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"We think we've found a bomb" divers tell Cowes police

Police evacuated the pier and closed it off, then worked with the Australian Defence Force who attended the scene.

Mystery surrounds how a high explosive mortar bomb – possibly from World War II – was found by divers under the Cowes jetty on Sunday, with the find closing the pier and leaving dozens of ferry passengers stranded.

Cowes residents Sam Treacey and Cooper Corbett are regular divers off the jetty, at least once a year cleaning up the underbelly of the pier and retrieving lost items.

Sam told the Advertiser they had jumped off the pier about 4pm on Sunday and soon after found the shell, which they suspect was dumped recently.

"It was a torpedo shape and we spotted it after about 10 minutes," the 23-year-old Cowes plumber said.

"I'd say it hadn't been down there for long because it was just sitting

at the bottom. Everything rusts pretty quickly and it was in pretty good condition."

Cooper picked up the roughly 20cm-long shell and Sam took it to the surface, leaving it on the pier along with their gear before continuing to dive.

"There was a bit of weight to it and writing on the cap said 'remove before firing' so we thought we'd better leave it on," said Sam, adding that an elderly man on the jetty who collected World War II items told Sam it was from the war era.

"Air bubbles had come out of it as I was taking it up so it was leaking air and I thought it could be dangerous so just left it in one place."

The duo called the Cowes police about 4.30pm, telling them "we think we've found a bomb".



"There was a bit of weight to it and writing on the cap said 'remove before firing' so we thought we'd better leave it on," said one of the divers who found the shell.

"We offered to take it to the station but they didn't want us to move it at all."

"They came within a few minutes."

Police evacuated the pier and closed it off, then working with the Australian Defence Force who came to the jetty at 7pm, placing the ordnance in a metal box.

A Defence spokesperson confirmed the shell was a "two-inch high explosive mortar bomb".

"This type of mortar was used by the Australian Army from World War II through to the 1970s," the spokesperson said.

"It is not known how the mortar bomb came to be at Cowes pier as the area has not been used previously by the ADF."

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“We think we’ve found a bomb”

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“The item was assessed by Defence, deemed safe and transported to an Australian Defence Force base where it will be disposed of at a later stage.”

Ferry

Passengers on the MV Naturaliste ferry from Stony Point were allowed to disembark, but passengers wanting to board the 5.35pm ferry were barred by three police cars and four officers.

One group of six friends said they had come to the island for the day for a picnic and had planned to return home on the train from the ferry.

“We were told there could be a bomb and it needed to be investigated before we could get on the ferry,” said one passenger.

“We came from Melbourne on the train so we’re going to be very late home. We’re safe but a little cold and unhappy.”

The ferry had to divert to Rhyll and passengers were told at about 6.15pm they were to make their own way to Rhyll, with many paying for taxis.

Kind local residents organised shuttles for some of the

passengers between the jetty and Rhyll.

Christine and Paul from Silverleaves were among those offering a car lift, with their own friends stranded.

“Our friends just have to drive home to Balnarring, so not too far,” Christine said, adding she had been told 40 people were booked on the 5.35pm ferry.

Sam said his sister Katie and girlfriend Emily also shuttled passengers to Rhyll.

“I figured it was unfair that we’d closed the jetty and they had to pay for taxis, so we offered to take some passengers to Rhyll,” Sam said.

Sam said he and Cooper usually dive in summer but they had both just got their diving tickets and wanted to test their gear.

On Sunday they also found a mobile phone with cash and ID cards and Sam had subsequently contacted the owner and sent the items to him.

“Mostly we get a lot of fishing gear and tackle, which we lose a lot of while fishing on the jetty.

“I’ve always dreamt of finding guns off the jetty because we hear stories of people throwing firearms off there.

“But this is probably our biggest find.”



An illustration of the south façade and canopy – the entrance of the new Phillip Island Community Hospital.

New hospital designs released

The design for the new Phillip Island Community Hospital was released on Tuesday.

The multi-million-dollar facility, located at 50-58 Church Street will expand the current Phillip Island Health Hub in Cowes.

Operated by Bass Coast Health (BCH), the Phillip Island Community Hospital will offer a range of everyday health services including urgent care, dialysis, chemotherapy, day surgery, public dental, allied health, women’s health, family violence support, and community mental health.

Early works are expected to get underway shortly with the government saying the facility is on-track to be completed in 2024.

“I’m excited to share the design with our Phillip Island and surrounding community and thank the committee for their invaluable input and feedback,” Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale said.

A BCH Community Forum to discuss the plans is scheduled for October 5 at the Phillip Island RSL from 5.30pm – 7pm, with further sessions on October 20 at Newhaven Yacht Squadron and October 25 at the Phillip Island Golf Club.

Designs are available on the project website at vhba.vic.gov.au/Phillip-Island-community-hospital

What to do if you find a mortar shell?

If a member of the public finds a suspicious item, such as unexploded ordnance, or has any already in their possession, they should not touch or disturb it, according to the Defence Department.

The local police should be contacted, and they will arrange for military experts to attend and dispose of the item, as required.

The department said Defence routinely helped police in the safe recovery or disposal of suspected unexploded military ordnance found by the public.

In June last year an unexploded artillery shell was found in San Remo, with the Defence Department confirming it was used in an 1860s colonial-era field gun.

At the time army bomb disposal experts were called to a San Remo building site after the ordnance was found, with Defence later confirming the item was a 40-pound rifled breech loading projectile for an Armstrong gun, used both as field guns and also fitted to the colonial sloop HMVS Victoria.

A local historian said while there were no military stationed at San Remo, HMVS Victoria sailed through the Eastern Passage – the eastern entrance to the bay between San Remo and Newhaven – in May 1864 to lay moorings.

For details on unexploded ordnance and how suspicious items should be dealt with go to www.defence.gov.au/uxo/

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Council approves controversial Cowes hotel

Despite community criticism, a four-storey, \$12 million hotel in Cowes' main street has narrowly been approved by Bass Coast Shire councillors in a five to four vote.

The 85 Thompson Avenue development – to include apartments, retail shops, and hotel with a lobby, gym, and swimming pool – will still go to a VCAT hearing on October 3, where objectors are hopeful it could yet be overturned (see separate story).

The development was rejected by councillors last December because it was too high at 17.1 metres or five-storeys, and was seeking a massive 46 reduction in required car parking spaces.

Last year there were more than 20 objectors, with the developers then appealing at VCAT with a new compromised design released.

The redesign is now four-storeys with a roof terrace but still 17.1 metres high at the peak – above the shire's preferred 11 metres – and still with a large parking waiver of 29 car spaces.

Shire planners recommended approval of the development, with 37 conditions, saying even though it "is larger than what is preferred", it "adequately strikes a balance". This was supported by Crs Michael Whelan, Brett Tessari, Rochelle Halstead, Leticia Laing and Clare Le Serve.

However Cr Ronnie Bauer moved an alternative motion to reject the hotel, saying three-storeys on Thompson Avenue had to be "championed", which was supported by Crs David Rooks, Bruce Kent and Les Larke.

"If not on this project, then when?" Cr Bauer said.

"If we adopt these revised plans, it would be the third time this year alone that we are ignoring height creep."

"The next project may have plans for seven storeys and come back revised with six storeys and an all fresco roof top and on it will go."

Cr Bauer said council needed to show VCAT they were "serious" about maintaining the "vibe" of Cowes and "don't create an overbearing



Council has approved the redesign for 85 Thompson Avenue, next to the Cultural Centre, which is now four-storeys with a roof terrace and still 17.1 metres high at the peak – above the shire's preferred 11 metres – with a waiver of 29 car spaces.

vista as you enter".

He said the shire was "spending a small fortune" to build the neighbouring Cowes Cultural Centre and its vista must also be protected.

Cr Rooks said he was concerned about the height, adding he supported community concerns.

Cr Bruce Kent said he recalled community members attending a 2016 meeting where they "passionately" called for the three-storey limit.

"I fully support this (Cr Bauer's) motion because the community has spoken and they wish to have three-storeys," Cr Kent said.

Support

Of the 23 objectors to the original application, eight went to VCAT – arguing against height and parking, saying the design detracted from Cowes' character, and did not demonstrate environmental best practice.

The redesign is 13.7 metres to the top of the fourth storey, but 17.1 metres for the lift and other services.

Other changes include: 43 hotel rooms (previously 46), five residential apartments (previously 11); base-

ment car park with 44 car spaces (previously 46), with car stackers, and a car parking reduction of about 29 car spaces (previously 40).

The developers originally said extra car parking spaces could be found at nearby supermarkets, on the street and at the Cowes transit centre, which was highly criticised at the time.

Shire planners said this suggestion remained and so "criticisms remained valid".

"The assessment of the proposed reduction of 29 car parking spaces, while still large, is a significant improvement on the earlier proposal," planners said.

Planners said the Cowes Cultural Centre architect and landscape architect were involved in the discussion about the amended design and were "generally supportive".

Cr Rochelle Halstead argued the redesigns would not destroy Cowes' character, saying it would provide "much needed" accommodation and employment, and "add to the vibrant atmosphere".

"However I will flag to officers that

continual allowance of parking reduction in future applications should not be encouraged," Cr Halstead said.

She said preferred height limits were there "to trigger a closer look, not to achieve an absolute building height".

"Each application must be considered in its entirety and when you do that with this particular application, you should not vote against."

"The achievement through negotiations should be considered as of benefit."

Cr Clare Le Serve did not have concerns about the height.

