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Toasting the success of Berninneit, Mayor Cr Michael Whelan and Deputy Mayor Rochelle Halstead.

Powerhouse performances to launch new centre

ENTERTAINMENT

At the community opening last Wednesday night, the doors of Berninneit were thrown open and music, laughter and dance cascaded out.

It was a celebration of the arts – local and beyond – proudly heralding the arrival of a major new building for the island and Bass Coast.

If the reaction from the 250 plus crowd was any indication, the community has already taken the new building into its heart.

The program launch wowed

the audience, featuring a dazzling array of videos and performances, covering music, dance and comedy.

Impeccably timed, the evening started with a video presentation before launching into live performances with Kutcha Edwards taking to the stage.

Edwards, who had been inducted into the Music Victoria Hall of Fame the night before, was joined on stage by musicians Sean Kelly and Rosie Westbrook, and then the Living Circle Choir.

He was followed by another

local favourite Elly Poletti, recently on TV screens across the country on The Voice, who wowed the audience with a powerhouse vocal performance.

So far, nothing unexpected in having such highly respected local musicians performing.

Then actor, writer and singer Jane Clifton arrived on stage to MC the event and performances went up another notch, then another, with gasps from the audience as each new act was announced.

World-renowned guitarist Slava Grigoryan mesmerised

the audience with his rendition of Bach then principal dancers Lucinda Worthing and Tynon Woods from the Victorian State Ballet performed the pas de deux from Swan Lake.

Comedian Garry Starr, who has won best act at fringe festivals around the globe, had the audience howling with laughter – and averting their eyes – with his barely there performance.

The only hitch of the night came when a video montage of the entire program failed to play, due to an opening night technical hitch.


That didn't take the shine off the night for the audience, who exploded in applause when, in a special surprise performance, Kate Ceberano walked out on stage. It was a fitting end to a night which proudly set out an ambitious and diverse artistic vision for the venue.

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Devils, angels and everything in between, the Shearwater kids had a ball on Halloween.

Ghosts, ghouls and goblins roam the streets

Across the island, families got into the Halloween spirit last week, donning colourful costumes to go trick or treating.

More photos at pisra.com.au



Jakob wasn't exactly sure what he was, other than something big and yellow, but his mate Kane reckons a yellow M&M. Kane's costume was a scary pumpkin.



These two blood-splattered trick or treaters were remarkably cheerful despite their gruesome appearance. Chaze from Bass and Billy of Cape Woolamai.



After 15 years, crossing supervisor Shirley Fleisner is retiring. Students from Newhaven Primary came to wish her a fond farewell.

Farewell Shirley – thank you!

EDUCATION

Newhaven Primary School farewelled crossing supervisor Shirley Fleisner after 15 years of dedicated service.

The students were sad to hear that Shirley was retiring as they love greeting her each morning and afternoon as they cross the busy Phillip Island Road.

Shirley has a special bond with the students who use her crossing.

She knows each one and has enjoyed getting to know the students and their in-

terests over the years.

"There have been some characters over her 15-year journey, but the current group of crossing users hold a special place in her heart," said principal Sharyne Munday.

"That doesn't mean that the occasional wheelie isn't dropped after crossing.

"On behalf of the Newhaven Primary School community, Shirley and Paul, enjoy your retirement and know that we have loved the way you have supported our school and our kids with love and dedication."



POLICE BRIEFS

Cape Woolamai fatality

Victoria Police said a report will be prepared for the Coroner following the death of a man in Cape Woolamai on Sunday, November 5.

"Emergency services were called to an incident on Sunnyside Avenue about 4.30pm," a police media spokesperson said.

"Paramedics worked on the man, but he was pronounced deceased at the scene.

"The death is not being treated as suspicious."

Local residents reported a helicopter landing in the area, near Sunnyside Park Playground in Corona Road.

Critical

In a separate incident, San Remo residents also reported an Ambulance helicopter landing near the primary school late on Sunday night.

"Paramedics were called to an incident in San Remo about 11.50pm yesterday," an Ambulance Victoria spokesperson confirmed.

"A man believed to be in his 40s was airlifted to The Alfred in a critical condition with an upper body injury."

Cowes man dies after car rollover

Police are investigating a single car rollover in Cowes last week outside the RSL. It is believed a 77-year-old driver was travelling along Thompson Avenue on Tuesday (October 31) at the intersection of Cowes-Rhyll Road when he left the road and hit a tree causing his white single cab utility to flip onto its side, about 11am.

The Cowes man was extricated and paramedics confirmed he was airlifted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital in a critical condition with an upper body injury.

A police spokesperson said officers were investigating the circumstances around the crash.

"Anyone who witnessed the incident, has CCTV, dashcam footage or any other information that could assist police is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at www.crimestoppers-vic.com.au," the spokesperson said.

In a media statement released on Monday, police confirmed the man had died on November 5 and a report would be prepared for the coroner.

Don't hesitate to contact me, I am here to help.

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The contractor last week confirmed the jetty had been extended by 20 metres and one of the lower landings had been raised to make it more accessible, but some boaties were unconvinced by the length of the extension carried out.

New Cowes boat ramp opened

FISHING

The upgraded Cowes boat ramp was quietly opened last week, with boaties quick to launch their vessels and give it a “reserved” thumbs up.

However, while the ramp has been extended and raised, there were questions about the adjoining jetty, which was set to be extended about 15 metres but instead appeared to be unchanged.

Among the first anglers to test the new ramp last Wednesday morning (November 1) was David Thompson, who launched at low tide, which would have been “almost difficult or impossible” in the past.

“Day one looks ok, a thumbs up, but time will tell,” David said. Boatie Tas Roussos said it

was now important to see how the ramp handled the sand fluctuations over time.

“It can’t be judged by a single day, week or month, but through the seasons because of the continual changes here,” Tas said.

However, Tas added there was a 90-degree drop off at the end corners of the ramp at low tide – rather than a curved finish – that could catch some trailers in a hole, especially on the easterly side which tended to lose sand.

“I’m not sure why they made a right angle rather than a curved finish at the end, because a trailer wheel could get caught there and tip.”

Mark Richardson confirmed the new ramp “works as it should”.

“Launched and retrieved solo today with no issues.”

The \$2.8 million upgrade of the Anderson Road boat ramp began in June, with a temporary cofferdam built to help crews build the new ramp in dry conditions.

The ramp was then extended and raised to provide boaters better access at a greater range of tides and reduce sand accumulation.

Jetty

The adjoining jetty was to be extended 15 metres beyond the current jetty to create more space for temporarily tied boats, and the lower landing was to be raised to improve access to and from vessels.

But as boaties pointed out, the jetty appears the same as before construction.

Jetty looks like it never

moved,” wrote Richie Jongejan on social media.

Roger Hansen agreed saying “it still finishes in the same spot”.

“The original plans had it going out another 10 metres. They pulled the jetty out and stuck it back in the same place as before,” Roger commented.

The Advertiser last Wednesday asked Better Boating Victoria and a spokesperson said the contractor had confirmed the jetty had been extended by 20 metres and one of the lower landings has been raised to make it more accessible.

Bass Coast Shire oversaw the project as ramp manager, with work undertaken by Bridgewater Marine.

The project was funded through the investment of boat-licensing and registration fees.



PLANNING BRIEFS

“Galaxy” domes

San Remo’s Chinese restaurant has applied for a planning permit for building works and a liquor license.

The restaurant, at 163 Marine Parade, plans to build two proposed domes or “galaxy houses”, including a deck, alongside the restaurant, valued at \$8000.

The permit, which is currently open for public comment, also includes an application for the sale and consumption of liquor.

Caravan park construction

The San Remo Beachfront Caravan Park has applied for retrospective approval for the installation of 11 cabins, at a cost of \$800,000.

The cabins, at 1 Davis Point Road, are for long-term, but not permanent residency, with annual leases available to residents.

“Over the past 18 months, the San Remo Beachfront caravan park has experienced a gradual refurbishment of the site, with new cabins replacing old dilapidated structures,” the permit states.

“Of the new cabins, 10 have been completed with one to be completed post permit. These works were in recognition of the on-going corrosion caused to the buildings by the salt in the air.”

College tennis courts

Newhaven College has applied for a \$400,000 planning permit to erect light towers for existing tennis courts.

The permit is for 1770 Phillip Island Road, Rhyll and will include four towers.

The Block: worst kept secret confirmed

REALITY TV

Channel 9 has made a rare announcement, in the past week confirming the 2024 build will be on Phillip Island.

Bass Coast Shire in October confirmed discussions had already started with the show’s producers, with Mayor Michael Whelan and then-acting CEO Greg Box meeting with executive producer of The Block, Julian Cress last month.

Last week Mr Cress confirmed the 20th season would be on the island.

“The mayor of Phillip Island recently posted we were bringing the show down there. I’m as thrilled as he is,” Mr Cress told

9Entertainment.

“It’s such a big milestone for us and we are absolutely delighted we found the perfect location in such a wonderful holiday destination in Phillip Island.”

As previously reported by the Advertiser, a title search revealed The Block will be at 113-119 Justice Road, Island Cove Villas.

The title shows the property contract was entered into by Tipstone Australia on September 8.

An ASIC search found Tipstone Australia’s director is Michael Sneesby, the CEO and director of Nine Entertainment, together with Rachel Launders, general counsel for Nine

Entertainment; both Sneesby and Launders were signatories on the Justice Road contract of sale.

“We’ve purchased a holiday park just around the corner from the world-famous Penguin Parade, and so far the community has shown huge support for us and we are hoping for a really warm welcome for our new crop of contestants in the 20th year,” Mr Cress said.

“I’m really thrilled to bring the show down there. I mean, how can you go wrong making your 20th season on an island by the sea with penguins?”

“And a Hemsworth, we should definitely get them involved.”

Host of The Block Scott Cam also confirmed the location on the Today show.

“I’m not allowed to tell you where it is but everyone knows,” Scott said.

“There’s a bridge going to it, it’s Phillip Island.”

Today host Karl Stefanovic suggested he get Australian motorcycle rider Mick Doohan on board.

Phillip Island was also the location for a reward during the 2023 season of The Block, with contestants arriving via helicopter.

Channel 9 said there was no official confirmation of the to-air date, but several accommodation operators on the island

have been approached to host the film crew from February to May next year.

Casting has already closed for next season, with at least one Phillip Island couple rumoured to have put their name in the hat.

Island Cove Villas – bought by the previous owners in 2017 for more than \$2 million – was on the market this year for \$9.5 million and is now sold.

The property was built 14 years ago – known as Surf and Circuit – with nine units. It can accommodate 56 guests on 2.5 acres with a pool, tennis court, barbecue pavilion and children’s playground, catering to families, groups and couples.

Community Bendigo Banks in tune with Community

The Community Banks of San Remo, Cowes and Grantville have sponsored the Carols at Christmas for many years. This year, we’re pleased as punch to support the Cowes Carols by the Bay, the San Remo Carols and the Corinella Carols in the Park. That’s a lot of singing! And we’re singing your praises for allowing us to support this - all thanks to your everyday banking. Bring joy to our world and pop in and see us today.

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Cashing in on trash

ENVIRONMENT

About 700 cans, bottles and cartons were recycled in Cowes in the first day of Victoria's new Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) last week.

IGA Cowes manager Phil Behre said their new CDS reverse vending machine began operating last Wednesday (November 1), with local residents cashing in on their stockpiled recyclables.

"For kids it is good pocket money. I've seen them picking up cans and bottles on the side of the road and even raiding bins," Phil said.

"For households it's both financially and environmentally a good thing, saving recyclables from the bin to give more space."

