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The sperm whale that washed up at Forrest Caves on Saturday will not be removed, but allowed to decompose naturally on the beach, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Incident Controller Matt Green said this week.

The decision has raised eyebrows in some quarters locally, with some Surf Beach residents concerned about the inevitable stench that dead.

will occur, and its effect on them when a southerly wind is blowing until decomposition is complete.

The sperm whale carcass is more than sixteen metres long, and was first reported on Saturday by members of the community, with Phillip Island Nature Park, DELWP and Parks. Victoria staff heading straight out to investigate.

Sadly it was found to be already

Some witnesses on the beach that morning, and a surfer who went out to it, believe the whale was still alive when it first washed on to the beach.

If that was the case, it died soon

"We are aware there have been some reports by members of the public that the whale may have been moving around in the water

movement.

"However on our arrival the whale was confirmed as dead," Mr

The area around the carcass was taped off and samples that will be sent to Museums Victoria for research were taken, Mr Green said.

on Saturday morning, which may be attributed to tidal and wave ers and surfers of the potential for extra sharks coming into the area ers and surfers of the potential for dertaken by DELWP.

and said this warning will remain in place from Woolamai Beach through to Surf Beach, while DELWP continues to monitor the situation.

### No further action

Mr Green said that as there are no obvious signs of injury which may have resulted in this whale's death, He issued a warning to beachgo- no further investigation will be un-

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# Phillip Island's Ross River cases rise

es of Ross River virus notified to the mainly from Phillip Island. Department of Health this summer.

There have been 448 cases of Ross River virus across the State to Febru-

Ĭn a typical year, about 200 cases are

Phillip Islanders are being warned notified to the department. To date there through mosquito bites, and the early their GP. to protect themselves from mosquito have been 448, with 30 of these from the summer conditions this season have bites with increased numbers of cas- Bass Coast Shire, and it would appear been conducive to mosquito breed-

> The number does not include holiday makers here who have contracted the virus but been registered in their home municipality.

The viral infection is transmitted

ing.
Symptoms can include fever, rash, headache, aching muscles and/or joints and fatigue.

Those experiencing symptoms should seek medical attention from

by getting rid of stagnant water good conaround your home as mosquitoes breed in any receptacle that can hold

To avoid being bitten, cover up and use repellents containing picaridin or DEET on exposed skin.

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Ask for a test if you have symptoms, urge two residents who contracted the Ross River virus in November, but were not diagnosed until late February.

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of a whale.

Further background information: It is an offence for people or their dogs to be within 300 metres

Whales are protected under the Wildlife Act - regardless if they are alive or dead.

It is an offence under the Wildlife Act for members of the public to interfere, take or be in possession of parts of a dead whale.

Mr Green said that the washing up of a dead whale presents a unique opportunity to study potential cause of death as well as other unique biological and ecological information.

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The information and samples taken will be accessible to researchers from around the world, through Museums Victoria," he









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"We will be leaving the carcass in place after our assessment of a range of options was determined.

"Removal or burial with machinery would have too significant an impact on environmental and cultural values in the area.

"Allowing the carcass to break down naturally is also the sim-

From page 1 plest and most environmentally friendly method.

"We know the sight is attracting a lot of community interest, but it really is best for everyone to avoid the area.

Mr Green said that anyone heading to the beach needs to ensure they stay more than 300 metres away from the whale, as must their

## It was a whale of a problem back in the 1970's

About fifty years ago, in the 1970's, a very large humpback whale was washed ashore at Surf

It measured over 13 metres in length, and its estimated weight was 40 tonne.

It was alive when it was beached on a high tide, but there was nothing anyone could do for the stricken mammal.

After it had died, its disposal became a problem.

The Phillip Island Shire had to work out what to do with the carcass, as the stench was unbearable for the residents who lived nearby in the Surf Beach Estate.

The Shire's Superintendent of Works Artie Murdoch recalled the dilemma faced in an interview with the Advertiser in 2018.

"We could not dig a hole and bury it, because access to the beach with machinery was impossible, and the beach was extremely rocky.

"We could not burn it, because it was simply too big."
"So we decided it would have to

be hauled up the cliff and buried.

"We tried George Kent's bulldozer, and cabling it up the cliff,



The carcass of this 13 metre humpback whale proved to be a huge problem for the residents at Surf Beach when it died on the beach there in the 1970's, with the ensuing stench overwhelming. How to get rid of it posed an enormous problem, with the beach inaccessible to machinery for burial. The innovative of Shire of Phillip Island workers finally managed to solve the problem.

but that was unsuccessful.

"We tried the shire grader and dozer working together.

"But nothing would move it.

"So the only option was to dismantle it, and crane the pieces up

the cliff for burial.

David Leadbetter brought his crane truck to the site for the job.

"A huge hole was dug at the top of the cliff, between Dunvegan and Highview Streets.

"Then we cut it up in half tonne sections."

"The whale was dissected with a chainsaw, after fern hooks proved to be unsuccessful."

"The University of Melbourne had been contacted when the whale was first spotted, and became involved in the burial.

"They directed that the whale pieces be interred in the right order, should it be decided in the future that there was a need to examine it.

"So then we had the job of putting the jigsaw back together at the top of the cliff, in 80 pieces," recalled Artie, who was in charge of the work at the time.

#### Smelly job

It was a very smelly and unpleasant job for the shire workers. And a difficult one with cables breaking to begin with.

"We had to throw away our clothing at the end of it," Artie

"The Shire paid everyone involved fifteen shillings a day extra for the work that they had done.

"The burial overall took about five days.'





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This Humpback whale was washed ashore at Cat Bay at around about Christmas time, 73 years ago. Phillip Island historian John Jansson is the four month old in his father's arms, in this photo (left) showing members of his family inspecting the doomed mammal on the foreshore back in 1948. The group includes John's cousin Ron Hickman, his grandfather Percy Hutchinson, and his parents Helen and Frank Jansson. School children (right photo) also inpected the carcass. (Photo by John Jansson)

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## Amazed: Telstra blunder hits top tourist attraction

attractions has lost "hundreds, even thousands of dollars" in revenue because of a Telstra blunder.

As reported in the Advertiser last month, Geoff Moed from A Maze 'N Things has spent the past two and a half years battling with Telstra over its internet service.

After initially being told NBN could be connected via the business' second phone line, Telstra claimed the line was at a different address.

However, last week Geoff said a bad situation had turned worse, with both their incoming lines disconnected for a day, "not able to make or receive any phone calls".

"Customers who rang were told the lines had been disconnected which would reflect badly on our business, not to mention that likelihood that we lost customers," Geoff said

"A day of frantic phone calls meant that by Friday afternoon we were reconnected with no real admission on whose fault it was, just told "it shouldn't have happened'

"It's difficult to put a price on lost business, but it could easily be in the hundreds or even thousands of dollars, if we miss a group booking. We

One of Phillip Island's top tourist only hear from the people that keep trying, not from those that go elsewhere. But the saga did not stop there.

#### Phone tag

After the phones were reconnected staff noticed a different dial tone, with customers reporting their calls had gone to message bank.

"We eventually found out Telstra had connected message bank to our line even though we have never had it in the past.

"Because we didn't know it was there, we couldn't have accessed the messages as no one gave us correct details on how to do that.'

He said staff had spent hours on the phone contacting overseas call centres to find out what was happening, with staff then given "incorrect information on what had been done and how we could turn the message bank on and off"

"In the meantime, we again lost phone calls to customers who rang when our first line was in use. Normally this would divert to our second line and other staff could answer it."

Geoff said he was "angry and frustrated" at the ongoing fiasco.

He said after the Advertiser wrote

the February article, he had received written and verbal confirmation their phone lines would not be disconnected.

At the time Telstra told him they would rectify their mistake, which showed one of their phone lines incorrectly located 3km away, despite A Maze 'N Things operating the two lines for three decades.

"Perhaps Telstra is trying to teach me a lesson for initially complaining so loudly, but all I was asking for was what I was paying for and had paid for 30 years.

"This is my business and livelihood."

#### Telstra response

A Telstra spokesperson last week apologised for the problems and said it would be resolved.

"We're sorry for the ongoing issues this customer experienced while we were fixing some problems with their service, however we're confident we've got to the bottom of it," the spokesperson said.

"We've ensured their ADSL service is working as it should be and we've removed the MessageBank feature from the lines which were recon-



Geoff Moed, from A Maze 'N Things, said a bad situation had turned worse with Telstra. Last week both their incoming phone lines were disconnected for a day. A message bank was then added without their knowledge and was unable to be accessed. This followed months trying to organise a suitable internet connection through Telstra and the NBN.

# Drive safely: baby koala on board

Koala Conservation Centre (KCC) head roads," PICS Facebook stated. ranger Dan Kallstrom reported a wild koala with a joey was recently sighted among the branches outside the KCC enclosure at Five Ways, according to the Phillip Island Conservation Society.

There have been no photos snapped of the mum and baby yet, with PICS reporting it was just one of two wild joeys found in recent years, with the last in 2019 and another in 2007.

"This is one very special joey, so it is now more important than ever to slow down, especially in the morning, evening and overnight when the koala may try to transfer location by moving along the ground and crossing and long-nosed potoroo.

The last island-wide koala count was in November 2016, when less than 20 koalas in the wild were counted.

A planned count in 2020 has been rescheduled to this year, due to Covid-19.

The KCC is dedicated to conserving the species, with a population currently totalling 21 koalas.

PI Nature Parks is currently focused on the creation of an "Island Ark" through its Threatened Species Plan: the reintroduction of endangered animals and plants, including the southern bettong, growling grass frog

PINP CEO Catherine Basterfield has ruled out stepping up efforts to increase wild or captive koala numbers, saying they were an introduced species to Phillip Island.

"There are very limited opportunities for koalas to be released on Phillip Island as we do not have the range of tree species to support a viable population, and we also have a diseased (chlamydia positive) wild population that would compromise koalas being relocated," Ms Basterfield said

'This is why the Nature Parks has not identified koalas in the Threatened Species Plan as an appropriate species to re-establish in the wild on Phillip Island."



Baby koalas are known as joeys. Phillip Island's new koala joey has yet to be photographed, and is only the second to be spotted in the wild on the island in about 15 years.

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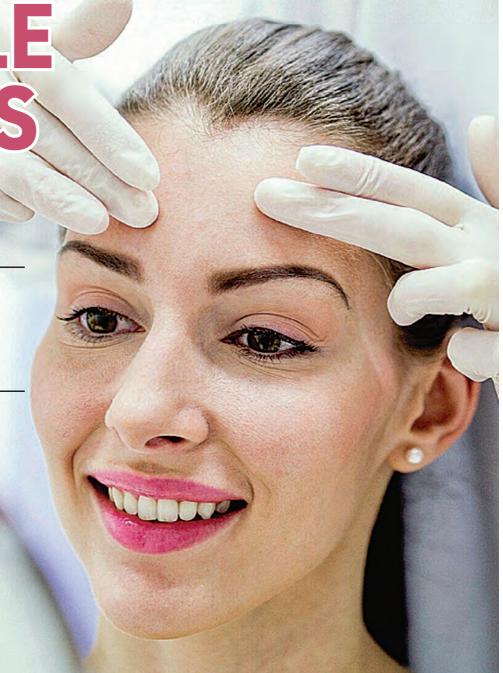
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## \$4.5m Rhyll ramp plans almost finalised New back of house

lion Rhyll boat ramp upgrade - revealed last week at a community meeting - include safety changes to parking and a nautical-inspired new playground.

Following concern that vehicles with trailers would be required to reverse into parks facing the playground, engineers have now made all car parks drive in and reverse out.

Silverleaves safety expert Gerry Gibb last week said he was still concerned vehicles would reverse into a zebra crossing.

"My concern is there are pedestrians moving through an area where there will be vehicles moving," Gerry said.

"The original design intent was to exclude pedestrians - except those involved in launching and retrieving boats - and the current proposal channels pedestrians through a boat trailer manoeuvring area.

"I believe the engineer should return to the total exclusion of pedestrians from the boat manoeuvring area, even if means hard barriers on the boardwalk."

Rhyll Angling Club president Albert Abram highlighted that currently pedestrians wandered through the car park area with no defined zones, with the new designs safer than current conditions.

Albert said the modified designs - being delivered by Bass Coast Shire and yet to be entirely finalised - also included a combined rerigging and derigging area for anglers, while a planned boat washing area had been moved to the northern end of the car park.

"Everything is still a work in progress," he said. Rhyll Slipway Trust spokeswoman Cheryl Overton said there would be 15 historical signs – created by local historian John Jansson – to highlight the areas heritage.

"I will give them credit where credit is due. They are working with all the community associations to get this right," she said.

A playground has been designed by renowned Kilcunda landscape architect Karl Russo and will include a squid play tower, weather station and shipwreck cove.

"Apart from scrub, we wanted to use the existing mature vegetation to create an explorative world with little paths, tunnels and hidden rooms, with a maritime theme," Karl said.

Children and parents have contributed to the playground designs, giving them a thumbs up, including resident Skye McFee.



Preliminary plans of the Rhyll ramps, jetties, pontoons and carpark, released last week.

"It's nice to see something natural. Our big criteria was not to use metal and colour," Skye

The modified designs build on last year's agreed Plan A, which include three boat ramps extending deeper into the bay allowing all-tide operation, two new fixed and floating pontoon etties, and a fish cleaning table.

Originally a proposed increase in car and trailer parking from 39 to 43 parks has now been redesigned back to 39.

There will be two construction windows: stage 1 between June and August 2021, pending approvals, focusing on the car park reconfiguration; and stage 2 the marine component jetties, pontoons and boat ramp lanes, scheduled for February/March 2022 and completed by August 2022.

During each construction stage the entire boat launching facility, including the boat ramps and car park, will be closed until the works are complete for that stage.



A proposed new playground - designed by renowned Kilcunda landscape architect Karl Russo – has been given a thumbs up by Skye McFee and her children Matilda, 4 and Jack, 2.