"I don't think it's overshadowing the Cultural Centre by any great degree," she said.

Cr Leticia Laing said the development would boost the economy and tourism and the development needed to be examined on its "individual merits".

Cr Bauer responded the planned development of the Isle of Wight site was expected to boost the economy and provide accommodation.

See page 4 for objectors response to the decision.



What is this? According to Phillip Island's nature educator Mike Cleeland, this golden-brown puff ball is a brown algae called an oyster thief.

Do you know what this is?

Following our recent article on another weird beach find – (the 4cm tadpole-like creature the sea squirt) – a beach walker sent this picture to the Advertiser.

This golden-brown puff ball has been scattered across Silverleaves beach the last few weeks and the walker wondered what it was.

According to Phillip Island's nature educator Mike Cleeland it's a brown algae called an oyster thief, also known as a sinuous ballweed or Colpomenia sinuosa.

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Objectors will still fight hotel approval

Phillip Island's peak lobby group described last week's Bass Coast Shire Council vote allowing a 17-metre-high building in Cowes' main street as an "absolute travesty" and "the death knell" for the seaside town.

Island Voice is one of eight objectors at VCAT, and will continue to fight the council's approval at a further VCAT hearing on October 3, saying they were "still hopeful" it could be overturned.

Island Voice's Linda Marston said the five councillors in favour "completely disregarded" the "most exhaustive public engagement ever conducted" by the shire in 2016 that resulted in the Cowes Activity Centre Plan, which set preferred height limits in Cowes.

"What faith can we have in the Bass Coast planning scheme when the first time it is challenged on three storeys along the main shopping strip, council rolls over?" Linda said.

"What is the point of wasting all that time, effort and money on engagement? Or was it just a tick-the-box activity? We question why council engages in lengthy and expensive consultation if they are not going to enforce the agreed changes.

"The idea was Cowes town centre would maintain a lower profile that would not greatly exceed the height of the iconic cypress trees. The hotel does not comply with the changes that were painstakingly established at that time."

Linda called for Phillip Island to become a special precinct – arm's length from Bass Coast Shire control – because the decision highlighted "what happens when people from other parts of the shire make critical decisions about an area they do not know".

"Once a precedent has been set other developers will seek exceptions to the planning overlay and we will end up with a high-rise town centre," she said.

"It may be the death knell of Cowes as a low-key seaside town.

"Island Voice will still fight vigorously in VCAT to overturn this decision."

The redesign is 13.7 metres to the top of the fourth storey, but 17.1 metres for the lift and other services.

Other changes include: 43 hotel rooms (previously 46), five residential apartments (previously 11); basement car park with 44 car spaces (previously 46), with car stackers, and a car parking reduction of about 29 car spaces (previously 40).

Objectors

Objectors argued if approved the develop-

ment would set a precedent for further similar developments.

"We love Cowes as it is a relaxed environment. We do not want to see Cowes become like Torquay – a mad house on every sunny weekend. Keep Cowes the way it is, that's what is great about it," wrote one objector.

"A building such as this one proposed is a stab at the heart of the character of Cowes, a precedent for the slide towards another Gold Coast," stated one submission.

On social media, Ben wrote the redesign was "quite the behemoth" even at four-storeys.

"The shadow it will cast for most of the day on that section between its south wall and the new cultural centre will be pretty significant; probably so much so that any plans the council had for that section will need to be modified in reaction to its massive presence," he wrote.

Many supported upholding the preferred three-storeys and objected to the use of car stackers, however several simply wrote "get it built".

Island Voice members wrote to councillors urging them to vote against the hotel, including Andrew Marston who challenged the logic of shire planning officers and councillors who voted in favour of the hotel.

"Officers comments state the hotel height is partially justified by the statement that adjacent two-storey buildings "will be re-developed over time to three storeys" are speculative and may even encourage future over height developments," Andrew said.

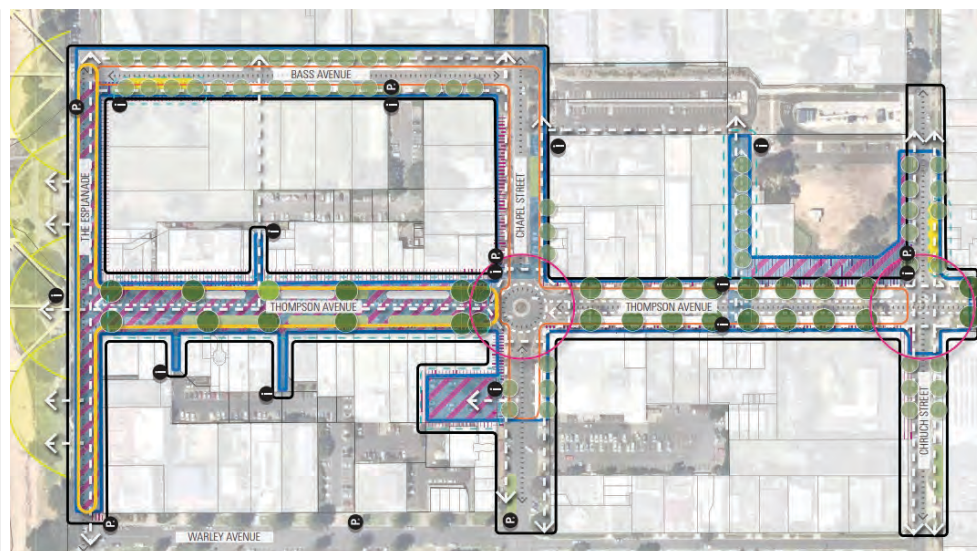
He questioned Cr Le Serve's comment that "I don't think it's overshadowing the cultural centre by any great degree".

Andrew said the comment implied council's "huge expenditure" on the new centre was "somehow secondary to the desires of developers" and could be compromised.

He said it was disappointing the mayor and Island Ward councillor Michael Whelan was not required to explain his thought process in voting for the proposal.

And finally Andrew questioned Cr Rochelle Halstead who – while supporting the development – asked planning officers not to encourage car parking reductions in the future following "quite a few" parking reductions recently.

"So what makes this one allowable?" Andrew asked, saying there was a clear shortfall in parking in the area with the cultural centre, new hospital, and hotel.



The Cowes streetscape draft concept master plan proposes that Thompson Avenue between the Esplanade and Chapel Street will be one-way, with parallel parking and will lose 42 car parks, while there will be new cycle lanes next to the curb along Thompson Avenue between Chapel and Church streets.

Final chance to comment on Cowes street plan

Feedback into a plan to make Cowes more pedestrian-friendly – with the Esplanade and Thompson Avenue one-way to vehicles – closes at the end of this week.

The draft Cowes streetscape concept master plan 2022 was released in August, with two drop-in sessions planned for this week at Olive Justice Place: Thursday (September 29) 3pm–5pm; and Saturday (October 1), 11am–1pm.

Feedback closes Sunday, with the plan set to go to council by the end of the year, with the project then rolled out in stages based on successful grant funding.

Under the plan, cars coming into Cowes on the main road will be directed at Church Street to park at the transit centre, most likely with traffic lights replacing the current roundabout at that intersection in the future.

Cars that continue to Chapel Street won't be able to travel down Thompson Avenue to the Esplanade, because it will be one-way in a southerly direction.

With the Esplanade one-way in a westerly direction, drivers wanting to access the foreshore and Thompson Avenue would need to turn right at Chapel Street and then travel down Bass Avenue.

Thompson Avenue between the Esplanade and Chapel Street will lose 42 car parks – down

to 24 from the current 66.

This section will also change from the current angled parking to parallel parking, with reduced time limits on parking restrictions, although the plan does not detail what those restrictions will be.

Bass Avenue currently has six formal and 42 informal parks, and under the plan will have 40 dedicated parks, with angled parking along the east side, and a designated bus and taxi pickup and drop off zone.

Thompson Avenue South – between Chapel and Church streets – currently has 73 parks and under the plan this will drop to 61.

Chapel Street – between Warley Avenue and Bass Avenue – will lose about five parks.

Drivers will be encouraged to park in the transit centre – which the shire said is under-used – as well as the existing carparks behind Pino's off Bass Avenue and behind Priceline off Warley Avenue.

The 2023/24 shire budget has allocated \$2.25 million for the first stage of the project, expected to be shovel-ready by June next year, (although stages are yet to be specified).

There is also an online survey and an interactive map.

Details: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/streetscapescowes

Last call for offshore feedback

There is a week remaining in the public consultation on the proposed renewable energy area off Gippsland announced by the Hon Chris Bowen MP, Minister for Climate Change and Energy in early August.

The government is seeking feedback on the proposal and how offshore renewable energy projects could share the area with other users and interests. Feedback received during the consultation will help inform the Minister's decision on whether the proposed area is suitable for offshore

renewable energy.

Feedback must be made as an online submission through the Consultation Hub. Submissions close at 11.59pm on October 7.

A number of supporting documents are available, providing additional information on the background of the offshore renewable energy consultation and declaration process as well as the Gippsland area. These can be read at the consultation hub.

Details: consult.industry.gov.au/oei-gippsland

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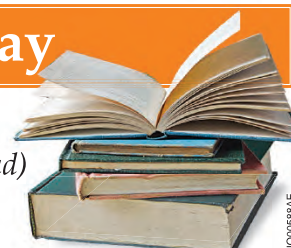
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Big weekend a sign of summer?

It was a bumper weekend across the island and San Remo, with businesses reporting a return to pre-pandemic trading levels.