People can return eligible drink cans, bottles and cartons for a 10-cent refund at the Cowes IGA, San Remo IGA and Can Collect Cowes at 14 Harvey Drive, with more reverse vending machines, depots, over-the-counter sites, and pop-up refund points growing in 2024.

To claim the refund, download the app by scanning the QR code on the vending machine.

Depending on the type of refund point, people can choose whether they want to receive the refund in the form of cash, a retail voucher, or an electronic refund, or donate the funds to a registered charity. Bank details may also be required, depending on the option chosen.

The vending machine does not take wine and spirit bottles, milk containers, paperboard cartons over one litre and cordial bottles.

Items accepted include: aluminium cans, plastic



IGA Cowes manager Phil Behre and staff member Ben Lee use the new Container Deposit Scheme reverse vending machine, which takes bottles, cans and cartons for a 10-cent refund.

bottles, glass bottles, steel bottles and cans, and paperboard cartons under one litre.

Stockpile

Phil said the Cowes IGA was approached to host the vending machine and they were supportive of the environmental project, although prices of bottles and cans had risen to counter the CDS.

"You get that money back as long as you return it," Phil said.

IGA staff member and Cowes resident Ben Lee said he had been stockpiling cans and bottles for four months – "because I drink a lot of Coke and Sunkist" – and he had earned \$7 in his first refund.

Phil said cans were flattened by the machine and then stored, and Phil sent a notification by the machine when it was full.

"It took two days to fill once it was operational and

we store it until it's picked up. "We are happy to have it. Anything to help the environment."

Environment Minister Steve Dimopoulos said the CDS will reduce the state's litter by up to half and turn used drink containers into new, recycled products.

VicReturn is the Scheme Coordinator, while Zone Operators Return-It, TOM-RA Cleanaway, and Visy will establish and oversee the refund points and refunds to customers, as well as ensuring proper recycling of the containers.

The operators are each responsible for the refund point network.

Drop your cans and bottles at: IGA Cowes, IGA San Remo and Can Collect Cowes at 14 Harvey Drive. There are also several drop off points in Wonthaggi, with more expected to open across the shire in coming months.

Details: cdsvic.org.au



The playground at Katherine Circuit in Cowes is also being upgraded with feedback wanted on the draft designs before December 3.

Playgrounds up for refurb

RECREATION

Playgrounds in Cape Woolamai and Cowes are being upgraded and the community can vote on designs for the new playspaces.

The playgrounds are at Woolamai Park on Sunnyside Drive in Cape Woolamai and McKenzie Views Park on Katherine Circuit in Cowes.

A new playspace is also being installed in San Remo at the Anderson Street park.

In July, Bass Coast Shire Council asked for community input on what the new spaces should look like. The results are in and Council is now asking for feedback on the draft designs for each playspace, via their engage website.

"Each playspace is unique and has been designed using what we heard back in July," the website states.

To explain the new designs, two pop up consultation sessions will be held at the parks on November 14. The Cape Woolamai session in Sunnyside Drive runs from 4pm – 5pm. The Cowes session in Katherine Circuit is from 5.30pm – 6.30pm.

Council said several of the suggestions for the new space at Cape Woolamai were "outside the scope" of the project, such as a running track, rock climbing and football goals. The community also called for a pump track, which the council said will be considered as part of a project with a community reference group looking at pump tracks across the shire.

A request for a splash park and water play was also not included in the draft design.

"Splash parks cost a significant amount

to install and maintain. They are reserved for regional spaces that have high visitation all year around," the council said.

Requests for toilets, BBQs and shelter were also not included.

"These playspaces are all local level facilities which cater to the community who live within walking distance of the park," the council explained.

"As such the playspace standards for these facilities does not include toilets, BBQs, shelters or art installations."

In Cowes, the feedback included a request for a giant arbour, which council said was not within the scope of the renewal project.

A request to have "old play equipment that was around 20 years ago" was also not incorporated, with the council saying it was not possible due to current Australian Standards.

As the playspace design includes retaining the existing slide, the council said requests for a bigger slide/tunnel slide were "not relevant".

A new playspace is also being installed in the Anderson Street Park in San Remo. There has been a delay with the design, which will hopefully be available later in the year the council said.

To provide your feedback, come along to one of the pop up sessions on November 14, or go to the engage website to check out and vote on your favourite design.

Alternatively you can email the team at basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au to provide your vote. Feedback closes on December 3. engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/playspace

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"Let's stop creating Pakenham by the bay", wrote one respondent, with others calling for more green spaces in San Remo's new housing estates.

Parking, growth key issues for San Remo: residents

PLANNING

San Remo's road intersections "are complete madness", parking is a "major" problem and new housing subdivisions need more trees.

That's according to local residents who have given feedback to Bass Coast Shire's creation of a San Remo structure plan.

Community consultation on the plan is open until December 8, with the feedback and technical reports guiding the town's development to 2041, including planning controls, transport, infrastructure, and services.

An online map has so far received dozens of comments, with parking and roads a common theme.

"We need more parking in San Remo", said one respondent, with another agreeing: "Parking in San Remo is a major issue and needs to be addressed. There is vacant land where the caravan park was that could be purchased for parking."

Another commented intersections were "complete madness and dangerous too", with the Back Beach Road and Marine Parade intersection "difficult to navigate".

"Marine Parade streetscape needs a total revamp ... half Marine Parade has underground power, the other half hasn't, as well as different light poles," commented a resident.

One person said a second separate bridge to Phillip Island was needed.

"Totally crazy so much traffic but nothing is done and with

more (people) moving here each year where is the planning to support traffic, power and water," Nicko wrote on social media.

Others were concerned about the number of housing estates.

"Bigger blocks - let's stop creating Pakenham by the bay", wrote one respondent.

"More green spaces and walking links through new developments".

Others agreed more landscaping, vegetation and open space in new estates was needed.

"Sanny is no longer and never again will be the characteristic, beautiful little place it was," Wayne said.

Many supported protecting the environment, including the marine ecosystem off San Remo, which is "important on a global scale", and more coastal vegetation.

One person suggested more picnic spots with seating because when we "consistently promote the asset that is our gorgeous coastline" it leads to "environmentally conscious efforts to protect our home".

George Bass

There were several comments about the George Bass Coastal Walk with people calling for amenities such as toilets, while the walk should also be extended to San Remo township, and access to cliff fishing should be permanently banned because it was a safety and environmental risk.

Community facilities should also be improved.

"A big investment in the recreation centre would attract

more sports teams to the area and take the pressure off Cowes ... the amenities are poor and need to be upgraded," commented a respondent.

There should be beach access for disabled people, as well as dog parks and more play areas.

One person suggested an amphitheatre - similar to the one in Inverloch - to allow schools and community groups to hold concerts and performances.

Plan

Over the next 20 years, San Remo is projected to have up to 2100 new permanent residents, with the structure plan serving as a "roadmap" for services.

The plan is not only seeking community feedback but there will also be a community reference group, with in-person workshops in early to mid-2024, that will include permanent and seasonal residents as well as business owners.

Mayor Michael Whelan said community members can now shape the future direction of San Remo.

"We want to ensure that the changes align with the services, upgrades, and planning controls that meet the needs and aspirations of our residents," he said.

"This is your opportunity to influence the plan from its inception and guide it in the right direction."

Details: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/sanremoplan or email strategicplanningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

Car ferry: off or on again?

TOURISM

After previously stating the Cowes to Stony Point car ferry "doesn't stack up", a tourism plan is now saying it is "still a consideration".

Destination Phillip Island (DPI) draft Destination Management Plan (DMP), released at the end of October, was open for feedback until November 8, with the final plan expected to be completed by the end of this month.

In September, a precursor to the DMP stated the Cowes to Stony Point Car Ferry "has been a long term, controversial project".

"The business case doesn't stack up and stakeholders have asked for its removal (from the new tourism plan)," the September plan said.

However, the new draft DMP now says the car ferry "is still a consideration if external conditions aligned, as it would support increase capacity of passenger traffic to the destination".

"However its business case is not a current priority for destination stakeholders," the draft concludes.

The draft also flags:

- Phillip Island could have a new wellness festival, that is driven by industry;
- Advocacy for Vietnam Veterans Museum expansion;
- The ongoing delivery of the MotoGP and the Superbike World Championship events beyond the contracted date of 2026 "is an important priority for the region"; and
- Make Cowes jetty the future arrival point for cruise ship tenders, although "accessibility and visitor amenities are still a challenge".

Go green, electric

The draft DMP also proposes a focus on environmental initiatives, including a program where visitors can contribute money or time to support local conservation and community projects.

It states Phillip Island should move "quickly" towards achieving waste free and carbon zero, following the Greek island of Tilos, which was the world's first island to close its landfill and become energy self-sufficient.

The draft states there is "strong community sentiment

around too many cars" on the island, particularly at peak times.

A solution should see "a conversation on how the destination is going to support the transition to electric vehicle future", with accommodation and attractions to invest in electric vehicle charging.

The draft reiterates the possibility of introducing peak-season, location specific parking charges for non-residents.

"The infusion of Artificial Intelligence into the tourism industry has revolutionised the way people travel and how custodians care for destinations," it states.

Once the new Isle of Wight opens, there should be schedule improvements to the Stony Point to Cowes ferry.

Uncertainty

DPI says the draft DMP is "being released during incredibly tense economic conditions across Australia", "putting more pressure on businesses to do more with less, operating with competitive uncertainty, whilst also delivering value for their guests."

Combined with the workforce skills challenge, and travellers looking for increased value, businesses face "fatigue and burnout, and in some cases, closure".

A Phillip Island and San Remo Workforce Plan will explore labour solutions, including working with schools to promote tourism as a career.

It states Phillip Island's population grew by 32 per cent from 10,387 in 2016 to 13,799 in 2021, exceeding targets, with the total number of dwellings not growing at the same rate.

"This accelerated population growth, as well as the large proportion of unoccupied dwellings may be contributing to the sense of angst facing the community," the draft says.

The draft takes on board feedback from survey responses, interviews and workshops with industry, community and government.

Consultants The Tourism Collective is gathering the data, to prepare the final Destination Management Plan.

Feedback on the plan closed at 5pm, November 8.

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From left Phillip Island Community Orchard (PICO) president Annette McKenzie and Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan with PICO founding members Kate Bennett, Bob and Anne Davie, Dianne Whittington and Geoff Russell, at Sunday's 10th birthday celebration.



A beautiful bunch of flowers was presented to PICO secretary Lauretta Zillies (left) by Barbara Alexander, PICO treasurer, in recognition of her work on the committee and as a co-ordinator of Sunday's highly successful event.

Community orchard tenth birthday celebrations

GARDENING

The Phillip Island Community Orchard (PICO) held its 10th birthday celebrations on Sunday, with the magnificent spring weather drawing a large crowd to the Wimbledon Heights site.

The now well-established orchard has come a long way since its inception in 2013, with over 100 fruit and nut trees, shrubs and vines growing organically on what was once a one hectare neglected block, now thriving on unlimited Class A recycled water provided by Westernport Water.

Westernport Water's Geoff Russell and Bass Coast Shire's Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, both spoke at the official opening of the celebration, to which PICO

president Annette McKenzie warmly welcomed everyone.

Annette described the thriving orchard as a "fabulous testament" to the vision of a small but dedicated group who came together 10 years ago to make this happen, and paid particular tribute to Westernport Water and its representative Geoff Russell, also a founding member of PICO, as the key to the orchard's success over its ten years in operation.

