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Channel Challenge runs without a hitch

After the original date was cancelled due to bad weather, there were blue skies for the San Remo Channel Challenge on Saturday, which also marked the end of the Bass Coast Series. Enthusiastic supporters turned out to cheer on the competitors. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography. For a full run down of the event, turn to page 12.

Greedy land grab, or low-cost new housing?

A state government hearing on new planning controls for Phillip Island is becoming a developers' "picnic" and a "forum to expand town boundaries", according to long-term planning observers.

Lawyers representing landowners in San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai, Ventnor and Smiths Beach dominated the opening day of the hearing at Wonthaggi last week, with the hearing to sit in

Phillip Island in coming weeks.

In 2019 the government declared Bass Coast a Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) to guide planning and protect significant landscapes, last year releasing the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), which received about 750 submissions.

Those submissions are now being debated in the hearing, with expert witnesses.

One long-term island planning observer said the hearings "seem to be turning into a forum for developers to try to get approval for expanding town boundaries", with another saying she was disappointed developers were scheduled to have more time at the hearing than the community.

Lawyers for developers argued town boundaries needed to be expanded – and include their clients'

land – to provide affordable housing.

Experts for the Planning Minister and Bass Coast Shire gave evidence last week and this week.

Next week (March 22), Newhaven developers will give a day of evidence, followed by Best Hooper Property Lawyers – representing Cape Woolamai and Smiths Beach developers – on March 23 (see below), who will be on the stand for two days.

The public can listen to the hearing via video or phone.

Once concluded, the hearing committee will provide an independent report to the Planning Minister.

Details: www.planningpanels.vic.gov.au/panels-and-committees/projects/distinctive-areas-and-landscapes-referral-bass-coast

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The annual PINP Community Open Day will be held on September 10, with Bass Coast residents able to apply for complimentary tickets to the Penguin Parade on the Sunday and Monday night.

New date for Open Day

Phillip Island Nature Parks has confirmed its annual Community Open Day, usually held in March, has been scheduled for September 10 this year.

"We are pleased to confirm the Community Open Day will be held on Sunday September 10 – which is our annual special day to say thank you to all our local supporters," a Nature Parks spokesperson said.

Bass Coast residents will be able to apply

for complimentary tickets to the Penguin Parade on Sunday and Monday, and the Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island and Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies Centre will open to all residents on Sunday.

More details will be shared closer to the event date. Nature Parks said the new date for the event is based on feedback from community groups, as well as consideration of peak visitor periods and staff resourcing.



All Victorians who haven't had either a Covid vaccination or infection in the past six months are now eligible for a booster, irrespective of how many prior doses a person has received. Photo: Steven Cornfield, Unsplash.

Covid numbers on the rise

Although well below the peak of early January, when there were 81 recorded Covid cases in the shire, cases appear to be on the rise again, in the lead up to the Easter holidays.

Numbers remain very low in Bass Coast but jumped from five to 23 in the past week.

Inverloch currently has the highest number of recorded cases (7), followed by Wonthaggi (6), then Cowes (5).

Across Victoria, cases were up by 10.5 per cent on the previous week, with the average daily number of new cases increasing from 431 to 474.

The Chief Health Officer's weekly update stated: "Recent transmission has been driven primarily by waning immunity and influenced by multiple emerging Omicron sublineages".

All Victorians who haven't had either a Covid vaccination or infection in the past six months are now eligible for a booster, irrespective of how many prior doses a person has received.

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster is recommended for:

- All adults aged 65 years and over
- Adults 18-64 years who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs

For those not infected or vaccinated in the past six months, a 2023 booster should be considered for:

1. Adults 18-64 with no risk factors for severe Covid
2. Children and adolescents aged 5-17 who have medical comorbidities or disability with significant or complex health needs

Free booster appointments can be booked at local GPs or pharmacies. You can find your nearest vaccination provider through the vaccine clinic finder: covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/booking/

You can pick up two free packets of RATs from Bass Coast Shire Council's Customer Service Centre, at 154-156 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

With holidays approaching and the expected visitor influx, people are being urged to continue to take steps to limit transmission.

Protect yourself and others

Protecting yourself is the best way to protect yourself and the community. If you don't get Covid, you can't spread Covid.

1. Wear a mask: a high-quality and well-fitted mask can protect you and others from the virus.
2. Get your booster dose: new bivalent vaccines targeting Omicron variants are available at your GP or local pharmacy. To find out if you're eligible for your next booster, visit the Coronavirus website.
3. Let fresh air in: open windows and doors when you can, it reduces the spread of the virus.
4. Get tested: if you have symptoms, take a rapid antigen test.
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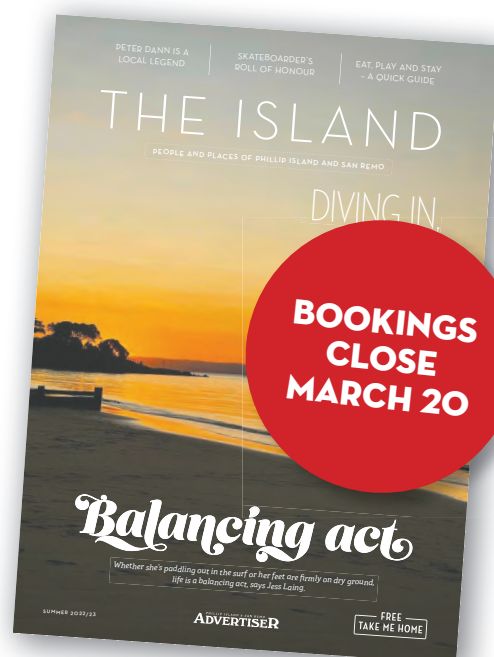
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Greedy land grab, or low-cost new housing?

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Cape Woolamai, Smiths Beach

A Best Hooper Property Lawyers solicitor appeared on the first day representing four clients, (who are otherwise unrelated, except for sharing the same lawyer).

These clients are:

1. The 48ha Phillip Island airfield site (owned by Glen Waverley Real Estate). According to the lawyer there is “evidence from the Planning Minister’s experts – which is consistent with council – that this site is appropriate for further investigation for residential development, noting the environmentally sensitive land on the south-west part of the site where it goes to the coastal edge”;

2. 34ha adjoining Smiths Beach to the east of the current hamlet (Jim Goumas). The lawyer said the land was located adjacent to Smiths Beach, “and in our view it is a logical inclusion within the Smiths Beach settlement boundary”;

3. 90ha south of the existing Coronet Bay settlement (Coastal Estates); and

4. 13ha south-east of Dalyston’s settlement boundary (Justin Taylor).

The Best Hooper lawyer said they would be calling four experts – planning, economics, landscape and ecology – to question whether the environmental attributes of these four areas were so “significant” they warranted landscape protection.

“The protection of significant landscapes should be no more important than people relocating to the area,” said the lawyer, who has worked on both the previous Bella-

rine Peninsula and Surf Coast DAL processes.

“Planning should be about inclusion, and not about shutting the gate on future residents.”

He acknowledged the committee did not need to “accept or prefer the evidence of our experts”.

The lawyer said community should refer to the broader Victorian community rather than the local Bass Coast community and he was critical the DAL broadly looked at Bass Coast’s environmentally significant landscapes rather than town by town.

San Remo

Lawyers representing three San Remo landowners also appeared.

All three argued land from Potters Hill Road to Punchbowl Road should be included in the proposed town boundaries, rather than excluded as is currently proposed under the DAL.

Barrister Nicola Collingwood said her client – Springway Corporate Group – owned 124ha edging Punchbowl Road, which should be included in the proposed town boundary of San Remo because the shire’s own 2010 structure plan for the area earmarked it “as suitable for urban development subject to demand”.

All three landholders will call on several of the same expert witnesses to argue their land should be allowed to be developed.

Ms Collingwood said an economic expert will argue the current proposed settlement boundary to Potters Hill Road would not adequately provide for population growth.

“Clearly most people would intuitively prefer undulating farm land



The 2010 San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai structure plan earmarked the land between Potters Hill and Punchbowl roads as suitable for urban development subject to demand.

but visual change is part of urban development,” she said.

“Ruling out development on that basis (landscape character) is far too simplistic and restricts development that needs to grow.

“Landscape (protections) can’t and should not dictate protected boundary settlements of San Remo.”

Lawyer Adam Parker said he represented two neighbouring landowners on the Phillip Island Road, who have a total 78 hectares.

Mr Parker argued not allowing his client’s land in the town boundary would increase land and housing prices and slow down the construction sector.

“By constraining the town through a boundary will escalate property prices and put pressure on housing affordability,” Mr Parker said.

“We believe there’s further opportunity for growth in San Remo.”

Newhaven

Lawyer Graeme Peake represented the “Newhaven submitters group”

at the planning panel, three parcels of land whose owners include Howard Verwey and Geoff Moed.

The town boundary for Newhaven ends at Boys Home Road, but the landowners are seeking to rezone for future subdivision their land behind Panny Letchumanan’s chocolate factory down to the water’s edge overlooking Churchill Island.

The DAL proposes to place new planning protections on this land, which is low lying and environmentally sensitive.

However, Mr Peake said according to the 2010 San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai structure plan, this land is “future residential subject to a detailed structure plan and coastal vulnerability hazard assessment”, with the town boundary finishing at Samuel Amess Drive.

Mr Peake told the panel the land wasn’t environmentally sensitive, and it wasn’t “the function of the DAL to protect cleared pasture land”.

The landowners say the DAL’s proposed town boundary for Ne-

whaven at Boys Home Road was “ill-conceived” and showed “poor knowledge of the location”.

Mr Peake is also representing another landowner in Coronet Bay, who is seeking to rezone his land between Norsemens, Coronet Bay and Corinella roads, Corinella.

Shire

A planning lawyer representing Bass Coast Shire council said while the shire recognised the importance of the DAL and largely agreed with the proposed protected town boundaries, larger settlements such as Cowes “is where the shire differed to the proposed boundaries”.

He said it was “premature” to lock in protected settlements without further strategic planning work.

“In essence, we’re not saying we’re against it, it’s about timing,” the shire’s lawyer said.

“There are locations where more work needs to be done.

“It’s about providing for adequate growth, needing to manage landscape ecology, issues around coastal inundation and erosion. So it’s a balancing act that needs to be achieved ... then settlement boundaries can be locked in in a more permanent way.”

The Planning Minister’s lawyer detailed how they would be calling on a range of experts, including in ecology, landscapes, economics, flooding and bushfires.

The committee chair highlighted the need for the Planning Minister’s representatives to explain how the DAL – planning controls and settlement protection – would be implemented.

Vexed Ventnor land again mooted for development

The Ventnor land saved from subdivision by a group of Phillip Island residents and pop star Miley Cyrus is once again up for rezoning.

The controversial 24-hectare Cadogan land, as it was referred to a decade ago, also embroiled former state Liberal leader Matthew Guy in an imbroglio that resulted in a confidential taxpayer funded settlement said to be worth \$3 million.

Now the owners of the land at 34 Bingley Crescent are lobbying to have the land – currently mostly zoned farming – rezoned residential through the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process, now being heard in a two-month planning panel.

Last week James Hamilton of Ratio Consultants represented his clients Springway Corporate Group, at 34 Bingley Crescent, Ventnor, with an opening submission, ahead of a full hearing on March 29. (Springway, believed to be an overseas owner, also owns land at San Remo, see separate story).

Mr Hamilton argued his client’s land – which he described as “Ventnor West”, adjacent to the south-west flank of Ventnor – should be included in Ventnor’s town boundary for future residential subdivision.

He said Covid-19 had created a “structural shift” in population growth for the “medium to long term” and the DAL and its planning controls failed to allow for growth – including housing affordability – in the next 15 years, through to 2070.

“34 Bingley Crescent should be included in the settlement boundary ... to allow for post-Covid growth trends,” he said.

Under the DAL, Ventnor has been downgraded from a district town to a hamlet, which will limit growth.

Mr Hamilton argued this downgrade will have “a detrimental impact on the ability of Ventnor to provide alternative growth options in the event of significant events such as Covid-19”.

“Our client further submits the



The controversial 24-hectare Cadogan land, saved from subdivision a decade ago, is in the spotlight again, as owners lobby to have the land rezoned residential through the DAL process.

downgrading of Ventnor places a greater emphasis on other areas, primarily Wonthaggi, to meet residential demand.”