The combination of the National Day of Mourning with the Grand Final public holiday gifted Victorians a four-day long weekend, and many left the city to make the most of it.

Traffic was already streaming onto the island on Wednesday night.

Chris at Café Di-LecTable in Cowes compared the weekend trade to a normal Easter, describing it as “just amazing”.

“It brings you back to normality,” he said.

Chris said as a small business, they’d been extremely lucky with their staff, who “have stuck with us”, but he knew of other businesses that were overwhelmed.

“One shop had to rope off a section as they didn’t have enough staff to cope with the demand.”

Kimberley Brown who manages North Pier said staff were exhausted after a big weekend.

“They worked extra hard and extra hours to cover the already staffing shortage issue, to be able to accommodate such crowd numbers.

“Friday was the biggest day we have had since December 31, surpassing Australia Day 2022.

“Our biggest challenge was keeping up with stock and supplies (particularly food items) over the extra-long weekend, with some of our suppliers running out of things that we needed to order up big quantities of, in order to get us through.”

In San Remo, traders reported big crowds out enjoying the extended break, especially on Thursday, which was blessed with perfect spring weather.

“The long weekend was fantastic, certainly back to pre-pandemic levels,” said Paul Manix from the San Remo Fisherman’s Co-op.

“Thursday was crazy busy. We were surprised actually; who would’ve thought so many people wanted to honor Queen Elizabeth’s passing by heading to the beach?”

“The only dampener to the weekend was that Collingwood wasn’t in the Grand Final,” he joked.

Cheryl Owen from Cape Winds homeware and gift shop agreed the long weekend was extremely busy.



After a busy long weekend, there was a steady stream of cars leaving Phillip Island by 10am on Sunday morning.

“It was a shock to go from winter to that,” she said.

“We weren’t sure what it would be like, as we’ve never had the four-day weekend before, but it was like Easter.

“Thursday was full on.”

The San Remo Hotel also enjoyed strong trade across all four days, including a crowd of 150 plus watching the Grand Final.

With the game result not in doubt from the first quarter, manager Daniel Mock said the audience was “very sociable, which was good for us”.

“The weekend was certainly much busier than a normal Grand Final weekend,” he said.

The hotel’s dining room was booked out most nights, with the good numbers continuing on Monday.

“Monday has been a busy night for us in recent months, as there isn’t much else open.”

Traffic

Figures from San Remo IGA confirmed the huge number of visitors to the area, with customer numbers comparable to a normal Easter.

“We had 33 per cent more customers over the week than the same time last year,” said store manager Shayne Crawford.

He said from Thursday to Sunday, the store had as many customers as they would normally have in a week, and described the island traffic on Thursday and Friday as like Christmas and New Year.

One local reported it took almost two hours to get to Cape Woolamai after leaving Wonthaggi at 4pm on Thursday afternoon.

While the traffic was a headache for drivers, it was a boon for others.

Some commuters opted to sit out the traffic jam in San Remo, enjoying lunch at the San Remo Hotel.

“I think people were stopping off to avoid the traffic,” said Daniel.

“We were still serving lunch at 3pm and the traffic just went all day.”

Attractions

Bass Coast Shire Council said 1204 people came into the Newhaven Visitor Information Centre between September 22 and 25, with the Nature Parks reporting the Penguin Pa-

rade sold out every night.

“This long weekend, coupled with the school holidays, meant we saw visitors back at all our attractions in full force,” said Peta Wittig, Acting CEO.

“The Penguin Parade was a sell out each of the four nights, which was helped by the glorious spring weather.

“We have another busy week ahead. It’s great to see people still travelling locally and enjoying everything our region has to offer.”

At A Maze’N Things, Dan Wallwork, marketing manager for new owners Park Lane, said things were “absolutely flat chat”.

“We had amazing numbers and were super busy across all four days.”

Dan said the Holiday Park accommodation was fully booked for the entire long weekend.

With the attraction still short 15-20 staff from normal levels, Dan said staff did a brilliant job coping with the big numbers.

“We’re still struggling to find staff and that puts pressure on the existing staff.”

With the MotoGP just around the corner, and summer on the way, businesses are gearing up for a busy few months.

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Residents raise concerns over scheme

Over the long weekend, a group of around 40 residents met to discuss the proposed Special Charge Scheme for Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay.

The scheme, which could potentially cost more than \$22 million is at the top of Bass Coast Shire Council's Urban Road and Drainage Improvement Policy Priority List.

Meeting organiser Susie Wickes said residents raised a number of concerns and were putting together a case to oppose the proposal.

"Of most concern is the impact on the fragile environment of these estates," Ms Wickes said.

Financial pressures on the community post-Covid and mental health concerns were also a major issue.

Ms Wickes said the group was critical of the transparency of the decision making, given so many property owners had not responded or taken part in the online consultation.

"There is an ageing population that do not engage via online methods and we do not have post boxes on our properties," she said.

"The stress this is causing these residents is extremely concerning."

In an email to Ms Wickes, a council officer confirmed that there were 740 non-respondents to the initial survey, but these were not counted as a yes or a no vote.

However they said of the responses received, only 15 per cent were not supportive of the scheme, well below the critical 51 per cent of objectors needed for the scheme to be abandoned.

Council said a reference group which would include community members was being established, to help shape the options to be presented to the community in October/November.

According to council, the next stage will be project planning, including development of concept plans, cost estimates, including the potential cost distribution between the shire and property owners, and further community consultation.

It's estimated councillors would vote on the preferred treatment plans in February/March 2023.

The concept designs would also provide options for projects that could be undertaken outside the designated special charge scheme



Over 40 residents met on the weekend to share concerns about the proposed Special Charge Scheme for Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay.

and would allow the shire to lobby for state government funding.

Ms Wickes said after repeatedly raising concerns with council, she was invited to join the community reference group.

Studies

The residents have called upon the council to undertake an environmental impact study before proceeding with any scheme.

Council has advised that various planning investigations have been undertaken, including flora and fauna studies.

In a newsletter to residents sent out this month, the council stated: "We understand that the Surf Beach/Sunderland Bay estates have a unique character in terms of the natural environment. This is a strong theme message received from community engagement

undertaken and will definitely be part of the concept plan development."

Other studies undertaken include a feature survey, geotechnical ground condition/pavement testing, cultural heritage studies and drainage/flood modelling.

The residents also believe given the large amount of non-local traffic, the cost of an upgrade on The Esplanade shouldn't be shouldered by residents, as it is a VicRoads secondary road, and the government should pay their cost.

It is also listed in the emergency management plan as a bypass if there is an accident on Phillip Island Road, with residents saying the council and VicRoads have a special agreement for funding maintenance and construction of The Esplanade.

According to the Bass Coast Shire Council

Road Register, large portions of the road are owned by the shire.

History

In March this year, Bass Coast Shire councillors voted to proceed to the next stage of a potential scheme for road and drainage upgrades at the two hamlets following the release of community consultation results.

Last year the shire sent letters and a questionnaire to 1033 property owners, also running an interactive online platform, asking if they agreed road and drainage improvements were needed and if they would be prepared to pay towards the costs.

In total, including phone calls, emails, letters, online feedback and questionnaires, 474 property owners responded "in some form".

"Although this only accounts for 46 per cent of property owners, each property owner within the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates have had the opportunity to express their position," a shire report on the community consultation stated.

About 75 percent of those who responded agreed one of the infrastructure options, such as roads, underground drainage, traffic calming, pedestrian paths or lighting needed to be upgraded.

The issue raised most consistently was dust with nearly a quarter of comments.

Of those that responded, 139 – (47 per cent of responses and 13 per cent of property owners) – indicated they would like the road and drainage upgrade to occur and would be willing to contribute towards it.

However more (154) said they would not be willing to contribute towards the project, while 140 (48 per cent) said they would likely require additional financial assistance due to financial hardship.

Council has established a monthly newsletter to provide updates on the proposed special charge scheme.

Information is also available at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads

The next residents meeting is scheduled for November 5. Any interested residents can apply to join the private Facebook group: Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach Special Charge – Roads and Drainage, or contact Maxine Sando on 0418 314 005.



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Red flags on council coffers

Councillors have given their harshest critique of Bass Coast Shire's debt levels, with one describing finances as "eyewatering", with budgets "over committing and under delivering".

While some councillors continued to present a rosy picture of council coffers at last week's meeting, three spoke out, warning some building projects needed to be "moth-balled" to avoid debt burden for future generations of ratepayers.

The councillors were speaking during a vote on the quarterly performance report which showed a deficit unfavourable to budget by \$1 million and net borrowings increasing from \$15.7 million in '20/21 to \$17.4 million in '21/22.

Cr Rochelle Halstead said because of global economic constraints, including increased cost and labour shortages, the shire should review its capital works program.

"It seems council is keen to over commit and under deliver where what we need to do is be realistic, make the available state or Federal government grants fit to the needs of our community and ensure that our budgeted works are achievable within the year they are allocated in order not to impact on future budgets," Cr Halstead said.

"To have a carry-over figure of \$29,809,000 in works for continued delivery is eyewatering and there may be a need for council to consider seeking savings."

Cr Ronnie Bauer in July voted against the budget because losses showed "we must look at the way we are spending our money".

"We cannot continually hope and pray that the dollars will keep falling in our lap," Cr Bauer said.

"The world economic circumstances have changed dramatically, and we must change accordingly."