# for Arts Centre

From the Bass Coast Shire Council

Work has started to renew the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre's 'back of house' area

Opened in 1982, the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre holds a great deal of historical significance to the town and will welcome further improvements to the much loved venue.

The 'back of house' area includes male and female dressing rooms, kitchen space, male and female and accessible toilets and a Green Room.

The renewal works will include new flooring and joinery in the dressing rooms and laundry, the installation of a new kitchen and appliances, painting, and the instal-lation of efficient lighting and plumbing.

These works will build on the previous

major project undertaken at the Ĉentre in 2018, which included a re-fit to the auditorium, stage and front of house.

This \$250,000 project is being is fully funded by Bass Coast Shire Council's 2020-21 Asset Renewal Program and is expected to be completed by the end of March.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said that this project represents a further investment in arts for the Bass Coast com-

"These works will provide upgraded facilities for many local community groups that hire and use this facility including the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, dance schools, primary and secondary schools, service and interest groups, aged care facilities and touring performers," Cr Tessari said.

"The Centre also operates as a commercial and community cinema.

While these works are underway, there will be minimal disruption to the screening of films, with Cinema sessions to continue over weekends. Please contact the Centre for session times."

For more information on this project, visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/projects, or contact Council's Infrastructure Delivery Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211, or email basscoast@basscoast.



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Seven fire units and 30 firefighters raced to a fire which broke out at Mad Cow restaurant shortly after 2pm last Wednesday afternoon, as smoke billowed from the four level building. Residents in upper level apartments were evacuated.

About 30 volunteer firefighters and their apartments soon after. seven CFA appliances raced to the Mad Cow cafe on the Cowes Esplanade just after 2pm on Wednesday, after smoke billowed from the building last Wednesday afternoon.

By the time brigades arrived, smoke had spread through the ventilation system into the second level of the four-story building, where the Beach HQ restaurant is also located."

Witnesses said that there were no flames spotted from the street, but there were large amounts of smoke coming from the building.

Traffic was diverted away from the area and occupants of the building and a neighboring apartment block were evacuated.

"Everyone was safely evacuated from the building, including residents of the apartments on the third and fourth floor, and the fire was contained by 2.53pm," the CFA spokesperson said.

Residents were able to return to and running again by Saturday.

But the fire has had a devastating effect on Mad Cow, forced to close its doors yet again after a year of uncertainty due to the Covid lockdown and regulations.

Kristal O'Connor, of Mad Cow, said it was so disappointing to have to start all over again, after going through such a disruptive year.

"We were only just starting to build up again after covid, and now this," Kristal said.

When Kristal spoke to the Advertiser last Friday, she was unable to say when the popular café would be able to open its doors again.

"Facebook is the best place to check in, to see when we will be operating again," Kristal said.

The Beach HQ restaurant located directly above Mad Cow on the second level of the building was also forced to close, after suffering some residual fire and smoke damage, but was up

Owner of Beach HQ Neil Gillin said his heart went out to the Mad Cow

"Our little hiccup is nothing in comparison with theirs," he said.

"These things happen from time to time, and it is no one's fault."

Local electrician Dave Marshall, who was on site after the all clear was given, checking the building's wiring, and working with fire fighters, said damage to the upper level apartments was minimal.

Some apartment doors were broken as emergency workers raced in checking for tenants or fire, Dave

Betsy's glass was soon on the scene boarding up the affected apartments, and they were to be repaired as soon as was possible.

The fire started in the Mad Cow kitchen and then spread up the exhaust system to Beach HQ.

The cause is unknown and is currently being investigated.

# Tell us your vision for Bass Coast?

From the Bass Coast Council

Bass Coast Shire Council will engage with the community throughout March and April, as part of its development of the Council Plan 2021-25, Long Term Community Vision and 10-year Financial Plan.

There will be a number of in-person sessions, online Facebook Q&A sessions, an online survey and a paper survey that the community can use to provide valuable feedback on what they would like to see for the future of Bass Coast.

The Long Term Community Vision sets out the direction for what Bass Coast will look like in the year 2040, the Council Plan outlines the actions that will be taken to work towards the Vision during the current Council Term, while the10year Financial Plan provides the detail on how investment will be made to deliver on both the Long Term Community Vision and the Council Plan.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said that it is really important to give the community the opportunity to help shape these important documents.,

"We want to know what the community wants to see in Bass Coast, not just now, but into the future as well," Cr Tessari said.

"Long term planning is a huge part of Council's role and it's really important for us to get the community involved in setting the direction we will take over our four-year term.

"I would encourage everyone to consider having their say during the engagement period - we want to hear from young and old, residents, ratepayers, visitors – anyone who has an interest in what the future holds for Bass Coast," Cr Tessari concluded.

Community drop-in sessions will be held at the following locations:

- Corinella Community Hall -Monday, 15 March, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
- Cape Paterson Community Hall - Tuesday, 16 March, 6.30pm -8.00pm
- San Remo Recreation Centre - Wednesday, 17 March, 6.30pm -8.00pm
- Wonthaggi Workmen's Club Monday, 22 March, 6.30pm -8.00pm
- Kernot Hall Tuesday, 23 March, 11.00am - 12.30pm
- Rhyll Mechanics Hall Wednesday, 24 March, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
- Cowes (location TBC) Monday, 29 March, 6.30pm - 8.00pm
- Grantville Community Hall Tuesday, 30 March, 6.30pm -
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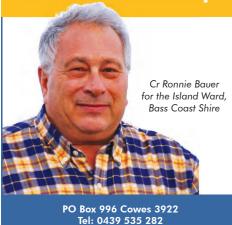
Online Q&A sessions will be held on Council's Facebook Page on Tuesday, 23 March from 6.30pm to 8.00pm and on Tuesday, 13 April from 6.30pm to 8.00pm.

An online survey will be available at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ ourfuture.

This round of engagement will conclude on Friday, 30 April. Deliberative engagement opportunities will occur prior to the Plans and Vision being presented to Council for adoption at the October Council meeting.

For more information, viswww.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ ourfuture. To have a copy of the survey sent to you, please contact Council on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or email: basscoast@basscoast.vic. gov.au.

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Sue and Alister Kane, sporting their new Celestron 9.5-inch Equatorial Telescope, are pictured at the new Phillip Island Astronomy Club's recent skywatching activity, which was held on the coast at Lion's Park

## **Island Astronomy Club going** from strength to strength

The new Phillip Island Astronomy telescopes in the park to enjoy a Club, established locally just a few months ago, is off to a flying start.

Membership is growing at a fast rate, with 35 members now enjoying regular star watching excursions and activities together.

Last week the Club held what was a very successful sky watching night at the Lions Park San Remo.

It was especially exciting for members Sue and Alister Kane who sported a new Celestron 9.5-inch Equatorial Telescope which had just

The pair couldn't wait to view their first stars in the Milky Way, through their new purchase.

Many other members set up their gmail.com.

clear sky watchers' night.

Several passing community members joined in activities to view the sights of the Solar System, and wanted to know how to join the club too.

And of course, they were made very welcome.

Future plans are to commence hosting Public Open Sky Nights where the general public can come in for a fantastic presentation on the Universe, and then to see through our telescopes outside.

If anybody wishes to become a member of IAA or just attend the next meeting, please call Eden White on 0448637172 or email edendwhite74@

## Top tips for terrific tomatoes

Islander Ian Burns has enjoyed a bumper tomato crop this year and offers some helpful hints for backyard veggie grow-

"Some years ago, a friend of mine on the island gave me some tomato seeds from a to-mato called "Mortgage Lifter"," Ian explained.
"In 1937 an enterpris-

ing American, in pursuit of a bigger, better tomato, crossed a German Johnson with a Brandywine tomato and for a number of years continued to cross pollinate until he created what he called the "Mortgage Lifter", aptly named because his tomato seeds became so popular around the world, that he was able to pay off his mortgage with the proceeds of sale!

"I have grown this tomato for the past four or five years, but this year



A cross pollination of tomatoes (the Mortgage Lifter and the Black Klim) produced this whopping 516 gm tomato for gardener Ian Burns.

I did some experimenting myself; I crossed the Mortgage Lifter with a Black Klim ... and the results were amazing."

Ian said the Klim would normally produce fruit

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perimented with has produced an average size of 300-450gm, with a whopping individual tipping the scales at 516gm.

"These tomatoes are dense and represent ex-

cellent eating," he said.

To avoid the dreaded BET (Blossom End Rot), a black patch that spreads across the bottom of the tomato, Ian recommends treating your beds with Dolamite prior to plant-

ing.
"BET is caused by lack of calcium or the inability to absorb it. Crushed eggshells and crushed cuttlefish skeletons will give the bush a good helping hand of all the minerals, including calcium.

"Spraying your bushes every two to three weeks with a mixture of Epsom Salts and water will provide much needed magin the 250-300gm range, nesium for the foliage. It

fruit production as well."

He also recommends making sure your plants get a regular watering from underneath the foli-

Birds are a big problem for all growers, so Ian suggests covering your bushes in netting, but also covering the larger individual fruit with a square of shade cloth, both to avoid sunburn and extra protection against the birds.

"My beds at the end of the season will get a generous helping of "pony poo", or sheep manure if I can get it.

"Chook manure is OK, but really needs to be very mature. Sugar cane mulch, that has been acting as a mulch/moisturiser this season, will be dug back into the soil to improve its condition for the following season."



This year, Ian has enjoyed a bumper crop from his hybrid tomato bush, with tomatoes averaging 300-450gms.

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Local artist Helen Thompson has works featured in the Cotton onto Craft gallery window

## Window art gallery a hit!

the pleasure of seeing a new local artist featured in the window of Cotton Onto Craft in Cowes, each month.

Acting as a makeshift "gallery" space, the prominent window, inside the Woolworths plaza in Cowes, has provided local artists with exposure to their art, and to make a little extra in $come\ in\ these\ extremely\ difficult\ Covid\ times.$ 

Heather Coup who works at Cotton Onto Craft, said that her sister and owner of the business, Wendy Sedgwick was approached by an artist asking to display their work in the shop.

"We have to change the window display monthly anyway, so when we were approached by the artist, we thought, why not.

to think about what to put in the window each month," Heather said.

'It is a win, win."

Currently, Helen Thompson's range of abstract canvas paintings features in the Cotton Onto Craft space.

"It is hard to get your work out there. Most people don't even know you exist. So it has been such a good thing.

Cotton Onto Craft is not charging artists to use the space or taking commission for sales made.

'We like to feature the artists that buy their supplies here. They help us so we help them," Heather said.

"It is really nice for the artist to get their work out there. And it is also good for others to see what can be done with some of our products

"Over Covid, lots of people got in touch with their crafty side just for something to do.

"Now, being able to see professional work might inspire others to further their hobby and try something new that they hadn't thought of before.

Heather says it feels really good to know Cot-"It gives them exposure, and we don't have ton On To Craft is helping out local artists, as well as giving the community a place to come and view "even if it is just one artist a month."

Helen Thompson feels the initiative is especially useful, for older artists like herself.

"We don't know how to sell our things on Instagram or anything like that, so this has been a really good way to get out there into the community," she said.

"I am just so thankful to the shop for giving "I have been able to get some exposure as well me and others the opportunity."



## Riddle me this? says John Stapleton of Sunderland Bay

Backbeach Rd heading east towards the Penguin Parade is signposted at 100 kph near Pyramid Rock Rd and is reinforced with another 100 kph sign near Berrys

It remains at that speed until it terminates at the "T" intersection with Ventnor Rd.

However once you leave the Penguin Parade and turn off Ventnor Rd to drive down Back Beach Rd and travel west towards Newhaven it is signposted 80 kph and remains at that limit until Smiths Beach. Same carriageway, with same road and weather conditions. Please explain!!

## Heather celebrates 90 years

Heather Hamilton recently celebrated her 90th birthday with a happy gathering at the new Ventnor hall, located at the Ventnor Recreation Reserve

Heather, a member of the island's pioneering McLardy family, was born on February 19 1931 in Cowes, and has lived her entire life here, in Cowes and at Ventnor.

Heather now resides at Melalueca Lodge.

She would like to thank all of her family and the friends who were able to make it to celebrate this special day with her.

And for the lovely gifts and flowers that she re-



# Our Bass Coast. Future.

What do you want for the future of Bass Coast? We want to hear from you! Your ideas will help shape the Council Plan 2021-25, long-term Community Vision and 10-year Financial Plan. We'll be popping up at community events and markets and also inviting you to attend drop-in sessions which will be held at:

• Corinella – Monday, 15 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm Corinella Community Hall

• Cape Paterson – Tuesday, 16 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm Cape Paterson Community Hall

• San Remo -Wednesday, 17 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm

San Remo Recreation Centre

 Wonthaggi – Monday, 22 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm Wonthaggi Workmen's Club Kirrak Room

Tuesday, 23 March, 11.00am to 12.30pm Kernot –

Kernot Hall

• Rhyll – Wednesday, 24 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm Rhyll Mechanics Hall

Monday, 29 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Venue to be confirmed • Grantville -

• Cowes -

Inverloch –

Tuesday, 30 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Grantville Community Hall

Wednesday, 31 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm Inverloch Community Hub Hall

• Facebook Q&As – Tuesday, 23 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Tuesday, 13 April, 6.30pm to 8.00pm www.facebook.com/BassCoastShire

You can also get involved online by filling out a survey at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourfuture.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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highlights much of the frustration Bass Council ratepayers/residents have had with this Council for several years.

Government in Victoria will see changes announced in October that will see major changes to this area.

It's certainly needed. The Council continually rates very poorly with community feedback and seems totally out of step with the expectations of this community.

The latest examples with virtually no response to the Community Engagement Review with 38 submission says it all. The bigger long-term question after this pandemic is: Does Australia need or can it afford three levels of government?

The State, and especially Melbourne City

that close down are gone for ever.

The economy cannot survive if the only ones in a job are government employees and Hopefully the current review on Local the only capital expenditure government borrowings.