He said this “ignores buyer trends and preferences for coastal rather than inland residences”, and also stopped the “equitable distribution of growth” in the shire.

The land has a single residential dwelling at its eastern corner and is zoned farming, with a small residential section adjoining Lymington Avenue.

Mr Hamilton made no reference to the botched planning saga a decade ago.

Once concluded in late April, the planning committee will provide an independent report to the Planning Minister.

Saga

The botched planning saga in 2011 saw Mr Guy, in his former role as Planning Minister, use his special ministerial powers to approve a residential rezoning request against his own department’s advice, overriding Bass Coast Shire.

Cyrus – then girlfriend of Liam Hemsworth, whose family lived nearby – and other locals fought

hard – and Mr Guy was forced into a humiliating backflip and the rezoning was reversed.

Cyrus tweeted to her 2.5 million followers a link allowing them to oppose the project.

“Phillip Island is such a magical place, it would be a shame to see it change,” the tweet said.

At the time of the rezoning, the property was being bought by Carley Nicholls whose partner, Jim Hopkins, was a property developer and member of the Liberal Party.

After the backflip, the purchaser, Ms Nicholls, sued and in 2013, Mr Guy used taxpayers’ money to reach a confidential multimillion-dollar out-of-court settlement with Ms Nicholls and long-term landowner John Cadogan.

The state ombudsman slammed Mr Guy’s role in the saga.

In 2015 The Age reported 34 Bingley Crescent had been sold for a speculated \$1.5 million, about \$400,000 less than the price it was listed at in 2013.

Local residents fought the proposed rezoning because of the impact, but also the planned attempt to overturn a 10-year planning process (see separate story).

Déjà vu for Ventnor residents

Ventnor residents would fight another proposed subdivision of farmland on the hamlet’s outskirts, according to an original opponent of the previous failed subdivision.

A decade ago a proposal to rezone the 24-hectare Cadogan land, at 34 Bingley Crescent, was quashed, and now the owners are lobbying to have the land rezoned residential through the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process, currently being heard in a two-month planning panel hearing (see separate story).

One of the original opponents of the rezoning Deb Sullivan said while the action group had been disbanded, the group was still “committed to fighting this”.

“The position is the same as it was 10 years ago,” Deb said.

“People come to the island for its open spaces, beaches and Nature Parks. We don’t want to love the island to death or kill the golden goose.”

She said in 2009, Planning Panels Victoria rejected including the Cadogan land in the Ventnor town boundary because of a lack of services.

“There has been no improvement in the existing amenities: no postal delivery, no hall, inadequate NBN and phone reception, sewerage problems, no made road, curb and channel,” Deb said.

“Rainwater still cascades down the street causing the top gravel to flow down the street.”

In 2009 Nature Parks also objected to the proposed subdivision because of its environmental impact, with the state government paying large sums of money to buy back homes in Summerlands to protect penguins.

“The Ventnor town boundary is the last buffer between us and the Nature Park and there are three farms in between,” Deb said.

“The government spent millions of dollars in a buy back. What’s the point if suburbs creep towards it, bringing destruction of significant native species and bird life.”

She added there were many

blocks of land for sale in existing town boundaries.

Subdivision

In 2009 Planning Panels Victoria had rejected rezoning of the Cadogan land for inclusion in the Ventnor settlement boundary, for a number of reasons.

The then panel described Ventnor as a dormitory suburb of Cowes, with little or no services and facilities, and little demand for infill housing in that location, given the lack of services and facilities.

The panel estimated an additional 200 dwellings and population of between 500 and 600 people would result from development of the Cadogan farmland.

“We believe the Cadogan land is not the most appropriate for the spatial growth of Ventnor, and that there is more appropriate land in Ventnor East (near the Anchorage Store),” the panel commented in its final report.

The panel also supported submissions from the Phillip Island Nature Parks (PINP) and the Ventnor West Coast Action Group, opposing the rezoning, based on the perceived threat of urbanisation to the sensitivity of the coastal environment in this area.

PINP had objected to the proposal based on the impact on the nearby 5300 strong shearwater colony, the largest on the island’s north coast, and proximity to the endangered hooded plover breeding grounds.

The lawyer representing the proponent at the panel hearing recognised environmental sensitivities, by proposing to prohibit cat and dog ownership on the new estate, a suggestion that was rejected by the Panel as unlikely to be successful.

The panel concluded its deliberations by stating the Victorian Coastal Strategy 2008 required significant environmental assets be protected, and new developments occur only within resilient environments, and thus rejected the application.

New staff and expanded programs at ELC

The Phillip Island Early Learning Centre has welcomed new staff and expanded its three year old kindergarten program this year.

The three-year-old kindergarten program will now provide two groups of 15 hours of free kindergarten per week and one group of six hours.

“We are very fortunate to have Joelle, Mel, Jordan, Lani and Julie all join our team in 2023,” said centre coordinator Karen Treppo.

“We still have vacancies in our kindergarten programs so if you would like a tour you can contact the Centre on 5952 1747.”

Karen said the new teachers come with extensive knowledge and experience in the early years sector with a special interest in oral language and literacy, inclusion and play therapy.

One staff member speaks fluent French.

“The skills they bring with them compliments the expertise of our existing staff in our four year old free kindergarten program,” Karen said.

State member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale paid a visit to the three year old kindergarten group recently to see firsthand how much the children are enjoying their Best Start, Best Life Kindergarten Kit.

Each child in the program received a free kit and the resource has been a huge success with the children and families, Karen said.

“The books, puzzles, story blocks and magnets for their home-based program offer hours of learning and fun.”



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State Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale with three-year-old Kindergarten kids, inspecting their Best Start, Best Life Kindergarten Kit.

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Grantville's sand resources are of "strategic importance", according to the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) project. "These resources safeguard the economic security and future growth of metropolitan Melbourne, including the delivery of key public infrastructure projects and the construction industry." Conservation groups are fighting this.

David v Goliath: conservation groups fight mining

While developers had nearly two hours in opening submissions at last week's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) planning panel (see separate story), residents and conservation groups had just 40 minutes.

Save Western Port Woodlands, Victorian National Parks Association and South Gippsland Conservation Society were merged in one alliance, represented by pro bono lawyer Barnaby McIlrath.

Mr McIlrath called for the DAL – which supports sand mining in Grantville's woodlands – to instead flip that policy and ban any further extraction to protect the old-growth forest.

He said Bass Coast was one of the most cleared areas in the state.

"The majority of the municipality has been cleared and now important remnant vegetation is under threat.

"We need to be redressing the landscape damage done since European settlement."

Mr McIlrath compared this region to the Bellarine Peninsula – which has already been given DAL status – and the Mornington Peninsula.

While the Bellarine's most vegetated areas have been "elevated" to state or national significance under the DAL, Bass Coast's remaining forest has "no protection" and is under threat from sand mining.

"I ask Bass Coast is not treated as the poor cousin and should be given the same level of protection afforded to other areas," Mr McIlrath said.

Save Western Port Woodlands, which has been fighting the growing sand mining industry in Grantville's woodlands for three decades, said they were "stunned" the DAL policy "entirely overlooked the biodiversity hotspot".

The SWPW submission said Bass Coast received little economic benefit from sand mining, yet the costs were "large and irretrievable", including long-term environmental degradation.

The submission said under current projections, about 2000 b-double truck movements from the mines would run per day by 2035.

The Phillip Island Conservation Society submission states there are currently 10 sand mines operating in the Western Port Woodlands, and five are in nature conservation reserves, with 19 current extractive industry work authorities within the woodlands and another seven under application.

Aside from the conservation alliance, the only other community group to speak on the opening day of the planning panel was the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association, whose pro bono representative said residents were against the planned expansion of the town, which would double its current size.



New York Times bestselling author Helen Brown has a world-wide following, with her books translated into almost 20 languages.



Helen's hand-knitted beanie that fetched \$1000 at a New York auction, a fundraiser for Ukraine.

Ukrainian fundraiser, with help from Cowes CWA

Phillip Island author Helen Brown admits she's better at writing than knitting, with her best-known book, Cleo, selling two million copies globally.

So no one was more surprised when a winning bidder paid \$1000 for Helen's hand-knitted beanie in a New York auction, which was a fundraiser for Ukraine.

But, she adds, the price wouldn't have happened without a little help from the Cowes Country Women's Association.

"For years I would force my beanies on to family and friends," she laughs.

"I'm a very bad knitter, just plain and purl."

She says when her New York-based publisher told her of the fundraising auction, Helen could only think of donating her books and a beanie, which she knitted in the colours of the Ukrainian flag.

"When I finished the beanie I thought something was missing so I walked up and down Thompson Avenue and the \$2 shops looking for a sunflower for this terrible beanie."

She popped into the CWA on Thompson Avenue and member Penny offered one of her hand-crocheted sunflowers.

"Blow me down the colour was an exact match with the gold of the Ukrainian flag in the beanie."

Helen then sent the beanie, complete with sunflower, to New York where bidders – who were also fans of the New York Times bestselling author – came from the UK, Belgium, New Zealand and the US.

"I thought it would get \$20 so I was shocked when it reached \$US650."

The winning bidder was a fan in Tasmania, who has since connected with both Helen and Penny to show her gratitude.

Helen has written 15 books and is currently working on her latest, due for release later this year.

www.helenbrown.com.au/

Newhaven College Open Day and Alumni Reunion

On Saturday March 25, Newhaven College will be hosting two important events.

The annual College Open Day (10am-2pm) and Alumni reunions for graduates from years 1993, 2003, 2013 and 2018 (10am-1pm).

Open Day

Every year, Newhaven College Open Day attracts hundreds of prospective students and their families. It is the perfect opportunity to explore the stunning coastal campus and school facilities. Focus is on the Junior, Middle and Senior School classroom displays, the gym and numerous sports fields, the Year 9 Envi-

ronmental Centre, new Performing Arts Wing and there will be a chance to participate in some live displays in the Science and Specialty Wing and the Trade Centre. There will also be displays by the College's own Equestrian team and Surfing Academy.

Guided tours will run throughout the day, led by students and staff, each expressing their own insights and passion for the school. Open Day provides the chance to experience the school first-hand, meet teachers and students and ask any questions you might have about what the school has to offer.

Newhaven College looks forward to wel-

coming you on Open Day. If you are unable to attend and would like to arrange a private tour, please contact our Registrar Belinda Manning on 5956 7505 or belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au.

Alumni Reunion

With social events being on the back burner for a few years, Newhaven College is very excited to be able to invite past students back to reflect, connect and network at the College Reunion function. Those students who graduated in 1993 (30 years), 2003 (20 years), 2013 (10 years) and 2018 (5 years) will be wel-

comed by Principal Tony Corr who will take the group on a tour of the school, followed by morning tea in the school pavilion with some of our long-term staff.

Past students from these year groups are encouraged to reach out to their fellow graduates to take this opportunity to catch up.

To participate in the Newhaven College Alumni event, for students who graduated in 1993, 2003, 2013 and 2018 please book your intention of attendance at www.trybooking.com/CFXLZ or via QR code below.

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Frankie Leary and Ella Herbert taking a family on a tour around Newhaven College campus on Open Day 2022.



Alumni Reunion from 2002: L-R Newhaven College Head of Middle School Geoff White and Head of Drama Lauren White welcome 2002 alumni Nat Robbins, Loretta Pezzino, Penny Hopwood, Casey Cleeland, Kelly Ambler, Sharnee Allan, Sarah Jacobs and William Rankine with Director of Learning Karen Milkins-Hendry.



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Newhaven College Student Leaders 2023

Newhaven College has a philosophy of nurturing and encouraging children throughout their school life. This builds a foundation of inner confidence and respect to ground them through adulthood. Students are encouraged to look at the world beyond themselves and aim to make a meaningful difference. Some of the students who represent these values early in their school life are recognised as leaders among their peers.

Junior School's student leaders were inducted at their first assembly. All the students in attendance offered their support with riotous applause. The Junior School Captains for 2023 are: Captains – Harper Perry, Alfie Russo; Vice Captains – Edith Jamieson, Flynn Wright; House Captains – Jett Fawaz, Sierra Phillips, Ethan Lynch, Darby Smyth, Molly Baud, Sophie Perry, Leo Christoforou and Oskar James.