Cost blow-outs

During the meeting councillors voted on two separate budget blow-outs: an extra \$75,000 to the YMCA, which manages council-owned leisure facilities, in the wake of Covid; and an extra \$206,000 for the construction of the Wonthaggi soccer pavilion (on top of the already approved \$804,000).

Cr Bauer said these two projects showed "the blowout of our operating expenses due to circumstances out of our control."

"This is only the tip of the iceberg. It shows how our operating expenses are blowing out," he said.

"Most blowouts and variations will be classed "operational" and won't make it into the council chamber or the public eye."

"These additional expenses will only become publicly available with the quarterly reports and the annual financial papers. We must have a review of our operating expenses so that we can see where we can reign in our operating expenses."

Cr Bauer said the shire had started more than 100 capital works projects and "it will only take a few of these types of blowouts to make a massive black hole into our finances."

"We are already running with an underlying loss and these variations only add to our woes. "This robbing Peter to pay Paul will and must catch up with us."

Cr Les Larke agreed, criticising shire number crunchers for several issues, such as ongoing underlying operating deficits.

"Council will be living on its credit card for many years to come, and broadly detrimental to future generations of residents and ratepayers who will ultimately need to pay the price, in my view, for current day decision making in relation to management of council's finances," Cr Larke said.

Support

Cr Leticia Laing praised the report, saying the capital works budget was "the largest ever annual expenditure, more than 80 per cent delivered by council on previous years".

"It's a huge achievement for council and huge benefit for the community," Cr Laing said.

She acknowledged the deficit but said it could not be viewed in isolation, with external factors impacting it, including a higher than budget workers compensation insurance payment following the dissolution of the MAV WorkCare scheme, as well as increased waste expenditure, and the gifting of library assets to a new not-for-profit organization MYLI.

Cr Laing said the shire's ability to pay existing debts was in the Victorian Auditor General's "low risk category, confirming council's ongoing sustainable financial position".



The historic shed built by Rudi Coels, seen here at the rear of the dismantled PICAL community garden is due to move to a new home next week.

Coels' Shed on the move

The historic shed built by Rudi Coels is due to move to a new home next week.

A spokesperson for the Victorian Health Building Authority said the shed would be moved from its current location at PICAL in Church Street, to Blue Gum Reserve sometime on or after October 3.

Bass Coast Shire Council said security fencing will be provided for the shed until the new PICAL community garden is completed.

The community garden is being established at Blue Gum Reserve, as there is not room at the new PICAL site at Warley Avenue.

In May, Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said that it was important to find a new home for the garden, as it is a valued community asset.

"Relocating the community garden to Blue Gum Reserve will provide a wonderful opportunity for the local community to be involved in its establishment. Once it is up and running, it will also supply produce for PICAL's food pantry," Cr Whelan said.

"The garden will be fully accessible and include a space to hold workshops and training sessions."

The total cost for the construction of the Community Garden is estimated to be around \$278,000. PICAL will contribute \$38,764 towards the project. The remainder of the funding will be allocated from Council's Recreation and Resorts Fund.

Coels' Shed is classified as a Historic Workshop by the National Trust.

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Nationally-acclaimed author pens penguin book

Sophie Cunningham is one of Australia's most acclaimed authors.

So it's a bit of a coup for Phillip Island that her latest book is devoted to our penguins.

"Flipper and Finnegan: The True Story of How Tiny Jumpers Saved Little Penguins" is a picture book based on the "feel-good" news story in 2001, where people from around the world knitted jumpers to save penguins from an oil spill.

Sophie says the viral knitting campaign made national headlines, with more than 100,000 tiny penguin jumpers sent in from people all over the world.

"The book is about understanding humans are in a relationship with nature and what we can do to help," says Sophie, on the phone from her home in Melbourne.

"Animals are part of our family and it's about showing how what we do impacts animals too.

"It's a hopeful story too because when things like oil spills happen a lot of people do amazing work."

Sophie recalls her first visit to the Penguin Parade was about the age of eight and the second visit was last year, just out of lockdown, to research her book.

"I loved it even more than I had the first time around. Seeing hundreds of penguins raft in and hit the beach, chatting with each other ... their strong personalities. I hope this book helps parents and kids see how wonderful these animals are, and their autonomy – but also how humans need to help animals when they're vulnerable.

"I love Phillip Island. I hadn't visited in 20 years and so visiting last year made me realise what a special place it is."

Conservation

"Flipper and Finnegan" is Sophie's second children's book, with her first "Tippy & Jellybean: The True Story of a Brave Koala who Saved her Baby from a Bushfire", written in the wake of the black summer bushfires, with money from the book sales going to a Zoos Victoria fundraiser.

She continues to receive thank you messages from children who enjoyed "Tippy & Jellybean", adding that she looks for animal stories where there is an adventure about "overcoming adversity".

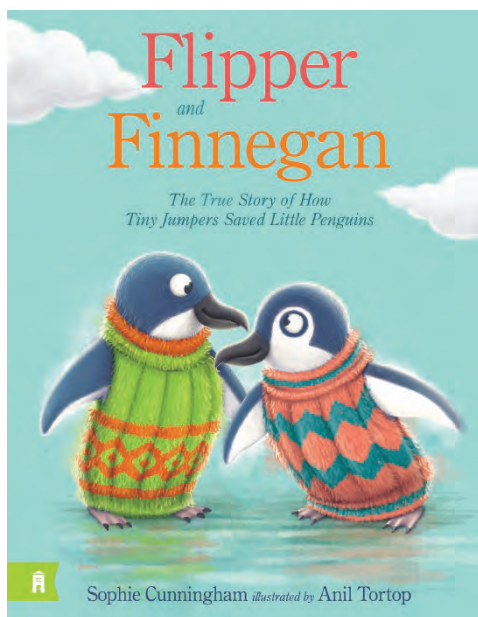
"In writing 'Flipper and Finnegan' I became obsessed with the idea of tiny jumpers on penguins. I find that enchanting, very cute," Sophie says, explaining that oil makes penguins sick when they try to preen themselves, and that oily feathers make them lose heat.

Sophie has written nine books, and in the past decade has focused on environmental issues, starting with her 2014 book about Cyclone Tracy, while her next book "The Time Machines", is about the importance of trees.

She describes herself as a climate activist, and is a past member of Extinction Rebellion but says she's a "scaredy cat" and prefers to take action through the pen.



Sophie is a Member of the Order of Australia for her contributions to literature, and was a co-founder of The Stella Prize. She has now penned a children's book about the penguins of Phillip Island.



"Flipper and Finnegan: The True Story of How Tiny Jumpers Saved Little Penguins" by Sophie Cunningham, illustrated by Anil Tortop

"The main environmental message is one of hope, but also about being realistic. Sticking my head in the sand makes me more anxious. So rather than not knowing what's going on, be honest and then do what I can do locally that makes a difference.

"I focus on the things I can change and that way I feel less anxious, engaging rather than acting like it's not an issue."

CFA volunteers take on toughest climb

Three Phillip Island CFA firefighters have raised \$2295 for mental health charities following a gruelling stair climb. Volunteers Anita Reid, Alex Dickson and Alex Szutta climbed 28 floors up the Crown Metropol Hotel with 25kg of kit – full gear and breathing apparatus – on Saturday September 10 to raise money to fight depression, PTSD and suicide.

They joined about 600 firefighters and emergency service personnel across Australia for the event that raised more than \$500,000 for mental health services including Lifeline, Fortem and 000 Foundation.

This year's Melbourne Firefighter Stair Climb challenge was held as an in-person event for the first time since 2019.



CFA volunteer Anita Reid helped raise more than \$2000 with the annual firefighter climb, 28 floors up the Crown Metropol Hotel with 25kg of kit.



Top Cats supporter

A very happy Geelong Cats supporter, Lorna Collins, is still on cloud 9 after sharing her 98th birthday on Saturday with the AFL Grand Final. And the one wish Lorna wanted was granted – a BIG win for her Cats.

Lorna was born in Rhyl, and her father, Percy McFee was an avid Swans fan. Her mother, Charlotte (née Cleland) didn't take much interest in the game. So what turned Lorna into a long time one-eyed Cats supporter? Lorna's husband, Trevor, had a run with Geelong reserves in the late 1930s and once married, her heart was with the blue and white.

Lorna, who lives in Cowes, is now planning on seeing another two premier-ships before her 100th birthday and firmly believes her Cats will be there both years to assist in her celebration.

Community invited to celebrate 20 years of giving

Bass Coast locals and visitors are invited to celebrate 20 years since the establishment of the Bass Coast Community Foundation at a gala fundraising event at the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club on Friday November 18.

Executive Officer Sarah Bourke said since its establishment, the Foundation has given well over \$1 million to local community projects and has been working hard in recent times to fund local initiatives focussed on increasing aspirations of local young people and providing opportunities for local women and girls.