> Victoria used to be the manufacturing hub of Australia. Now we have fallen well behind other states as the place to live and work. In the past it was older retirees moving to Queensland or New South Wales. Now it's young families who see a better life style away from Victoria.

The current growth in house prices could well be short-term gain for long term pain. Low interest rates don't last for the lifetime of paying off a property. The true level of personal debt that can't be serviced has been hidden during the pandemic helped by Federal area may well never return to the way the Government payments. This will all cease in

Kevin Griffin's letter (Advertiser March 3) economy operated in the past. Businesses the next couple of months and the banks and lending companies will pursue unpaid debts. Borrowings by the current Victorian Government will take generations of Victorians to repay

For older Australian's we have seen a number of major economic downturns in our life and it's something current younger families haven't experienced, only heard about. The years ahead are going to be a major challenge. Chris Day San Remo

Tackling Climate Emergency

When you take a proper look at numbers, this emissions reduction business can look like scary stuff. At the moment, target for BCSC is net zero by 2030. Meanwhile, Federal target looks like net zero by 2050, maybe. How much stress are these things likely to be?

First, net zero doesn't mean no emissions

at all. Even before industrial revolution and huge increases, emissions were going up and down. It seems to be generally recognised that absorption of carbon dioxide from atmosphere is about 10% per year. So net zero means we can still risk 10% (of what?) emissions.

During 30 years, between now and 2050, we could aim for 3% reduction per year.

It might be easy in early years but almost impossible towards the end. So statisticians play the numbers by picking a % reduction, the same for each year, but against what's left after previous year, rather than original

The line below is based on 7.5%, as seen in 2020, which, between 2049 and 2050, shrinks to 10.1 - 9.3 = 0.8%

Coincidentally, for 2030, remainder is 45.4% per Labor at last election.

Unfortunately current government doesn't commit to numbers, with net zero by 2050 only wishful thinking, and no numbers at all for years between now and 2050.

;2021/92.5%; 2022/85.6%; 2030/45.4%; 2023/79.1%; 2047/11.8%; 2048/10.9%; 2049/10.1%; 2050/9.3%.

The line below shows numbers for net zero

While it gets headlines for places like SA and TAS, they've already made big reductions with zero emissions electricity wind and solar generators.

In Bass Coast, we're just getting started.

So, by same method as above, to get down to net zero in 10 years, annual %, from previous year, is a pretty much impossible 20% while 7.5% for 2050 will take a lot of doing.

It will be interesting to see if we got anywhere near 20% reduction in this last year 2020. Evidently report is "due soon". 2020/100%; 2021/80.0%; 2022/64.0%;

2027/21.0%; 20288/16.8%; 2023/51.2%; 20299/13.4%; 2030/10.7.

Bernie McComb, 48 Katherine Cct Phillip Island 3922

## **Preparing for** emergencies

From the Bass Coast Shire

Bass Coast Shire Council is collaborating with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and the Red Cross on the Emergency Planning Advice Services (EPAS) Pilot Program, developed to improve emergency preparedness for vulnerable community members.

The Program is being fully funded by a \$40,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services and it's aim is to build greater community connectedness and resilience across Bass Coast.

The Program will include visits by members of the CFA and the Red Cross to 20 Bass Coast residents, whose property is at an increased bushfire risk and who experience vulnerability. During these visits, the residents will be supported to create a holistic plan that can be implemented in the case of an emergency.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said that this initiative aims to be proactive in preparing vulnerable community members to better protect their wellbeing in emergencies.

"The Pilot Program will run until June 2021 and then the findings will be analysed by the University of Sydney," Cr Tessari said.

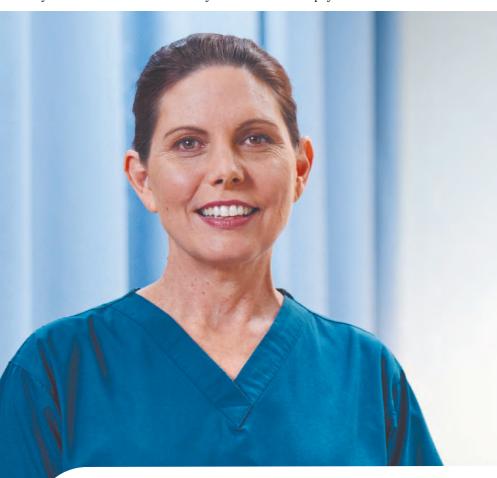
"The findings could then be used to inform future emergency planning for Bass Coast and Council.

The Bushfire Royal Commission (2009) discovered that 44 per cent of people who lost their lives due to bushfires, were considered the most vulnerable in their communities. The risk factors that determine vulnerability include being over the age of 65, having pre-existing health conditions, a mental or physical disability, being unemployed and drug and alcohol use.

It is expected that future climate pro-

jections will contribute to an increase in bushfire intensity and days of extreme heat that need to be planned for.

For more information regarding the EPAS Pilot Program or to make a selfreferral contact Council's Community Support Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or email community. support@basscoast.vic.gov.au.





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There was concern the current level of evidence is not sufficient to justify lethal control methods, a new report states, reflecting community feedback. More than 200 Cape Barren geese were legally killed on Phillip Island through government-issued permits last year.

# community divided on wildlife control

Phillip Islanders are opposed to lethal wildlife control and want more done to limit development's impact on habitat destruction, according to a new report.

The Community Consultation Report, released last week, details community feedback into the draft Wildlife Management Plan, which was produced last year by Phillip Island Nature Parks with Bass Coast Shire, farmers and the State Government.

The consultation report shows the community was largely divided on its response to the draft plan, with 50 per cent of respondents supporting it, 6 per cent undecided, and 44 per cent opposing it.

The report will feed into the draft plan, which seeks to find a balance between the island's wildlife - especially Cape Barren geese, wallabies and possums - and the needs of the

The plan proposes a range of control options for the three animals and comes in response to criticism in 2019 by farmers and other groups such as the golf course and Newhaven College - where Cape Barren geese were "pooing and chewing" their way through the landscape;

with residents and businesses also reporting significant damage from wallabies and possums.

Control options include: geese egg removal; the introduction of native predators on Phillip Island such as owls and quolls; the use of browsing repellents (such as Sen-tree) on revegetation areas; and access by Indigenous Australians for cultural use such as harvesting eggs.

It does not rule out lethal methods, with more than 200 Cape Barren geese legally killed on Phillip Island through government-issued permits last year.

About 200 people took part in the consultation period – which ran from November 10 to January 17 – with up to 30,000 people reached through online and print media.

Of the online surveys, 65 per cent were Phillip Island residents.

"Wildlife management can be difficult and community expectations about it vary," the report states.

The final plan is expected to be released in June.

### Lethal control

According to the report, many of the comments "reflected the different ways the community valued wildlife", saying lethal methods of control should not be used, and if considered, "only used as a last resort with clear evidence and justification".

The report said respondents had a preference for non-lethal control options including reducing habitat loss, creating new habitat, and focusing on efforts to reduce roadkill.

However one respondent said: "A blanket reduction in road speed limits is not the solution given the likelihood of more incidents in twilight/ night hours".

Ānother suggested the creation of wildlife overpasses and crossings, with a roll out of virtual fencing and lighting in hot spots.

Survey participants were requested to rank six statements in order of importance, with "conserving the natural environment" the most important; "ensuring public safety" was ranked third and "protecting the built environment" fifth.

Themes that emerged from the community feedback included such comments as "reduction of habitat from urbanization is a major threat to wildlife" and "community behav-

Several respondents said wildlife rescue should be addressed in the plan and others said more needed to be done to manage domestic animals such as cats and pests such as rabbits.

There was concern about Nature Park's proposal to introduce new predators and their potential impact on other species and land uses.

"While a novel idea, powerful owls prey on a variety of small animals not just brushtail possums. The risk to other species must be considered before introducing another new problem," one participant commented.

#### **Farming**

The majority of respondents supported farmers, with feedback saying "if farms were not viable they would be developed and that would have a greater impact on wildlife".

Respondents said support for farmers could include reduced rates, grants for improved fencing, education on alternatives to lethal control and incentives for landowners to undertake conservation works.

"Farmers need support. Protecting iour needs to adapt to accommodate crops is expensive and orchards and

vineyards are being destroyed. Must be a way to support farming and landowners as well as caring for our native animals," one respondent said.

Another said: "Farmers should be able to hunt problem species more readily. Permits have too many restrictions for problematic species.

#### Wild harvest

About 49 per cent of respondents supported opportunities for Bunurong culture to manage wildlife on Phillip Island.

One respondent said: "Harvesting and killing native wildlife could create community divisiveness and damage Phillip Island's conservation reputation, impacting naturebased tourism and causing international boycotts."

Another commented: "There is a risk of creating community division and undoing all of the valuable work that has been done in recent times regarding indigenous respect and reconciliation if indigenous groups are permitted to kill native wildlife on Phillip Island."

Feedback suggested there needed to be clear guidelines for cultural

## **Community Support Program**

Westernport Water is proud to announce that over \$30,000 will be distributed to 13 community organisations under our 2020-21 **Community Support Program.** 

Congratulations to the following recipients:

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- Coronet Bay Community Garden
- National Vietnam Veterans Museum
- Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary
- Phillip Island Community & Learning Centre
- Phillip Island Early Learning Centre
- Phillip Island Landcare Group
- Powlett River Primary School
- Rhyll Coast Action
- San Remo Primary School
- Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club
- Woolamai Recreation Reserve

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## **Council Update**



### **Council Meeting 17 March**

Council's next meeting will be livestreamed at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 17 March 2021. Join us on the livestream link www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2021meetings

The proposed items Council may consider:

- Planning Application 200302 7 Hereward Close, Cowes
- Planning Amendment 100101a-1 Extension of the Banfields Aged Care Facility at 192-198 Thompson Avenue Cowes
- Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan and Access and Movement Study Adoption and Implementation
- Grant Funding Submissions
- Design and Construction of Purpose Built Facility for Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL)
- West Gippsland Libraries Review of Local Law
- Working Together Policy
- Council Support and Resources Policy
- Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Adopt Fees and Charges

The agenda is released on Council's website on Friday, 12 March 2021 at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2021meetings. There is an opportunity in the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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The wind turbine's owner says he has provided the shire with a 70-page document detailing compliance. "I don't want a bad relationship with my neighbours but it's my right to build it.



A Surf Beach resident sold their house at the end of last year, in anticipation of their neighbour's proposed wind turbine, which is currently under construction.

## Surf Beach wind turbine starts construction

Surf Beach residents fear a wind turbine tated to see the turbine was being erected. poses a safety risk to neighbouring homes, with construction starting last week.

And they say once operational it will be a permanent noise and visual blight and threaten the nearby Shearwater population.

However the owner of the turbine on Dixon Street last week told the Advertiser he was willing to pull the turbine down if it was too noisy, adding it was fully compliant, built and installed by two engineers' designs and instructions.

Last year the community battled to stop the erection of the 10.5 metre structure, lobbying Bass Coast Shire whose planning officers said no building or planning permit was required.

The shire at the time released a questionand-answer information sheet, which said they had no power to stop the turbine's instal-lation, with the State Government the only authority able to intervene.

"In the event the proposed turbine is constructed and is found to breach any stipulations - height, noise, commercial in nature, used for advertising purpose - Council will pursue any and all enforcement options available to ensure any breach is fully rectified," the information sheet stated.

"At this stage without any construction having taken place, there is not a situation that warrants the enactment of emergency action." Last week residents said they were devas-

Anthony Fradkin owned a neighbouring property to the turbine but sold at the end of last year.

"We sold because of the turbine and had to put a clause into the sale of contract about it eing built," Anthony said.

While he continues to live on the island, Anthony said he wanted to speak out because the surrounding neighbourhood was "unsup-

"The shire has completely fobbed us off. The shire has egg on their face for allowing this to go ahead," Anthony said.

"They should be monitoring every element of this work. How dangerous is it, will it fall down, how noisy will it be, will it kill the

Anthony said he felt for residents not only because of the visual intrusion, but also because the noise will be like "a lawnmower at midnight"

He also questioned whether the home's combined solar and wind power would be a money-making venture.

"He's not going green. He's just trying to make money. The shire needs to investigate to ee if this is a business.

## "Fully compliant"

Owner of the turbine Rob McKittrick said he was even willing to pull the turbine down if it bine would go into a battery for his personal

"I will be the closest person living next to it. I'm retiring down here and so I have the same noise concerns as the neighbours," he said, adding that a noise study had been conducted on the predicted decibels and provided to

Rob said the turbine had been built and installed to two engineers' designs and instruc-

"Everything has been done as if I needed a council planning permit, which it doesn't. All the safety measures are in place and have been done to engineering standards.

"I don't want it to come down so I've sought suitably-qualified people to design it and then check the designs," Rob said.

to council. I didn't need to do that but I've done it as a courtesy.'

He said he had provided the shire with a 70page document detailing compliance.

"Everyone thinks I'm an idiot but I'm registered to install wind turbines. This is not just a hobby.

'Council has thoroughly scrutinised everything I'm doing in the hope they could stop me but everything is compliant."

Rob said the turbine would provide power during winter - as an addition to his rooftop solar panels - and excess energy from the tur-

"I want to live a green life. I've even got a vear's worth of wind data from the Bureau of Meteorology to ensure it will cover me for power in winter.'

Rob added he was disappointed neighbours had not approached him to understand the turbine, adding one had "told me everyone hates

"People are against me so they're looking for anything to stop me.

"But I have dotted every i and crossed every t. This has taken me six years of planning. I've done everything I needed to do plus everything I'd need to do if I was required to have a building permit.

"I don't want a bad relationship with my "I've had soil testing done and supplied that neighbours but it's my right to build it. I'm allowed to do what I'm legally allowed."

Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie said if the constructed turbine breached any stipulations - height, noise, commercial in nature, used for advertising purpose – the shire would "pursue any and all enforcement options available to ensure any breach is fully rectified".

