max Blake 6, Orlando Kane-Gillard 4, Jamie Youle 2, Brendan Kimber 1, Zak Vernon 1, Brodie Anderson 1, Daniel Pearce 1.

Kilcunda-Bass: Josh Wright 1, Hayden Egerton 1, Hayden Spierings 1, James Phillips 1, Jackson Nolan 1, Tony Butera 1.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Jamie Youle, Max Blake, Orlando Kane-Gillard, Zak Vernon, Alex Redmond, Brendan Kimber.

Kilcunda-Bass: Jack Soroczynski, Shelton Rosario, Matija Sigeti, Sam Watson, Daniel Batson, Darcy Atkins.

Reserves

The PI Reserves came together under new coach James Stirton and captain for the day Luke Glassop.

With a healthy spread of new players to the club, players coming up from the 'unders' and a core group of seasoned PI players, confidence was high for an excellent opening to the season.

Whilst the result was a clear and decisive win for the Bulldogs, the scores did not reflect the closeness of the teams and the intensity of the contest.

The first quarter began with an arm wrestle, with Kilcunda-Bass leading most of the stats early with sturdy defence being the order of the day led by D'Arcy Garton and Arie Cook.

What gives asked the PI faithful, this wasn't expected!

The boys from Kilcunda continued to press hard from quarter time on, but the strength of the PI team began to slowly impact on the scoreboard and the capability of the opposition to repel continued attacks.

Alex Duyker began what was to become something of a day out, well supported by the elusive Blake Christopher, and the Wagner boys (Zach and Cooper).

And how about the performance from that the movie-star John McLachlan, who had the female supporters entranced with his slick moves.

Mister reliable – Arie Cook – held the defence together whenever the K-B boys made a run towards the goals.

All in all, it was an excellent team effort, and a welcome start to the 2021 year.

The new coaching panel will be pleased!

Scores:
Phillip Island: 2.1.13, 6.3.39, 10.5.65, 13.10.88.
Kilcunda-Bass: 2.1.13, 3.2.20, 3.2.20, 5.4.34.

Oscar's first time on the field

Oscar Tuchtan umpired his first official game for the seniors over Easter, when the Phillip Island Bulldogs took on Kilcunda Bass.

He admitted he was feeling both a little nervous and excited before the game started.

Oscar completed his umpiring course online during lockdown then joined the South Gippsland Umpire Association. Since February this year his parents have been driving him to Leongatha each week for umpire training.

Oscar plays for Phillip Island in the Under 12s team, loves his footy and says his favourite player for Phillip Island is Cameron Pederson who is also his Year 5 classroom teacher at Newhaven College.



Oscar Tuchtan on the ground for his first official umpiring game.

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