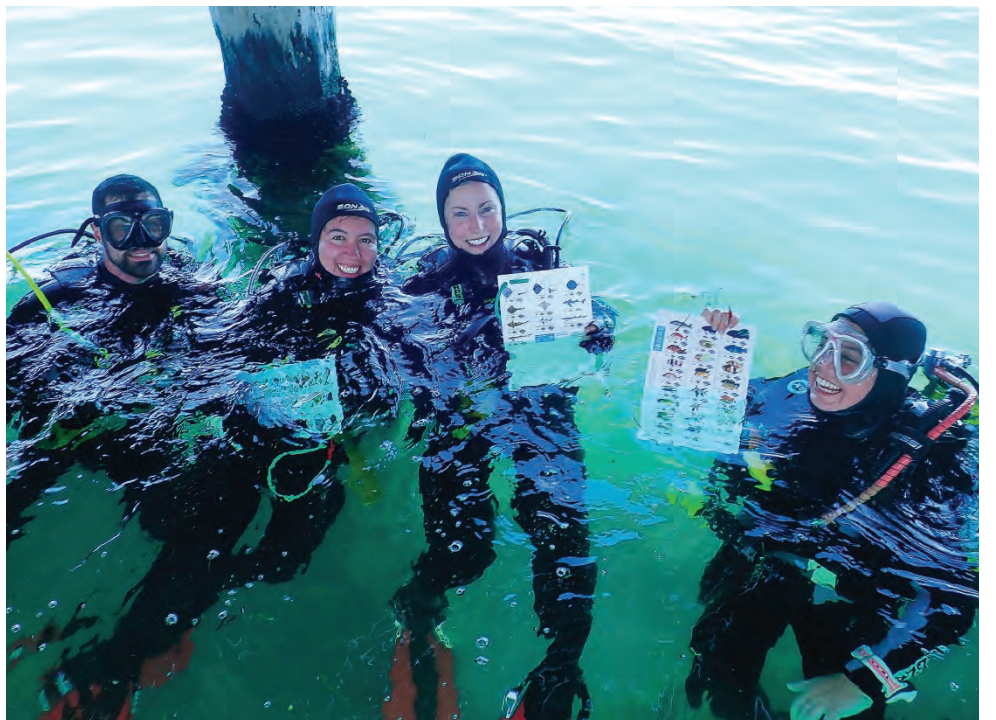
"As well as bringing the Kids as Catalyst program to Newhaven Primary School, and now Powlett River and Bass Valley primary schools; we've also funded projects in local organisations such as the YES Youth Hub, Bass Coast Specialist School, Bass Coast College, Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre," she said.

"The pandemic has hit everyone hard, and we're hoping this event will generate funds to enable us to deliver on more of our priorities in the coming years," she said.

Tickets are \$120 and include a two-course meal, welcome drink and live music as well as a donation to the Foundation. There will be gifts and prizes and a silent auction on the night.

The Foundation was founded in 2002 as a community owned, independent, and non-for-profit organisation, to provide a vehicle for sustainable long-term funding for community driven initiatives, and to make our local communities stronger, more resilient, and healthy.

The event will be held at the Cape Paterson Lifesaving Club. Buy your tickets at www.trybooking.com/events/landing/960327



A free talk on October 2 will discuss the island's marine environment and how to get involved in the proposed Great Victorian Fish Counts in December this year.

Free marine talk in Cowes

Want to know how to protect Phillip Island's marine environment and about the upcoming fish count?

Then a free event marine education event on Sunday October 2, 2-3pm at St Philip's church hall, Thompson Avenue, Cowes, will tell you how.

The event, organised by the Phillip Island Conservation Society, will include guest speakers from the Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA) and island local and reef watch coordinator Kade Mills.

The topic is "looking below the blue horizon – Marine education, experiences and conservation at play in the VNPA".

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PICS president Jeff Nottle said the VNPA's marine team will outline the underwater world surrounding the island and explain how to get involved in protecting it.

"They will also talk about the proposed Great Victorian Fish Counts on Phillip Island in December this year," Jeff said.

"It's a presentation for people who are keen to learn more about the local marine life and issues they face."

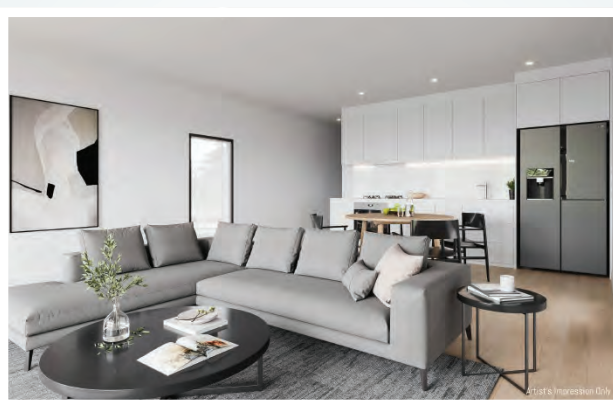
He said there will also be an update of plans to seek permanent legal protections for Western Port.

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Former students and teachers celebrate the 100-year anniversary of their much-loved Ventnor primary school. Front row from left: Julie Box, Peter Naughton (teacher) Eileen Jones, Kay Jeffery, Stuart Hamilton, Fergus Cameron, Dot Jones, Elaine Williams, Bruce Fullarton, Steve Fullarton, Shirley Jeffries, Jane Byron-Moore, Pam Wilkinson, Barbara Fullarton, Adele Jenner and Olive Grummisch. Middle row (from left): Michael Mittzer, Steve Davie, Ewen Cameron, Faye Hamilton, Jill Grayden and Howard Dixon. Back: Laurie Dixon and Jack Hobbs.

Ventnor school 100-year anniversary

Former students of Ventnor Primary recently gathered at their old school building ... now a family home ... to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the school's opening.

Prior to the opening of the one teacher Ventnor school, on September 6, 1922, for seven years lessons had been held in the local hall over the road.

In November 1920, the community decided that it was time to build their own school, and a deputation comprising Sarah Harris, Phillip Garnett Dixon, AKT Sambell and George Jeffrey visited the Minister of Education in Melbourne to request that land over the road from the hall be purchased for the building of a school.

The deputation was led by Sarah Harris, a calm, articulate woman ... and after careful negotiation the

Ministry agreed to purchase a three acre site from Thomas Jones, on the corner of the Nobbies Road and Rainbow Road, now renamed Ventnor Beach Road.

Building the school from then onward became a great example of the tenacity and hard work of Ventnor's pioneers. The hall, land, library, lighting, piano, toilets, fencing, cypress trees and driveways were all provided and paid for by the Ventnor community. The school operated for 41 years, closing in 1963; but is still remembered very fondly by those who went there.

Stories and memories of happy days from those school years were shared at length at the recent celebration, with a special mention of the neighbouring Jones family, whose kindness and support of both students and teachers over four decades was exemplary. Isa Jones provided morning and afternoon tea every day for each teacher who came to the school, until it closed in 1963. She also cared for any student who became unwell in the course of the day in her home. Her beautiful pink chenille bedspread was very well remembered by those at the celebration who had been on the receiving end of her kindness and care.

Her husband Les on many occasions drove the entire school down to the beach on the back of his truck

for a swim on hot days.

As well as the great memories of sporting feats, a pony paddock, excursions and concerts, there were plenty of shenanigans as well. If the teacher failed to arrive at school by 10am, the enterprising and delighted young students were well able to entertain themselves, going rabbiting or heading to the beach for the day, although ever mindful of the need to be back by 3pm.

Many excellent teachers were recalled by pupils at the celebration, with more than one putting their success in later life down to the balanced education they felt they were given.

Among those present at the 100th birthday celebration were descendants of each of the four people who went on the original deputation requesting a school for Ventnor.

George Jeffrey was represented by Kaye Jeffrey; Phillip Garnett Dixon was represented by Laurie and Howard Dixon and Robyn Dixon; Sarah Harris was represented by Kylie Harris, Kathy Harris, Cefn Price, Julie Box and Jill Grayden; and AKT Sambell by Bill Merry and Sally Edwards. Tom Jones, the original owner of the three-acre site where the school was built was represented by two grandchildren Dot Coutts and Eileen Ide. Both Dot and Eileen married Ventnor school teachers. Dot also has the distinc-

tion of being the oldest current former Ventnor student. She turns 100 in February 2023. Also present were great grandchildren of Tom Jones, Elaine Williams (nee Jones) of the well-known San Remo hotel family, and Howard and Ron Jones. Tom Jones is remembered as the person who enabled the school to be established, and the Jones family as enabling it to carry on.

Organiser of the celebration, Julie Box, said that it was while teaching in city schools surrounded by asphalt and bricks as an adult, that she came to truly appreciate the education and opportunities she had been given at Ventnor.

"I realised what a beautiful spot we had at the Ventnor school, with its space and rural setting. We had the Ventnor Beach, the Ventnor Reserve and the pine plantation planted by the children in the 1930s to explore, and these were all incorporated into our education.

"What a magical spot in which to have lived our young lives."

The pine plantation was planted by the students as an investment, its value to be realised in years to come, for the benefit of the school. But numbers dwindled and the school closed. The pines grew on, well beyond their harvest date. Nevertheless, its tracks were enjoyed by the community for walks and

riding, over a long period of time, before they were removed in 2007.

The school is now home to the Syme family, who very graciously hosted the 100th birthday anniversary in the old school rooms, to the delight of all former students present.

"Sally and Michael Syme and Sally's sister Jill Sewell are wonderful custodians of the Ventnor school," said Julie Box on the day.

"I thank them most sincerely for inviting us to hold our reunion there. It was such a special feeling being back in the schoolhouse and grounds and chatting to classmates from the early days."

A delicious afternoon tea, sponsored by Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Alex Scott Real Estate was served by the ladies of the Phillip Island Twilight CWA.



Former student Jane Byron Moore who began school at Ventnor in 1959, with Adrian and Elizabeth Mitchell.



Olive Grummisch (nee Jenner) and Adele Flanagan (nee Jenner) who went to Ventnor in the late 1930s and early 40s, with Eileen Ide (nee Jones) whose parents Les and Isla owned the farm next door to the school and contributed enormously to its running, and former school mate Laurie Dixon.