"Without Geoff, this would not have happened," commented fellow founding member Kate Bennett. Annette thanked both the founding group and the 200 members who have worked on the orchard at various times over the 10-year period, to develop what is a real showpiece.

Transformation

Speaking at the celebration's opening, Geoff recalled the site's early beginnings, and its subsequent transformation from vacant overgrown land into the vibrant and bountiful orchard it is today, where every imaginable type of fruit tree thrives; and where individual plots of land are tended by PICO members.

He recalled the role played by school children from San Remo Primary in the early days. They planted a shelter belt of indigenous trees to protect the site from the prevailing wind, under the guidance of Landcare's Lisa Wangman. And the support given by nearby farmer Bob Davie who ploughed the rough, hard land up in the first place, to give the venture every

chance of success.

Mayor Whelan commended everyone involved over the 10 years of the orchard's development.

"This place is special. It is about community and the drive to get things done," Cr Whelan said.

He emphasised Westernport Water and Bass Coast Council had a role to play in supporting the efforts of groups like PICO.

He commended the fact that produce from the orchard, and also from a community garden being established by PICAL on council land, is used in the preparation of meals at the PICAL Pantry for distribution to those down on their luck.

Four guest speakers spoke during the day: Tim Sansom, CEO of the Diggers Club Foundation; Craig Castree, edible

gardens guru; Jude Mayall of Outback Chef fame; and local beekeeper, Gary Morton.

Local musicians, Travis Thompson and the Bass Coast Pickers entertained; the kids loved the Animal Oz area; and a delicious selection of wholesome hot foods, fresh seafood, vegetarian and salad options, connoisseur cordial drinks, homemade cakes and slices and barista coffee kept everyone well fed.

PICO's homemade and fresh produce stall did a roaring trade, with many of the pickles, preserves, and jams made from the orchard's produce.

The day was a great celebration of this highly successful endeavour and was enjoyed by all present.

More photos at pisra.com.au

Newhaven College new Head of Junior School

Newhaven College is thrilled to announce Cath Huther will be joining Newhaven College as their new Head of Junior School commencing in 2024.

Cath is replacing Ralph Arceo who will be moving into the role of Head of Middle School.

Cath is very familiar with Newhaven College and has had a long association with the school. She is a former student, having graduated

from Newhaven College in the mid-1990s, and was the inaugural Grade 3 teacher at the College in 2002. She is the mother of three current and past students and is very active in the local Phillip Island community.

Cath's educational philosophy is simple: "For each child to develop a love of learning and for each child to be given the opportunity to reach their full potential".

Cath is excited to be joining Newhaven's Leadership Team.

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Five elections, three CEOs: Cr Le Serve's service recognised

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Western Port Ward councillor Clare Le Serve has been recognised by Victoria's local government peak body for a decade of service.

Cr Le Serve – who lives at Corinella – was first elected to what was then Leadbeater ward in 2012, the same year she became mayor. The mother of two and grandmother of seven has subsequently been successfully re-elected in two further council elections, while also standing as an independent in two state elections.

The Municipal Association of Victoria recently recognised her 10 years of service, alongside 36 other Victorian councillors.

"I do it because I genuinely love it," Cr Le Serve told the Advertiser, adding that "at this stage" she did not plan to stand for the 2024 council elections.

"It's still exciting to be part of new projects and meeting lots of people.

"But I do think it's important to get fresh eyes and new values. I would still like to be involved in the community though

through mentoring and leadership, particularly for women."

Cynicism

Cr Le Serve said she first put up her hand for what some would describe as an unenviable job because childcare facilities were desperately needed in Bass.

"Young mums were desperate for facilities. I wasn't a political monster but someone had to do it, so I stood for election.

"I wasn't thinking about second or third terms. In the end we secured funding for the Bass Valley Children's Centre in my first term and it was opened in my second term.

"I didn't do this alone but with the community's support and by being on council I was able to talk the talk with my fellow councillors. You have got to be at the table, to put your hand up and vote."

Like all new councillors, she found the job initially was a "steep learning curve".

"My background was community development," she said, explaining she had worked as Bass Valley



The Municipal Association of Victoria recently recognised Cr Clare Le Serve's 10 years of service.

Community Centre's manager and then for a disability services organisation before being elected.

"All councillors come with different skill sets and we need to learn all aspects, especially legal requirements.

"But the most important aspect is building relationships with the CEO and staff."

Cr Le Serve said she understood some voters were cynical that councillors were voted in to represent

the community but soon become part of the bureaucracy.

"There's a fine balance. The system doesn't work as fast as people want it to and also we have to work according to the Local Government Act and planning scheme.

"I make sure I make myself available to the community. I attend meetings and answer emails and phone calls and give honest answers.

"You have to be active in

your community."

She admitted local government had become more hostile in the decade she had served and she had even been personally threatened.

"There has always been people with the loudest voices who want to lord it over you. I find that difficult to deal with, because once they get angry so do I and then I'm not listening to what the real issues are. Then we all just get angry ... it's then difficult to achieve a positive outcome.

"I try and be nice and respectful but sometimes it's not reciprocated."

Achievements

Clare moved to Bass in 1972 to marry her dairy farmer husband Neil – who is now the postman for French Island, with the Le Serve family also owning the freehold to the French Island General Store.

The family eventually sold the farm in the early 1980s when Clare began working in community development, a career that ended when she suffered a serious car accident.

"I still live with the re-

sults of that accident today."

She said the three greatest achievements in her time on council had been securing a rate differential for farmers, support for arts and culture, and work to progress First Nations' reconciliation.

She admits council "does not always get it right" and some of the most difficult issues have been dogs and horses on beaches, as well as the most recent special charge scheme at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay, which is in her ward.

"There are often two opposing forces and so there won't be a good outcome that makes everyone happy. There are emotive issues and I feel it as much as anyone else."

Cr Le Serve has worked with three CEOs – Allan Bawden, Paul Buckley, and Ali Wastie – now awaiting a fourth.

Even though she doesn't plan to stand again, she still hopes to work for and with the community.

"I have found mentoring to be rewarding and I'd like to work for a community organisation, even voluntarily."



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Joy Brentwood proudly displaying her painting *Rhyll Wetland* which was awarded *Best in Show* at the ASPIR Cup Weekend exhibition at Berninnet.



Best Painting was awarded to Ursula Theinert for her entry *The Pathway*, presented by Chris Simpson from Phillip Island RSL.



Fiona Lerk was awarded *Best Other Medium* for her work *Fog Amongst the Branches*, presented by Greg Price from Alex Scott.

Inspirational ASPIR exhibition

ART

The Artist Society of Phillip Island Region held its annual Cup Weekend exhibition at the new Berninnet centre in Cowes over the weekend.

With visitors flocking to check out the new venue, there were record numbers visiting the exhibition.

The exhibition awards were announced at a special ceremony on Friday night, with David Ashley Kerr, the Senior Curator at Latrobe Regional Gallery judging the categories.

Joy Brentwood was declared "Best in show" for her artwork "Rhyll Wetland", receiving \$1000 from the Bendigo Community Bank.

Other awards

Sustainable Art Award: Pauline Grotto – Climate, presented by Katrina Knight, Westernport Water.
Painting – Best: Ursula Theinert – The Pathway, presented by Phillip Island RSL's Chris Simpson.
Painting – Highly Commended: Bronwyn Owen – Study the Tri-

ad, presented by John Matthews, Bendigo Community Bank.

Other Medium – Best: Fiona Lerk – Fog Amongst the Branches, presented by Greg Price, Alex Scott and Staff.

Other Medium – Highly Commended: Bruce Wearne – Land and Sea, presented by John Matthews, Bendigo Community Bank.

3-D – Best: Sian Adnam – Village, presented by Misha Say, Phillip Island Winery/Westernport Hotel.

3-D – Highly Commended: Gay Mosby – Dry Flower Vase 2, presented by John Matthews, Bendigo Community Bank.

Digital Art/Photograph – Best: Jillian Mitchell – Forest Mist, presented by Jo Viney (Brinnie T Design) and Jude Mayall (Wild Food Farm).

Digital Art/Photograph – Highly Commended: Helen McCormick – Arnhem Waterlilies, presented by John Matthews, Bendigo Community Bank.

Best in Show: Joy Brentwood – Rhyll Wetland, presented by John Matthews, Bendigo Com-

munity Bank.

The Young Artist category received 48 entries from Grade 5 and 6 students at Newhaven College, San Remo Primary, Cowes Primary and Our Lady Star of the Sea.

The awards were presented by Vanessa Verzaci from the Bendigo Community Bank (Cowes, San Remo and Grantville).

1st: Grace Owens – Picnic by the Lake (Cowes Primary)

2nd: Max Spark – Fauvist Foreshore (San Remo Primary)

3rd: Kane Patton – Mixed Up (Newhaven College Primary)

Highly Commended:

Krystal Heatherill – Fauvist Moonah Trees (Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary)

Indy Vandervelde – Cubist Koala in a Tree (Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary)

Georgia Perry – Desert Dreaming (Newhaven College Primary)

Ella Sibson – Walking on Country (Newhaven College Primary)

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Best 3D award went to Sian Adnam for her entry *Village 2*, presented by Misha Say from Phillip Island Winery and Westernport Hotel.



Abbey Simpson from Newhaven College with her entry inspired by artist Joan Blond.



Jillian Mitchell's *Forest Mist* was the recipient of *Best Digital Art/Photograph* award presented by Jude Mayall from Wild Food Farm and Jo Viney of Brinnie T Design.



Lisa McLure with one of three entries in this year's exhibition.

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Church Street development amended

PLANNING

Local residents have negotiated amendments to a housing development at 100 Church Street in Cowes, after going to VCAT with their concerns.

In June, Bass Coast Shire Council approved a permit for 10 dwellings and removal of vegetation, despite receiving 17 objections.

At the time, the objectors said their concerns included overlooking, loss of views and privacy, overdevelopment, and they said the townhouses were inconsistent with the character of the area, would be noisy, and used for short stay accommodation.

Denzil Griffiths was one of the objectors to the proposal and decided to take his concerns to VCAT saying he was quite satisfied with the compromise achieved through the VCAT process.

After several compulsory conferences at VCAT, an agreement was reached with all parties signing off on draft final consent orders.

He said the VCAT orders included:

- A reduction of one in the number of units, from 10 to nine, but down from three to two along his boundary
- Increased first floor setbacks

backs for rear units and those along the shared boundary

- Increased setback and screening for the third story deck in the rear two units
- Documented commitment to obtaining an engineer's report before finalising form of retaining wall along the shared boundary; retaining wall now to be as high as his ground level and not below it as originally approved by Council
- Complete revamp of vegetation plan, including removing Council requirement to plant two 15 metre high trees in each courtyard, replacing with one four – six metres
- Vegetation now included along rear boundary, up to three metres in height (none included in Council-approved plans)
- Change in colour of roof from white to grey to make less glaring.
- Tree protection zones (TPZs) now observed and strengthened with site excavation and retaining wall modified accordingly (the Council-approved plans did not observe any of the TPZs for trees on neighbouring properties, had retaining walls built through the TPZs and included the removal of trees on neighbouring properties).



Plans for a 10-dwelling development at 100 Church Street have to be amended after a neighbour successfully challenged the permit at VCAT.

VCAT process

"Prior to lodging our appeal with VCAT, we had read and heard many negative stories about VCAT and its handling of planning disputes," Mr Griffiths said.

"Many told us it would be a waste of time and money. Indeed, Councillor Ron Bauer, when declining to intervene when we appealed to Council, along with over 15 others, said he would not refuse Council approval since VCAT would only approve the plans anyway.