Middle School presented their 2023 student leaders at their first assembly. Head of Middle School, Mr Geoff White, explained the importance of leadership and how to lead by example. The Middle School Captains for 2023 are: Captains – Mia Thompson, Aidan Smyth; House Captains – Claire van der Heyden, Aisha Hibbert, Levi Addison, Ania Falzon, Max Brocklesby, Zoe Paterson, Ethan Rhee, Piper O'Brien, Fred Karutz, Billy Fisher, Ruby Taylor and Madeline Kelly; Drama – Sequoia Paterson; Environmental – Ayishika Perera; Music – Anna Dixon, Keely Filsell;



Newhaven College Captains for 2023 (from left): Gabriel Pascoe, Brinn Hamley, Niamh Moore and Oscar Healey.

Public Speaking and Debating – Ruby Perry; Social Justice – Mayla Genoni, Jemima Fraser; Sport – Harry Bentley, Poppy Miles; and Visual Arts – Evelyn Mulcahy.

At the College's first all-school assembly, our Year 12 cabinet was welcomed on stage, and applauded by their fellow students, teachers and families in attendance. The four College captains were all presented to the entire school. Niamh Moore summed up the role of captain succinctly, "Being College captain is not only an opportunity to lead but also to represent my peers and school to the wider community. Along with that, I will be a role model for younger students, along with the other school captains and the rest of the college cabinet. I'm very excited to see where this year leads for me, my peers, and Newhaven College."

The 2023 Year 12 Cabinet consist of: College Captains – Brinn Hamley, Gabriel Pascoe, Niamh Moore and Oscar Healey; House Captains – Abbey Dwyer, Charlie Swan, Ciara Orr, Max Brown, Finn Cashman, Lucas White, Saffi Campbell-Walker, Willamina Donohue, Coco Stafford, Eden Goldsbury, Marli Carter, Tess Papas, Abby Osborne, Ella Duggan, Ruby Bond, Will Turner; Sport – Trinity O'Keefe, Lucas Chihotski; Drama – Art Oakley, Max Jobe; Music – Esta Christiansen, Will Murphy; Visual Arts – Abbey Barrett; Wellbeing – Tahlia Moschetti, Ebony Donohue; Social Justice – Charley Donohue, Chloe Goss.

The college community congratulates our 2023 student leaders and looks forward to seeing them all develop their leadership skills over the coming year.

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CRACKING THE CODE: INNOVATION FOR A GENDER EQUAL FUTURE



Gender gap and diversity examined at IWD event

Phillip Island Winery was the venue for an inspirational International Women's Day lunch organised by Bass Coast Shire Council on March 9.

One hundred and fifty people attended the sold-out event, with MC Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead describing it as a day for "inspiration and change".

"As we continue to reduce the gender gap, we also recognise the rich cultural diversity of women in our community and their journey to equality."

The keynote speaker Div Pillay, CEO of MindTribes and Co-Founder of social enterprise, Culturally Diverse Women, took to the stage as Aretha Franklin's "Respect" blasted through the speakers, with the audience clapping along.

Despite the light-hearted start, Ms Pillay's speech highlighted some uncomfortable facts about the treatment of women, particularly women from diverse backgrounds, in this country.

"Approximately 30.8 per cent of women in Australia are not born here: they bring skills, languages, cultures and more that fuel our economy and society, yet we still see these women experiencing the compounding impacts of sexism, racism, classism, ageism.

"They experience wider gender pay gaps, plus barriers and biases to accessing job security or leadership opportunities."

Stating that "gender equity is everyone's responsibility and a human right", Ms Pillay outlined Australia's dismal performance on the



Ali Wastie, Catherine Basterfield, Div Pillay, Cr Clare Le Serve, Dona Tantirimudalige, Khajida Moustafa, Maddy Harford, Lukman Ali, Nicky Chung and Cr Rochelle Halstead.

World Economic Forum's Global Gender Gap report.

Australia is currently ranked at 43, while our neighbours in New Zealand sit at four. Countries out-ranking Australia include many African countries, as well as Peru, Slovenia, Serbia and Philippines.

The countries performance was ranked on four areas: economic participation and opportunity; educational attainment, health and sur-

vival; political empowerment.

The top five consists of Iceland, Finland, Norway, NZ and Sweden.

Ms Pillay also quoted vignettes from interviews with women from diverse backgrounds relaying their experiences in the workplace, and said everyone had the right to feel psychologically safe at work, and "shouldn't fear a backlash due to gender".

"This is what embracing equity is all about this International Women's

Day: we need to see and address the many women who are being left behind in our gender equality making."

She challenged everyone in the room "to feel and think differently", and to work to make a "long lasting and positive difference."

Refugees

The event's second speaker was Nicky Chung, CEO of Australian Vietnamese Women's Association,

President of Rotary Club Wonthaggi and Deputy Chair of Bass Coast Health, who shared the story of her family's journey to Australia.

The family fled Vietnam after the war, and took a perilous boat trip to Australia, looking for a better life.

Ms Chung praised Bass Coast Shire Council for its paid parental leave scheme, equal pay and equal prizemoney policies.

Final speaker Maddy Harford from the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group told the story of a Syrian family who arrived here in December and are part a Federal government pilot project where local groups take on the task of integrating refugees into the community.

The group found accommodation for Khajida Moustafa and her husband Lukman Ali, and helped them furnish the home, enrol the children in school, organise health checks and open bank accounts.

"It's an opportunity for a new life, but they are losing a whole life as well, and have to adjust to that," Maddy said.

If the warm reception Khajida received is any indication, the family has many supporters in the community.

The room erupted in applause when the couple won one of the lucky door prizes drawn at the day; other winners were Cr Ron Bauer's wife Nancy, Joy Herring, and Lesley Chambers.

The event was sponsored by Bass Coast Health, Phillip Island Nature Parks and Westernport Water.

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Back: Cr Clare Le Serve, Di Goeman, Rowanne Grinsted and (front) Cathy McLeod, Rob Parsons, David Laing at the IWD lunch.



Aunty Bev Munro, Patrice Mahoney and Kristen Yates-Matthews of BCH.



Cr David Rooks, Donna Boucher and Sally Ann Matthews.



Catherine Basterfield – PINP, Di Holmberg, Deanne Leacher and Michelle Steward.



Kerry Laughton and Steph Thornborrow at the IWD event held at Phillip Island Winery.



Hope Thomas, Kylie Martin and Louise McKay from Bass Coast Health.



Keynote speaker Div Pillay, CEO of MindTribes and Co-Founder of social enterprise, Culturally Diverse Women.



Robyn Kemp and Diane McAskill of Rhyll were among the 150 guests at the BCSC event at Phillip Island Winery.

Her. presents inaugural IWD event

The inaugural her. International Women's Day event was held at Clay and Co. on March 8.

The tone for the day was warm and intimate, welcoming unity, togetherness and support.

The theme for this year's International Women's Day was diversity, equality and breaking the bias.

Guest speakers Alexis Guttridge, Crystal-Jae Harrison, Nartarsha Napanagka Bamblett and Bree Tiana shed light on our First Nations culture, paying respects to cultural diversity and equality as well as sharing their personal stories on trauma, survival and growth.

"Wednesday was a dream come true; the unity empowers people and the story telling was transformational," said Crystal-Jae Harrison, Founding Director of her. skin and day spa.

Guests wore white to pay homage to Samantha Fraser, who tragically lost her life in 2018. White represents feminine energy. Purity + Peace.

All proceeds raised from the event will be donated to Change for Sam.



Alexis Guttridge, Crystal-Jae Harrison, Nartarsha Napanagka Bamblett and Bree Tiana – speakers at the IWD event at Clay and Co. Photo: Regina Magner.



Nartarsha Napanagka Bamblett leading the crowd into the IWD event at Clay and Co. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Change for Sam. Photo: Regina Magner.

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Ventnor resident Bob Wolstenholme received a \$185 parking fine in the mail after parking to take in the view of Cowes east beach from the Esplanade.



This photo was posted on Facebook last week with a message: "Not a by-laws officer in sight. But try parking your car at the boat ramp to get a coffee. Double standards or am I being a little cynical?"

Cowes Esplanade "fun police" fine warning

Drivers on the Cowes Esplanade have been warned to avoid a favourite viewing area after a spike in cars fined, even when idling for a few minutes.

The dirt area on the corner of the Esplanade and Steele Street – overlooking Cowes east beach – has long been a popular short-term pull-in for drivers wanting to admire the view, with a no-parking sign more recently erected.

Ventnor resident Bob Wolstenholme said last week he received a \$185 fine in the mail for "stopping in a no stopping area" on February 26.

Bob said about once a week for

the past decade he has parked in the dirt section for a few minutes and he was unaware of the restrictions.

"I would have only been there a few minutes. I didn't even get out of the car and had my window down," Bob said.

"I go there often to look at the view but at other times walk there and see many, many others doing the same. Tradies frequently park there to eat their pies."

He said when he received the fine he thought it was a mistake and requested a photo from the shire.

"I was shocked and disgusted be-

cause the inspector had snuck up behind, taken a picture of my car – where my window is clearly down – and not even had the decency or courtesy to say 'mate this is a no standing area, please move on'.

"He didn't have the intestinal fortitude to put the ticket on my car.

"I truly don't think this is a message council wants to be known for."

Bob said the last parking fine he received was two decades ago and he warned other drivers to avoid parking in the area.

"It's beautiful, without a shadow of a doubt, that's why people pop by.

"But the inspector will earn his keep and could easily catch 20 people a day there."

More

Former shire councillor Stephen Fullarton said in the past month alone he had heard from five people who had a similar experience: parking briefly or even idling their car, then receiving a fine in the mail.

"On top of those I've personally witnessed three people get fined. The shire takes a photo and goes, explaining they don't stop because people could be aggressive," Steve

said, adding that one was a tradie who idled his car while eating lunch.

"Council is unapologetic but I don't agree with the policy. It may be fine from a letter-of-the-law revenue perspective, but we are a tourist island.

"People come here to enjoy themselves but leave with a sour taste in their mouths because of the fun police."

Steve said tourism bodies, including Destination Phillip Island, should argue against the policy because "it gives us a bad reputation" and "common sense and tourism requires a friendly face".



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Rhyll residents fight planned path

About 100 Rhyll residents “gave a very clear thumbs down” to a planned path through the hamlet, in a town meeting last week.

Bass Coast Shire’s Cowes to Rhyll path connection saw stage one – Oswin Roberts Reserve to carpark – completed in 2021.

The next stages – Conservation Hill to McIlwraith Road, as well as McIlwraith Road to Beach Road includes a new concrete path through vegetation along McIlwraith Road, crossing Reid Street to the Rhyll Park.

The existing gravel path in the park would be replaced with a 2.5m wide path, which would then go through Walton Street by the children’s playground, cross Lock Road and widen the existing footpath to Beach Road.

Meeting organisers – the Rhyll Community Association, Rhyll Coast Action and the Rhyll Park and Hall Committee – invited the three island councillors but only Cr Ronnie Bauer attended. Cr Rooks discussed the community concerns at an earlier meeting.

Attendees at the meeting were critical of the

shire’s lack of community consultation about the proposal.

Rhyll Community Association’s Jim Kiley said details showed “very clearly the proposal did not stack up by any measure”.

He said residents supported an alternative headland trail made from gravel, following the coast from Conservation Hill.

“The proposed shared path through residential streets and the Rhyll Park would not address the needs of walkers or cyclists as effectively as a headland trail, which provides a natural extension along the Rhyll Inlet,” Jim said.

“A shared path through local streets could never be sold as a tourist attractor.”

He said the shire’s proposed route had more negative impacts on the roadside vegetation in McIlwraith Road and the children’s playground.

“It would also pose unacceptable risks to the safety of cyclists and pedestrians at the four road crossings, and crossings of 17 property

access entrances with poor sight distance.”

He said residents were concerned about the safety of older pedestrians on the Lock Road footpath, and “the prospect of months of construction noise and traffic disruption in the village”.

Jim said a headland trail would have no negative environmental impacts and no road or property access crossings.

The meeting resolved to notify the shire the community objected to the lack of consultation, and called for the plans to be abandoned in favour of a headland trail.

Resident Linda Marston said the shire had no mandate for the proposal, which “has many disadvantages” and the originally proposed gravel pathway was a better option.