From left are Ron Jones, Geoff Coutts, Howard Jones, Barbara Fullarton (1959/60s) and Jan Holian, daughter of former student Alma West. Geoff's father Eric Coutts taught at Ventnor in the 1940s and married Dot Jones. Ron and Howard Jones are great grandsons of Tom Jones, who offered land to the Education Department for the school to be built on.



Former students Elaine Williams (nee Jones) with her aunt Dot Coutts (nee Jones) who went to school at Ventnor until she was 14 years of age, and will turn 100 next year; and Chris Murphy, daughter of Leila Jones, who went to school at Ventnor and was a cousin of Elaine and Dot.



Reminiscing over days gone by are Howard Dixon (1950-56) Ewan Cameron (1954-60) with Ventnor teacher Peter Naughton, who married Margaret, a member of the local Stoppa family. Ewan and Howard remembered being bundled into cars for a trip to Leongatha and being given flags to wave at the queen during her visit to Australia in 1954.



Former students travelled from near and far for the Ventnor school anniversary celebration and reunion. From left: Bruce Fullarton (1955-61), Shirley Brock (nee Jeffries 1953-54). Her mother Doris was a Grayden and attended the school from 1925. Kaye Jeffrey (1950-56), Peter Naughton, teacher from 1957-59, and Steve Fullarton who started at Ventnor in 1956.



The Jones Clan – descendants of Tom Jones, who offered three acres of his land for a Ventnor school in the 1920s: Eileen Ide, Howard Jones, Elaine Williams and Dot Coutts.



A display board featuring life at the Ventnor school over four decades was a highlight for guests at last week's celebrations. Enjoying the photographs are (from left): Howard Dixon, Ewan Cameron, Jill Grayden, Vicky Cameron and Sally Edwards.



Ventnor students enjoying an outing to the Royal Melbourne Show in 1956. Back from left are teacher David Hunt, and students Pat Grachan, Kaye Jeffrey and parent Molly Jeffrey. Front from left are Robert Jeffery, Bruce Fullarton, with name tag attached in case he got lost, possibly Julie Duggan, unknown, and Grace and Charles Le Page.



Seventh generation Phillip Islander (front) Harriet Jeffery at the Ventnor school celebrations, with her great grandparents Phyl and Cefn Price, her grandmother Tracey Jeffery and her dad Matthew Jeffery. Harriet lives in Ventnor, where Cefn's family, through Richardson descendants, have farmed for almost 150 years.



Former Ventnor students Pam Wilkinson, Stephen Davie and Barbara Fullarton had the distinction at last week's 100th birthday celebrations of being the last students to attend the school before it closed in 1963.



Kylie Harris (right) a descendant of Sarah Harris who led the deputation to Melbourne to have a school built at Ventnor with her mother Cathy Harris. Kylie's dad Dennis was a student at the school.



Jack Hobbs (left) a pupil at Ventnor from 1944 to 1947, at the 100th anniversary celebration with Michael Syme, the current owner of the school building, who bought the property in 1987.



The honour of cutting the 100th anniversary cake went to the school's oldest living students Dot Coutts and Cefn Price.



Students, parents, family and friends of students on the day the Ventnor Primary School opened in 1922.



Plan your perfect day

If you're planning your wedding, a combination of technology, professional planning tips and good old-fashioned advice will help you create the perfect day.

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The island also has a fantastic range of venues, jewellers, celebrants and photographers to choose from.

Having a budget in mind and getting a helping hand from friends or family, is a good starting point. Or perhaps you'd prefer to hire a wedding planner, so you can keep the stress to a minimum.

Once you've decided on

a budget, found the venue and set the date, then you can start the serious planning.

Here's an easy check list of things to consider once you've decided to get married:

- Choose your wedding party – groomsmen, bridesmaids, etc.

- Draw up a guest list and maybe send out a "save the date".

- Begin shopping for wedding dress or dressmaker and accessories.

- Select suits and dresses for the rest of the wedding party and arrange fittings.

- Plan and book the honeymoon – don't forget passports, visas and vaccinations if you're heading overseas.

- Book the wedding transportation, photographer and a florist.

- Choose music or musicians for the ceremony and reception.

Three months before

- Order and design invitations and other stationery.

- Choose your wedding cake.

- Make wedding day appointments – hairdresser, beautician, etc.

- Arrange a Master of Ceremonies.

Two months before

- You must give notice of intent to marry, to wedding officials at least one full month and no more than six months in advance of wedding date.

- Select wedding rings.

Six weeks before

- Send out those invitations.

- Confirm reception arrangements, order beverages.

- Confirm arrangements with florist and your honeymoon details.

- Start a record of acceptance and declines.

- Start thinking about your speeches.

Four weeks before

- Confirm your wedding and reception arrangements

- Have a hair and beauty rehearsal and final wedding dress fitting and alterations if necessary.

Two weeks before

- Make sure everyone in your wedding party knows all arrangements and what is required of them.

- Finalise guest numbers and confirm with caterers/venue and arrange wedding reception seating.

One week before

- Finalise all arrangements – catering, floral, photography – and have wedding rehearsal.

- Final fitting check of all outfits and accessories.

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Whether you want a simple beachside ceremony or a traditional church wedding, having a simple checklist can help you organise the perfect day. Photo: Chuttersnap, Unsplash.

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Nick White and the crew at A Maze'N Things are super excited to welcome everyone back to the Sky Trail attraction reopening by late October.

Holiday fun and excitement at A Maze'N Things

When it comes to finding things for the whole family to do on school holidays, you can't possibly beat Phillip Island's one and only A Maze'N Things!

Situated less than 10 minutes from Cowes, A Maze'N Things is an exciting world of illusions, puzzles, mazes and mini golf that offer hours of fun, magic and adventure.

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Our Puzzle Café has great coffees, cold drinks and a tasty selection of hot and cold food. The maze is tricky. Better take a coffee in with you!

And in the news we've all been waiting for, after three years affected by Covid regulations, our SkyTrail adventure ropes course will finally be re-opening by late October! That's a full summer of swinging around so high in the air that it will most definitely get your adrenaline pumping. Keep an eye on our socials for more announcements soon!



Beef Rib is one of the delicious options on the new Spring Menu at Phillip Island Winery, which is open Wednesday – Sunday during the holidays.



Enjoy Caprese salad from the new Spring Menu and then kick back with a glass of wine while the kids enjoy a game on the huge lawn area at Phillip Island Winery.

Enjoy spring at the winery

In perfect time for the school holidays Phillip Island Winery launches our new 'Spring Menu'. Featuring items the whole family will love, why not book your spot to enjoy a long lunch in one of our many dining areas.

Post lunch, kick back and enjoy a glass of wine while the kids take advantage of the games on our huge lawn area, then finish

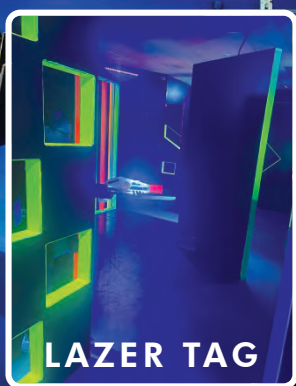
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Teddy Tompkins is living proof that getting older and living in residential care doesn't have to mean you stop having fun and living your life.

Scooting Teddy

Eighty-two-year-old Edward “Teddy” Bryan Tompkins is quite a character on Philip Island and has been a local for the last fifty years, with the last nine at BlueCross Grossard Court, Cowes. Teddy is living proof that getting older and living in residential care doesn't have to mean that you stop having fun and living your life.

Although Teddy needs regular treatment and care for some bone ailments, he can be regularly seen scooting around Cowes.

“I have a mobility scooter here in the garage and I am up and down the street a few days a week in winter and every day in the summer. I love having my freedom and I'll keep doing it as long as I can.”

Teddy also scoots around the corner to visit his mate Graham who shares a lot of the same interests as him such as yachts,

as well as having custody of Teddy's dog, Boris.

“Friends are important, they always have been and I'm happy to have Graham and Boris,” he says with a chuckle.

Teddy also admits he has plenty of friends at Grossard Court.

“I have a great rapport with the staff and it just feels like a big family.”

Teddy has a strong bond with the island and reminisces about his years on the Newhaven Yacht squadron when he had a beautiful yacht in the Marina.

“Time has really flown by but not too much has changed here on the island which is nice,” he explains.

“I still go to the same shops and down the same streets as I always have and that suits me just fine. It's home to me.”



The Seniors Festival is back and this year's events will include online and radio programs, as well as First Nations performances and entertainment from multicultural artists. Photo: Leah Hetteberg, Unsplash.

The Victorian festival for Seniors back with a bang

The Victorian Seniors Festival is bigger and better in its 40th year.

Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Colin Brooks.

“Whether online or in-person, the month-long festival provides senior Victorians with opportunities to get involved, meet new people, learn new skills, or just enjoy the entertainment.”

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Tour will entertain aged care residents with music and magicians from September to December.

To ensure older Victorians can make the most of the Festival, Victorian Seniors Card holders can access free travel on public transport services from October 2 to 9 – including on V/Line.

For V/Line trips that require a reservation, go to: seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/free-travel

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Banfields celebrates Seniors

There's a week of events and excitement for Banfields residents, as part of this year's Seniors Festival.

On Friday October 7, a Phillip Island Nature Parks ranger will visit to speak to the residents about wildlife on the island.

The following week, on Monday October 10, residents are in for a musical treat when the Sisters and Misterys Choir perform. Lead by Irene Bennetts the choir has a fabulous repertoire of favourites that is sure to have everyone singing along.