We are continuing to monitor the site and will initiate enforcement processes as required," Ms Wastie said.

Concerns regarding the safety of the construction site should be directed to WorkSafe.

# Nature Parks Board update

## By Liz Stinson, PINP Chair

The Phillip Island Nature Parks (PINP) Board met in February to discuss a range of issues and opportunities, and continue its ongoing review of policies, compliance responsibilities and strategic planning as set out under its governance framework. The highlights of these meetings are as follows.

### Strategic priorities

review of the Strategic Plan 2018-23 to identify and discuss the Nature Parks' strategic priorities for the remaining two years of the plan, in light of the significant impacts of coronavirus (CO-VID-19). The Board acknowledged the need to focus on a range of strategies aimed at tourism recovery, while continuing with core conservation activities and programs, and looks forward to providing more information in the coming months.

## Annual budget and business plan

The Board reviewed the annual budget and business lan, and acknowledged that while progress on some items had been understandably slower than originally forecast due to the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19), the

eral outstanding achievements within such a challenging environment. The Board noted the significant outcomes as a result of the breadth of deployment activities that were implemented by teams from across departments including building and site maintenance such as cleaning and painting, weed removal, assisting with fire management programs, revegetation of well over 26.4 hectares of habitat with 36,246 plants The Board completed its mid-term in the ground, planting a new garden entry at Barb Martin Bushbank, wildlife data analysis, collating survey results and more.

### Live Penguin TV

Live Penguin TV continued to entertain, educate and attract new audiences, with a series of 'Meet the Team' local livestreams, and a dedicated livestream to the UK which launched in February with wildlife presenters Michaela Strachan and Ray Mears as guest commentators. The Board also noted significant work had been done to refine and document a broad range of internal systems, policies and procedures.

### **Reconciliation Advisory Committee**

the latest meeting or the Reconcilia-

Nature Parks' team had delivered sev- tion Advisory Committee, and were pleased to hear that the Aboriginal Employment strategy will be progressing from April, following a pause in this strategy due to the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Board is looking forward to the implementation of this strategy and to sharing tation of this strategy and to sharing some positive outcomes. The Board endorsed the Working Together protocols included in the Reconciliation Action Plan, which will help to shape how the Reconciliation Advisory Committee will be able to work most effectively with traditional owners and community members. The Board also received an update on the scheduled meeting in March, which is due to be held On Country.

## Visitation

The Board was pleased to receive an update showing excellent visitation across the Nature Parks' attractions during the summer period. The Board acknowledged the drop in visitation since the conclusion of the holiday period, and is working closely with the management team to ensure that the Nature Parks is well placed to maximise visitation in general in what is a The Board received an update from challenging and very competitive envi-



Friends of Koala (FOK) member Patsy Hunt is pictured with bags of rubbish that members collected on Clean Up Australia Day over the weekend.

FOK members cleaned up the roadside along Harbison Road and Coghlan Road.

And the good news, she said, is that there was less rubbish than in previous years.

Unusual items they came across were a child's slide, a mattress and a squeegee. There were also quite a few face masks discarded along Coghlan Road

Maurice Schinkel was relieved that the grass verge had not been slashed by council this year, which meant polystyrene rubbish could be easily bagged, as opposed to the thousands of small pieces he confronted last year.

# 10th ANNUAL COMMUNITY OPEN DAY

Sunday 14 March 2021

## Welcome back locals!

## \*FREE ENTRY

- FREE\* entry to Nature Parks attractions: Penguin Parade, Antarctic Journey, Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island.
- Meet our team of rangers, researchers and volunteers.
- Bookings ESSENTIAL for the Penguin Parade and highly recommended for all attractions. Book your tickets by: Email: bookings@penguins.org.au In person by visiting our friendly team at: Churchill Island, Koala Conservation Reserve or Nobbies Centre.
- Note: You will need to provide proof of residency at entry on day.

## **QUESTIONS?**

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- To gain your free entry, please bring proof of your residency such as rates notice, bill, drivers licence, student card etc. Free entry for household only.
- · Accompanying friends are welcome, but must pay entry fees as apply.

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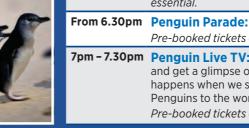
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10am - 2pm	<ul> <li>Information</li> </ul>	tion Heroes Expo on, activities and giveaways Games and fun	Churchill Island Heritage Farm
10.30am	Churchill Island Farm Fun! Local Clothing pop, up, Rangers, Landcare, Bass Coast Shire Council, PICAL, Totally Renewable Phillip Island, National Surfing Reserve, Friends of Churchill Island and more		Churchill Island Heritage Farm
	10.30am:	Blacksmithing	
	11.30am: Sheep Shearing (& 2.30pm)		
	2pm:	Cow Milking	
	2.45pm:	Working Dogs	
	3pm:	Whip Cracking	
11am	<b>Churchill Island Walk &amp; Talk:</b> Take a step back in time and discover this Island's incredible history.		Activities Sign outside back doors of Churchill Island visitor centre
11am	<b>Koala Walk and Talk:</b> Ranger-led tour of this incredible woodland.		Back doors of Koala Conservation Reserve visitor centre
12pm		<i>ka:</i> Welcome to Country & Ceremony	Churchill Island Heritage Farm
1pm	Conservation Dog Demo		Churchill Island Heritage Farm





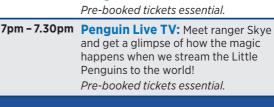






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6pm - 7pm



**Bushfire Koalas:** Follow the journey

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4pm - 5.30pm Seals, Beats and Bandicoots

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Music by Shaun Kenny. Meet the experts who care for our seals and threatened

**Private Lives of Penguins Walk &** 



Back doors of Koala

Nobbies Centre café

Conservation Reserve visitor

Back doors of Penguin Parade

Penguin Parade visitor centre



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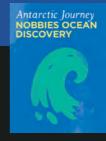




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Talk: Pre-booked Penguin Parade tickets visitor centre



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and learn, the Bunurong people. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future.

# Get tested for Ross River if unwell

Baptist has described contracting Ross River fever as the worst thing that she has experienced in her life.

Like Adam (see story this page) she awoke one day in excruciating pain; but went undiagnosed for three months until a friend urged her to request the test, as the virus is currently prevalent on Phillip Island.

Also like Adam, she has a message for the community, and in particular, for any elderly person who may have become unwell, with the onset of severe joint pain and other aches, not to put their symptoms down to the ageing process, but to request a Ross River virus test.

"As a person who has contracted it, I want other people to know to cover up outdoors, and to ask for a test if you have any of those symptoms, because a test was not offered to me."

"The bottom line is that I have never been so ill in my life.

"I was in so much pain and could not sleep because of it. My blood pressure was measured at 200 over 100. I am normally a very healthy person, but this was stroke level. I could not use my wrists and hands or straighten my legs. I could not function.

"I now worry about that others on the island may be going through the same thing as me, undiagnosed ... all from a mosquito bite.

#### Helen knows exactly when she was bitten by the mosquito.

She was sitting on her Penguin Resort deck, which overlooks the Cowes Golf course.

She felt the bite, which caused her foot to swell, and she took a photo of it. Date was November 11.

Within a few days, she woke up



Mosquito eggs can lie dormant in dry conditions for up to about nine months, after which they can hatch if exposed to favourable conditions, such as water and food

unable to move. She could not even I could not move." turn her head. She suffered a fever. chills, excruciating joint pain, stiffness, was unable to use her hands . and simply could not function.

It was shock for a person who enjoys excellent health and takes no medication.

After a month barely able to get "The pain was everywhere. out of bed, she went to the Cowes

Medical Clinic.

Her blood pressure was recorded at 200 over 100, which the doctor said put her at risk of a stroke.

She was immediately prescribed a high dose of steroids and anti

(Results showed seven times normal markers for inflamma-

Within five hours of taking the prescribed medication, her symp-

toms had eased. She was suddenly able to function.

The high dosage of her medication was lowered when Helen returned to the surgery after a

While the pain had eased, there was no diagnosis, and it was suggested she might have to see a rheumatologist.

She continued through January taking the tablets "which allowed me to function".

If she forgot a dose at any point, however, the symptoms came straight back.

She went back to the surgery in February, seeking diagnosis of the cause of the pain.

"A friend suggested to me that while there I should ask for a Ross River virus test, as my symptoms were similar and it was prevalent on Phillip Island.

"Up until that point, I had not even thought of that.

"The doctor wanted to refer me to a rheumatologist. I took my friend's advice instead, and requested a Ross River test.

It came back positive.

Helen was thrilled. She finally knew what she had. The diagnosis offered peace of mind and the knowledge that it would eventu-

"I now worry about others who may be going through the same thing as me, undiagnosed.

Her message is simple.

If so, get tested!

# **Ask for a Ross River test**

Adam Ellaz has a message he would like to share with the residents of Phillip Island.

If you have a fever, severe joint and muscular pain, that has gone undiagnosed, and are in excruciating pain, as he was for almost 3 months, ask your doctor for a Ross River fever blood test.

Adam was at his wits end in February after seeing three different doctors over the space of three months; at the Health Hub, Wonthaggi Hospital, and Cowes Medical Clinic; with no diagnosis or relief for his pain.

A fortnight ago, he read a report in the Advertiser about a Ross River fever outbreak, and description of its symptoms, on Phillip Island. The penny instantly dropped!

He returned to the Clinic and asked a fourth doctor for a Ross River fever test to be carried out.

It was a huge relief when it came back positive.

The mental stress of finally having a diagnosis was a huge weight lifted. Looking back, Adam is unimpressed with his treatment from the doctors he saw over that three month period, as Ross River is a notifiable condition and he now knows it has been prevalent on he was suffering heatstroke. the summer Phillip Island over season.

He also felt he was not taken as seriously as he should have been when he sought help for excruciating pain.

He had to ask to be tested, in spite of presenting to doctors with text book symptoms on three occasions, and publicity about the virus circulating weekly in local newspapers.

Adam contracted the virus in November.

He came down with symptoms which started with a fever and chills but developed into a body rash, and then developed into ankle joints.

His first point of call was the help with his recovery.



Phillip Island Health Hub, where he also pointed out an angry bite mark on his right hand.

It was decided by the doctor that

cruciating pain in his joints and muscles, unable to walk or use his

Two days later, barely able to drive, he went to the Wonthaggi Hospital.

The doctor there suggested he may have rheumatoid arthritis, while commenting it was nevertheless uncommon to have pain in all four wrist and ankle joints at the same time.

The hospital took blood tests and an X Ray, which all came back negative.

Adam's condition got worse, and unbearable pain in his wrist and hoped that time off manual labour over the Christmas break would

He was lethargic, in pain, depressed, and fatigued.

He returned to work mid January and he struggled to carry on. Heavy work was beyond him, although he is in the concrete business.

He next went to the Cowes Medical Clinic where he was given an ultrasound as well as blood tests and X ray.

The doctor there put his condition down to the wear and tear of his trade as a concreter, and to ligament damage.

He was put on tablets, however, and they did work, he said.

"I could at last use my hands and walk without pain. I was about 70% improved.

He then read an article in the Advertiser about Ross River virus. "The penny immediately dropped. I had every symptom the immediately article described.

He returned to the Cowes Clinic, and requested a blood test for Ross River virus be taken.

It came back positive. He was elated.

"At least I knew what I had. The pain and not knowing was affecting me quite badly, mentally."

Adam now knows that for months there have been recorded cases of Ross River virus on Phillip Island, as it is a notifiable disease. And there was widespread publicity about it.

"For months there have been cases. I had the exact symptoms. But not once was I tested for it. I had to ask for it to be done."

Adam is certain he caught the virus on Phillip Island, because he had not been anywhere else.

It is caused by a mosquito bite. "It could have been anywhere. I

work all over the island.' He is still suffers pain, but the

mental stress has been relieved. He is now able to perform light duties, with heavy lifting and manual labour still beyond him at the moment.



## Another reason to avoid mozzies

The growing number of Ross cases found for the first time in Mel-River virus cases on Phillip Island is reason enough to keep mozzies at bay.

But health authorities have recently issued alerts for Buruli ulcer, a skin infection believed to be caused by mosquito bites.

Historically there have been cases of the ulcer on Phillip Island, with the Victorian Health Department confirming Bass Coast Shire last had one case in 2017, two cases in 2012 and no records before that.

In recent years the highest risk of infection has been on the Mornington Peninsula - where a current research project is using 250 mosquito traps to determine if fewer mozzies result in fewer cases - while there is moderate risk on the Bellarine Peninsula, bayside suburbs and East Gippsland.

Researchers say 2021 is off to a bad start with 21 cases confirmed so far this year, compared to 12

bourne's non-coastal inner northern suburbs.

Symptoms of the Buruli ulcer range from mildly inflamed bites to large open ulcers that can lead to amputation in the most extreme cases.

Scientists believe mosquitoes and possums are spreading the bacteria, and recommend avoiding insect bites by using fly screens, insect repellent, wearing long sleeves and trousers when outside.

Gardeners should wear gardening gloves, long sleeved shirts and trousers and households should reduce mosquito breeding sites where water can pool, including pot plant containers, buckets, tin cans, discarded tyres, and other untreated, freshwater pools.

Disease can occur at any age, but Buruli ulcer is highest in people aged 60 years and above.

Details: https://www2.health.vic. gov.au/about/news-and-events/ for the same period last year and healthalerts/buruli-ulcer-bacteria

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Firstly thank you for your reporting of the Ross River virus. After reading your article I realised that this was the cause of the puzzling symptoms I had.

I asked the doctor for a blood need to take care. test which came back positive to

the virus.

I am writing so that when you report on the places effected by the virus, Newhaven can be added to the areas where residents

Newhaven resident

# Principal Corr's core school principles

It has been a baptism of fire for Newhaven College's new principal Tony Corr.

Just a few weeks into the role, he oversaw a snap school closure with a Covid-19 lockdown, and the start of construction for a new public secondary college in San Remo.