“Alternate gravel construction is cheaper, aesthetically more pleasing, environmentally more sensible and will also provide a barrier against weeds,” Linda said.

“This project should be immediately halted until full engagement with the Rhyll community takes place.”

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An artist’s impression of the Kilcunda Skate Park and play space. Work is due to start this week and finish in June.

Work starts on Killy skate park

Bass Coast Shire Council announced last week that Grind Projects was awarded the contract for the construction of a skate park and new play space at Kilcunda Foreshore.

Construction is expected to start this week, subject to favourable weather conditions and availability of materials and contractors.

The construction of the new skate park and playspace is in partnership with the state government through Sport and Recreation Victoria, who have contributed \$250,000 towards the \$720,532 budget.

The new park could appeal to skaters from San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai, after plans for a regional skate park in San Remo, and then Newhaven, were abandoned by council.

Residents of Newhaven continue to op-


pose council’s plans for a smaller, upgraded skate facility at Graydens Reserve.

A draft skate park review released last year recommended that a sub-regional skate park be built in Cowes between 2024-26, on the corner of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads, on the land purchased by council for a sports hub.

The Kilcunda skate bowl will feature a roll in for beginners, a deep end for more advanced skaters, slappy kerb, water fall and pier 7 ledge. The facility also has a shelter with seating and accessible ramp entrance from both the rail trail and the foreshore sides.

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Members of the Boardriders Club took part in the event, including (from left): Kate Buchanan, Jack Matthews, Dean Langford, Todd Scicluna (back), Hannah Eisen, Bob Matthews, Billy Yusko and Melina Van De Weerd-Arceo.



Winning women Debbi Mahon, Susie Herrington, Bek Fincher and Sarah Smith. Susie and Bek took out second and third place in the Local Veteran Female category, while Debbi and Sarah came first and second respectively in the Local Masters Female categories, and first and third in the Masters Female.



Brian Dallinger (left) has competed in all 37 Channel Challenges, seen here with son Chris and his grandsons.



Bailey Sutherland, Billy Yusko, Tom Onley and Brendan Webb after completing the 37th Channel Challenge.



Channel Challenge runs without a hitch

Organisers breathed a sigh of relief following the successful staging of the rescheduled Channel Challenge at San Remo last Saturday.

A sunny autumn day with gentle winds certainly brought large numbers of competitors and spectators to San Remo for the late afternoon event.

Organiser Ron Nicholson was thrilled to report a record number of entries to the rescheduled race.

"We got a record number of entries – 640 – but there were not that many in the water," he explained.

"There were 200 competitors who received refunds as they had other plans already in place for the long weekend, but another 260 competitors were attracted by the prospect of tackling the iconic event in favourable conditions.

"By the time the event started there was a record number of 640 entrants in the system although not every one of them turned up on the day," Ron said.

"Organisers knew beforehand that there were many original entrants who had not asked for a refund but who would not be able to make the event, but they had decided to leave their entry fee as a donation to the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club."

It is believed there have been 800 different competitors who had entered for either one of the scheduled events and "this demonstrates that there is a massive interest in this unique event which is expected to keep growing," said Ron.

The event itself was run in ideal conditions although it

was a tricky tide to predict as it had changed a bit early on the previous day.

However the top ranking competitors in Callum McLusky and Tokyo Olympian, Emma Jeffcoat, were the fastest male and female competitors across the water and both went on to win their respective Divisions and repeat their victories of last year.

Justin Tilley, a local O/40 competitor, put in a terrific effort to be the fourth fastest competitor overall and he naturally won both the Open and Local O/40 categories while a local youngster, Callum McLeod, also beat home all visiting and local competitors in the Junior Male category. Justin and Callum also took out the Bass Coast Series prizes for Open and Local competitors in their divisions. There was prize money of nearly \$7000 given out for the Channel Challenge and Bass Coast Series place getters on Saturday plus vouchers worth several thousand dollars donated by the local business community.

"Everyone involved with the Summer Series of events is glad that the big effort made to reschedule the Channel Challenge paid off with a large number of spectators and competitors attending the event," Ron said.

"To have the Bass Coast Series finalised was definitely preferable to holding it in abeyance until December, so thanks to the amazing community spirit that prevails in the Bass Coast Shire we have successfully wound up another season of events and look

forward to starting all over again next year."

The Woolamai Beach SLSC thanked the major sponsors of the Channel Challenge for 2023 – Bass Coast Shire, San Remo Bendigo Bank, San Remo Hotel and Phillip Island Nature Parks. They also thanked Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary who had organized a market for the cancelled event and the San Remo SES who are a major contributor to the actual running of the event.

Competitors were equally enthusiastic about the event, with Emma Jeffcoat, Tokyo Olympian triathlete, who has won the past two Channel

Challenge Female races, summing up the sentiment in an email to organisers.

"I just wanted to say thank you for another year at the Channel Challenge," she wrote.

"It was another terrific event and I brought two friends from Sydney down to compete. They were blown away by how many people competed and the atmosphere.

"As a professional athlete I just wanted to say thank you for putting events on with prize money."

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Age is no barrier for these intrepid competitors. Mary Brown (left) declared she was the oldest first time female competitor in the race, with both her and Roz Morris (centre) in their 60s. Race veteran Jenny Merrick is in her 70s and said she's lost count of how many times she has competed.



WBSLSC's Tanya and Sienna Pinnock. While mum Tanya was on first aid duty, Year 11 student Sienna did her first Channel Challenge, and said she'll definitely be racing again next year.

Series winners declared

Points are awarded for finishing positions in each of the three Bass Coast Series events sponsored by Bass Coast Shire Council: Cape Aquathon, Cowes Classic and San Remo Channel Challenge.

SENIOR CATEGORY – \$250 PRIZE

Open Senior	Male:	Tristan Price
Open Senior	Female:	Mia Foster
Local Senior	Male:	Andre Heterbreug
Local Senior	Female:	Cassie Stoppa

JUNIOR CATEGORY - \$200 PRIZE

Open Junior	Male:	Callum McLeod
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Local Junior	Male:	Callum McLeod
Local Junior	Female:	Mackenzie Wain

OPEN CATEGORY - \$200 PRIZE

Open O/40	Male:	Justin Tilley
Open O/40	Female:	Lauren Borschmann
Local O/40	Male:	Justin Tilley
Local O/40	Female:	Sarah Smith
Open O/50	Male:	Paul Taylor
Open O/50	Female:	Jo-anne Elvish
Local O/50	Male:	Rob Fleisner
Local O/50	Female:	Emma Moore

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SAN REMO CHANNEL CHALLENGE



Behind the mic at the presentation was event organiser Ron Nicholson.



Cr Rochelle Halstead with Callum McClusky, winner of the Senior Male category.



Winner of the Senior Female category Emma Jeffcoat was not at the presentation but wrote and thanked the organisers. Second place went to Rebecca Henderson (right) with Mia Foster (left) in third.



With Bendigo Bank's Joan Matthews and Bronwyn Pratt – Lara Smyth (1st Local Junior Female), Callum McLeod (2nd Local Junior Male), Kuga Heenan (1st Local Junior Male).



Justin Tilly took out the top spot in the Men's over 40 category on the day, and also for the entire Bass Coast Series.



Rob Fleisner, with Bendigo Bank's Bronwyn Pratt, came first in the over 50s Male category.



Peter Williams from the San Remo Hotel with Jo-anne Elvish, who came first in the Veteran Female (50+) category.



Open Senior Male winners from left: Tristan Price (3rd), Callum McClusky (1st) and Harvey Lanigan (2nd)



First place in the Junior Males was Gab Incani, with Bendigo Bank's Joan Matthews.



Cassie Stoppa came second in the Local Senior Women's category.



Lara Smyth took out first place in the Junior Female category.



Winner of Open 0/40 Female category Debi Mahon.



Amanda Price is directing the latest Offshore Theatre production, "Australians All" by Jonathon Biggins, which runs from March 23 to April 1.



Assistant Director/Producer Gay Findlay covers everything from script reading to front-of-house rosters.

Offshore behind the scenes

Written by Jonathon Biggins, "Australians All" a politically incorrect satire about a local council Australia Day committee opens on March 23 at Newhaven College's new Black Box Theatre, presented by the Phillip Island Offshore Theatre group.

Set in 2012, in the seaside town of Coriole Shire, the local Australia Day committee meet to organise but all does not go to plan.

Offshore Theatre group is a small band of dedicated and highly talented thespians who come together three times a week for rehearsals and spend hours line learning.

The Director is Amanda

Price, who by day is a Japanese teacher at Newhaven College and is a foundation member of the group which started in 1995 with its first show – Cindarella – at the St Philip's Church in Cowes.

Assistant Director/Producer is Gay Findlay, retired from a 50 year career in education and whose activities include everything from script reading, front of house rosters, publicity, costumes and filling in many other activities required.

Kate Cleeland is new to the group after returning to Phillip Island after 30 years in London in the thick of a life of theatre and dance. Kate is a

whiz on the sewing machine and is assisting wardrobe manager Gerry source costumes, often borrowed from Wonthaggi Theatre group, as well as scouring local Op shops, friends and family wardrobes.

Together, this group have produced a high quality production where you're not sure whether you'll cringe or laugh but will keep you on the edge of your seat for what happens next.

Tickets are on sale now – book via trybooking.com. Generous discounts for groups of 10 are available; single tickets \$30. Seasons runs from March 23 to April 1.

Celebrate 25 years of strolling

On Monday May 8, local walking group Bass Coast Strollers, will gather members together, both past and present, to celebrate 25 years of exploring our wonderful area.

There will be plenty of reminiscing of the group's great trips away as well.

They are inviting all past and present members to get together at a Newhaven venue for a light casual lunch and an afternoon of mingling and chatting.

The plan is to walk around Churchill Island in the morning with four or 8km options. Past members are most welcome to join the walk.

The Strollers would like past members to register their interest by emailing info@basscoaststrollers.org so more details can be sent.



Members of Bass Coast Strollers on one of their away trips. Past and present members are invited to join in the 25 year celebrations of the group, on May 8, including a walk around Churchill Island.

Vouchers help struggling families

Kids in need across Bass Coast have been given back-to-school vouchers by the Bass Coast Community Foundation, to be used for school essentials like uniforms, shoes, school bags and stationery.

Funded by local donors with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), more than 800 vouchers were given to schools and organisations, distributed to fami-

lies struggling to meet the costs of the new school year, which was the highest ever number of vouchers to be donated.

Principal of Bass Valley primary school Sharon King said the vouchers made a difference to many families.

A total of \$380,000 worth of vouchers have been given to local schools by the foundation over 18 years.

Details: www.bccf.org.au



Sharon King is presented with Back to School vouchers by Bass Coast Community Foundation Directors, Polly Caldwell (left) and Chelsea Caple (right).

Closing the Gap Day March 16

The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network and associated organisations are working to "close the gap".

In 2008 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) established Closing the Gap to provide the basic health, education and other services needed to put Indigenous Australians on an equal footing with other Australians.

Since then some targets, such as children's school readiness, child-removal rates and incarceration rates, went backwards, and other measures have faced repeated delays.

In March 2019, a formal partnership saw, for the first time, Australian governments share decision making with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives to develop a new national agreement on Closing the Gap.

In February 2023, the Minister for Indigenous Australians, Linda Burney, announced more than \$420m towards a new plan providing clean water, food security and housing to Indigenous Australians.

The announcement is part

of the practical actions the government has promised to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia.

The Minister said the government needed to do more, and new measures would be more specific and more targeted.

The Implementation plan covers water, housing, education, legal assistance and support for women and families experiencing violence, with a particular focus on rural and remote communities.

The funding is in addition to the \$1.2bn announced in the October 2022 budget and will be delivered through formal partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities.

Closing the Gap in Bass Coast

The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network (BCRN) consists of community members and key organisations within the Bass Coast. These organisations are also working to Close the Gap.

Phillip Island Nature Parks has had a Reconciliation Ac-

tion Plan for several years and has also developed an Aboriginal Employment Strategy and added two new employees to the Conservation team.

Westernport Water rolled out their second Reconciliation Action Plan in 2022.

Bass Coast Health is committed to working with First Australian communities to understand their health and well-being needs and to improve their health practices.