"Thank goodness we did not listen to Cr Bauer.

"We know that at least two residents refrained from appealing to VCAT because of his comment."

Mr Griffiths said he and

other objectors had advised council of the "many errors in the plans" it approved, as well as advising the three Island Councillors prior to the council meeting dealing with the objections.

"These councillors never acknowledged our emails and refused to intervene. So much for looking after the interests of ratepayers."

He said objectors to other planning applications should not discount taking their concerns to VCAT.

"At the end of the VCAT proceedings, we actually thanked the presiding Senior Member for the manner in which he conducted proceedings.

"Although we were

novices in planning matters, he accorded us courtesy and respect and gave us every opportunity to present our arguments."

Mr Griffiths said the successful outcome was due to the parties being required to attend a Compulsory Conference.

"Apparently, about 75-80 per cent of planning disputes are now required to attend a Compulsory Conference ahead of a formal hearing.

"It was made very clear to all parties that the conference provided a valuable opportunity to discuss their differences in a very informal manner. They could achieve a very significant benefit by reaching an agreement which afforded both parties

ties certainty about the outcome, and a quicker and less costly decision," he explained.

"Any full hearing required (estimated to take two days in our case) would necessarily involve adhering to more formal procedures and evidentiary requirements, with an uncertain outcome at the end.

"All parties took this advice on board and made concessions to reach an agreement."

Mr Griffiths said the only drawback with the VCAT appeal process is the cost.

"Initially, this cost looked like being shared by three parties, but two did not proceed thanks to Cr Bauer's comment about VCAT, leaving us with the whole bill.

"Was it worth it? Without any doubt whatsoever."

The VCAT permit has 37 conditions, including the permit will expire if building does not commence within two years and finish within four years of the date of the permit.

Landscaping work must be carried out within three months of completion of the dwellings. Amended plans must also be lodged and approved by Bass Coast Shire Council.

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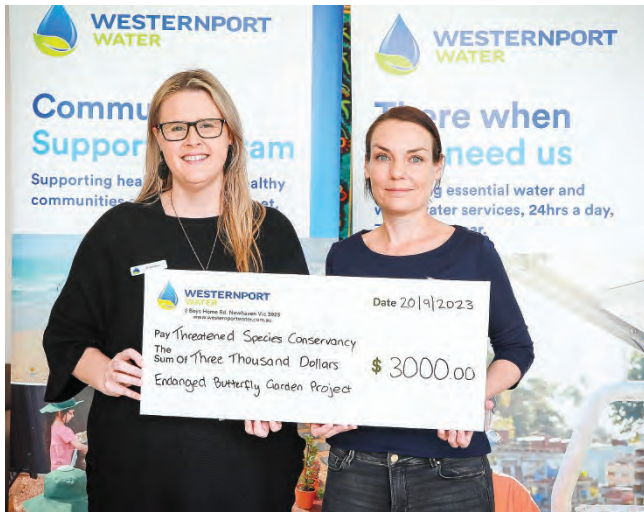
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- Cowes Yacht Club Inc
- Destination Phillip Island

- Kilcunda Community Association Incorporated
- Phillip Island Bicycle User Group Inc
- Phillip Island Community Orchard
- Phillip Island & District Railway Modellers Inc
- Phillip Island Fire Brigade
- Phillip Island Golf Club
- Phillip Island Landcare Group
- Phillip Island Progress Association (Carols By The Bay)
- Phillip Island Ukulele Group Incorporation
- Powlett River Primary School
- San Remo District Tourism & Business Inc
- The Island Story Gatherers Inc
- Threatened Species Conservancy
- Totally Renewable Tenby



Powlett River Primary School



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Phillip Island Community Orchard



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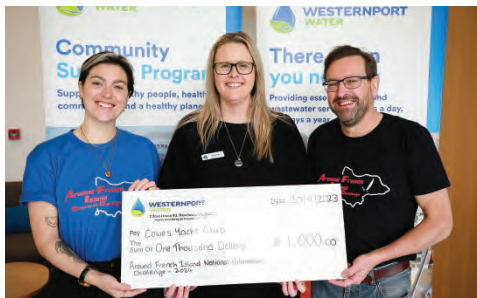
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"You will get lovely fresh seasonal flowers in all kinds of colour palettes, all year round, so follow your heart," recommends Corrie MacGregor from Morrie and Maisie Event Flowers.

Get flower power at your wedding

Flowers can be tricky, especially when they're your wedding flowers and you want everyone to love them. Corrie MacGregor from Morrie and Maisie Event Flowers has some advice on getting the flowers just right for your special day.

"Where to start? Most of us go to Pinterest or Instagram, find pictures we like, and essentially copy that palette. Which is a totally legit way to find your palette," said Corrie.

"But I wanted to throw a couple of other ways at you – these could bring a unique personal twist to your wedding flowers!

"First – be the truest version of your relationship. What colours do you and your partner wear a lot of? What colours compliment you as a couple – are you bright bubbly extroverts? Whites and neutrals look great on everyone but are they really a reflection of you two?

"Ignore the seasons (this might be controversial!). But just because it's Autumn, it doesn't mean you have to have oranges, rusts and reds! Just like Winter doesn't necessarily mean deep dark burgundies, reds and greens. You will get lovely fresh seasonal flowers in all kinds of colour palettes, all year round, so follow your heart," Corrie recommends.

"Don't be a slave to 'trends'. Do you really 100 per cent love the colour trends shown on Instagram/Pinterest or is it just easier to follow the trends? You do you.

"My fall-back advice is pick colours that make you happy!

"Choose colours that surround you constantly and you enjoy being around. And if that's a crazy combo like bright yellow, blue and black (I've just plucked random colours here) then that's ok, we can still make them look beautiful!

"It just has to make you excited for your day! On a side note, if chunks of colour scare you, sometimes little pops of bright yellow, blue or black might be all we need. Once you've picked two or three of your favourite colours, I can help you choose two or three shoulder colours and we're off on our way to WOW!"

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Sally O'Neil and artist Patrice Mahoney, whose work is featured in the Baluk Arts Millowl exhibition at Berninneit.



Jillian West (BLCAC) and Darelle Van Haaster (BCH) at the Millowl exhibition launch at Berninneit.

Millowl exhibition launches at Berninneit

ART

Baluk Arts launched its latest exhibition, 'Millowl', which opened to a packed house at Berninneit (the new Cowes Cultural Centre) last Thursday night.

The evening began with a Welcome to Country and smoking ceremony by the Bunurong Land Council, providing an opportunity to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land and their enduring connection to it.

Guests then heard from local Bass Coast resident and exhibiting artist Patrice Mahoney OAM, gaining insights into her connection to the island and her creative process. Other speakers included Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, and Che McMahon, the manager of Baluk Arts, both singing the praises of the exhibition and the new, purpose-built centre, which they said was sure to become the cultural heart of the local arts scene.

The speeches were followed by a performance by Charlie Needs Braces, fresh off the back of winning the Archie Roach Foundation Award for emerging talent at the Music Victoria Awards ceremony the night before.

Guests were then welcomed into the exhibition space which features five of the country's most talented Aboriginal artists including Bunurong artist Adam Magennis, Nyul Nyul Saltwater man Lowell Hunter (aka 'Salty



Cr Geoff Ellis, artist Camille Monet and Malcolm Russell from Bass Coast Shire Council at the launch of the Baluk Arts Millowl exhibition.

One'), Boonwurrung/Barkindji artist Mitch Mahoney, Guringai Saltwater woman Charlie Woods (aka 'Charlie Needs Braces'), and local Bass Coast resident Dunghutti/Ngayawana artist Patrice Mu-thaymiles Mahoney OAM.

The exhibition features an array of art forms, including a traditionally made stringy bark canoe, contemporary paintings, a sand sculpture, projections, all accompanied by a commissioned musical score. Each piece in the exhibition carries with it a unique story, connecting the viewer with the artist, in celebration of the spirituality and history of the land, sky, waters, and animals of Millowl.

"Guests concluded their journey through the exhibition with a round of applause, testament to the power and beauty of Aboriginal art in fostering

understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures and traditions," a Baluk Arts spokesperson said.

"The 'Millowl' exhibition serves as a bridge between communities and cultures, encouraging reflection and a deeper connection with the stories, experiences and history that makes Millowl such a special place."

Baluk Arts invites art lovers, cultural enthusiasts, and the general public to experience 'Millowl' for themselves and celebrate the creative spirit of these five incredible contemporary Aboriginal artists. The exhibition is now open, seven days a week, until December 27. Entrance is free.

For more information visit www.balukarts.org.au and follow @balukarts on socials. More photos at pisra.com.au/entertainment



Josh West (BLCAC), Jordan Crugnale MP, Patrice Mahoney, Jillian West (BLCAC), Darelle Van Haaster (BCH), Brian Stevens and Uncle Anthony Egan at the Baluk Arts Millowl exhibition launch.

Sarah goes to India

EDUCATION

Recently Sarah Tyrrell, Assistant Principal of Cowes Primary School, was selected to participate in the Women in School Leadership Collaboration and Exchange program to India.

One of just 12 Victorian Principals selected for the program, she travelled to Delhi and Bangalore during weeks two and three of this term, to work with 12 Indian principals.

Sarah explained the 2023-24 program is part of Victoria's "India Strategy: Our Shared Future" and is one of three school education initiatives enhancing engagement between Victorian and Indian schools.

She took part in workshops alongside her fellow principals, with a focus on education issues such as inclusion and diversity, girls' education and community engagement.

She also spent time at her partner school, ITL Public School, which is located on the outskirts of Delhi, hosted by the school's Principal Dr Sudah Acharya and participated at the DI-DAC education conference in Bangalore.

Sarah said the connections made were invaluable and she has brought back many great ideas to



As part of the trip, Sarah spent time at ITL Public School, which is located on the outskirts of Delhi, hosted by the school's Principal Dr Sudah Acharya.

Cowes Primary School, learnt from her time away.

"I was also very lucky to get to experience a trip to the Taj Mahal, a must on any trip to India," Sarah said.

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Liz Birch, Gail Lewis and Chris Walton put their names down for the ballot to get a seat to the opening night event.



Former CEO Ali Wastie (centre) returned for the celebrations, with Cr Whelan praising her "can-do" attitude helping to get the centre built. Ms Wastie is pictured with BCSC's Jodie Kennedy and Damian Prendergast.



Cr Clare Le Serve, Ray Jansson, Doug Wagh (President, PI and District Historical Society) and former president Graeme Clausen.

Powerhouse performances to launch new centre

From page 1

Ballot

Earlier that evening, the night kicked off outside the building, with a welcome to country from Mark Brown of the Bunurong Land Council and a smoking ceremony.

Guests walked through the smoke to enter the building, enjoying food and drinks before being ushered into the new theatre.

Locals Gail Lewis, Liz Birch and Chris Walton put their names down for the ballot to get a seat to the opening night event. "We wanted a guided tour," said Gail, who loved the workmanship and the spaciousness of the new building.

"We're interested to see what's available to us, and we're looking forward to the cinema. I've already booked my tickets to see Kate Miller-Heidke.

"We need to have a great venue so we can attract good performances," Gail said.

"This is great for the arts.

Jeff Nottle, President of the Phillip Island Conservation Society, was keen to inspect the new building.

"We are delighted that Berninnet has been designed

around retaining some significant trees, following the thoughtless destruction of trees for the transit centre car park," he said.

Jeff praised the building's Passiv Haus credentials, describing it as a "milestone to lead the community".

Sandra Peeters from Phillip Island Community Exhibition Space (PICES) described the building as "beautiful, inviting and feels like it has been here for ever".