"I wouldn't necessarily say baptism of fire, but there has been a lot to take in," says the 52-vear-old father of two.

"With the lockdown all the systems were in place and aside from cancelling sport, we ran our normal program. At the start of the year I flagged that we need to be able to quickly

As for any future loss of students to a rival public junior college in San Remo - which is set to open in 2022 – Tony is realistic.

"Potentially we will lose students, and it most certainly is competition, but I am really excited for the area. It's fantastic for families to have different options.

"All we can do is provide the best educational program possible."

Tony - who will be formally welcomed as the fifth principal of the college in a ceremony on Friday (March 12) - is sitting in the office vacated by previous principal Gea Lovell, although the furniture has been re-arranged.

"I was advised that when you start a new job you want to change your office, so people can see the change," he said.

"And I'm certainly no Gea Lovell."

Gea was in the role for a decade and oversaw some of the school's biggest milestones: moving the entire campus from Boys Home to the 82 acres on the Phillip Island Road, as well as a massive building schedule that has included a new senior school, a trade skills centre, and a gym, with a roll out of renewable power making the school almost carbon

Tony - who was deputy headmaster at Melbourne Grammar and Xavier College - has arrived to oversee the continuation of some of those projects.

Stage one of new playing field construction tennis, hockey and soccer – was finished at the end of last year.

Stage two is currently underway and includes four netball/basketball courts, three cricket pitches and a long jump pit, to be finished this term.

And construction of a performing arts wing, complete with theatre, concert hall and best they can be in their area of focus.



Tony says his family have always holidayed on the island, initially with a permanent van at the Cowes Caravan Park. "I was employed each summer as a dish pig" for well-known former island identities Fred and Carla Batty.

practice rooms, has already begun, with stage one to be finished at the end of this year and stage two - a 450-seat auditorium planned for

A pool is also designed and shovel ready but yet to be funded.

#### Academic focus

But as Tony says, he is no Gea Lovell and while "we will always want to keep an eye on facilities", his focus will be on "academic excellence" and looking after "the wellbeing of students"

"There has been some heavy lifting around infrastructure but my focus is on maintaining and improving academic standards.

"Some students are more active, some are more manual. We are not about high end academic, but ensuring each student can be the

More specifically that means providing teachers with feedback and data to help improve skills, coaching, from long-term to new

For students it means extra assistance for those that need learning support as well as gifted pupils.

Tony would also like to see young school graduates return as buddies or mentors to vounger students.

He says there's also potential to expand the school to kindergarten and pre-kinder.

"I have had cold calls already from parents

saying the school needs an early years centre. There's so much population growth and with more people working from home in the wake of the pandemic, the demand for this

will only grow.' This year's intake is 938 and Tony says based on building capacity, their cap is about

1000 pupils, adding there is a trend for original students to now send their own children.

#### **Island** connection

Tony grew up in Melbourne, the son of a school principal with two of his brothers (he is one of five children) also now school principals.

He studied education at Melbourne University, working initially for Yeshiva College and then for 22 years for Xavier College, initially as English and drama teacher and also deputy headmaster for seven years.

For the past four years he has been at Melbourne Grammar, including a stint as deputy

So why Phillip Island?

Tony says his family have always holidayed on the island, initially with a permanent van at the Cowes Caravan Park, and "I was employed each summer as a dish pig" for wellknown former island identities Fred and

About 30 years ago his parents bought a Ventnor beach house, moving there permanently two decades ago.

His dad Frank passed away in 2012 and is buried in the island's cemetery while his mum Norma is strongly involved with the community through the church, golf club and Probus.

Tony is living with his mum until he moves into a house in Cape Woolamai in April with his partner who will soon move from Melbourne.

When not ocean swimming or cycling, he looks forward to being part of community

He has already met with the Phillip Island Football Club, with junior teams set to start using the college's sporting facilities on weekends and after hours.

"Basketball clubs already use the college's courts, and they will use them more and I'm planning to meet with other clubs, who I believe are in need of training areas, including tennis, netball and soccer.

Once the performing arts centre is open we will offer that to theatre and music groups as well.'

In the big picture, Tony is looking to "Newhaven 50

"In 2030 the college will celebrate its golden jubilee and I want us to be a high performing school that has first-class resources to produce young people who are aspirational and can make a contribution.

# St John's Market on Chapel to close

The popular St John's Uniting Church monthly market will soon be no more.

For 15 years, on the fourth Saturday of every month, the market has featured an array of stalls, and the large "Our Shed" opportunity shop run on the church grounds.

The venture raised funds for the Church and the various community programs it supports, and in latter years the weekly Monday night Community Meal Program in particular.

The Op Shop closed at the end of February; and the March Market on Chapel, scheduled for the fourth Saturday of this month, will be

While sad to say goodbye to such a popular community fixture, Market Co-ordinator Dar-Grummisch and United Church Council

Chairperson Faye Haslam both agree: "It's "Covid certainly brought new challenges for all concerned, including new guidelines to fol-

low to keep everyone safe. "Darlene felt that maybe it was time to retire

Market on Chapel," said Faye last week. "Lots of markets are popping up, and the Church Council agreed.'

The good news is that most of the regular stallholders affected by the closure will be able run on the second Saturday of the month by

She also plans to continue to support the Uniting Church and the work they do, which she so admires, and intends to assist the Church Fun-

"We are going to look at fewer events a year and do them well. Perhaps a pet expo, a bumper garage sale, a movie night. We have more ideas in the pipeline.

"With proceeds to go toward funds for the community meal, which is so important.

Reminiscing this week on the decision that has been made, Faye Haslam recollected the first market held back in April 2005, and how well it had been received.

It was the brainchild of the Church Council,

and members Faye and Graeme Sim were both convenors, over the initial ten years.

We chose the fourth Saturday of the month, so as not to clash with the market run on the St. Philips Anglican Church site.'

'It was successful from the outset, even heading into winter.

We were fortunate our site was not flooded out as were some other South Gippsland market sites and the ground was firm underfoot all year," Faye recalled.

"It's been a fruitful journey and a financial success. Ongoing friendships developed between stallholders and St.John's people over the

"Free tea and coffee and chat opportunities were offered at each market.

"It was a friendly social event. A number of stallholders have been with us for the entire journey, amazing!." said Faye.
"We put as much store on offering a warm

welcome to people on to the church grounds as we did in the financial return. "A lot of the funds raised went into commu-

nity projects. In particularly in recent times towards the Monday night Community Meal, served to an average of 60 people a week, until covid struck

"This meal provided a two course warming to moveover to the St Phillips Saturday market, meal, and just as importantly friendship, connection and a way of belonging, especially for those who were lonely or down on their luck.

'It will return as soon as is possible.'

The local Aldi and Coles helped out with ingredients through their Second Bite program, and participants often went home with fruit and vegetables as well.

"Bakers Delight also supported the venture. Faye sees the closure of the market as a chapter closing, and is sure new opportunities will soon arise to welcome people back to the church site.

"We plan to revamp our site, particularly "Our Shed" and look at new ways for outreach and fundraising.

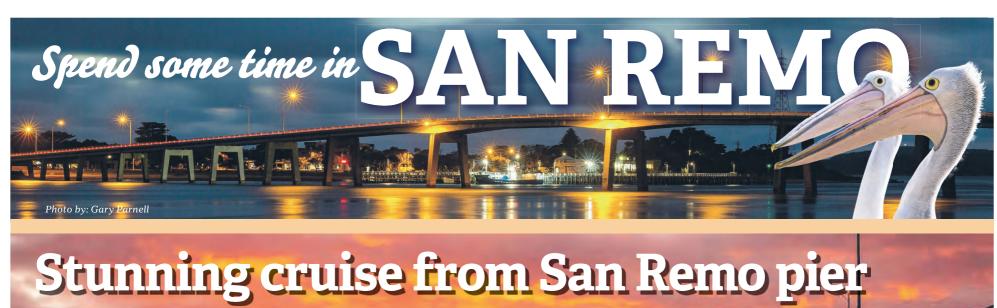
'The market was great, but it has run its race. "We look forward to the future."



Members of the Uniting Church from left Hilda Cox, Joanne Hathway, Lyn Francis, Gwen McRae and Anne Jones at work at their market stall before Covid hit.



The popular St John's Uniting Church monthly market will soon be no more. The last Market on Chapel in the grounds of St John's Uniting Church, Cowes will be held on the fourth Saturday of this month, ending an era spanning 15 years.



Departing from the San tain's commentary on the Remo Jetty, Wildlife Coast fascinating history of the Cruises offers a stunning area.

Bottlenose dolphins making an appearance in the winter months. one-hour scenic cruise, three times a week, to view the sheer granite cliffs and turquoise waters of Cape Woolamai, on the Island's south

The scenery is magnificent! Sit back and relax while enjoying cake and coffee, whilst listening to the cap-

As well as stunning scenery, this rugged coastline is they pass by on their annual home to a myriad of birdlife such as Wedgetail Eagles, Cormorants and Short-tailed Shearwaters, many of which can be spotted on the tour.

Marine life such as Australian Fur Seals are regular sighting with Common and

And of course whales as migration north, starting in

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After a hiatus of almost a year, because of the Covid pandemic, the popular San Remo Fishermen's Co-operative Pelican Feeding attraction has been given the green light by DHHS to resume again. Val Dohl, one of the six volunteers who conduct feeding sessions, is pictured before last year's lockdown flinging out flathead.

San Remo's popular daily Pelican Feed-

ing sessions are set to resume.
San Remo Fishermen's Co-operative General Manager Paul Mannix made the announcement last week, following the easing of Covid restrictions.

The Department of Health has given approval (with assistance in getting this from Destination Phillip Island) to reopen the midday public viewing, with some adaptations.

Within two weeks, we expect to be back to normal, Paul said.

Indoor dining will return on the same

"The pelican feeding is great for the town. It brings a lot of visitors here.

"It is now part of the town's identity."

The Co-op has 32 employees, and everyone is looking forward to the new

The feeding of the pelicans is a major tourism attraction for San Remo, and its resumption is enthusiastically anticipated by the whole town.

Its first shutdown was at Easter last

year, which was tough going. "But we gradually built back up again. "We reverted in the café to serving take away food only, and that went well.

"We started serving fish and chips out the window, and moved on to Facebook pick up orders.

"We even have our own fish and chip ordering platform on our website, made possible by a Bass Coast Shire grant."

Paul said the summer season that followed was an "absolute cracker" where

"we made up for everything lost over winter.'

"It looks like we will achieve an annual result on a par with other years.'

Paul said that an average of 10 - 30 pelicans arrived daily pre Covid, and they

are still coming.

He said the pelicans had been fed "covertly" last year but at different times of the day, to avoid the possibility of crowds gathering.

The daily routine out in front of the Co-operative has been missed not just by visitors, but by the Co-op's staff as well.

"And our six volunteer pelican feeders are very excited to be getting back on the job," Paul commented.

"They do the entire presentation."

"The daily feed gives them the opportunity to keep an eye on the pelican's well

Quite often we see injured or entangled birds. We assist them. We keep a close eye on their welfare."

Paul said the volunteers also use the presentation they give to educate visitors about pelicans and sustainability and environmental issues affecting these birds.

"We are proud that everyone who attends goes away with a much better understanding of the marine environment, and the threats that face it.

'The students who come take in our message, and carry it home with them,'

"We have new covid normal procedures for people to follow, and social distancing signage will be erected.'





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Alex Dawson has been chosen as a cast member of "Adventure All Stars" in a bid to raise funds for Myeloma Australia, and is seeking donations and sponsorship from individuals and businesses who would like to support this cause. She is pictured here with her parents John and Jennifer Dawson, of Newhaven, who are supporting her quest.

# lex is on a mission

by mid July for Myeloma Australia, and is re-

questing community support. The organisation relies on fundraising and donations to provide their services.

Myeloma is an incurable rare blood cancer and Alex has been part of the Myeloma Australia team for 13 years.

She sees first hand the support and hope that the organisation provides to the 18,000 sufferers at any given time in the Australian

The not-for-profit organisation supports, educates, informs, empowers and brings hope to people who are living with myeloma, and their loved ones.

It receives no government funding, and could do so much more for sufferers if further resources were available.

So, determined to find a way to raise funds for the organisation, Alex recently applied to Charity TV Global, the creators of the international 'Adventure All Stars' television series, to become a cast member.

Charity TV Global is a company that rewards people for their fundraising efforts by having them star in a travel TV series; and uses entertainment as a vehicle to steer global audiences into 'giving back'.

Its filming and fundraising projects benefit charities across the world, and their latest alliance is with Myeloma Australia.

Pre-filming, all cast members are required to raise funds on behalf of Myeloma Australia, and net proceeds from the episode Alex alnoswad@outlook.com will appear in will be gifted to Myeloma Australia

The series will involve Alex and fellow cast

Alex Dawson is on a mission to raise \$10,000 a secret destination, which they will only find out about on day one.

And as required, she must raise a minimum of \$10,000 for Myeloma Australia, before it begins in mid July, through both individual donations and selling sponsorship packages. (Packages range from \$1,000 to \$5,000)

Businesses are rewarded for their sponsorship of the travel program with brand exposure in the lead up and throughout the series which will be broadcast on Channel 7 and across 24 countries in 2022.

Their logos will also feature on official clothing worn by the cast during filming, and their businesses will be promoted via Charity TV's social media posts, media releases and in other ways

Alex is seeking donations and sponsorship from anyone who would like to support her fundraising effort for Myeloma Australia.

She has strong connections with Phillip Island, having holidayed here with her family

Her grandparents John and Marjorie Ricketts emigrated from the UK to Phillip Island in 1990; and her parents, John and Jennifer Dawson, have lived permanently at Newhaven since 2001.

Alex also owned a house at Cape Woolamai for a period. She describes Churchill Island as her favourite place here, along with the Nobbies in the middle of winter when no one is around.