In 2020 Bass Coast Health employed an Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer, in 2021 an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee was formed and will launch their Reconciliation Action Plan in 2023.

The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network is proud to be working and walking with these organisations and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in our community to close the gap.

In 2022 the community joined the BCRN and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to walk across the San Remo – Phillip Island bridge in support of reconciliation.



Phillip Island Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) 2023

Will be hosting a Feast for Freedom with wonderful Middle Eastern food and other surprises. Also, a talk and a raffle of a painting by Peter Balfe.

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Feast for Freedom

Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR), Phillip Island, is holding their second Feast for Freedom dinner to raise money for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, on Saturday March 25 at 7pm at the Rhyll Mechanics Insti-

tute Hall.

Last year the dinner was a sell out and enjoyed by 70 well-fed guests.

This year's event includes delicious food made from recipes donated by refugees, a beautiful painting by Rhyll

artist Peter Balfe, and much laughter and goodwill.

Booking through [trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com) (code CGBNV) with donation of \$43.

Enquiries Gabrielle 0410 441 540 or gabesmahony4@gmail.com.

A celebration day for girls

Kyla Seipp wants to celebrate women and girls and is holding two special workshops later this month.

An early childhood teacher, counsellor and youth mentor, Kyla describes the workshops as “positive menstruation education”, focused on connection and celebration.

On Friday, March 31 she is hosting a two hour mothers’ session, then running a full day session on Sunday, April 2 at Island Healing in Newhaven.

Kyla said the workshops are about period preparation.

“I am a passionate advocate for period poverty. The workshop is focused on educating girls on their menstrual cycle in a way that the education system lacks.

“It’s no secret that growing up involves change,” Kyla said.

“But we can help girls to feel informed and confident about their body, their cycles and themselves.

“Extensive research has shown that for young girls who experience menarche well-prepared, with a positive introduction and emotional support, the result is higher self-esteem, fewer negative cycle related symptoms, favourable overall menstrual perception and easier subsequent births.”



Kyla Seipp is holding a Celebration Day for Girls – workshops about period preparation, with a Mothers Session on March 31, then a full day session on Sunday, April 2 at Island Healing in Newhaven.

Kyla described Celebration Day for Girls as “a holistic approach to positive puberty preparation that is rooted in celebratory elements to help affirm relationships with their caregivers, bodies, cycles and themselves”.

Kyla is also hoping to gar-

ner community support for a campaign to end period poverty on Phillip Island.

To book a ticket, contact Kyla at 0474 135 944 or email at thesebravebabes@gmail.com.

Learn more at Kyla’s website: thesebravebabes.wixsite.com/bravebabe

East Timor’s thanks to local Rotarians

The Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo welcomed two visitors from East Timor to their club last month.

Brother Adriano and his associate, Eugenio from Don Bosco school in Dili, Timor L’Este visited the club to thank members for the generosity shown to the villagers in Dili region.

Adriano and Eugenio coordinate the installation of the water units supplied by the Rotary club, which provide clean, filtrated drinking water to thousands of children in villages in the region where once only dirty water was available.

“The reduction in disease and the increase in hygiene are proving to be life changing for these villagers,” said Rotary president Peter Buitenhuis.

Adriano and Eugenio brought gifts of hand woven scarves and Timorese coffee for the members.



Brother Adriano (right) and his associate, Eugenio (left) from Don Bosco school in Dili, Timor L’Este with Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary club president Peter Buitenhuis.

The units cost the club \$6000 each and once installed have a service free period of 10 years providing potentially 1000 litres of clean water per hour.



Lovely Leia

Leia Raynes was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on February 12, 2023, weighing 3.54kg. Leia is the first child for Savanah Marmion and Liam Raynes of Corinella.

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Sarah Maclaine’s Jazz n Champagne appearing on Sunday March 19 at the Phillip Island Bowling Club, starting at 2pm.

Jazz and champagne on offer!

This month’s Sunday Jazz concert on March 19, features Sarah Maclaine’s Jazz n Champagne.

The concert, at the Phillip Island bowling club in Dunsmore Road, Cowes, runs from 2pm – 4.15pm.

March 19 is also Bendigo Bank Appreciation Day and an opportunity to say thanks for supporting our local jazz scene since day one.

“Bendigo Bank has been involved in projects varying from production of our newsletter to purchase of a waterproof trailer to store our sound equipment and transport it to gigs,” said Club member Jill Boyce.

“A massive thanks to Bendigo Bank.”

Providing the day’s entertainment will be the glamorous and talented Sarah Maclaine who is in demand for appearances at festivals and corporate events.

The backing group is led by two musos well-known to Phillip Island audiences, Todd Sidney on keyboards and Ron Anderson on sax and flute. They will be joined by Ivan Rosa on bass and Lachlan Wallace on drums.

Join the Jazz Club at the Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes at 2pm. Entry is \$20 for members and \$25 for visitors.

Save the date

The Jazz Extravaganza Day is on Sunday April 16, an all-day event commencing at 10am and concluding at 5pm. Entry is \$35 which includes a BBQ lunch.

Bands appearing will be The Skiffle Party, Dan Bolton and Friends and Andrew Nolte Dixieland Band. This event will be jointly sponsored by Philip Island Jazz and Bass Coast Shire Council.

For more information, please contact Robin on 0432 814 407 or Jill – 0417 416 300 to arrange purchase of tickets.

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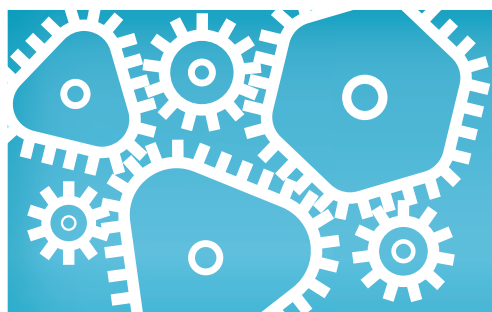
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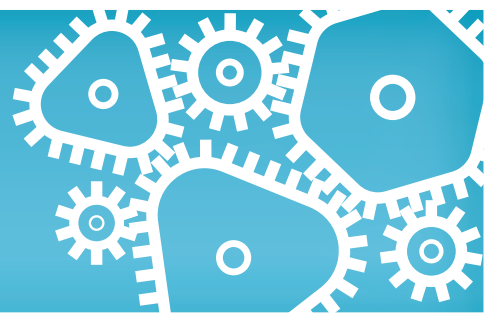
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Permanent Part Time, Casual

Team Leader – Occupational Therapist & Social Support

Permanent Part Time – Closes 24/03/2023

Registered Nurse Day Surgery

Permanent Part Time, Casual

Registered Nurse Endoscopy

Permanent Part Time, Casual

Senior Aboriginal Health Liaison Officer

Permanent Full Time – Closes 22/03/2023

Associate Nurse Unit Manager - Acute

Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 22/03/2023

Allied Health Assistant

Permanent Part Time – Closes 17/03/2023

Pharmacist

Permanent Part Time – Closes 05/04/2023

Enrolled Nurse Day Surgery

Permanent Part Time, Casual

Better @ Home Coordinator

Permanent Full Time – Closes 16/03/2023

Enrolled Nurse – Kirrak House

Permanent Part Time

Better @ Home Registered Nurse

Permanent Full Time – Closes 22/03/2023

Registered Nurse – Acute

Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual – Closes 31/03/2023

Physiotherapist – Grade 1

Permanent Full Time – Closes 17/03/2023

Oral Health Therapist

Permanent Full Time, Part Time – Closes 20/03/2023

Registered Nurse – Perioperative

Permanent Part Time, Casual – Closes 19/03/2023

Registered Nurse – Sub Acute

Permanent Full Time – Closes 31/03/2023

Associate Nurse Unit Manager – Emergency

Permanent Part Time/all hours considered

Registered Nurses – Urgent Care Centre

Permanent Full Time/Part Time – Closes 30/03/2023

Registered Nurses – Emergency

Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual – Closes 31/03/2023

Support Services Assistant

Casual – Closes 19/03/2023

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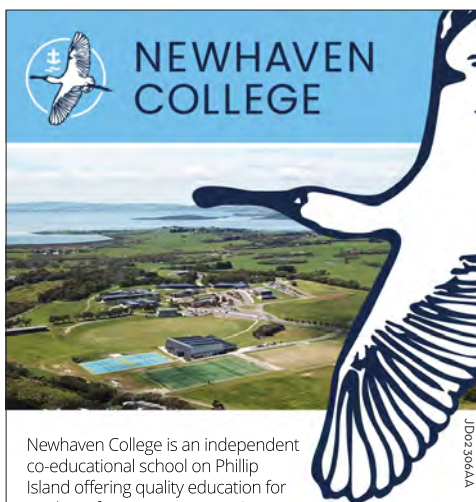
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Newhaven College is a child safe environment. Every child has a right to be safe, and at the College we have a zero tolerance for child safety risks (including child abuse and reportable conduct). As such, preferred applicants will be subject to child protection screening, background and reference checks, verification of identity checks and must adhere to the College's practices, as outlined in the Child Protection Program policies available on the College website.

SITUATIONS VACANT



JD02382AA

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Time Fraction: 0.6 FTE

The South Eastern Independent Schools Association (SEISA), a small sporting and cultural co-curricular association of independent schools in the Gippsland/South-East Melbourne region, is seeking a highly-organised individual to take on the position of Executive Officer. The successful applicant will have experience in sports administration, together with excellent communication skills and sound financial management skills.

SEISA's Executive Officer will ideally be able to be based at one of the member schools – Beacons Hills College, Newhaven College, St Paul's Anglican Grammar School or Gippsland Grammar School – with the requirement to be in attendance at various SEISA events and meetings. There would also be scope for the Executive Officer to work from home when not required on site or at events.

While the position is 0.6 FTE, there will be busy weeks during the year where more than this is required, yet other weeks where a lesser amount of time is needed. Consequently, the successful applicant will need to have flexibility, together with an ability to be an independent worker and a self-manager, to succeed in the role.

A suitable salary will be negotiated with the preferred candidate, together with additional benefits such as the provision of a laptop computer. For further information about SEISA, please visit www.seisa.com.au or email Cobie Giliam at secretary@seisa.com.au.

To apply for the position, please send a cover letter and resume to Cameron Herbert, SEISA Chair, at principal@stpaulsags.vic.edu.au.

Closing Date for Applications:

Monday 27 March 2023.



Bass Coast Children's Centre Inc invites applications for the following position:

Book Keeper/ Payroll Officer

Permanent Part Time (1 day per week)

We are currently seeking an experienced Bookkeeper to join our team. The ideal candidate will be highly motivated, detail-oriented, and have a proven track record of managing financial records for small business.

On-the-job training will be provided to the successful applicant.

Reporting to the Centre Co-ordinator, the role will include, but will not be limited to:

- Data Entry (QikKids).
- Payroll, Accounts Payable/Receivable using MYOB
- Month End Reconciliation and Reporting.
- General Administrative Functions

If you are an experienced Bookkeeper with a passion for accuracy and attention to detail, and you are looking for a rewarding position within a child care centre, we encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity.

Please submit your resume and cover letter to Dina McMaster.

Applications close 24th March 2023.

All enquiries (between 10 am & 4 pm) to:

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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Leadership questioned

The February council meeting provided yet more evidence of the poor leadership shown by both the Bass Coast Shire Mayor and the Bass Coast Shire CEO.

Council failed to play the national anthem at the recent Australian citizenship ceremony. It appears the omission was a deliberate decision.

The Australian anthem is an important symbol of Australia and should be treated with respect and dignity.

Further, the Australian citizenship ceremonies code advises the Advance Australia Fair should be played.

Several community members asked public questions about why the anthem was not played. They sought council response as to why it happened, whose decision it was, and what procedures council will put in place to prevent future omissions.

Considering my unsatisfactory experience with the current CEO, I am not surprised the glib response from council failed to address those important questions. Each community member was given the same generic response in which council blamed past inconsistencies and claimed a commitment to playing the anthem at future ceremonies.

So, no leadership by Cr Whelan to step up and take ownership of this decision, and no explanation from the CEO as to how council will ensure the anthem is played at future ceremonies.

Cr Whelan is no fan of public questions. He later told ABC radio of his view that the need for public questions to be put to council meetings is fantasy.

The community rightly pays a reasonable base allowance of \$100,637 for a Bass Coast Shire mayor.