"It is environmentally world class and will be a go-to place for this community to gather for all forms of cultural experience for years to come," Sandra said.

"I applaud Bass Coast Councillors and officers for their foresight, courage and hard work in bringing this amazing community space to life."

She said she looked forward to PICES presenting the 2024 Pop Up Exhibitions in January and PICES in Focus in the first two weeks of February in the new centre.

After the performance, guests were free to explore the building.

Former Phillip Island and District Historical Society president, Graeme Clausen was ea-

ger to see the new museum space for the society, while many were thrilled to visit the new library, with some snapping up the opportunity to borrow a book.

"Incredible", "impressive" and a "magnificent development for the island" were just some of the comments from the crowd, who were clearly delighted with both the building and the evening's performances.

The reaction of the crowd echoed the sentiments outlined by the mayor, Cr Michael Whelan during the formal part of the event.

"Berninnet is a result of a shared vision, commitment and the active involvement of our community," Cr Whelan said.

"Our community dared to have a bold vision, and council dared to build it."

During his speech, Cr Whelan praised the persistence of the community in advocating for an arts facility and the "courage and leadership" and "can-do attitude" of former CEO Ali Wastie.

"It wasn't just about constructing a new facility. It was about creating a new place," he said.

"A place that would serve our growing community, that would reflect our values, our land and



Book lovers unite! Former owner of Turn the Page and committee member of the Island Storytellers Lois Gaskin, with librarian Jessica Berry.

honour our people."

The Mayor said it was now time to transition from a building site "to the heart of Berninnet's 2024 program".

"Berninnet is more than a building. It's a vision for a vibrant and inclusive community. It's a place of civic and community pride to serve our community for decades to come."

He thanked his fellow councillors for supporting the project

and sticking with the decision for a passive house design, in line with the council's climate change action plan, to create "one of the most environmentally significant public buildings in Victoria".

He also acknowledged the incredible work of the council staff, who worked with the councillors "to deliver this amazing facility".

"I love you all. I'm so proud." More photos at pisra.com.au



MC for the night was actor, writer and singer Jane Clifton, with Laura Brearley from the Living Circle Choir, which performed with Kutcha Edwards.



Kutcha Edwards, with a little help from friends Sean Kelly and Rosie Westbrook, performing at the opening of Berninnet.



The audience exploded in applause when, in a special surprise performance, Kate Ceberano walked out on stage.



Artist Camille Monet with Anne Davie, who campaigned tirelessly for over three decades for a cultural centre.



Déjà vu for opening

David Jobe, chair of the Newhaven College board was at the opening of the new Berninnet cultural centre last week.

It was a case of history repeating for David, who recalled attending the opening of the old cultural centre building when he was a Prep

or Grace 1 student.

He guessed he was probably the only person in attendance who had witnessed both openings.

At the opening event, (from left), Pam Cameron, Kerry Fullarton, Jean Verway, David Jobe and Sue Becker.

Hall of Fame recognition for Kutcha

ARTS

It was a big week for Kutcha Edwards.

The Phillip Island based musician was the first person to perform on the new stage at Berninneit, leading the opening night performances last Wednesday.

The night before, he was inducted into the Music Victoria Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Melbourne at The Edge in Federation Square.

Music Victoria said Kutcha was renowned

for his prolific union of songwriting and activism, praising his remarkable, three-decade career as a solo artist and as a member in Watbalimba, Blackfire, and The Black Arm Band.

"As a survivor of the Stolen Generations and a proud Mutti Mutti man, these experiences have influenced his diverse creative output," Music Victoria stated.

"Edwards' ongoing contributions to Australian art are significant and powerful."



Cathy Beenie and Kutcha Edwards, after his opening night performance.



The inaugural Phillip Island and Bass Coast Ukulele Festival runs on November 11 and 12 at locations across Phillip Island. Visit the Festival Facebook page for more information.

Strummer time is here!

MUSIC

The island will be alive with the sound of music this weekend, with the inaugural Phillip Island and Bass Coast Ukulele Festival, on November 11 and 12.

Thanks to generous sponsorship from Bass Coast Shire Council, Westernport Water, Bendigo Bank and Jordan Crugnale (Member for Bass), all events at the festival are free – and tickets for most events have been quickly snapped up.

Organisers said the festival provides an opportunity for people to take part in a celebration of the arts and creativity, through the fun of ukulele playing.

"The primary key aims are to promote a healthy community, strengthen connection between people and public spaces and have fun in a welcoming environment," they said.

Everyone is invited to come a long and "have a go", with 10 loan ukuleles available throughout the festival.

For details of workshops, including any remaining tickets, visit the Phillip Island and Bass Coast Ukulele Festival Facebook page.

Saturday workshops are at The Wild Food Farm, Rhyll and a 2pm – 3pm Play along at Churchill Island with Awkward Strangers.

On Saturday evening at 6pm is an Open Mic at Dimples, which is sold out.

Most of the tickets for the Saturday events have been exhausted and there is

a waitlist for participants.

However organisers said music fans are welcome to attend The Wild Food Farm or Churchill Island to grab a cuppa or some food and watch the daytime events.

The free Sunday picnic will be a wonderful celebration of various artists and groups facilitating a play along at Erewhon Point Amphitheatre, from 10am until 3.30pm.

BYO chair, waste free picnic, water bottle to refill, keeper cup, or picnic blanket.

Rotary is providing a sausage sizzle and Mamacita's coffee will be on site.

There are over 10 raffle prizes and lots of local handmade crafts "all things ukulele" for sale.

The major raffle prize is over \$700 in value and includes a Tanglewood Ukulele with gig bag donated by National Music Australia.

All profits from the raffle and craft sales will go towards the establishment of Bass Coast Health Music Therapy Program in the aged care and hospital.

So bring along some gold coins and make Sunday a fantastic success, and help strengthen the community.

The picnic is a free event, but organisers are asking people to book tickets to help with their planning. Tickets are available at www.trybooking.com/CKXPH

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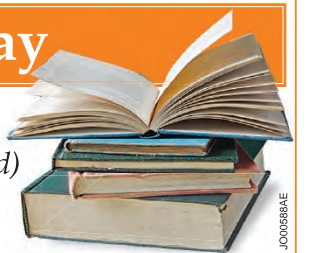
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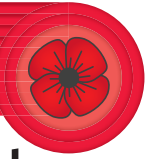


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Cheryl Overton handing out poppies at Remembrance Day last year. This year's service at the Cenotaph in Cowes on November 11 starts at 10.45am.

Cowes remembers

Remembrance Day in Cowes will be conducted at the Cenotaph, on Saturday November 11, starting at 10.45am

The Phillip Island RSL said unfortunately it was unable to conduct its normal services at retirement homes in the area.

"Primarily this is because our Chaplain has relocated and several of our committee members will be absent during this period," a spokesperson explained.

"This leaves the remainder to plan and conduct the main service."

Members will also be selling poppies in the lead up to Remembrance Day.

The service as usual will allow those in attendance to lay wreaths or remembrance poppies during the service.

"We will welcome all in attendance back at the RSL for refreshments afterwards."

San Remo will remember

Visitors and members of the San Remo/Newhaven communities are invited to join a Remembrance Day service on Saturday November 11, at 10.45am.

The gathering will be at the Cenotaph on the foreshore opposite the San Remo supermarket.

South Gippsland Legacy's Jane Ross will deliver a brief

address on decorated war hero Lieutenant General Sir Stanley Savage, who founded Legacy 100 years' ago.

There will be an opportunity to lay flowers, a wreath and poppies.

In line with San Remo tradition, the Westernport Hotel will take its turn at providing refreshments after the commemoration.




A Remembrance Day service, starting at 10.45am on November 11 will be held at the Cenotaph on the San Remo foreshore. All are welcome to attend.

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DEATHS

LOUGHNAN, Glenice Lorraine:

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Aged 83 years

Loving wife of Frank (dec.). Loving Mum of Shane and Sherrie, mother-in-law to Kanisha.

Adored Nana to Nat, Breeanna, Connor, Bailey, Teia, Sloan and Frankie.

Great Nana G to Savannah, Mason, River, Cara, Theo, Saige and Miyah.

Gone fishing with Frank.

WENHAM, Ian:

It was with great sadness that we learnt of Ian's passing.

His colleagues and friends from the Labor party on the Island and San Remo will miss his hard work at every election, it was a pleasure to work with him.

He always treated everyone with respect, kindness and caring, his genuine warmth and sense of humour will be greatly missed by all.

Ian's devotion and belief in the Labor party and the union movement is legendary.

We pass on our condolences to his daughters and their families on behalf of the local ALP members.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

MARLENE DROSCHER

Passed 8th October, 2023

MEMORIAL CELEBRATION

Of her life at the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club. Marlene has joined her husband and best friend Allan. She got to see her beloved Collingwood win one last flag but missed Allan too much. The Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club invites you to join in a celebration of her life and share your stories of her with those who dearly loved Marlene Droscher. Fully catered for by their beloved friend Melva Smith.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 25th November 2023 at 1.00pm

Hallway Drive, Wimbledon Heights

To RSVP or for further information and enquiries please contact us: islandcommunityorchard@gmail.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES



PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION LOCATED AT VENTNOR

Telstra plan to upgrade the existing telecommunications facility comprising a 45m steel triangular lattice tower at Phillip Island Race Track, 381 Back Beach Road, Ventnor, Victoria, 3922 (Lot 2 on PS346794) www.rfnsa.com.au/3922006

1. Telstra Limited (A.C.N 051 775 556) are currently upgrading existing mobile network facilities to allow for the introduction of 5G to Telstra's network. As part of this network upgrade, Telstra propose the installation of 4G and 5G technology (LTE2100, LTE2600, NR850, NR2600 and NR3500) at the Ventnor service area.
2. The proposed facility upgrade includes the removal of three (3) existing panel antennas, the installation of three (3) new panel antennas (each no more than 2.8m long), and the removal and installation of associated ancillary equipment (including but not limited to the installation of six (6) remote radio units (RRUs)). All internal equipment will be housed within the existing equipment shelter located at the base of the facility.
3. Telstra regard the proposed installation as a Low-Impact Facility under the Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 2018 based on the above description.
4. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about this proposal. Further information and/or written submissions should be directed to Jessica Legendre, Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd (A.B.N 54 005 139 873) via email to: Jessica.Legendre@aurecongroup.com or via post to: Jessica Legendre, Aurecon Australasia, PO Box 23061, Docklands, VIC, 8012 by 5pm on 23/11/2023.

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Work on Phillip Island bridge

INFRASTRUCTURE

Work is due to begin in mid-November on work to upgrade the bridge pipeline, which supplies drinking water to the island.