Alex can be contacted on 0417 560 731 or

Website is https://myelomaaustraliafundraiser.raiselv.com/alex-dawson

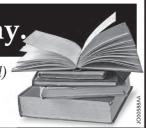
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Last year Smiths Beach's McLure family entertained us through lockdown with a weekly column on how they coped in 2020.

Now mum Lisa - a hairdresser at Elements Hair Room in Cowes and a personal trainer is back by popular demand.
Using her husband Tim, and two kids An-

gus, 11, and Evie, 7, as inspiration, she's starting a weekly column looking at being a working mum in the pandemic.

"I haven't seen my dad in Newcastle since July 2019.

He was meant to come down here in March last year but then the lockdown happened.

I was meant to go up in June, but lockdown

He turned 70 last August and we again couldn't go up. He says he'll only turn 70 once he sees me.

At Christmas we were again planning to go up and as the time came closer and closer I had an aching dread as there were more and more Covid cases in NSW.

I told Tim we're still going, we're still going, even if I burst through the borders.

But then the day before we were set to go, I sat down defeated and realised I couldn't go. It's normally a 12-hour drive but to avoid Sydney's lockdown we were going to have to drive west which would have taken about 20 hours.

There's way more devastating things in the world, but my dad and step mum aren't getting any younger.

So, now, after four cancellations I'm now going up this week. Finally I can hug my dad.

It's my birthday this week too and my brother has come back from the US, where he's engaged to a girl, and he's done his quarantine.

I'm going by myself because I'm scared to take the kids in case there's another snap

If anything happens it's easier just to get me back. You just don't know these days, it changes so quickly.

I'm flying from Melbourne and going for four days. I can't go for any longer because nothing stops here with the kids.

I just can't wait to have a wine together with my family and sit on the back deck because you don't get that connection over the phone.

But I won't be happy until I'm sitting on the

It has been weird since the last column after coming out of lockdown last year.

We all started planning things and making small steps to freedom.

Everyone - not just me - was starting to unclench and breath and everyone was talking about future plans.

As soon as I heard about the last snap lockdown I flipped and stopped at the bottle shop.

I was not buying toilet paper. I was buying wine. I told Tim I was on a juice cleanse. It just happened to be grape juice.

It wasn't just me, it flipped everyone.

The first 24 hours of the snap lockdown I was anxious but then I gave myself a kick in the butt. I told myself OK there will be some home school learning, I won't be able to run my home PT business, and I won't be able to work in the salon.

I got on Facebook and said I'd had a brain fart with the wine.

As awful as it was to lose business, I found the general consensus - especially from mothers who were exhausted - was they like being forced to stop for a week.

After the long lockdown we hit the ground running. Then with the snap lockdown suddenly we didn't have to do the school run and drive around for soccer or tennis and the 10,000 other things we do.

Money-wise it was sh\*t-house, but just being able to stop was wonderful.

I do think 2020 changed us. Even things we'd toyed with doing we decided to do because we want to live for now. Just do it.

We only have a couple of short years with the kids before they disappear so we need to make the most of it.

Also I think it made us realise how much pressure we put on ourselves to be social when we don't need to. We run here there and everywhere but we don't need to go to parties every weekend. You can just stop.

# Westernport Water community grants

announce that thirteen local notfor-profit organisations, including community groups, sporting clubs and schools will receive over \$30,000 in sponsorship funding through its Community Support Program.

The Community Support Program provided applicants with a fair and equal chance to secure support for projects and initiatives around the key themes of Healthy People, Healthy Communities and a Healthy Planet.

munity groups, schools and sporting clubs who took the time to apply for funding support for this financial year," said Paul Donohue, Acting Managing Director of Westernport Water last week.

"Westernport Water is sponsor-ing some very interesting projects that support water efficiency and sustainability, including planting of native trees, the installation of a bush tucker garden, weed control and re-vegetation projects, and initiatives to support community funding support in 2021-22."

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# What's not to like about San Remo



Scott Lethbridge, Principal at Garth Lisle Real Estate, expounds this week on why San Remo is such a great place to live, and why new residents are flocking here in their many hundreds.

But an even better place to live.

So says Scott Lethbridge, Princi- with a good mix of retail, including pal, Garth Lisle Real Estate at San Remo.

Garth has lived in San Remo since

He sold his Melbourne based business to move here, and has never re-

gretted his decision for a minute. "It's an easy commute from San

Remo to Melbourne," he comments. "But yet living here, you are a world away.'

There are plenty who agree, with San Remo's population booming over the past ten years.

There has been strong growth across the town in the time he has been here, with land releases snapped up and houses built in their hundreds.

"Last year we saw a huge influx of Melbourne buyers, both holiday home and permanent, looking for an escape" he commented.

"And its ongoing.

"Residential sales and enquiries across the board are booming."

Scott says the concept of being able to work from a home office successfully, which is gaining increasing acceptance, is part of San Remo's allure as a highly liveable destination.

"It has everything," he says.

From kindergarten to primary school, new library and a junior secondary college about to open, the educational needs of young families are covered.

"There's a great shopping strip,

two hotels, cafes, restaurants, gift shops, large independent supermarket, medical clinic, and chemist.

There's the Silverwater Resort, which is a special place to dine out.

And the town has its own Bendigo Community Bank.

A new Laura Tuff conveyancing

firm has recently been established, and more small businesses are opening up in the area.

Lifestyle is assured with well run tennis, basketball and lawn bowls clubs offering community connection. - social barefoot bowls on Tuesday nights for example is a fun environment which brings locals and business together - not to mention fabulous sandy beaches, rugged coastline, and a fabulous maritime village environment centred around the San Remo's Fisherman's Co-op and Wharf, which houses its fishing fleet and ferry.

The village atmosphere has been beautifully retained with San Remo's historic fishing industry front of mind on the beautiful and grassy foreshore.

"San Remo was once seen as the gateway to Phillip Island," Scott comments this week.

"But not anymore.

"We have come of age and are now very much a destination in our own right."

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53 Back Beach Road, San Remo Price: \$675,000

## Seaside lifestyle

Elevated to take advantage of the water aspect, this four-bedroom home delivers more than impressive ocean views

Ideally located within walking distance to the beach and main street, the beachside property has an abundance of room and privacy for all.

17 Halcyon Avenue, San Remo. Price: \$925,000

## Magical panoramic ocean views

Magical panoramic ocean views and just steps to the waters' edge- properties like this are a rare find in coastal living. Respectfully renovated, paying tribute to its' past, and modernised to complement contemporary beachside style and comfort, this three-bedroom home presents spectacular sea-

29 Ocean View Drive, San Remo









This stunning residence is set amongst other luxury homes in the Grollo Estate

# Luxury in Grollo Estate

If location is the most important factor in a property, then 28 Bunya Drive, Cape Woolamai is a pearl in the waters of Phillip Island.

Positioned in the much sought-after Grollo Estate, this stunning residence set amongst other luxury homes and built by Bass Coast's prestigious builder Ian Glenn showcases style and substance and caters to every demand expected for refined coastal living.

Every inch of this home showcases opulence and sophistication; from the spectacular oak timber floors and high ceilings evident upon entry to the quality wool carpets, smart wiring and large built-in robes.

The hub of the home; the kitchen, is a culinary delight, featuring a substantial walk-in pantry, quality euro appliances and an abundance of storage. Set in an open plan with a large island overlooking the light filled dining room and sizable lounge area featuring raked ceil-

ings and large windows, this space is designed for family gatherings.

Further complimenting the aesthetic of this beautiful home, the sunken rumpus room with high ceilings and wet bar with fridge space, it is an entertainer's dream; and the spoils of this home do not end in the living areas, with designer bathroom and ensuite, featuring handmade floor to ceiling tiles, free standing bath, and twin vanities.

Situated on a 519sqm block and boasting five above average sized bedrooms, including a large master with walk-inrobe, soaring ceilings, laundry chute in the ensuite and private balcony to enjoy those beautiful San Remo sunsets, this home is an understatement of the Island life you could enjoy living here.

This home affords you the benefits of a more secluded sea change life while being only five minutes' drive from amenities and is a must see for those looking for their own little piece of island peace.



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## Prestige and luxury in the **Grollo Estate**

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28 Bunya Drive, Cape Woolamai

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Design is open plan with qiaulity fittings throughout.

## Incredible builders own home

This split level and spacious clude double glazed windows large built in robes feature in home has been fully renovated by a local builder as his own. This incredibly special property is located in the quiet seaside town of Cape Woolamai and is perfect for anyone looking for something special - a sea change or holiday home away from the hustle and bustle.

Ambience is light and area, set off by Blackbutt timber shelves and study desk, and solid timber blackbutt flooring throughout.

Design is open plan living, with a large sliding front door out onto the deck giving an indoor/ outdoor feel. Features inDaiking split system heating and a new Canadian Neo woodfire with duct system up to master bedroom.

There is Merbau decking front and back deck, as well as two upstairs balconies, and a large entertaining deck with woodfire, and tv/foxtel point,

A large island bench is the centre of a very functional kitchen layout, which features Caesar stone benchtops, new 900mm induction cooktop and oven, and under cabinet lighting over kitchen bench

throughout, velux sky lights, all three bedrooms; as well as a timber study nook in the master bedroom.

The property, complete with electric gate, and double garage is completely fenced with two side gates connecting the front and backyard.

Fully established gardens and a short stroll to access the safety beach complete the picture.

Call Alex Scott & Staff on 5952 2633 and we would be pleased to arrange a private viewing.

Location: 41 Panorama Drive Cape Woolamai

New carpet, ceiling fans, and Price: \$875,000 to \$920,000



This Anderson Street home in Cowes is just a short walk from the beach and Ander-

## Walk to the beach – private treed setting

Located in the quiet seaperfect for those looking for something very special. A sea change or holiday home away from the hustle and bustle.

When you pull up to this unique property, it bedroom, walk through feels like you have arrived robe and full ensuite faand near the Anderson Boat ramp. The double complement this home. carport at the front gives you plenty of options to keep your cars and boat safely undercover.

This home enjoys a naside town of Cowes, this tive treed setting and the space adjoins the kitchen three bedroom home is home is designed to take advantage a full northerly aspect to each of the living access to the private yard. spaces.

As you walk in you are greeted with the first living space and a large master home. Situated within a cilities, a further two bedshort walk to the beach rooms and family bathroom and separate laundry

> The kitchen has a functional design and is centrally located with large benches and a large pantry.

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#### 26 Dunsmore Road, Cowes, \$699,000

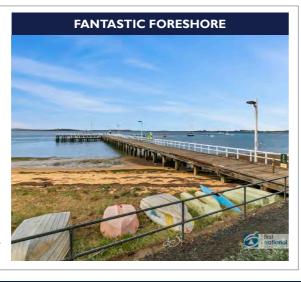
Just minutes to the sandy shores of Cowes and tucked away in a tranquil and leafy enclave, this treasured home is a dream fulfilling opportunity. The home features 3 bedrooms , open plan living with wood fire which adds a warm ambience. Outdoors, the established easy-care gardens provide shade a shady haven to relax.

This is undeniably one of the best locations in Cowes where you can swim within minutes of leaving home, golf, tennis and Cowes Recreation Centre. Inspections are by appointment only.



## 14 Beach Road, Rhyll, \$799,000

Here's the ultimate lifestyle with a foreshore position making coastal living a dream. Located opposite the Rhyll jetty and within easy walking distance to cafe Tayern hoat ramp park. This light and bright captures all the northerly aspect and is perfect for entertaining family and friends on the large north facing decking area. The main bedrooms features it's own balcony with views of the Bay as well as ensuite & WIR. Other features include polished hardwood floors, spacious kitchen with stone benches and 900mm cook top. The large main living area also features open wood fire and reverse cycle heating and cooling. This highly sought after foreshore property has a great permanent rental history also, returning \$1625 per month making it the ideal investment.



#### 13 Bella Vista Road, Cowes, \$750,000

This original beach house is the perfect start: with so much potential because of the land size and north facing aspect. Create the dream home with ample room for boat or caravan. Another option is to make three lots, all with north facing environment (STCA). We haven't mentioned the easy access to the Cowes Foreshore or walking distance to Cowes main street.

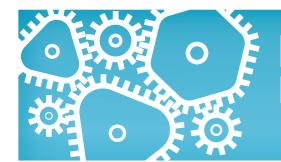


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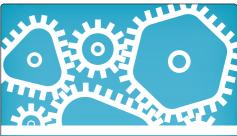


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#### By Cr Brett Tessari

At the end of February, myself, Deputy Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, CEO Ali Wastie and three members of Council's Executive Leadership Team took an amazing road trip to Bendigo and Swan Hill.

The purpose of the trip was to find out about some key projects and ideas that these two Councils are working on, and then bring what we learnt back to Bass Coast.

In Bendigo, the itinerary included looking at some great café/laneway activation areas and the repurposing of significant historical buildings, such as the Bendigo Gaol, into impor-

tant community and cultural assets.

Then it was on to Swan Hill, where we got to learn all about Swan Hill's regional economy. We were also given the opportunity to give a couple of presentations ourselves about the success of our three-bin waste system and an overview of some the key challenges and opportunities facing Bass Coast.

During our visit, we were able to take a look at some of Swan Hill's place-making initiatives along the Murray River, including historical attraction, Pioneer Park. We actually visited Pioneer Park twice, during the day and again in the evening to experience the fantastic laser light show 'Heartbeat of the Murray'. This was a great opportunity to be inspired about what a sound and light show offering could look like for Wonthaggi, as part

of the Dinosaur Trail experience.

The generosity of Swan Hill Rural
City Council and Bendigo City Council in providing us with their time and access to the thinking behind some of their wonderful initiatives was incred-

We have extended an open invitation for both Councils to visit us in Bass Coast when they are able to. Collaborating with other Councils is something that we could do a lot more of - working together and learning from each other - we all face similar issues.

During March and April, Council will be engaging with the community to help inform our Council Plan 2021-

25, long-term Community Vision and 10-year Financial Plan.