The CEO's salary is very generous indeed, with current CEO Ali Wastie sitting on around \$350,000.

I believe when the community is paying such good allowances and salaries, the occupants of those positions should have the professional maturity and the ethical values befitting such positions. This is essential for any good leader.

It is my view that the current mayor and the CEO fall short.

Kevin Griffin, Inverloch

Stop geese shooting

Concerned citizens are shocked not only by the fact Cape Barron Geese are being shot by a local farmer, but that the shooting is taking place close to the heart of the sleepy township, in an unfenced area bordered on two sides by high density housing. This poses an obvious danger. People who choose to live in nature don't generally appreciate this.

It is baffling that, despite all the rhetoric around alternative means for managing wildlife on Phillip Island and surrounding areas, the easiest way still involves grabbing a gun. Why aren't farmers compelled to first attempt egg removal or adding as management options, as suggested in the Phillip Island Wildlife Plan? Instead, in defiance of the plan's stated advocacy of alternate control methods, increasing numbers of permits to kill are still being issued.

We don't call this 'shooting' of course, especially when it involves a fully protected species but, in an Orwellian sleight of speech, 'lethal control'. But who controls the controllers? Once a permit is issued, there's no further regulation on proper use of firearms and ammunition, numbers of geese involved, proper disposal of bodies, follow-up with injured geese, possible exclusion zones and so forth. All that information is 'protected', just like the geese who so evidently are not.

And neither are the citizens, many of whom do not want to hear protected geese being killed in areas adjoining their backyards. They also claim they rarely even see geese there. Many locals don't want wildlife killed in their peaceful township and it's hard to imagine the tourists who visit for the beach, fishing and wildlife walks do either.

The Office of the Conservation Regulator promised to get back to me with more information but didn't. The San Remo police, the only people to receive advance warning of the shootings, remain tight lipped and adamantly refuse to warn citizens when shootings will occur, meaning vulnerable animals and children remain at risk. Other institutions (council, state and Federal politicians) keep passing the buck. Because the shooting is legal, is public safety not a concern.

Mindy MacLeod, Coronet Bay



Regarded as the largest historic motor race in the Southern Hemisphere, the Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport is renowned for attracting some of the finest historic race cars in the world. Photo: Alia Schonberg

Another classic weekend

The 2023 Phillip Island Classic – Festival of Motorsport hosted a number of spectacular historic F1 cars from Europe along with nine international drivers competing at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit on the weekend. Regarded as the largest historic motor race in the Southern Hemisphere, the Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport is renowned for attracting some of the finest historic race cars in the world and this year did not disappoint local and international fans.

More photos at
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It was a classic car lover's dream at the GP Track on the weekend for the Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.



Six group C & A cars from the Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport were in Thompson Avenue on Friday night for a show and shine, to the delight of local motoring enthusiasts. Photo: Tim Hatfield.

Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, March 7

Mens 18 hole Par

A Grade winner: Alan Schache (6) with +3 from Phillip Bencraft (12) with +1.

B Grade winner: Daniel Hall (19) with +6 from Steven Sloss (17) +5.

C Grade winner: Chris Vanderhayden (27) with +2 from Rob Millership (27) +1.

NTP: 5TH Mark Jamieson, 7th Stuart Carson, 10th Wayne Morris and 17th Dave Nicoll.

BDL to square c/b.

NTP: 5th Steven Sloss, 7th David Egan, 10th Stephen Mack and 17th Phillip Bencraft.

Mens 9 Hole Stableford

Clive Scott was the winner with 21 points from Brian Carvell.

BDL to 15 points c/b.

Wednesday, March 8

Ladies 18 Hole Stableford

A Grade winner Jeanette Diss (20) with 36 points.

B Grade winner was Jill Zellman (37) with 40 points.

BDL to 31 points c/b.

NTP: 5th Cheryl White, 7th Janice Baker, 10th Alice Schofield, 12th Judy Griffin and 17th Karen Green.

Ladies 9 Hole Stableford

Sherill White was the winner with 17 points.

BDL to 13 points c/b.

Thursday, March 9

Open Stableford

A Grade winner: Dan McConnon (5) 37 points c/b from Stephen Mack (14).

B Grade winner: Andrew Walton (17) with 39 points c/b from Trevor Reid (17).

C Grade winner: Trevor

MacFarlane (25) with 38 points from Janice Baker (36) 37 points.

BDL to 34 points c/b.

NTP: 5TH Peter Cartwright, 7th David Nicoll, 10th Peter Wilson and 17th Trevor Reid.

Open 9 Hole Stableford

Winner was Clive Scott (22) with 21 points from Brian Carvell (26) with 19 points.

BDL to 16 points.

Saturday, March 11, Stableford

Mens results

A Grade winner: Scott Leithbridge (6) with 41 points from Scott Fullarton (7) 40 points.

B Grade winner: Rick Jenkins (15) with 40 points from Rowan Wales (17) 39 points.

C Grade winner: Jake Wright (27) with 38 points c/b from Neil Buttery.

BDL to 35 points c/b.

NTP: 5th Cameron Pederson, 7th Kristian Phillips, 10th Jason Piera, 14th Chris Sanderson and 17th Neil Buttery.

Ladies results.

Ladies winner was Janice Baker (35) with 41 points from Christine Riley (45) with 39 points c/b.

NTP 5th Cheryl White, 7th Joanne Disher, 10th Rhonda Boyd, 14th Dawn Andrews and 17th Emma Hall.

BDL to 35 points.

9 Hole Open Stableford

Winner was Lyn Dunn (37) with 18 points c/b from Len Fenton (13) with 18 points.

BDL to 16.

Sunday, March 12, Open Stableford

Chris McKinney (16) won with 39 points from Lee Cleary (15) with 36 points.



Scarlett (third from right) took out third place in the U12 category of the GromSearch National Championship, held at URBNSURF in Melbourne.

Scarlett carves a name for herself

Phillip Island's Scarlett Rennie came third in the U12 girls category of the GromSearch National Championship, held at URBNSURF in Melbourne recently.

This follows another third place for the promising young surfer, in the Australian Yeti Junior Online Championships.

Seventy-two of the finest junior surfers from around the country competed in the GromSearch event. Finalists from the recently completed Australian Rip Curl GromSearch series were joined by wildcards from the #GromSearchOnline event to enjoy a day of

perfect waves in the two-hectare lagoon.

As an added treat, the youngsters were joined in the pool by pro-surfer and Olympic bronze medallist Owen Wright. During an expression session the kids were able to go wave for wave with Wright as he showed them how it was done.

Winners of the Under 16 Boys and Girls (Fletcher Kelleher and Isla Huppertz) received a spot in the 2023 Rip Curl Gromsearch International Final to be held at Bells Beach later in the year.

Full scores and results at www.surfingvic.com/live



The new Bridge committee members (not in order): Greg Nicholson (president), Deb Anglim (vice president), Karen Klym (secretary) and Jim Murphy (treasurer) and general members, Caroline Shaw, Leng Haggith, Diane Coleman and Graham Mckergow.

Bridge results

Last Monday, March 6, Greg Nicholson and partner Deb Anglim continued on their winning way with 68.52 per cent. Still above 60 per cent were Lorrie read and Neville chapman on 61.48 per cent. Robert Maclellan and Sohan Pal claimed third place with 58.15 per cent.

Wednesday's results have Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim leading the way again on 65.28 per cent.

Clare and Jim Murphy were next in line on 57.64 per cent. Karen Klym and Paul Waylen finished third on 56.94 per cent.

The new committee met for the first-time last Monday and positions were confirmed.

They are Greg Nicholson, president, Deb Anglim vice president, Karen Klym secretary and Jim Murphy treasurer.

General members are Caroline Shaw, Leng Haggith, Diane Coleman and Graham Mckergow.

Euchre results

Ladies winner: Kym Cooper – 6 wins.

Men's winner: Les Walton – 7 wins.

Encouragement award – Bet Stevenson.

Please contact Bob Hee for any further information on 0418 173 388. Come along everyone and have a great night out.

Tables booked for those wanting dinner before games start.

Thank you to all the wonderful RSL staff helping a card member in distress.