The following day (October 11), a scenic drive through the Bass Hills and lunch is on offer, with a High Tea booked in for Thursday, October 13.

The Lifestyle Department at Banfields is dedicated to making sure residents enjoy life to the fullest.

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As part of this year's Seniors Festival celebrations, Banfields residents will enjoy a High Tea on October 13.



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Celebrate Victorian Seniors Festival with free film

Bass Coast Shire Council, in partnership with the Victorian Seniors Festival, is hosting a free Seniors Festival film, cuppa and cake event in Wonthaggi on Tuesday October 18.

The event includes a film screening at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, as well as a cuppa (or cold drink) and cake at Ronni's Restaurant, free for Victorian Seniors Card holders. If you don't have a Seniors Card or you're a senior who would like to attend with a friend or rela-

tive who doesn't have a card, there are also paid tickets available for this event.

The morning session starts at 10.30am and features the film "Ticket to Paradise". The afternoon session starts at 2pm and will feature the film "Moonage Daydream".

The cuppa and cake can be enjoyed anytime between 10am and 3pm at Ronni's Restaurant, opposite the Arts Centre.

Tickets are limited, so bookings are essential for all attendees, through www.trybooking.com/CCTFQ or by calling the Arts Centre on (03) 5671 2470.

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Dignity Matters Support Service vision is to provide a genuine, reliable service, supporting people to live their lives without judgement.

Support and respect from Dignity Matters

After 20 plus years working in the health and community sector, Kerry began Dignity Matters Support Service in April 2020 with a vision to provide a genuine, reliable service.

Dignity Matters has a commitment to supporting people to live their lives without judgement, respecting privacy and honouring client choice.

Kerry is passionate about enhancing quality of life and mental health.

"I am always humbled by the memories shared and knowing that the little things we do can make a big difference in people's lives. Connections and fulfilment are important no matter our age or ability."

Recent changes to the SCHADS (Social, Community, Home Care and Disability) Award require community workers to now be rostered a minimum of two hours. However,

this can include more than one client visit. Kerry said recipients of Home Care Packages and other funded services are not obliged to pay for the two hours. With improved rostering, Dignity Matters Support Service aims to provide minimum one-hour services to continue to meet high care needs and maintain affordability.

Kerry recognises that a professional team is essential in monitoring client wellbeing and establishing good communication with other service providers in maintaining client safety and wellness. DMSS are always happy to provide information regarding community supports to meet your individual needs.

Kerry is a member of the ACWA (Australian Community Workers Association) and is committed to continual professional development and upholding ACWA's code of ethics.



The Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society will be hosting a session on DNA on Saturday October 1, starting at 2pm. Photo: Brano, Unsplash.

To DNA or not to DNA?

Learn something about DNA this Seniors Month

Are you thinking about doing a DNA test or have you done one and have been told your estimated ethnicity. Is that all there is?

A DNA test can give you more insight into your family genealogy and origins. Combine what you learn from your DNA by accessing over 100 million family trees and 30 billion records on Ancestry and other family search platforms.

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From your test results you can start building your family tree or confirm branches already there.

A DNA test will usually

indicate your ethnicity mix, that is, the countries, cities and towns that your ancestors called home. While interesting, such information is not all that helpful in building your family history without further detailed research, and genealogy groups can help you in this endeavour.

DNA processors might also provide suggestions of new ancestors based on the connections in your DNA. This will enable you to find new living relatives around the world, and discover your shared family history. However, without careful verification, such research can lead to incorrect conclusions.

Once again, genealogical groups are a useful resource. Since the advent of DNA, millions of people have un-

covered something new. You could too. You might even discover new living relatives.

The Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society will be hosting a session on DNA on Saturday October 1 with experienced guest DNA presenter Pam Harrison from Wonthaggi. Come along to get answers to all your questions and to find out how you can use the test results to advance your family history search, maybe unravel a mystery, or at least confirm your suspicions.

Join the DNA session on Saturday October 1, starting at 2pm, at 56 Chapel Street, Cowes.

Afternoon tea will be provided. Members free, visitors \$5. Please RSVP by September 29 to piadgs@gmail.com.



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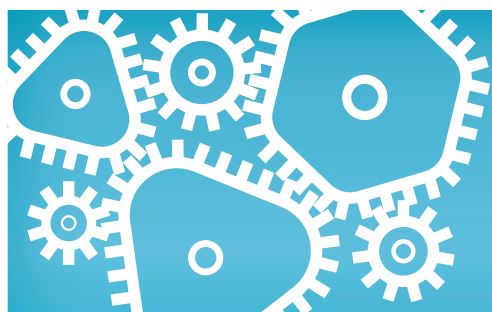
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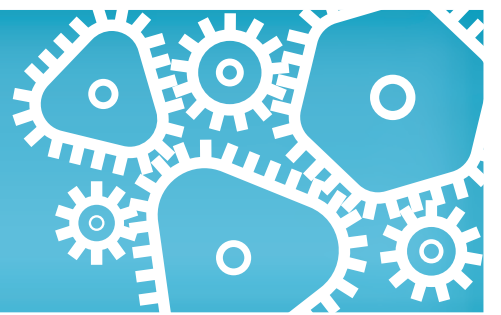
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Hotel decision a travesty

The decision to allow the hotel application in Thompson Avenue to proceed as four storeys plus roof terrace (and with a parking waiver for 29 places), is an absolute travesty.

Council has completely disregarded the outcome of one of the most exhaustive public engagements ever conducted in BCSC, which resulted in Amendment C151 affecting the Cowes Activity Centre in 2018 and 2019. What faith can we have in the Bass Coast planning scheme when the first time it is challenged on three storeys along the main shopping strip, Council rolls over? What is the point of wasting all that time, effort and money on engagement? Or was it just a 'tick-box' activity?

The precedent being set paves the way for taller buildings to be the norm along the main street. It may be the death knell of Cowes as a low-key seaside town. This is not what our community wants and Island Voice will still fight vigorously in VCAT to overturn this decision.

Island Voice has commented previously that the way the Planning Scheme is written, using words such as 'encourage', 'prefer' etc rather than 'must' or 'require' when applied to height and density, means that it is very difficult to enforce the 'regulations' (which should more appropriately be termed recommendations). Clear prescriptive language would make decisions very straight forward.

This decision shows what happens when people from other parts of the Shire make critical decisions about an area that they do not know. Island Voice thanks those Councillors who supported the community in this matter, but it is becoming increasingly clear that in order to exert greater control over its own destiny Phillip Island must become a Special Tourist, Environmental and Economic Precinct.

Linda Marston, Island Voice

A Claytons post poll

The results of the "Claytons" mail poll conducted by Australia Post for Wimbledon Heights came as no surprise, but engendered absolute disgust.

Speaking to the delivery manager in Leongatha during their poll, I questioned how Australia Post can hand deliver 370 envelopes to 316 homes in our estate?? He asked me where I obtained my information – which was from the Bass Coast Council Rate office – who advised of the 316 homes ; 170 are permanently occupied and 146 are holiday homes.

I believe Australia Post is fudging the figures to obtain a result in their favour and it would have been better to letter-drop all PO box holders to obtain an accurate outcome. Also, why would Australia Post poll holiday homes in the middle of winter? These people would have any mail forwarded to their principal home address and

probably not care less about mail deliveries anyway.

A fellow resident, Ray Webb, has been trying to arrange mail delivery for several years. He is now conducting his own poll of permanent residents which will give a truer indication of residents' wishes. The results will then be presented to local Federal Member Russell Broadbent for action.

Australia Post mentioned in a letter regarding the poll, they want to be fair to all eligible residents. I'd like to know what is an eligible resident versus an ineligible one?

No doubt the clowns in Australia Post who organised this poll are probably putting out their hand for a new Cartier watch?

Peter Hammond, Cowes

Citizens Band returns

The Covid pandemic has adversely affected so many people, families and organisations. One of them is the much loved, Wonthaggi Citizens Band. Each year, the Band has traditionally held a Gala Concert which besides providing a wonderful night of music and entertainment, is their major fundraiser for the year. Because of the Pandemic, there have been no concerts for nearly three years but I am delighted that on the evening of Saturday October 15, at the Art Centre in Wonthaggi, the wonderful night of music and entertainment will again be held.

There is nothing to match the sound of a Brass Band and par-

ticularly our National Award Winning, Wonthaggi Brass Band. If you haven't attended in the past and love music, I can assure you this a night not to be missed. Tickets cost \$30 which in my opinion is unbeatable value for a wonderful night of music and entertainment which has always eagerly been looked forward to each year by music lovers throughout South Gippsland.

Founded 112 years ago, the Wonthaggi Citizens Band is one of the oldest in the Nation. The band takes in newcomers each year, mainly young, teaches them music and trains them to become acclaimed and award-winning band people. The tuition and instruments are supplied by the band who throughout their existence have relied on public support for financial help. The band's finances have been severely impacted with the pandemic cutting off their main income over nearly three years. I strongly encourage all interested in great music and entertainment to support the band this year and enjoy a wonderful night of entertainment. I am certain that all attending will remember the night as a highlight of their year and like so many, will look forward to returning each year.

Tickets can be purchased at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre or on-line at TryBookings.com. Whether you live at Phillip Island, San Remo or the Waterline Community, it will be worth the drive.