We will be holding both in-person and online sessions (COVID-19 restrictions dependant), so if you are keen to have a say on the future you want to see in Bass Coast, please visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourfuturefor the timetable of engagement opportunities, or to fill out the survey.



From left to right: Luke Marshall, Tony Hornsby, Bryden Marshall and Mick and Bec

# It's been a Bl

Luke Marshall, Tony Hornsby, Bryden Mar- for all the kids involved.

et program has finished up. Special thanks to who helped make the program such a success



Children and parents at this year's Woolworth Junior Blasters cricket program.



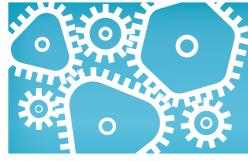
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A great hole has been left in our lives. Missed and loved forever.

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We raised enough money to not only cover the costs of running the Scout Group, but allowed us to update our camping equipment, including the need to buy new tents for Cubs and Scouts to allow for the new Coronavirus restrictions that limit how many can sleep in each tent.

We have all had a difficult time this last year from the effects of COVID-19, so having such enormous community support was nothing short of amazing, so thank you all so much! We also donated two lovely Christmas trees and stands to local families in need of support.



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Banfields Aged Care is part of the Australian Aged Care Group which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a Mission to excel in providing Quality Care Services and Accommodation We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes and the 90 bed facility is set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds.

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Some of the ways you may wish to assist and support the program is by being involved in the: Bus Outings that occur one to two times a week (this varies week to week so flexibility is required); supporting residents with Garden Walks; Wheelchair Walks; Bingo; Hoy; Happy Hour; Men's Group Activities; Craft; Art Therapy; Quizzes; BBQ's; Group Discussion; etc.

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## School Counsellor

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Applications close 5.00pm, Friday 12 March 2021 and should be submitted to

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# Should public have access to school buses

advised last week that expanded use of school buses in rural and regional Victoria is the focus of a new public inquiry seeking community input.

The Legislative Council's Economy and Infrastructure Committee is considering whether the wider public should have access to school buses, so they have more opportunity to travel.

The inquiry will look at the transport disadvantages experienced by rural and regional Victorians, particularly youth, the elderly and low-income households.

Evidence from other jurisdictions locally and overseas showing the impact of expanding the school bus system will be analysed by the Committee.

Parents are encouraged to have their say as the inquiry considers any existing or potential barriers to allowing public access to the school bus network. Their input will help guide the inquiry, particularly in relation to important issues such as child safety.

The cost of extending mainstream school buses to the general public and how a fare system would work will also be reviewed.

public hearings will be held to hear from witnesses and gauge people's views and experiences in rural and regional communi-

Committee Chair, Enver Ergdon said the committee would like to hear from as many people as possible across the state to get a true picture of the transport limitations faced by rural and regional Victoria.

Their experiences will be important as we seek to understand how school buses could be used to get more people connected socially and economically.'

Ms Crugnale said the inquiry presented a great opportunity to community members have their voice and ideas heard.

'I encourage everyone to consider putting in a submission so the Committee can get a true sense of the transport limitations that affect our regional and rural communities"

A final report is due to hand down by the inquiry before the end of the year.

To make a submission visit the Committee's website:- https://www.parliament.vic.

## Free cancer information sessions

Gippsland residents diagnosed with cancer and their loved ones will have access to a free cancer information session on March 29 2021.

Cancer Council Victoria's Managing Cancer program is run by local health professionals and will be held at Latrobe Regional

Topics covered in the session will include:

- Getting the most out of your healthcare
- Dealing with treatments and side effects
- Learning how to relax and manage stress · Communicating with family, friends and
- Information on important factors such as
- diet and exercise

Cancer Council Victoria's Head of Cancer

Information and Support Services Katherine Lane said that these practical sessions are run by experts in a relaxed and comfortable environment and have proven extremely beneficial for people with cancer, as well as those supporting them.

This is a unique opportunity for anyone with cancer, as well as their friends and family, to ask questions of a health professional outside of the hospital setting, while at the same time linking up with other people who are going through a similar experience."

Ms Lane said the program had run for more than 20 years and was regularly conducted at hospitals and healthcare services throughout

To register, or to find out more, contact Belinda Hua at bhua@lrh.com.au



Work on the Cowes Jetty is proceeding as part of upgrade that started last year to improve safety and accessibility of the

The jetty remains open while work proceeds.

However there may be slightly restricted access to some areas, at times. Minister for Fishing and Boating Melissa Horne said last week that the multi

million dollar upgrade is part of a wider state wide project to improve boating facilities throughout Victoria. "Cowes Jetty is a much-loved destination

among boaters, anglers, locals and visitors alike, which is why we're making it safer and more accessible," she said. The project is due to be completed by May this year.

Photo credit: Ramble & Drift Creative

## Midweek bowls

South West Gippsland Midweek bowls winners were Dennis Talbot, Michael Dady and Bill Williams.

Runners up were Peter McWilliams, Sean McWilliams and Sue Wood.

One Game winners were Rob Jeffrey, Lindsay Russell and Jim Nunan.

Midweek bowls was played at Tarwin Lower on a mixed day of rain and sunshine.

The first game we played on and off in the rain and we managed to finish without getting too wet after lunch.

We played our final game in sunshine on a very fast and wide green.

For a change we played two bowl triples

which was very enjoyable.

Thank you to the ladies in the kitchen and Bill in the bar for your effort in serving us our hot drinks and cold beers

A special thank you to Wilma Coleman for her lovely home baked scones and fruit cakes for the free raffle table, she is a credit to Tarwin Lower club.

Next week we will be playing at Koo Wee Rup, 10am at venue for a 10.30 am start.

BYO lunch, 2 games of 12 ends and to register or for more information please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

Everyone welcome. See You on the Green!

## Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, March 2 - Men's 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was James Tucker H/c (27) with 43 points from Phil Tucker H/c (27) with 40 points on a countback from Alan Schache H/c (8) also with 40 points.

Men's 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Len Fenton H/c (18) with 20 points from Ron Hateley H/c (30) with 18 points on a countback from Basil Moloney H/c (13) also with 18 points.

Wednesday March 3 – Ladies 18 Hole 4BBB Qualifying round for the Webster Noonan and Golf Vic RWH:

Winners - Di Ray and Charlene Duthie with 48 points. Second c/b – Helen Coghlan and Judy Magill with 48 points. Third – Barb Haydon and Robyn Chipperfield with 47 points. RWH Qualifiers: Di Ray and Charlene Duthie.

Webster Noonan Qualifiers: Di Ray and Charlene Duthie, Helen Coghlan and Judy Magill, Barb Haydon and Robyn Chipperfield, Kym Cooper and Vicki Amato, Alice Schofield and Sue Brown, Pam May and Mary O'Brien, Lynne Dunne and Pauline Scoble and Jill Payne and Trish Jamieson.

Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Beryl White H/c (44) with 10 points from Bet Stevenson H/c (45) with 7 points.

Thursday, March 4 - Men's and Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Bryan Pirouet H/c (19) with 40 points on a countback from Bill Lang H/c (14) also with 40 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner

was Ian Bray H/c (28) with 21 points from David Scrase H/c (30) with 19 points.

Saturday, March 6 - Men's 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Ryane Avery H/c (29) with 43 points from Brian Norton H/c (20) with 41 points on a countback from Bill Haslett H/c (27) also with 41 points.

Ladies 18 Ĥole Stableford: Winner was Debra Orr H/c (11) with 39 points from Alice Schofield H/c (25) with 37 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Kevin Rosen H/c (27) with 22 points from Reg Wenham H/c (36) with 19 points.

## **Euchre club results**

Men's winner: Mark Fletcher - 7 wins.

Women's winner: Marg Cahill - 7 wins. Encouragement award: Sandy Sladen - I

Another great night this week with two new

players welcomed. Dinner bookings for 6pm prior to games

commencing at 7.30pm.

Come and join the fun. Call Bob Hee for any information 0418 173 388.

## Midweek ladies tennis

Ladder: Section1: Inverloch Diamonds 17, Leongatha 16, Westernport/Grantville 13, Inverloch Emeralds 12, Wonthaggi chooks 8 and Bena 6.

Section 2: Korumburra 24, Phillip Island 11, Bena 10, Nyora 10, Inverloch 9 and Foster 8.

Section 3: Wonthaggi Owls 21, Inverloch Blue 18, Phillip Island Red 9, Kongwak Kookies 6 and Phillip Island Green 6.

## Junior and Youth Girls Footy is back!



Phillip Island Football and Netball club junior footy coaches have been announced, with training underway and everyone super excited to get back out on the field after the season wipeout last year. Junior Coaches for Season 2021 pictured are (left to right) - Diddy Cuthbertson (Youth Girls), Lucas Piera (Under 10's), Luke Marshall (Under 10's) Dan Larson (Under 14's) Steve Duggan (Under 14's) Justin Tilley (Under 12's) and Tarryn Allen (Under 12's).

From the Phillip Island Football Club

Our coaches for Season 2021 are Diddy Cuthbertson (Youth Girls), Lucas Piera (Under 10's), Luke Marshall (Under 10's) Dan Larson (Under 14's) Steve Duggan (Under 14's) Justin Tilley (Under 12's) and Tarryn Allen (Under 12's)

Training starts this week at Newhaven College.

Under 10's - Thursday 11 March 4.30pm - 5.30pm @ Newhaven College

Under 12's - Tuesday 9 March 4.30pm – 5.30pm @ Newhaven College

Under 14's - Tuesday 9 March 5.30pm - 7.00pm @ Newhaven College

Youth Girls - Thursday 11 March 5.30pm - 7.00pm @ Newhaven College

There is no access to change room facilities at Newhaven, so players will need to arrive ready to train with a drink bottle.

Future training dates will be confirmed next week as we work through ground availability.



Pictured are our Two Pennant bowls teams on return to the club for celebrations after the grand final.

# Great week of bowls Phillip Island

Only one more game of the cur- 87 shots to 57.

rent season of Midweek Pennant. Division 1, Team 1 are 3rd, Team 2 are 6th, only top two teams play off for the grand final next week.

Division 3 are also out of the running.

Last week's results.

Division 1, Team 1 defeated by Inverloch 91 shots to 59.

Team 2 defeated Korumburra

Division 3 lost to Port Welshpool 47 shots to 39.

Social Bowls: 14 players competed, and the winners were Reg Excell, Joan Farmer and Ed His-

Runners up were Peter Carter, Tony Steward and Neville Stevens. Corporate bowls winners were T.S. Constructions by 19 shots over Blue Steel 14 shots, another

successful night.

The Clubs Men's Triples are currently underway, but as many of the players are going to Country week in Bendigo, the finals dates have been changed.

The Ladies 100 UP finalists are Marilyn Forrest and Karen Cashen to be played this week.

Monthly Inter club Triples will be at Phillip Island on Thursday, this is always a great day of

bowls for all clubs that compete in this competition.

The Division 2 and 5 are proud flag holders for the Saturday Pennant season.

And apparently the players will also get medals presented to them, as has been in the past

Even the compromised season has not dampened their pride in



George Mol with participants at the coaching clinic.

## **Bowling Arm Coaching Clinic** Victorian Disability Arm you have.

Coach came to Phillip Island.

Arms Coach, was at Phillip Island Bowls Club last week to coach all bowlers that currently use an arm, or intend to try one, due to some form of inability that impairs their participation, such as arthritis, impeding their ability to hold a bowl, agility or other impairment.

David demonstrated the various arms available and the way to use them.

The aim is to allow members to continue to play bowls with the use of an arm most suited to

their needs. He demonstrated how different arm lengths can help.

There is now a wide variety of bowls arms available that may help in whatever disability

The clinic was held over two David Bernard, the Victorian sessions, one on the Thursday and one on Friday, due to the amount of interest shown for coaching.

The first session attracted 18 bowlers from regional Victoria with the second session of 21 Island bowlers. David went onto demonstrat-

ing stance delivery and the purpose of its importance.

He then set up an exercise for each participant allowing him to detect errors and tips to rectify faults.

George Mol is available to coach and encourage those interested to play in the sport of bowls, as the club has a variety

of arms to try with. You can contact him on 0407 851 065.

# Around the Bay

I was reading back through my diary and fishing reports to see how the fishing this year compares to last year and while the virus was spoken about, we were looking forward to the Easter holidays digging us out of the hole of the previous few months of ordinary trade.

Little did any of us know how everything would be turned upside down within the next couple of weeks and the Easter period was the least of anybody's problems.

This year is no different in that we are still looking forward to the Easter holidays and especially the Good Friday Easter Fishing competition.

Melanie and I started sorting out the prizes for the competition and it would appear that the prize pile has got bigger which will mean more giveaways.

We will have the list sorted by next weekend and will post it on our Facebook page and on the shop window and while there are some excellent prizes for catching fish the list of prizes to be won just for entering is equally as impres-

Every hour there is a lucky entry prize draw with the major draw a helicopter flight from Phillip Island Helicopters.

Early entries close soon so to be in the running for a \$100 meal voucher at Watermark restaurant enter before March 26 and you must be entered before 2pm Good

During the week was a little qui-

et apart from the odd local taking advantage of the fishing windows but come the long weekend and all the extra people plus the reasonable conditions we were getting plenty of reports.

There were a lot of people down that were going to be heading offshore to try their luck on the tuna but just as many also headed into the bay for a whiting or something else. Apart from the odd boat very few have been fishing in the bay, with the light winds suiting offshore so it was good to see some large groups on the whiting grounds again.

While the fish weren't just jumping in the boat with a little bit of work you could find a decent feed. The same could be said for offshore as well and the tuna played the same game they have been playing for the last couple of months.

It's a game of patience, worse than the one you play in the bay with snapper or whiting because you can see the schools of tuna both by eye and on your sounder and the schools are thick.

Getting them to bite though is a very different story and every expert who has ever caught a tuna has been here trying only to find out what worked for them before won't necessarily work this time, that is until the tuna decide they want it to.