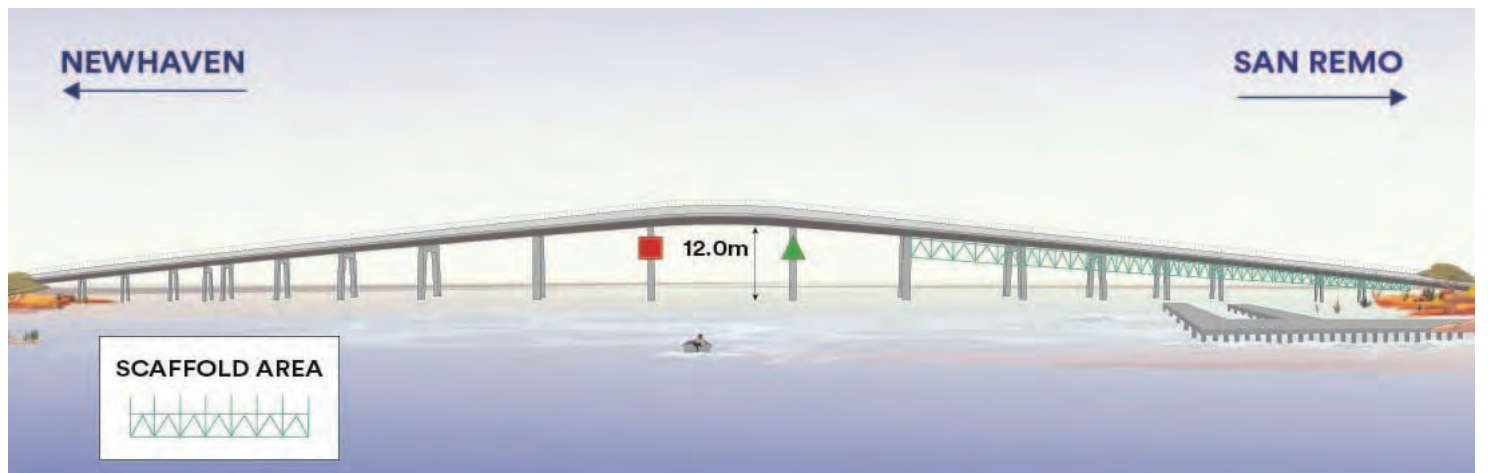
Westernport Water is upgrading the main drinking water and sewage infrastructure connected to the underside of the San Remo – Phillip Island Bridge.

Work will commence on the \$5.5 million San Remo Bridge Pipeline Bracket Renewal Project in mid-November 2023, and will be completed by October 2024 (excluding peak periods throughout December and early January).

Westernport Water said significant stakeholder consultation, planning and approval has occurred to minimise impacts to customers, visitors, the economy, and the local environment.

“The underbridge pipelines are a critical part of our region’s water infrastructure, supplying drinking water to customers on Phillip Island, and transporting wastewater from San Remo to the Cowes Wastewater Treatment Plant,” said Westernport Water Managing Director, Dona Tantirimudalige.

“The brackets that connect the pipelines to the underside of the bridge and fittings are deteriorating and in need of



Westernport Water is upgrading the main drinking water and sewage infrastructure connected to the underside of the San Remo – Phillip Island Bridge.

repair. Refurbishing and replacing these items now will extend the life of the pipeline for another thirty years.”

Suspended scaffold will be used under the bridge so workers can safely access the pipes while minimising impacts to traffic.

Only on rare occasions, one lane of the bridge may need to be closed at night while navigational markers for marine users are relocated.

Reduced clearance under the bridge

from the scaffolding will impact tall vessels, however one of the three centre spans will remain at full clearance height at all times to enable safe passage.

A temporary site compound will be established at San Remo Foreshore Reserve. As the works progress over the bridge, the temporary site compound will be moved to Newhaven near the bridge.

Water and wastewater services will continue as normal while the works are happening. Pedestrian access across the

bridge will remain open at all times, as will the pedestrian access tracks under the bridge.

This project is being delivered as part of Westernport Water’s capital works program, addressing customer priorities for water quality improvements, environmentally responsible operations, and sustainable services between now and 2028.

For further information please visit westernportwater.com.au.



Greg and Margaret Dean celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last month. Visitors to the island since the 1940s, the couple moved here permanently in 1983.

Married for 70 years!

Island stalwarts Margaret and Greg Dean celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary last month.

The couple first met in Italy and again in Traralgon where they married on October 24, 1953.

Raising four children and living in Queensland and South Australia before moving back to Victoria, they spent every summer for 20 years holidaying on Phillip Island.

Both had separately visited Phillip Island in the 1940s and in 1983 became permanent residents.

Daughters Helen and Cathy said their parents created Ventnor Heights Nursery, specialising in indigenous coastal plants, transforming “a bald, overgrazed hill into a bushland oasis”.

“The nursery was a hub for new learning and appreciation of the beauty and diversity of coastal plants and all the unique birds and animals they nurture,” Cathy and Helen said.

“It attracted many locals and visitors to the island including the much-loved John Clarke and Bryan Dawe as regular customers.

“Supplying plants for the revegetation of the cliff tops of the Nobbies and Penguin Parade, Phillip Island golf course, roadsides, farms and gardens across the island and beyond are legacies of their efforts on the ground.

“There are many locals who recall visiting the nursery and Maggie and Greg’s glorious garden when they were children.”

Within community, Maggie and Greg connected people, supporting enterprises and endeavours for the betterment of island life.

“They were founding members of Land Care, delivered Meals on Wheels into their 80s, fought long and hard to retain Warley Hospital with its vital health services, willingly joined multiple fundraising drives and lent their expertise and resources to many worthy causes,” said their daughters.

“On Sundays the van was loaded up with plants which our father sold at the Cowes Market where he was not only a stall holder but also a great source of information and advice.”

Both were members of the Cowes Golf Club for decades and Maggie, now 96 years young, still plays croquet.”

The couple have 12 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren who have inherited their love of Phillip Island plus Maggie and Greg’s passion for building strong, resilient families and communities.

“What an honour to celebrate such an awe-inspiring milestone in the long and productive marriage of these two amazing individuals,” said Cathy and Helen proudly.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cultural Centre foolishness

Cultural Centre finally opening. Really has taken an extraordinarily long time, at extraordinary cost, Despite no community hall for so long and cost for such an uninspiring big box building, no doubt Shire expects our gratitude.

But how much of a bargain did we get? One comparison is recently constructed gym at Cowes Primary School, the kind of rectangular box you expect for a gym. Cost was \$5.5 Million. Comparing size and cost, Cultural Centre is bigger but pro rata cost \$8.3 Million V \$32 Million.

Bricks were supposed to be white, special white sand and cement with finely ground recycled glass instead of sand. What happened to this?

Obviously care and attention paid to heating/cooling inside but how about outside? In efficient building design, don’t you need main wall to face the sun, with plenty of window space to catch winter warmth? Then, especially anticipating El Nino extreme heat, don’t you need eaves/awnings to shade walls from heat? Cultural Centre is going to be a sizzling heat island on outside, almost vertical barbecue. Inside insulated by almost 0.5m of structural foam, fresh out of petrochem industry!

Passivhaus means low energy consumption. But based on Germany/Northern Europe, main criterion is less than 15kWh/m2/year energy consumption, which is good in long winter and outdoor temperatures as low as -40degC. How relevant is that in Bass Coast? Here, standard is 0.125kW/m2, which means running efficient heat pump no more than 60 hours per year. In our backyard, zero energy flow through ventilation is recommended. Where are opening windows for warmth of northerlies and cool of south westerlies, between seasons?

New Council asap.

Bernie McComb, Cowes

Berninneit

I wonder what percentage of the island’s residents were aware of the naming rights entitlements given to the Bunurong Land Council.

It is not a name that I’m comfortable with, being as the advances made by this country in the past 200 years are still decried by the Marxist state and federal governments we currently endure.

The pendulum will continue to change as evidenced by the recent referendum.

Roy Brooks, Cowes

Surf Beach – where’s council?

Council has posted on their website that the project will ‘not proceed’, and sent personalised emails to those that lodged a submission advising “under the Local Government Act 1989 legislation, the project will not proceed” and emailed in response to questions that “a report closing out the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Proposed Special Charge Scheme will be presented to the December Council Meeting”.

In response to a question to the October Council meeting if Bass Coast councillors were advised of this announcement prior to the release on the engage website, we were told yes, the councillors were advised prior to the announcement.

My question then is this. Why is Council not putting the report up at the November Council meeting? Council made the call to not proceed a mere two days after the deadline for objections, so surely the report is a slam dunk?

Maybe the Mayor does not want this debacle on his watch. After all, it’s a million dollars of rate payers’ money that this Council has wasted, ignoring all the signposts along the way in the form of three petitions, letters to the editor, questions to the Council meetings, phone enquiries and the avalanche of emails seeking further information and expressing genuine concern.

It remains to be seen how and when Council is intending to let all rate payers that have had to live through this debacle for the past 18 months know that the project has been abandoned.

The Say No group has acted as the conduit for information for the community through their FB page and monthly community meetings. It would be an appalling indictment on Council if they were also going to leave it up to the Say No group to inform the community of the outcome.

Council, we urge you to put your community front and centre at this time and show us some respect and let the community know sooner rather than later that this scheme has been abandoned.

Leanne Sumpter, Surf Beach

Community volunteer honoured at RSL dinner

COMMUNITY

Simon Manning, the recipient of the RSL 2023 Community Anzac Award, was honoured for his contribution as a community volunteer across a host of local associations, at a Phillip Island RSL dinner.

Simon was one of 70 guests welcomed to the annual dinner, to which local unpaid volunteers who work for a diverse range of community organisations, along with previous RSL Community Anzac Award recipients, were invited.

The RSL instigated this award in 2014, to annually acknowledge unsung community members who work tirelessly and without recognition, for the benefit of others.

Guests were welcomed to the annual dinner by RSL president Chris Thompson, and MC for the evening was RSL Vice president Peter Paul.

Mr Paul commended all present on their service to the island community, and said this is what the RSL is also about.

"Service to others is part of RSL history. That is what the RSL is about," he commented.

He spoke of the Men's Shed which has been established in the RSL grounds for the last 20 years, The RSL Day Club for seniors, and other programs, sponsorships and grants provided by the RSL to commuawith this philosophy.

A highlight of the night was a special presentation made to two long serving RSL staff members, Sharon Kerr and Sarah Marshall, by RSL General Manager Chris Simpson. Both women have worked at the RSL for over two decades, Sarah in administration and Sharon in hospitality, and were thanked by Chris for their dedication and service.

An announcement was also made of a \$21,000 grant by the RSL toward three dialysis chairs in the new Community Hospital, currently under construction.

"Currently, residents re-

quiring dialysis must travel off the island to access this life saving treatment. This will make a huge difference for them," Mr Paul said.

Guest speaker at the event was well know Australian actor Gil Tucker.

Now an island resident, Gil started his acting career playing a loveable young police officer in Cop Shop, and went on over the next four decades to work alongside many industry greats, in film, TV, stage and radio, including appearances in Mad Max, Power Without Glory, and the Flying Doctors.

Phillip Island Football Netball Club President, Chris Ross, spoke at the dinner, acknowledging the support given by the RSL over a long period. "Without your support, we do not function," said Chris.

The contribution of 23 individuals who fought long and hard for improved health services after the closure of Warley Hospital in 2008 was also recognised. The concept of PIMHAG (Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group), established in 2009 for the sole purpose of the establishment of public health services locally, started in the boardroom of the RSL, PIMHAG member John Matthews told those present.

"The RSL boardroom hosted all PIMHAG meetings, and members met here with federal and state health ministers, opposition leaders, and regional health providers, while lobbying for public health services over a ten-year period.

"The fight was eventually won with a magnificent Health Hub providing 24-hour health care opening in 2018, and a pledge for a community hospital followed. Its construction is now underway.

"Twenty-three members of PIMHAG were involved over a 15-year period and have achieved what they set out to do," John said.