2023 TIPPING CHART

First

ROUND 1

MARCH 16–19

Richmond vs. CarltonMCG

Geelong Cats vs. CollingwoodMCG

Nth Melbourne vs. West Coast EaglesMVL

Port Adelaide vs. Brisbane LionsAO

Melbourne vs. Western BulldogsMCG

Gold Coast Suns vs. Sydney SwansMS

GWS Giants vs. Adelaide CrowsGS

Hawthorn vs. EssendonMCG

St Kilda vs. FremantleMVL

ROUND 2

MARCH 23–26

Carlton vs. Geelong CatsMCG

Brisbane Lions vs. MelbourneG

Collingwood vs. Port AdelaideMCG

Adelaide Crows vs. RichmondAO

Western Bulldogs vs. St KildaMVL

Fremantle vs. North MelbourneOS

Sydney Swans vs. HawthornSCG

Essendon vs. Gold Coast SunsMVL

West Coast Eagles vs. GWS GiantsOS

ROUND 3

MARCH 30–APRIL 2

Western Bulldogs vs. Brisbane LionsMVL

Collingwood vs. RichmondMCG

Hawthorn vs. North MelbourneUTAS

GWS Giants vs. CarltonGS

St Kilda vs. EssendonMCG

Port Adelaide vs. Adelaide CrowsAO

Gold Coast Suns vs. Geelong CatsMS

Melbourne vs. Sydney SwansMCG

Fremantle vs. West Coast EaglesOS

ROUND 4

APRIL 6–10

Brisbane Lions vs. CollingwoodG

North Melbourne vs. CarltonMVL

Adelaide Crows vs. FremantleAO

Richmond vs. Western BulldogsMCG

St Kilda vs. Gold Coast SunsMVL

Sydney Swans vs. Port AdelaideSCG

Essendon vs. GWS GiantsMVL

West Coast Eagles vs. MelbourneOS

Geelong Cats vs. HawthornMCG

ROUND 5

APRIL 13–16

Adelaide Crows vs. CarltonAO

Fremantle vs. Gold Coast SunsNO

Richmond vs. Sydney SwansAO

Brisbane Lions vs. North MelbourneAH

Essendon vs. MelbourneAO

Port Adelaide vs. Western BulldogsAO

Geelong Cats vs. West Coast EaglesAO

GWS Giants vs. HawthornAO

Collingwood vs. St KildaNO

ROUND 6

APRIL 21–25

Fremantle vs. Western BulldogsOS

Port Adelaide vs. West Coast EaglesAO

GWS Giants vs. Brisbane LionsMO

Geelong Cats vs. Sydney SwansGMHBA

Hawthorn vs. Adelaide CrowsUTAS

Carlton vs. St KildaMVL

Gold Coast Suns vs. North MelbourneMS

Melbourne vs. RichmondMCG

Collingwood vs. EssendonMCG

ROUND 7

APRIL 28–30

St Kilda vs. Port AdelaideMVL

Brisbane Lions vs. FremantleG

Sydney Swans vs. GWS GiantsSCG

Western Bulldogs vs. HawthornMVL

Melbourne vs. North MelbourneMCG

West Coast Eagles vs. CarltonOS

Essendon vs. Geelong CatsMCG

Richmond vs. Gold Coast SunsMVL

Adelaide Crows vs. CollingwoodAO

ROUND 8

MAY 5–7

Carlton vs. Brisbane LionsMVL

Richmond vs. West Coast EaglesMCG

Geelong Cats vs. Adelaide CrowsGMHBA

Gold Coast Suns vs. MelbourneMS

GWS Giants vs. Western BulldogsMO

Fremantle vs. HawthornOS

Port Adelaide vs. EssendonAO

Collingwood vs. Sydney SwansMCG

North Melbourne vs. St KildaMVL

ROUND 9

MAY 12–14

Richmond vs. Geelong CatsMCG

West Coast Eagles vs. Gold Coast SunsOS

Sydney Swans vs. FremantleSCG

North Melbourne vs. Port AdelaideBA

Hawthorn vs. MelbourneMCG

Brisbane Lions vs. EssendonG

Carlton vs. Western BulldogsMVL

Adelaide Crows vs. St KildaAO

Collingwood vs. GWS GiantsMCG

ROUND 10

MAY 19–21

Port Adelaide vs. MelbourneAO

North Melbourne vs. Sydney SwansMVL

Western Bulldogs vs. Adelaide CrowsMARS

Fremantle vs. Geelong CatsOS

Brisbane Lions vs. Gold Coast SunsG

Essendon vs. RichmondMCG

Hawthorn vs. West Coast EaglesUTAS

Carlton vs. CollingwoodMCG

GWS Giants vs. St KildaGS

West Coast Eagles vs. CarltonOS

Essendon vs. Geelong CatsMCG

Richmond vs. Gold Coast SunsMVL

Adelaide Crows vs. CollingwoodAO

ROUND 11

MAY 26–28

Sydney Swans vs. CarltonSCG

St Kilda vs. HawthornMVL

Melbourne vs. FremantleMCG

Geelong Cats vs. GWS GiantsGMHBA

Gold Coast Suns vs. Western BulldogsTIO

West Coast Eagles vs. EssendonOS

Richmond vs. Port AdelaideMCG

Collingwood vs. North MelbourneMVL

Adelaide Crows vs. Brisbane LionsAO

ROUND 12

JUNE 2–4

Melbourne vs. CarltonMCG

Port Adelaide vs. HawthornAO

West Coast Eagles vs. CollingwoodOS

Western Bulldogs vs. Geelong CatsMVL

Gold Coast Suns vs. Adelaide CrowsTIO

GWS Giants vs. RichmondGS

Essendon vs. North MelbourneMVL

ROUND 13

JUNE 8–12

Sydney Swans vs. St KildaSCG

Western Bulldogs vs. Port AdelaideMVL

Hawthorn vs. Brisbane LionsMCG

Adelaide Crows vs. West Coast EaglesAO

Fremantle vs. RichmondOS

North Melbourne vs. GWS GiantsBA

Carlton vs. EssendonMCG

Melbourne vs. CollingwoodMCG

ROUND 14

JUNE 15–18

Port Adelaide vs. Geelong CatsAO

Brisbane Lions vs. Sydney SwansG

GWS Giants vs. FremantleGS

Richmond vs. St KildaMCG

Carlton vs. Gold Coast SunsMCG

Nth Melbourne vs. Western BulldogsMVL

ROUND 15

JUNE 22–25

Geelong Cats vs. MelbourneGMHBA

St Kilda vs. Brisbane LionsMVL

Sydney Swans vs. West Coast EaglesSCG

Fremantle vs. EssendonOS

Collingwood vs. Adelaide CrowsMCG

Gold Coast Suns vs. HawthornMS

ROUND 16

JUNE 29–JULY 2

Adelaide Crows vs. North MelbourneAO

Brisbane Lions vs. RichmondG

Essendon vs. Port AdelaideMCG

Gold Coast Suns vs. CollingwoodMS

Hawthorn vs. CarltonMCG

Melbourne vs. GWS GiantsTP

Sydney Swans vs. Geelong CatsSCG

West Coast Eagles vs. St KildaOS

Western Bulldogs vs. FremantleMVL

ROUND 17

JULY 6–9

Brisbane Lions vs. West Coast EaglesG

Essendon vs. Adelaide CrowsMVL

Fremantle vs. CarltonOS

Geelong Cats vs. North MelbourneGMHBA

GWS Giants vs. HawthornGS

Port Adelaide vs. Gold Coast SunsAO

Richmond vs. Sydney SwansMCG

St Kilda vs. MelbourneMVL

Western Bulldogs vs. CollingwoodMVL

ROUND 18

JULY 13–16

Adelaide Crows vs. GWS GiantsAO

Carlton vs. Port AdelaideMVL

Collingwood vs. FremantleMCG

Geelong Cats vs. EssendonGMHBA

Gold Coast Suns vs. St KildaMS

Melbourne vs. Brisbane LionsMCG

North Melbourne vs. HawthornMVL

Sydney Swans vs. Western BulldogsSCG

West Coast Eagles vs. RichmondOS

ROUND 19

JULY 21–23

Brisbane Lions vs. Geelong CatsG

Carlton vs. West Coast EaglesMVL

Essendon vs. Western BulldogsMVL

Fremantle vs. Sydney SwansOS

GWS Giants vs. Gold Coast SunsMO

Melbourne vs. Adelaide CrowsMCG

Port Adelaide vs. CollingwoodAO

Richmond vs. HawthornMCG

St Kilda vs. North MelbourneMVL

ROUND 20

JULY 28–30

Adelaide Crows vs. Port AdelaideAO

Collingwood vs. CarltonMCG

Essendon vs. Sydney SwansMVL

Geelong Cats vs. FremantleGMHBA

Gold Coast Suns vs. Brisbane LionsMS

Hawthorn vs. St KildaMVL

Richmond vs. MelbourneMCG

West Coast Eagles vs. Nth MelbourneOS

Western Bulldogs vs. GWS GiantsMARS

ROUND 21

AUGUST 4–6

Adelaide Crows vs. Gold Coast SunsAO

Essendon vs. West Coast EaglesMVL

Fremantle vs. Brisbane LionsOS

Geelong Cats vs. Port AdelaideGMHBA

GWS Giants vs. Sydney SwansGS

Hawthorn vs. CollingwoodMCG

North Melbourne vs. MelbourneBA

St Kilda vs. CarltonMVL

Western Bulldogs vs. RichmondMVL

ROUND 22

AUGUST 11–13

Carlton vs. MelbourneMCG

Brisbane Lions vs. Adelaide CrowsG

Collingwood vs. Geelong CatsMCG

Hawthorn vs. Western BulldogsUTAS

North Melbourne vs. EssendonMVL

Port Adelaide vs. GWS GiantsAO

St Kilda vs. RichmondMVL

Sydney Swans vs. Gold Coast SunsSCG

West Coast Eagles vs. FremantleOS

ROUND 23

AUGUST 18–20

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Fremantle vs. Port AdelaideOS

Gold Coast Suns vs. CarltonMS

GWS Giants vs. EssendonGS

Melbourne vs. HawthornMCG

Richmond vs. North MelbourneMCG

St Kilda vs. Geelong CatsMVL

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ROUND 24

AUGUST 25–27

Brisbane Lions vs. St KildaG

Carlton vs. GWS GiantsMVL

Essendon vs. CollingwoodMCG

Geelong Cats vs. Western BulldogsGMHBA

Hawthorn vs. FremantleMCG

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Melbourne vs. CollingwoodMCG

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ROUND 16

JUNE 29–JULY 2

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Western Bulldogs vs. FremantleMVL

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JULY 6–9

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Port Adelaide vs. Gold Coast SunsAO

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ROUND 18

JULY 13–16

Adelaide Crows vs. GWS GiantsAO

Carlton vs. Port AdelaideMVL

Collingwood vs. FremantleMCG

Geelong Cats vs. EssendonGMHBA

Gold Coast Suns vs. St KildaMS

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AUGUST 25–27

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Essendon vs. CollingwoodMCG

Geelong Cats vs. Western BulldogsGMHBA

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ROUND 15

JUNE 22–25

Geelong Cats vs. MelbourneGMHBA

St Kilda vs. Brisbane LionsMVL

Sydney Swans vs. West Coast EaglesSCG

Fremantle vs. EssendonOS

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ROUND 16

JUNE 29–JULY 2

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Massive week of Gravity Racing for Newhaven College MTB

Newhaven College Mountain Bikers competed at the National Inter-schools in Thredbo last week.

Fifteen hundred of the country's best junior mountain bikers descending on Australia's premium mountain bike park to represent their respective schools.

It was a big week for parents and students alike with a lot of lessons learnt in their first experience racing the big leagues.

Disappointingly the week was hampered by wind halting lift operations which effected scheduling and cancellation of some races but despite this students and parents had plenty of riding across the week.

With younger and older divisions separated by early and later in the roster, unfortunately All Mountain Assault was scrapped for Years 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8 due to scheduling congestion but the main race – Fox Flow Motion Cup – still went ahead on a sunny but windy Monday.

With hundreds in each category Flynn Wright was super competitive in the Years 3/4 placing 14th overall.

Rufus Hollole claimed bragging

rights over his mates with a clean and fast ride.

Hugo Wright tracking for a top 20 crashed in the final stages of the race trying to pass the competitor in front who he had caught.

Miller Micallef enjoyed the experience in his first ever MTB competitive race while Jude Rigby showed resilience after mechanical issues in practice and having to compete on a borrowed bike.

Unfortunately the highs of the days racing were soured by a broken collarbone to Harvey Strachan in practice which was a quick end to his week.

The weather improved later in the schedule and after his success in the XC series Kade Rigby tested his downhill skills in both the Fox Flow and All Mountain Assault against Australia's best juniors finishing a respectable mid field and most importantly enjoying the challenge of racing on Australia's premier gravity trails.

Unfortunately for Gravity enthusiasts there was a scheduling clash with the Rocky Trail Academy Race

at Mt Buller the same week.

Ethan Tilley represented Newhaven College placing 20th out of 70 in the Year 7/8 division.

His category comprised of a lot of well represented high country schools with easy access to MTB and almost half the whole field.

Top 20 is a really competitive result.

Thredbo 2023 MTB Inter School results:

Fox Flow Motion Cup.

Div. 5 – Year 3/4: Flynn Wright – 14th (6:32).

Div. 4 – Year 5/6: Rufus Hollole – 35th (6:12), Hugo Wright – 60th (6:23), Miller Micallef – 116th (6:58) and Jude Rigby – 139th (7:40).

Div. 1 – Year 11/12: Kade Rigby – 80th (10:13) – long course.

All Mountain Assault.

Div. 1 – Year 11/12: Kade Rigby – 86th (8:58).

Rockshox Pump Track.

Div. 4 – Year 5/6: Rufus Hollole – 26th (26:56).

Mt Buller Rocky Trail Academy

Ethan Tilley – Year 7/8 20th (11:13).



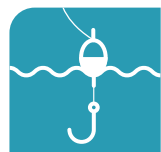
Newhaven College student Flynn Wright Grade 4 Student placed 14th in his category.



Hugo Wright, Grade 6 Student from Newhaven College.



Rufus Hollole, Grade 6 Newhaven College student.



AROUND THE BAY

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE

The fishing season is very quickly winding down for those who just fish the warmer months but those that know will still be wetting a line over the winter period with plenty of fish to be caught.

You do need to lower your expectations of quantity but the quality that comes with the colder conditions outweighs anything you will catch during the warmer weather.

The tuna reports have started to slow, and they are a little wider than they have been.

The next couple of weeks will tell if it was just the bad weather of the previous week that pushed them out wider or they are actually on the move.

Now is the time to break out the kingfish gear and go and chase, in my opinion, a much better fighting and eating fish than tuna.

Reports have also started turning up about a few makos, snapper, gum-

mies, schoolies and good numbers of flathead, all worth the effort of heading offshore.

There have been some bigger salmon and plenty of live bait if you want to go and chase a kingfish.

Another species we have seen this season that has been a little scarce lately has been blue sharks.

The blue shark is the mako's dopy cousin and 100 per cent opposite, a draughtboard with a different coloured skin as one customer described.

They generally give little or no fight, too lazy to swim away, will get hooked several times when you release them, hang around the boat waiting to be fed, have this unpleasant odour and will be 6 foot long but only enough for one meal.

They are also very often mistaken for a mako.

If you must keep one of these you must carcass it as soon as possible,

head tail and gut, then get it on ice immediately.

A blue shark that has been sitting in the bottom of the boat for 10 minutes in the sun will be ruined so would have been better left in the water.

Like the tuna v kingfish argument there will be plenty tell me I am wrong about blue sharks as well, but I think I would be in the majority in both cases.

There was plenty of people fishing back in the bay over the weekend both in boats and from the land with mixed results from all.

The boats are finding another run of big pinkies/snapper again which is about the same as last season.

They aren't the 6kg or 8kg models of the early snapper season but some very respectable pan sized ones. The reports mostly came from the edges of the channels and some of the deeper snapper spots with the shallower areas producing plenty of smaller pinkies.

Every week now we are getting reports of bigger flathead from in the bay and good numbers. There are still plenty of the tiny ones but good to see them growing up a bit.

Gummies have been nothing too special these last few months, certainly nothing like they were around October but a few of size are showing up; the bigger ones require a trip offshore.