We have seen dozens and dozens of tuna caught this season and we have also been told of dozens and dozens of methods.

Daisy chains, teasers of all sorts, small lures, big lures, skirts, and hard bodies, 80lb leader, 150lb leader, 6am, 11am, 2pm, must use this must use that, everything has worked at some stage and then there has been plenty of times where nothing at all has worked.

Nobody has the wrong way of doing things everybody has different ideas of how to do things and what works for one won't always work for others.

That really sums up fishing in general and they say variety is the spice of life and true here as well, always have a variety of ways to do things, whatever you are fishing for.

The best advice I ever received from a customer years ago when asked him how he manages to catch so many fish was, keep it basic but the best method of successfully catching fish is as simple as "go fishing", without doing that he said you have no hope.

#### Tuna on the bite

The tuna this weekend took everything, once they decided they were hungry even larger skirts and hardbodies, reports came from Cape Patterson to Cape Schanck, in close but also a little deeper, possibly because of the ordinary weather we have had offshore last week. Plenty out chasing kings and while we were told of lots of take-home size, we didn't see any that were big.

Several caught on the lures being trolled around for tuna but the most successful over the weekend was live bait and the large, 10" soft plastics dropped around the various headlands and offshore reefs.

There is no shortage of bait, the reason the tuna is still here, and a the gummies.

tackle shops best friend the couta has shown up in bigger numbers relieving several people of their favourite lures.

Although conditions weren't perfect, we still had some good reports of flathead from offshore and as many pinkies as you wanted from off the reef at Kilcunda.

Gummies were a bit light on, but conditions weren't that good to get where you needed to for them.

In the bay the whiting were considerably better than the last couple of weeks, in number anyway, average size was a bit small and closer to early 30's with the odd 40 plus showing up.

Most of the usual spots produced, however a couple of the better spots was Boys Home channel and around the top light in the Newhaven channel.

Other good reports came from Tortoise Head and Corinella with dozens in Dickies Bay you could see them in the water, problem was the leatherjackets were quicker than them to get to your baits.

With a lot of new people here the undersized pinkies and undersized gummies had someone else to play with and they had fun from the reports we received.

One customer from northern Victoria asked if we had the undersize fish on a retainer so people had to buy more bait.

It can be frustrating and impossible to get away from at times, perseverance will pay off and did for many over the weekend managing to eventually find numbers of quality size pinkies.

Some good flathead in the bay, calamari were a struggle as they have been all season but still some caught and nothing too special in



James caught his personal best whiting over the weekend, 45cm quality



Liam did plenty of miles on the water looking but eventually got them to bite.



Noel with a good feed of flathead from the eastern entrance.

# Finals hopes dashed for Island cricketers

We dropped 8 catches and 2 wickets off no balls; it was not the best 50 overs we could have hoped

Moreover, talk about unlucky, Dayso had two dropped off his bowling and then got smashed for 26 off one over!

The bowling figures Odgers 1/31 off 10, Womersley 1/38 off 10, Wright 1 for 43 off 10 fought back hard after is first three overs where expensive and bowled 4 Maiden overs.

Niven 0/36 of 9 and Tolley 1/38 off 4.

Chasing with the bat, McIntyre and Beaumont went out to open and were off to a good start before Beaumont was run out, we felt the decision should have been called not out, as a fielder got in is way and the pair collided, but the fielder didn't touch the ball and the decision was made, and he was out

Tony Hornsby entered the crease and he and McIntyre were going along nicely before both of them got out with bad shots, on 26 and 24 respectively, and at 3/58 things were not looking good.

Selby came and went without troubling the scorers.

I think that means he has to play next year; he cannot finish on that

Niven and Finlayson batted for a long time together but couldn't get the run rate up to where it needed

Finno finished off with top score of 36, Odgers finished off with 19 off 24 and was looking good but no one could hang around with him and we fell well short, only managing to get 149.

All though not the best result, we had a good year beating 2 of the top

3 sides during the season. We blooded a 15-year-old Kohen Beaumont opening the batting, Tom Niven, 16, who bowled and batted well throughout the year.

17-year-old Liam Dayson, who

for the year and Josh Excel, 20, who improved a lot this year with

All of these boys have a bright future if they continue to put in the

## C1 Cricket

Phillip Island Sharks took on Wonthaggi club in the semi-final at Cowes, club won the toss and elected to bat first.

Excell and Parsons opened the bowling, they bowled well in partnership with Parsons picking up the first wicket to have club 1/12 after 6 overs.

Young Tim Niven came on first change and with the experience of Peter Cleary bowling up the other end to keep applying the pressure, Cleary soon had his first wicket to have club 2/39 after 17 overs.

At the drinks break the game was evenly balanced with club 2/41 of 20 overs.

Niven and Cleary continued on after drinks, keeping it tight which led to Niven causing a run out with some good fielding and then his next over he got a well-deserved wicket to have club 4/58 of 25 overs.

Niven finished with 1/20 of his 8 overs and Cleary finished 1/19 of his 8 overs.

Young and McCausland came on next, with young getting some punishment by The Club batters.

as they chased quick runs with overs running out, McCausland picked up a wicket to have club

Parsons replaced young and soon had another wicket and soon after picked up two more to have club 8/116, Parsons finished with 4/23 of his 8 overs.

Excell came back on to finish his over and The Clubs inning finished up on 9/141 after their 40 overs.

The Sharks were chasing 142 to win and opened up with Epifano and O'Brien looking for a good start, which they got before Epi-

Parsons and Taylor came in looking to rebuild the innings and had a nice partnership going, to have the Sharks well placed at 2/52 after 20 overs.

The Club bowlers were bowling well, then Taylor was out for 23, leaving the Sharks 3/66.

Keating was next in, hoping to build a partnership but Parsons fell for 24 and the Sharks lost some quick wickets to be 6/80 of 33 Overs.

From there it was a struggle for the Sharks, with tight bowling and the run rate rising ended up 9/108 after 40 overs losing their semifinal which ended their season.

### C<sub>2</sub> Cricket

It was a terrific effort by the C2 cricketers to make the semi-final, but unfortunately the result went against the Sharks and the Wonthaggi lads progressed to the grand

Well done and we wish them all the best.

We started the day with a soccer match being played on the ground, a case of miscommunication but was all sorted and play got underway on time.

We won the toss and elected to

Openers Manning and Muscat were hoping to get there side off to good start, but Jonty continued his bad run of outs and failed to bother the scorers.

Gav Excell joined Carl and just when he was starting to get on top, he was run out for 16.

In form Darcy Johnston came in next and as he has done all year, began slowly but gradually he picked up the momentum.

The Newhaven ground is very lush and slow which didn't help Carlos as he is such a great stroke maker and rarely hits in the air, so he was getting frustrated, however this year, it's been a fun year.

took the most number of wickets fano fell to leave the Sharks 1/21 it's all about partnerships and beand soon was 2/21 with O'Brien tween him and Johnston they put on 40 hard fought runs.

Carl out for a patient 24.

The running machine Pete Francis joined Johnston and he played an anchor role and gave Darcy as much of the strike as possible.

A 45-run partnership with Pete's contribution of 5 saw us get to 114 when Darcy was out for a brilliant

Probably on most grounds it would have been 100, Kenter joined Francis and we got to 126 with Pete out for 12.

So, 126 to defend, another 20 or so would have been handy.

We opened with young Darcy Excell, we talked about a plan to get the big hitting McLean out, and first ball it nearly come true.

A very, very confident appeal for Lbw was turned done by the umpire, that little bit of luck going our way is what we needed but it wasn't to be.

Excell got his man though when skipper Johnston took a sharp catch at slip.

1-34 and then the other Darcy took a brilliant one-handed vertical jumping caught and bowled then followed a catch by D Excell off John Johnston and Club were 3-46 and on the back foot.

A 50-run partnership followed and that made it hard, but we never

Francis was bowling superbly and got the breakthrough when he bowled the young bat and followed up with a juggling catch to keeper

Then he got the captain out and all of a sudden Club were 6-112.

Tarryn Allen was thrown the ball and picked up the 7th wicket with the score on 121.

Could there be a miracle win? No, they passed our score with 3 overs to go.

A great game which we didn't do too much wrong just beaten on the day. Thanks to all who played C2



## DE GU Tidal predictions for Stony Point

Cowes -0.09 Newhaven -0.31

HIGH TIDE IS MARKED IN BOLD

Thu 11	4.36am 1.25m	<b>10.48am</b> 2.35m	4.57pm 0.74m		
Fri 12	<b>12.21am</b> 2.57m	5.54am 1.25m	<b>12.13pm</b> 2.31m	6.16pm 0.81m	
Sat 13	<b>1.30am</b> 2.60m	7.12am 1.15m	<b>1.36pm</b> 2.38m	7.31pm 0.82m	
Sun 14	<b>2.31am</b> 2.74m	8.17am 0.84m	<b>2.47pm</b> 2.65m	8.34pm 0.77m	
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# Ayden wins the race

Cowes local Ayden Fawaz took home gold for Woolamai Beach SLSC over the long weekend, showing his dominance in beach

Competing in Life Saving at the Junior Victorian State Championships at Warrnambool, Ayden took out first place in the beach run over one kilometre.

Across the weekend, Ayden competed in a total of 11 events, finishing State Champion in the beach run, and making the finals for many of the other events.

Also competing for Woolamai Beach SLSC was Ryder Evans of Cowes, who competed in five events, securing a place in the semifinals for beach sprint and beach relay.

The Junior Victorian State Championships marks the end of the competition season for Ayden and Ryder, who from next year will transition to the Youth/Senior competition.

Anyone interested in the sport of Life Saving is welcome to contact the club's competition representative directly via email: competition@woolamaibeach.asn.au

LEFT: 13-year-old Newhaven College student Ayden Fawaz, pictured on the winner's podium at the Junior Victorian State Life Saving Championships at Warrnambool last weekend.

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## Finals hopes dashed for Island cricketers

#### A Grade

The 2020/21 season has come to an end for Phillip Island, going down to ladder leaders Leongatha Town by 4 wickets in their semi-final played at Scorpion Park last Saturday.

Heading into the game, the Island knew the job they had ahead of them, with Town finishing a whopping 50 points clear of the Island at the end of the home and away season

The Sharks were more than competitive in their previous two outings during the season and were well aware that their very best would be good enough on the day.

Island skipper Max Royal won the toss and elected to bat first on a beautiful wicket.

Lachie Cleeland and Brodie Johnston opened up for the Sharks with Johnston coming off second best early with a fright-

ening blow which split his protector in half. He was dismissed not long after, leaving the Island 1-1.

Eli Richards joined Cleeland and the two immediately had the scoreboard ticking

Richards rode his luck, and along with Cleeland, were very busy at the crease and played some majestic cricket shots to see the Sharks take the early advantage.

Drinks came and went, and the Island were eying a solid total before Richards fell for an impressive 43, leaving the Island 2-96.

The Island then suffered a huge blow, losing Cleeland (46) straight after, with the

A horror patch in the middle of the innings saw the Island reeling at 6-107 but it was skipper Royal that saved the day, launching some huge hits into the vocal Town crowd on his way to a crucial 45 off 51 balls.

He was well supported by Simon Kirton who chipped in with an important 18.

the last ball of their innings for a respectable ting, to a great bowling and fielding effort,

The Island needed a big start with the ball, and it was Kirton that got the first wicket, with Town 1-22. Runs were flowing rapidly so Clint Wilson was thrown the ball to stem the runs and in his usual manner was very difficult to get away, eventually finishing with the tidy figures of 0-23 off his 10 overs.

With Town cruising at 1-85, Zac Brown entered the attack and lured the batsman to hold out on the boundary to the safe hands of Johnston.

Brown continued to turn the game with two more quick wickets, with Town now 4-98 and it was game on.

As hard as the Island tried, they were unable to gain the key breakthrough of the Town opener, who was the difference with 82. Royal (1-21 off 5), Charith Keerthsinghe (1-42 off 9), Kirton (1-43 off 6) and Brown (3-33 off 7) toiled hard but to no avail.

Town eventually winning with 9 overs to

A tough result for the Island but the season should not be defined by a semi-final defeat. A lot of progress has taken place and plen-

ty to build on for next season. A special acknowledgement to club legend Liam Keating with the work he has done with the senior squad this year, giving up

countless hours to help develop the group. Also, a big thanks to club coach Charith Keerthsinghe for his tireless work through-

out the season in guiding our club in the right direction.

Bring on season 2021-22!

Final Scores: PI 10/180 def by Leongatha Town 6-182

A Weeks a Long Time in Cricket

Last week we went from a very average The Island were eventually bowled out on batting performance other than Finno's batwhich saw us beat the top side, and heading

into a semi-final with our tails up.

So out to Outtrim we go to take on the topside again in a knock out semi-final, and things seemed to go from bad, to worse.

We lost the toss and had to field, it was not a great start in the warmup, Finno was hit in the nose with the cricket ball, which split his nose, bruised and blood everywhere.

I am sure he could hurt himself in a padded room!

It was nice of Dayso to turn up one minute before the game started, and off we went thinking surely our day could only get better from here.

Well, I was wrong.

Outtrim got away with a few early runs and then bang, our luck has changed, we ave a wicket, 1/17 you beauty!

Wait a minute; it was a No Ball, what else could go wrong.

A change of bowling brought Dave Womersley into the attack and he bowled well and got our first break through at 1/38, and then we seemed to get back into the game.

We managed to bring back down the run rate to just over 3 an over with Dave and Tom bowling well, which was followed up with some more good bowling with Odgers and Dayso.

Unfortunately, a catch went down off Davso, and then old man Macca took a ripper in slip off Odgers to have them 2/82.

When another one went to hand off Big Marn Matty Wright's bowling, we had Outtrim 3/101 and we felt, here we go our luck has changed and off we go.

Nope wrong again, from there on we dropped 2 batsmen before they were on 5 and both of them went on to make 60 odd

More catches went down and got another wicket on a no ball and by the close of their innings Outtrim had smashed their way to

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