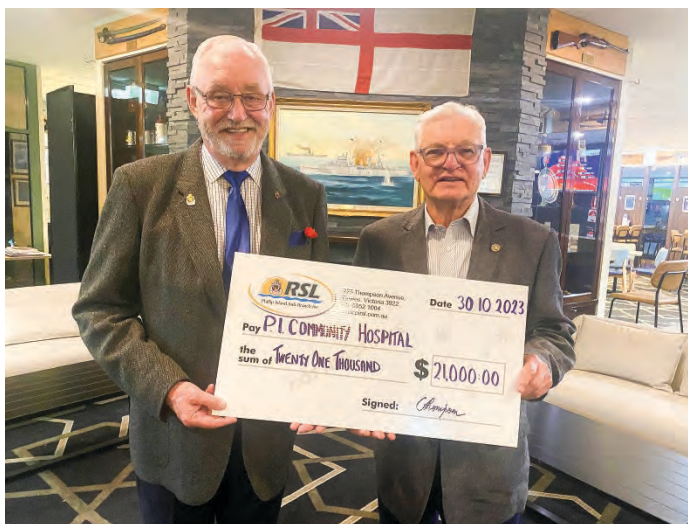
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Representatives of some of the local groups sponsored by the Phillip Island RSL. From left: Chris Ross (PIFNC), Linda Marston (PIMHAG), John Matthews (PIMHAG), Nina Gardner (Melaleuca Lodge), Leno Drazzi (Phillip Island CFA) and Chris Thompson (Probus).



Chris Simpson, RSL General Manager, presented Sharon Kerr and Sarah Marshall with long service awards. Both women have worked at the RSL for over two decades.



Chris Thompson (RSL President) and Peter Paul (RSL vice president) announced an RSL donation of \$21,000 for three dialysis chairs in Phillip Island's new hospital, due to open next year.



Simon Manning (right) is congratulated at last week's Anzac award presentation by his wife Belinda Manning (left), John Weston (second left) and Kaye Beaton (second right).

A wonderful community ambassador

COMMUNITY

Simon Manning, the 2023 recipient of the Phillip Island RSL Anzac Day award, was described at the presentation ceremony as a wonderful ambassador for the local community, a very caring person, and a dedicated auditor and fundraiser, who has freely gives his time and expertise to many local organisations over many years.

"People like Simon are quite unique," said his friend John Weston, who outlined the community work Simon has long been involved in at the RSL annual dinner.

"His diversity of community activities are mind blowing," Mr Weston said.

They include 40 years of dedicated service to the Phillip Island Football Netball Club; Founding member of YAMS (You Are My Sunshine) charity which raised almost \$1 million on the island between 2012 and 2016; Inaugural member of the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre committee; Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Nippers Age Manager 2009-2013; Cowes Classic committee member

for over 30 years; Bass Coast Events committee member; and Ne- whaven College Board member since 2009.

While at the lecture, John Weston commended the Phillip Island RSL for its formal recognition of Simon, and previous Anzac award winners through their annual Anzac Day community award.

"It is important the selfless contributions made by individuals within the local community are recognized in this way," he commented.

In response, Simon said it was a great honor to accept the award, "especially as it has come from the RSL who do so much within and for our community".

"My grandfather served in the First World War in the Light Horse Brigade, and I am humbled to be recognized by the RSL, who have done so much for the veterans of war, and for this community.

"I accept this award on behalf of so many other people whom I have worked alongside over the years. You do not do these things on your own."

Seniors off and racing

Members of the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club had a fabulous time at their Melbourne Cup lunch last Friday.

Melbourne Cup specialist and memorabilia collector Ray Metsin brought along a great range of what was only a small part of his collection called Ray's Relics.

"Ray told stories behind each piece to our

enquiring and fascinated members," said Secretary Liza Lee.

"We also had a prize for best hat worn on the day with our beautiful Beverley Robertson taking out the prize for the women, and the very dapper Barry Smith with his polka dot peak cap won the prize for the men."

Everyone agreed the day was a great success.



Enjoying the Senior Citizens Melbourne Club lunch (from left): Ian, Jack, Barry, Margaret, Faye, Jayne, Doris, Sandy, Glenda, Liza, Beverley, Jeanette, Gwyneth, Teena, Marg and Heather.

Memorable end to GymStar Level 6 season

GYMNASTICS

It has been a most memorable finish to the gymnastics season for the Y Phillip Island Gymnastics Club Gymstar Level 6 competitors.

The club competed in their last competition of the year at Casey Gymnastics Centre on October 28, in a Spooktacular Halloween-themed event.

Dressed in Harley Quinn costumes, the team of Quinnets and Gang of Harley's couldn't have asked for better results, finishing in team first and second place all-around.

Special thanks must be given to Tiffany for her time and effort spent creating the costumes for the girls, which was awarded the best of the day.

Amellia's difficult skill on bars and Saiorse's expressive floor routine were recognized and given the special judges' awards. Well done, girls!

The club dominated the competition with



The team dressed in Harley Quinn themed costumes.

their impressive team, but also their individual all-around results.

Amellia placed first all-around, Saiorse won second place, Willow came in third place, fourth place was awarded to Evie and sixth place all-around went to Rori.

Incredible results that must be congratulated.

Apparatus results were as follows:

Vault: 1st Rori, 2nd Saiorse, 3rd Willow, 4th Amellia and 5th Evie.

Bars: 2nd Saiorse, 3rd Amellia, 4th Alexis, 5th

Evie and 6th Miranda.

Beam: 2nd Amellia, 5th Willow and Saiorse and 6th Alexis.

Floor: 2nd Saiorse, 3rd Rori, 4th Amellia and 5th Evie.

PBars: 2nd Alexis, 3rd Miranda, 4th Saiorse, 5th Abigail and Willow.

Rings: 1st Evie, 2nd Willow, 3rd Amellia and Miranda, 4th Miranda and 6th Saiorse and Rori.

Congratulations to each team member. The club couldn't be prouder of what a successful season this has been.



Successful bowlers this week, from left: John Hall, Joan Farmer and Eric Wild.

Social bowlers kept their cool

BOWLS

Social bowls was held on November 2, with cool and cloudy conditions with a slight breeze.

Our bowlers adapted to the conditions, and we witnessed some great

bowling.

Runners up for the day: Skip Glenda Grazules, 3rd Curtis Fanning and Lead Eric Wild.

Congratulations to our winners: Skip Steve Williams, 3rd John Hall and Lead Joan Farmer.

Results from the green

GOLF

Wednesday, November 1 Open Stableford

A grade winner: Max Walton (14) with 40 points C/B from Daniel Pearce (8).

B grade winner: Mario Amato (16) with 36 points from Rikardo Meder (18) with 34 points C/B.

C grade winner: John Shaw (28) with 37 points C/B from David Pardoe (29).

BDL to 34 points C/B.
NTP: 5th Ron Magill, 7th Fred Pannozo, 10th Max Walton and 17th Mario Amato.

Nine-hole winner: Noel Thomas (34) with 20 points from Graham Robinson (34) with 19 points C/B.
BDL to 16 points C/B.

Thursday, November 2 Open 18-hole Stableford

A grade winner: Gino Manfredi (10) with 39 points from Rob Haydon (13) on 38 points.

B grade winner: David

Taylor (19) with a fabulous score of 46 points from Colin Morris (21) on 40 points.

C grade winner: Rob Chambers (24) with 41 points from Stacey Meder (27) on 39 points.

BDL to 35 pts.
NTP: 5th Rob Haydon, 7th Colin Morris, 10th Wayne Morris and 17th Tracey Cooksey.

Nine-hole Stableford
Winner: Lyn Ward (33) with 24 points from John Withington (26) on 19 points C/B from John Niven.

BDL to 15 pts.

Saturday, November 4 Men's 18-hole Stableford

A grade winner: Reece Jamieson (10) with 38 points from Barry Grazules (10) on 37 points.

B grade winner: Owen Jolly (15) with 42 points from Rob Haydon (15) on 39 points.

C grade winner: Phil Cooksey (25) with 41 points C/B from Trevor

Read (21).

BDL to 35 pts.
NTP: 5th Peter Cartwright, 7th Rob Haydon, 10th Ron Young and 17th Terry Crumpton.

Geoff Daff had an eagle on the 4th.

Ladies 18-hole Stableford
Winner: Barb Haydon (33) with 39 points C/B from Megan Elbaz (31)

BDL to 35 pts C/B.
NTP: 5th Sue Brown, 7th Naoko McRae, 10th Mary Taylor and 17th Dawn Andrews.

Open 9-hole Stableford
Overall winner: Len Fenton (19) with 20 points from Mac MacArthur (28) on 18 points.

BDL to 19 pts C/B.

Sunday November 5 Open 18-hole Stableford

Winner: Max Walton (11) with 34 points from Matt Hyde (5) on 31 points.

Nine-hole winner was Paul Beckham (33) with 16 points.

Honourable effort by Sharks

From page 28

Opening bowling pair, Matt Parsons and Tarryn Allan got the Sharks away to a flyer in the field grabbing three wickets and we had Bass 3/30 after 16 overs.

Pete Francis came on to bowl with Aaron Brayley. Pete bowled beautifully and finished with 3/23 off his eight overs. Bass batted extremely well, giving Phillip Island absolutely no chances in the field.

In a nail-biting finish Bass were able to chase the 130 down in the last over.

Extremely good effort from Phillip Island but just fell short again for the second week in a row.

Huge shout out to Junior Zack Hughes for his 26 with the bat.

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T.ALLAN	1/23/8		

PHILLIP ISLAND		PHILLIP ISLAND & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB	
8/171		A1 GRADE	
E.RICHARDS	65	PHILLIP ISLAND VS OMK	
D.MOCK	34	SAT 4 NOV OUTTRIM RESERVE	
OMK		IGA	
6/173		SAN REMO	
S.KIRTON	2/34/8		
SHIRAN	1/27/8		

PHILLIP ISLAND		PHILLIP ISLAND & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB	
3/62		U17S	
G.MCCAUSLAND	24*	PHILLIP ISLAND VS KORUMBURRA/NYORA	
M.ARCEO	12	SAT 4 NOV NEWHAVEN REC RESERVE	
KORUMBURRA/NYORA		PHILLIP ISLAND & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB	
7/61		ADVERTISER	
G.MCCAUSLAND	3/9/3		
H.WOMERSLEY	2/11/4		

PHILLIP ISLAND		PHILLIP ISLAND & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB	
7/132		B1 GRADE	
K.LANE	40	PHILLIP ISLAND VS KORUMBURRA	
T.BLACKWELL	24	SAT 4 NOV NEWHAVEN RESERVE	
KORUMBURRA		RSL PHILLIP ISLAND	
9/131			
J.WILLIAMS	3/22/8		
T.NIVEN	2/19/8		
H.ARCEO	2/28/8		

PHILLIP ISLAND		PHILLIP ISLAND & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB	
112		U15S	
J.TAN	27	PHILLIP ISLAND VS KORUMBURRA	
Z.HUGHES	25*	SAT 4 NOV KORUMBURRA RESERVE	
J.WILLIAMS	25		
KORUMBURRA		Bowens THE BUILDERS CHOICE	
56			
S.MACMILLAN	2/2/5		
J.WILLIAMS	1/2/4		

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Mid week winners

BOWLS

It was a great day with 40 players turning up to San Remo to fight it out for team of the day.

The weather was reasonable, wind was minimal and rain was nonexistent. All in all, a great day for it.

Laughter was heard around the green from all rinks, with friendly banter from all corners, along with many happy faces ... although some with looks of disappointment when things were

going wrong.

But as always there are winners and there's the rest of us. This week's winners on a score of 35 were: Peter Gratton (S), Frank D'Unienville (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Bobby Arnold (L).

Runners-up also on a score of 35 but who just missed out on the count back were: Terry Floyd (S), David Talbot (3), Jan Brown (2) and Jenny Harding (L).

Best one game winners on 19 points were: David Smith (3),

Laurie Bell (3), Bill Williams (2) and Tony Morris (L).