Whiting reports – we have been spoilt for the last few years and now everyone expects to head out and catch a bag full of 40cm ones, forgetting that it's only been recently that this was the case.

The reports we are getting now are a bag of mixed sizes and even some undersized showing up which is more like a few years ago except the condition of the whiting is much better.

Calamari have been very difficult to get a read on this year and you can't really blame the weed either. I wouldn't say they have gone anywhere, or the numbers are greatly reduced, it's just inconsistent.

The normal dilemma is what colour size or type of jig to use but that hasn't even come into the conversation, where and when is number one dilemma.

We are seeing more and more predators for them around for much longer, so maybe just an adjustment

in the fishery that we see every now and again.

We are still getting reports and some of the calamari have been quality with the odd very small one showing up.

Artificial jigs are the best way to go at the moment with the clearer water. Entries have been coming in steadily for our Seventh Easter Good Friday competition on April 7 – 10.

For those new to our easter fishing competition here is a rundown.

For the last seven years we have run a family competition where we donate 100 per cent of the entry money to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

There are categories for heaviest capture in Adults, Juniors (11>14) and Small fry (up to 11), gummy, flat-head, whiting, squid, snapper.

Also, just for entering you have the chance to win one of 30 hourly prizes drawn over the weekend with the major prize an eight-minute Phillip Island helicopter flight for three people.

The first 50 juniors or small fry and ladies to enter receive a show bag.

Entries are available via Facebook, instore or over the phone (5678 5462).

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 15 MAR	THU 16 MAR	FRI 17 MAR	SAT 18 MAR	SUN 19 MAR	MON 20 MAR	TUE 21 MAR
LOW 12:29 am 0.95 m	LOW 1:07 am 1.04 m	LOW 1:47 am 1.13 m	LOW 2:32 am 1.22 m	LOW 3:28 am 1.29 m	LOW 4:41 am 1.30 m	HIGH 12:30 am
HIGH 6:32 am 2.70 m	HIGH 7:06 am 2.65 m	HIGH 7:44 am 2.59 m	HIGH 8:30 am 2.51 m	HIGH 9:33 am 2.43 m	HIGH 10:59 am 2.38 m	LOW 6:08 am 1.19 m
LOW 12:38 pm 0.37 m	LOW 1:15 pm 0.37 m	LOW 1:55 pm 0.41 m	LOW 2:44 pm 0.49 m	LOW 3:45 pm 0.61 m	LOW 5:06 pm 0.72 m	HIGH 12:35 pm 2.45 m
HIGH 7:36 pm 2.89 m	HIGH 8:20 pm 2.81 m	HIGH 9:09 pm 2.71 m	HIGH 10:07 pm 2.63 m	HIGH 11:15 pm 2.58 m		LOW 6:35 pm 0.76 m

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Coaches Dylan and Caiden with swimmers Zac Sherar, Mostyn Lumsden and Olivia Holmes.

Long Course success over long weekend

The stands of MSAC were full of supportive families as 29 SGB swimmers competed at the Age LC championships at MSAC on March 19-23.

The team, 11 of whom will head to the National Championship at the Gold Coast next month, all competed in a range of distances in which they had met the tough qualifying times against the best of swimmers from across Victoria.

The squad, the third biggest from a regional Victorian club, had swimmers racing over the five days in the 12-18 year old categories.

It has been a busy few weeks for the swimmers, but they dug deep and were still able to manage PBs and to make finals in races were milli seconds separate 10th and 40th.

Some events have over 90 swimmers, so to be able to make finals is a superb achievement.

There were five swimmers old enough to compete for the first time, who got advice about racing in the pools from the older swimmers.

The proper race blocks and backstroke ledges are not available for the SGB swimmers to practise on in their local pools, so every meet like this they compete at improves their learning and puts them in good stead for next weekends All Juniors.

The older swimmers have had some big race meets of late, especially coming off a lot of racing at the Gippsland Championships a fortnight ago, but with Nationals around the corner, racing against their rivals gave them a good chance to see what they need to work on.

"The swimmers have dug deep over the weekend and swum well, main-



12-year-old girls 50m finals - 1st time at LC states.

taining and improving their times and a number have made the finals.

"Some of them had a big load as they had qualified for several events but they still performed well," said Head Coach Dylan.

"They should be proud of their performances. When they get out of the pool smiling it's always a good sign they are having fun and are pleased with their effort and at the end of the day, that's what is important."

The team, the largest SGB has sent to the Victorian Long Course championships, highlights the strength and popularity of the sport in the area.

More at pisra.com.au

Two golds for Olivia Holmes what an amazing effort. Olivia's results: 13year olds girls 2nd 200m Freestyle, 5th 400m Freestyle, 1st 200m IM, 3rd 100m Butterfly, 1st 200m Backstroke, 6th 50m Freestyle, 4th 100m Freestyle, 1st 100m Backstroke, 1st 400m IM.



Midweek bowls

A good turnout as 25 of our bowlers met at Lang Lang for the weekly challenge.

The bowlers were met with scones for breakfast from lovely Bev; what a brilliant way to start the day.

The weather was cool but dry, the atmosphere was, as always, happy and joyful.

The bowling was exceptionally good, but that didn't stop the laughter and banter from all quarters.

The green was in tip top condition but the entire day was a bit tricky with the gusty wind, and it certainly was no deterrent to quality bowling from most, if not all of the players.

There was only one two game winner which just goes to show how close the opposition was.

Winners were: Mark Andreatta (S), Gillian Harper (3) and Shirley Corcoran (L.)

Runners up were: Michael Dady (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Michael Saunders (L.)

Best One Game went to: John Nicholson (S), David Talbot (3) and Ruth Waring (L.)

Once again, I would like to thank



Winners of Midweek bowls played at Lang Lang were Mark Andreatta (S)(Inset), Shirley Corcoran (L) and Gillian Harper (3).

Peter, Pauline and John for all the hard work they put in every week of the year. A big thank you to Vicki and Gillian behind the bar as well

as Bev and Gillian in the kitchen. Next week we will be at Corinella. We look forward to everyone turning up to join in the fun.



Phillip Island swim club age champions Tavish Mahon, Finn Middleton and Sam Harris.

Season's last carnival

On Sunday, March 5, Phillip Island Swimming Club participated in the final carnival of the season at Mirboo North.

The sun was stifling, and the kids were all keen to cool down in the pool and accumulate their last contribution of points for the club.

Zooper doopers were going down a treat whilst the team waited between races and cheered on their fellow team mates.

After all, had been completed we waited for the season winner to be announced.

Unfortunately, we were unable to take home the shield again this year but we came in second to Leongatha who had a very strong team this year, followed by Korumburra, Mirboo North and then Corner Inlet.

Congratulations to all of the clubs on a successful season and thank you to South Gippsland Swimming

Association for all of the organisation and dedication of running such a great competition.

Phillip Island were thrilled to have a large group of our swimmers take home a first, second or third age champion medal in each stroke.

What a fantastic achievement for you all and the club.

Last but not least, a huge thank you to our wonderful coaches and the committee for all of your hard work and dedication and also our club parents for the early Sunday morning starts and running our swimmers to and from training all year round.

Your efforts are much appreciated.

If anyone is interested in joining Phillip Island Swimming Club or you have any enquiries, please send an email to Lynda at swimclub@waterfront.net.au



Phillip Island Swim Club SGSA age champions.



Congratulations to John Mathew's (left) for winning the Men's 100up final against Barry Grazules. It was a very exciting game to watch with some great bowling by both players.



Congratulations to Sandra Read and Dave Hoffman for winning the Open Mixed Pairs final against Lynne Thomas and George Mol.



U17 Junior cricketers celebrate their great Grand Final win against Inverloch, making it two consecutive premierships wins for the team. Back row: Jackson, Heath, William, Ollie, Finn, Jack, Daniel, Conner (coach). Front row: George, Henry, Noah, Max (Captain), Charlie and Tim (seated at front).

U17 Junior cricketers take home the Premiership cup!

The highly anticipated replay of last year's U17 Grand Final against Inverloch took place on the Wonthaggi turf between two very talented young teams.

A big crowd was in attendance with barely a car park left around the oval.

Inverloch skipper Harry Butcher won the toss and elected to bat on a good-looking turf pitch.

Butcher opened up with Riley Harris up against the formidable left arm combination of Tim Niven and George McCausland.

With McCausland removing both openers, Inverloch were in early trouble.

Isaac Seuren and Rhys Newman dug in to get through 11 overs together before Newman was bowled by a very good Niven delivery.

The addition of spinner Jackson Huther into the attack caused havoc with Inverloch's middle order and when Seuren was dismissed for a well-made 29 Invy had slumped to 6/59.

McCausland then returned to the attack and bowling at good pace, he bowled full and straight hitting the stumps on three occasions to dismiss Inverloch for 61.

Best Bowlers for the Island were George McCausland 5/16 off 9 overs and Jackson Huther 4/6 off 6 overs.

After the break the Island's Heath Womersley and skipper Max Arceo opened the innings.

Inverloch were fired up knowing they needed quick wickets to get back in the game. Jesse Dugard delivered the goods two balls in when a very quick delivery had Arceo's off stump doing a cart wheel. When Butcher had Womersley caught at short cover the Invy boys had their tails up.

Two more wickets to Butcher and one each to Newman and Terlich saw the Island in big trouble at 6/33 and suddenly, it was game on.

Noah Williams 8 no then joined Tim Niven 22 no at the crease. These boys showed great composure under the pressure applied by some outstanding Inverloch bowling, and inch by inch they accumulated the remaining 29 runs to secure the Premiership.

Best bowlers for Inverloch

were Harry Butcher 3/17 off 10 overs with Dugard, Newman and Terlich one wicket each all bowling great spells.

Congratulations to Phillip Island coach Connor Epifano and his team on an outstanding season; undefeated Premiers is a great achievement.

Both teams are to be congratulated for the way they played, fierce competing but with great respect for one and other.

Player of the Match went to George McCausland for his five-wicket haul.

George is an outstanding young bowler and together with his Player of the Match in the U15 GCL Grand Final for the LDCA shows that he has a huge future in the game.

Go Sharks!

U15 Grand Final

A great U15 Grand Final was played at McMahon Reserve between two very good teams, Leongatha Town versus Phillip Island.

A large crowd gathered, and the oval was in great condition offering the batters great value for shots.

Town won the toss and elected to bat with openers Max Carter (23) and Yuthil Ratnaike (36) getting them off to a great start with a 48-run partnership. At the 20 over mark of the split innings format Town had reached 1/75 with Ratnaike 35 not out and the inform Angus Livingstone 10 not out.

Phillip Island's turn at the crease saw Drew Fusinato (23) looking in great touch after the early loss of Zack Hughes who was bowled by Ratnaike, with the dismissal of Fusinato, Archie Williams and Jobe Williams formed a good partnership to have the Island at 2/61 after 20 overs not far behind with plenty of talent still to bat.

Towns turn to bat again and with the quick dismissal of Ratnaike, Clayton Quaife joined Livingstone at the crease and with a mixture of well-timed shots and good patient defence the boys put on 49 valuable runs. With Livingstone (38) and Quaife (26) dismissed, some late hitting by big Hamish Gill got the



U17s grand final player of the match, George McCausland for his five-wicket haul with coach Connor Epifano holding the premiership cup.



U15s fought hard in their Grand Final, however Leongatha Town proved too strong on the day. Back (from left): Archie Williams, Jobe Williams, Drew Fusinato, Harry Arceo, Justin Tran, Sienna McMillan and Bailey Parry. Front: Archer Williams, Ethan Rhee, Ethan Tilley, Brydon Marshall, Zack Sund, Jackson Allan and Zack Hughes.

score up to 166.

Best of the bowlers for the Island was Harry Arceo with 2/38 off his 8 overs.

Needing 106 for victory the Island suffered an early blow with the loss of Archie Williams for 20. With young star Jobe Williams at the crease the Island were still in the game, unfortunately nobody was able to stick around with Williams and when he was dismissed for a well-made 26 the

Island had slumped to 8/86.

To the credit of Zac Sund (22 not out) and Jackson Allan (12 not out), the Island kids fought the game out right to the end batting out the full overs.

Best Bowlers for Town were Ratnaike, Fletcher McLennan and Angus Livingstone with two wickets each.

Player of the match went to Angus Livingstone from Leongatha for his efforts with bat and ball.

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