Thank you as always to Peter, his job is not an easy one and we may have to look for some assistance in the coming weeks.

Thanks also as always to Pauline and John for chipping in. Thank you also to Gwen in the kitchen and Mark in the bar.

Next week we will be playing at Koo Wee Rup and look forward to seeing everyone on site by 10am.

Meanwhile, have a good week.



Winners were: Bev Elliott (2), Bobby Arnold (L), Frank D'Unienville (3) and Peter Gratton (S) (inset).



Runners up: Terry Floyd (S), Jenny Harding (L), Jan Brown (2) and David Talbot (3).



Best one game winners: Laurie Bell (3), David Smith (S), Tony Morris (L) and Bill Williams (2).

Latest league results

TENPIN BOWLING

Phantom: 1st on 20.5pts Dragonfly, 2nd on 17pts PBA9X and 3rd on 15pts AlleyGator.

2s Company (Monday): 1st on 30pts King Pins, 2nd on 27pts Tinabe and 3rd on 24pts Him & Her.

ABL (Wednesday): 1st on 181.5pts Knackers, 2nd on 162pts Pinpals and 3rd on 155pts Kool Kats.

Business Early (Thursday): 1st on 13pts Balls Deep, 2nd on

10pts Woolly Rollers, 3rd on 8pts Old Timers and 4th on 8pts Heroes of Steel.

Business Late (Thursday): 1st on 10pts Jds's, 2nd on 9pts S&R Clarke Auto, 3rd on 8pts Bananas in Pyjamas and 4th on 8pts Team Rich.

This week's top scorers across each league are:

Men: Justin Porthouse 234, Peter Macinnes 222 and Raff Merante 211. Women: Karen Klym 199, Mary Dardha 163 and Tricia Niessink 158.

Results from the table

BRIDGE

On Monday, October 30, twelve pairs took to the tables.

Neville Chapman and partner Lorrie Read topped the board on 60.87 per cent. Next in line were Lois Dwyer and Anne Gibson on 57.78 per cent. Marnie Myall and Paul Waylen finished third on 54.07 per cent.

Wednesday was Nationwide with four pairs achieving master points. Wendy and Graham Mckergow were fourth on 46.43 per cent. Diane Colemand and Judy O'Connell put in a good ef-

fort given they had not played together previously with 54.14 per cent. Marnie Myall and Shirley Stewart came second on 58.33 per cent.

Karen Klym and Paul Waylen took out the day on 66.07 per cent.

Next weekend is South Gippsland Bridge Club's annual congress with Swiss pairs on Saturday and Swiss teams on Sunday.

November 13 and 20 is a red point team event for Phillip Island Bridge Club - pre-entry is required on the club whiteboard.

Darts league's Spring series

DARTS

The Phillip Island and District Darts League was buzzing with excitement once again as 26 players gathered for another electrifying night of darts in the Spring series.

With skill, precision and a competitive spirit that's second to none, the players battled it out on the oche, leaving spectators on the edge of their seats.

Team Scotch, represented by the spirited trio, Scotch, Stephen and Chris, emerged as the stars of the night, securing a remarkable victory by defeating Team Barry, Anders and Bob with a scoreline of 5-2.

The atmosphere was electric, with every throw filled with anticipation and tension.

But Scotch, Stephen and Chris proved their mettle with unwavering accuracy and teamwork.

Another familiar face in the winner's circle was none other than Bob, who took home the coveted meat tray once again.

It seems that Bob has an unrelenting appetite for success!

Meanwhile, Di showcased her consistent winning raffle skills and walked away with the prestigious beer prize.

It's not just about the competition, it's about the camaraderie and the pleasure of sharing the

spoils.

As the Spring '23 Leaderboard was updated after five rounds, it was Paul who claimed the top spot, proving himself as a force to be reckoned with.

Will moved into second place, hot on Paul's heels and the darts legend, Bob, wasn't far behind.

Laurie also made his presence felt as a contender in the fierce competition. With three rounds to go, there are still plenty of opportunities for players to rise through the ranks and aim for the medals.

The competition is heating up and the title is up for grabs.

The Phillip Island and District Darts League continues to provide thrilling entertainment and nail-biting action for darts enthusiasts and competitors alike.

With each dart thrown, the anticipation grows and the excitement builds.

Who will emerge as the ultimate champion in this Spring series? Stay tuned as the action unfolds, and we witness more incredible darts showdowns in the weeks to come!

New players are always welcome. If you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female, please contact Scott Lethbridge on 0407 543 154 or email scott@glpc.com.au.

Euchre results

Ladies' winner: Joan Baker with 7 wins.

Men's winner: Mario Amato

with 7 wins.

Encouragement award: Beverly Baulderstone.

New player's welcome. For further information contact Bob Hee on 0418 173 388.

TIDE GUIDE

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

	WED 8 NOV	THU 9 NOV	FRI 10 NOV	SAT 11 NOV	SUN 12 NOV	MON 13 NOV	TUE 14 NOV
LOW	1:42 am 0.91 m	LOW 2:26 am 1.08 m	LOW 3:23 am 1.24 m	LOW 4:41 am 1.35 m	HIGH 12:21 am 2.38 m	HIGH 1:25 am 2.59 m	HIGH 2:18 am 2.80 m
HIGH	8:35 am 2.53 m	HIGH 9:16 am 2.42 m	HIGH 10:07 am 2.34 m	HIGH 11:05 am 2.30 m	LOW 6:02 am 1.36 m	LOW 7:09 am 1.31 m	LOW 8:03 am 1.23 m
LOW	2:23 pm 1.15 m	LOW 3:12 pm 1.17 m	LOW 4:13 pm 1.14 m	LOW 5:19 pm 1.05 m	HIGH 12:07 pm 2.31 m	HIGH 1:05 pm 2.36 m	HIGH 1:58 pm 2.44 m
HIGH	8:36 pm 2.24 m	HIGH 9:43 pm 2.19 m	HIGH 11:03 pm 2.23 m		LOW 6:19 pm 0.91 m	LOW 7:11 pm 0.74 m	LOW 7:58 pm 0.58 m

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Honourable effort by Sharks

CRICKET

A1

Travelling over to Outtrim, A grade knew they would be in for a challenge against last year's ladder leaders.

Winning the toss, the Sharks didn't hesitate in batting first.

Heath Womersley and Lochie Cleeland opened the batting and it was Lochie who was the aggressor, whilst Heath occupied the other end.

Unfortunately, just as he was starting to get going, Loch was adjudged caught behind, or was it LBW?

We're still trying to figure it out, regardless, Loch was dismissed on 16.

Which bought in-form captain Mock to the crease.

With Heath still anchoring the other end, Mock kept the scoreboard ticking over.

Heath's important knock came to an end with the score on 62.

Just as Mock was looking to take the game away from the Diggers with seven boundaries, he was adjudged LBW on a run a ball 34.

Shiran Rathnayake was dismissed and suddenly, the Sharks were 4 for 71 and the game was slipping away.

Eli Richards and Tom Niven steadied and then accelerated the scoring in a well compiled 75 run partnership.

Tom was dismissed for a handy 14 whilst Eli finished not out on 65 to see the Sharks reach a slightly below par 8/171.

George McCausland and Simon Kirton got the bowling underway and unluckily couldn't find the breakthrough.

As is often the case at Outtrim the boundaries came, however, in between the bowlers kept it tight.

A great partnership by Shiran and Max Royal along with Zac Brown and Tom Niven saw the scoring slow up and gave the Sharks a slight chance.

Still needing a couple of wickets to get back into the game, Kirton was brought back into the attack with great effect, picking up two wickets in two balls, including an amazing outfield catch by Eli Richards.

A sharp catch up to the stumps by Cleeland off the bowling of Shiran and all of a sudden, the Diggers were 5/145 but still only needing four an over.

With some more tight bowling, the equation became seven to win from seven balls.

Unfortunately, a low full toss was dispatched over the short square boundary leaving Royal the impossible task of bowling a maiden in the last over to salvage a tie.



Zack Hughes batted brilliantly for 26 in B2 at Bass in just his third game of senior cricket.

With the couple of early dots, the pressure was mounting, although still unlikely, four balls went by and there were still no runs and suddenly, the Sharks were a chance to steal some points.

The penultimate ball managed to hit the bat, however a clutch run out by young George meant no run was added, however it did mean the set batsman was on strike. With one needed off the last ball a chip over mid-off saw the Diggers get the run required and a narrow but spirited loss for the Sharks.

A great effort by the young Sharks to almost steal an unlikely win.

Player of the Match: Eli Richards.

B1

After another solid win last week, the Sharks were back at the home of cricket and were matched up against a quality side in Korumburra.

Yet again, for the third time in a row, skipper Kurt Lane lost the toss and the Sharks were sent into bowl with Tim Niven and Harry Arceo thrown the ball.

Both started well, pick-

ing up three wickets between them.

Some great fielding antics were on show with Henry 'Pork' Peppard diving over balls in what can only be described as baby walrus style.

What followed was a tough period for the Sharks, with Korumburra then steadying until the eve of drinks when young left arm quick Jobe Williams snatched a wicket with a great catch down leg side from wicketkeeper Andrew Finlayson.

Both teams returned to the field with Korumburra 4/64.

Following the break, the skipper turned to 'The Finisher' Andrew Tolley and himself to strangle the opposition with some tight overs.

And after yet another tough period in the field, Lane created a top edge and a spectacular high catch from Tolley which opened the floodgates with Korumburra losing 4/20 in their last eight overs with the bat.

Wickets from Williams, Arceo and Beaumont, along with a great fielding display from all including both 'The Walrus' and 'The Tin Man', the Sharks restricted the Cobras

to 131 whilst 9 wickets down.

Bowler's figures included Jobe Williams 3/22, Tim Niven 2/19, Harry Arceo 2/28, Kurt Lane 1/30, Kohen Beaumont 1/2 and Andrew Tolley finishing with 0/28.

With a respectable score set, the yet to fire openers of Epifano and Beaumont started well until Beaumont fell for 12 and soon after Epifano fell for 8.

With the Sharks in some trouble, the reliable Tom Blackwell and Lane came to the crease with Lane departing for a rapid 40 off 18 balls to set a solid foundation for his side.

Following the wicket of the skipper, Henry 'Pork' Peppard came to the crease.

Both Peppard and Blackwell knocked the ball around until Blackwell fell to an excellent catch at square leg for a well-made score of 24.

Then Max Arceo and Peppard saw out the remaining overs until drinks and the Sharks were 4/104.

The duo was then given the license to go from their captain as they developed a steady partnership of around 20.

Peppard then fell for 12 and new batsman 'The Finisher' added one to the total in a small collapse with Arceo following for 14.

The Batton was passed to Finlayson and Niven who both finished not out on 6 and 1 respectively.

The Sharks chased down Korumburra's total in just 26 overs and Phillip Island start their season with three wins in a row.

Phillip Island travel away this week to Leongatha in their first two-day game of the season and hope to bring their good form with them to the turf at Scorpion Park.

B2

Perfect conditions at Bass saw B2 play away this week.

With Bass winning the toss and electing to bowl, it was up to the openers to get us off to a good start.

With a cracking four first ball to Tharidu it was the perfect start but was short lived.

A couple of balls later the opener had been bowled.

Aaron Brayley came in and steadied the ship with Ollie Duggan.

Ollie stayed around for a bit until he was caught out on 8.

The next three wickets all came within the next four overs and we were five wickets down very quickly.

Peter Francis and Zack Hughes then got the runs ticking over.

Pete finished with 27 and Zack finished with 26 which got us to a respectable score of 130.

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