Hon Alan Brown, Wattle Bank



The U14s Southern Gippsland Grand Final team made up of Phillip Island Bulldogs players (left to right): Jeremy Kelly, Harrison Carlon, Thomas Macmillan, Nathan Patch, Parker Trappett, Connor Macmillan and Ayden Fawaz (absent: Xavier Williams).

Southern Gippsland All Stars finals

On Friday, September 23, the U14s and U15s Southern Gippsland All Stars teams met Western Gippsland at Morwell in their Grand Finals.

Both teams played with integrity and fought to the end, only to miss out by the smallest of

margins.

U14s: Western Gippsland 5.12.42 to Southern Gippsland 6.3.39.

U15s: Western 8.9.57 to Southern 7.10.52.

Congratulations to all our Southern Gippsland rep teams on fantastic seasons.



The U15s Southern Gippsland Grand Final team made up of Phillip Island Bulldogs players (left to right): Jasper Cashman, Finn O'Brien, Yianni Caffieri, Jack Kennedy and Cooper Walton. Front row: Bailey Hennessy, Charlie O'Garey, Oliver Duggan and William Peppard.



U14s, Nathan Patch (left) and Thomas Macmillan chase the ball.



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Midweek Bowls results

What a beautiful spring day it was at San Remo where 28 of our friendly bowlers turned up to fight it out once again for the best team.

The sky was blue with no clouds and some beautiful sunshine kept us lovely and warm. We did not see any wrong bias bowls today so the RCH tin may have to wait awhile to get some extra cash.

As usual there was quite a bit of laughter around the green with the usual amount of friendly sledging also being overheard.

It was good to have Rob back from his world trip, he doesn't seem to have lost any of his skills on the green while he was away.

Once again, there are winners and there are the others, and the winners on 36 points were: Mark Andreatta (S), Robyn Dall (3), and Peter Thorley (L).

Runners up on 35 points were: Michael Dady (S), Terry Floyd (3), Bill Williams (2), and Chris Brooks (L).

Best one game winners on 30 points were: Craig Brown (S), Laurie Bell (3), and Tony Morris (L).

Really good to see a few more bowlers now that the weather is improving, we will try to keep the spring weather to entice a few more players.

Next week we will be at Koo Wee Rup. Can everyone be there by 10am for a 10.30am start. Many thanks to Peter behind the bar and everyone who helped in the kitchen.

Once again, a big thank you to Peter, Pauline, as well as John who make the day what it is.

We look forward to seeing all next week.
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Phillip Island Bowls results

Social bowls

A splendid day here on the island last Thursday with lots of sunshine and beautiful breezes for 12 of our members to take to the green for a social game of bowls.

A very close margin between the winners and runners up, just one shot, well done everyone.

Winners were Bruce Puncher, Barb Thompson and Graeme White with a +34.

The runners up with a +33 were Marlene Puncher, Alan Price and Lindsay Meredith.

Saturday pennant practice

A fabulous turnout for pennant practice on

Saturday with both greens full, the weather wasn't exactly pleasant, and the wind had a bite.

There were lots of very close games with the winning margin being only a couple of shots but the winners today with a +9 were Daryl Major, Polly Major, Dave Hanlon and Paul Brown.

Six aside competition

Runners up were gridders at the Tarwin Lower Medley.

The girls lost to Wonthaggi by eight points but were stoked with such a beautiful sunny day and lovely opposition.

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Phillip Island Golf club results

Tuesday, September 20, men's stableford

Heath Grace (25) won the day with a great score of 42 points from Nick Ciesielski (15) with 38 points.

BDL to 31 points countback.

NTP: 5th Danny Hibbert, 7th Bryan Pirout, 10th David K Taylor, and 17th Heath Grace.

Nine-hole winner was Basil Moloney (15) with 19 points on countback from Ian Bray (30).

Wednesday, September 21 stableford

The winner was Tracey Cooksey (40) with a fantastic score of 43 points, runner up was Lorraine Hammon (22) with 35 points, third was Robyn Docker (36) with 33 points.

BDL to 30 points countback.

Nine-hole competition winner was Gillian Scrase (45) with 20 points from Shannon Trumper (26) with 19 points.

Thursday, September 22, open stableford

Anthony Shannon (13) was the winner with 38 points on countback from Fred Panozzo (14). BDL to 31 points on countback.

NTP: 5th Mike Fitzmaurice, 7th Fred Panozzo, 10th Warwick Banfield, and 17th Anthony Hornsby.

Nine-hole stableford winner was Ron Hateley (35) with 23 points on from Claire Thoma (46) with 20 points.

BDL to 17 points countback.

Saturday, September 24, 18-hole four ball

Men's results: winners were Anthony Hornsby and Joe Thompson with 49 points.

Second was Leigh Hayhurst and Bill Haslett with 46 points.

NTP: 5th John Shaw, 7th Ron Wadey, 10th Ryanne Avery, and 17th Terry McGregor.

BDL to 41 points countback.

Ladies 18-hole four ball winners were Jill Tyrell and Vicki Ramage with 39 points, runners up were Robyn Docker and Kym Cooper with 38 points.

NTP: 5th Karen Green, 7th Kym Cooper, 10th Karen Green, and 17th Karen Green.

BDL to 36 on countback.

Nine-hole winner was Jim Richardson (12) with 19 points, runner up was John Rodakis (34) with 18 points.

BDL to 14 on countback.

Sunday, September 18, 18-hole stableford

The winner was Sean Middleton (12) with 37 points.



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The U10s Red and Blue juniors were presented with trophies and their team photos as they celebrate the end of the 2022 season.



Both U12 Red and Blue enjoying the celebrations of another successful season being presented with their trophies and team photos after the Blues were runners up in the Grand Final.



The U14s still basking in their glory, being presented with their trophies after the U14 Blues won their premiership season.



The U11s netball award winners from left to right: Ciara Santorini who was awarded Best and Fairest winner along with Best in Finals, Tiffany Clarke Best and Fairest runner up, and Abigail Swann who received the Coaches Award.



Casey U13s netball team award recipients were Mia Caille, Isabella Stead and Kienna Paine who were awarded Best and Fairest winners. Not pictured: Rose Iverach Best and Fairest runner up, and Coaches Award recipient, Verity Rachelle.



U13s netballers pictured from left to right: Aisha Hibbert awarded Best and Fairest winner, Olivia Holmes Best and Fairest runner up, Ellie Hennessy who received the Coaches Award, along with Best in Finals Piper O'Brien who is not pictured.



Casey U15s award recipients were Evie Kyle Best and Fairest winner, Taylah Fitzpatrick and Kate Briggs Best and Fairest runners up, along with Jasmine Crooks who was presented with the Coaches Award.



U15s netballers Maya Huther Best and Fairest runner up along with Best in Finals, Isabella Santorini who received the Coaches Award, and Meika White the Best and Fairest winner.



Best in Finals junior award winners: Piper O'Brien (U13s), Ciara Santorini (U11s) and Maya Huther (U15s).



U17s Lexi Walton was presented with the Coaches Award along with Best in Finals, with Lily Mewitt Best and Fairest runner up and Ella Duggan Best and Fairest winner.



Recipients of awards for D grade were Karina Reynard for Best and Fairest, Julia Algie Best and Fairest runner up. Not pictured: Tailyn Paine who received the Coaches Award.



C grade award winners: Abby McCaughan Best and Fairest runner up, Steph Krainer Best and Fairest, and Coaches Award recipient, Chloe Moxey.



Award recipients of the B grade team were: Kylie Hammond Best and Fairest, Maddison Taylor Best and Fairest runner up, Lily Huther Coaches Award and Tessa Johnson Best in Finals.



A grade award recipients: Amelie Wragg Coaches Award and Best in Finals, with Tessa Johnson (Best in Finals, B grade) and Lexi Walton (Best in Finals, U17s). Anthe Bennett was awarded Best and Fairest runner up, while Christie Edwards won the Best and Fairest.



Recipients of the U16 football awards from left to right were: Eden Goldsbury (Most Improved), Zac Walker (Most Consistent), Yianni Caffieri (Best and Fairest), Charlie O'Garey (Keith Delooze Scholarship), Max Arceo (Coaches Award), Benji Chihotski (Most Determined) along with Darcy Thompson (runner up Best and Fairest) who is not pictured.



Recipients of the U18s football awards were Jack Papas (Best and Fairest), Dylan Susic (runner up Best and Fairest), Tom Niven (Most Consistent), Brady Ross (Best First Year), Henry Peppard (Coaches Award), Matthew Sandy (Most Determined) and Finn Cashman (Keith Delooze Scholarship).



Recipients of the Veterans awards were Ben Hallas (Best and Fairest), Robbie Linford (runner up Best and Fairest), Andrew Tolley (Most Consistent), Dale Larkin (Leading Goal Kicker), Nathan Hollings (Most Improved) and Jeremy Van Strijp (Coaches Award).



Recipients of the Reserves awards were Tarquin McMillan (Best and Fairest), Liam Dayson (runner up Best and Fairest), Arie Cook (Most Consistent), Jack Opitz (Most Determined), Cooper Logan (Most Improved) and Sam McRae (Coaches Award).



The Senior's football award recipients from left to right alongside their coach, Beau Vernon, were: Cameron Pederson (Best and Fairest), Zak Vernon (runner up Best and Fairest), Jack Taylor (Phillip Island Footy Man), Billy Taylor (Most Courageous), Kai Mackenzie (Most Improved) and Harry O'Brien (Best Team Man).



Maya Huther was presented with the Margaret McFee Junior Club Person award.



Carly O'Brien was named and awarded Best Club Person 2022.



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Club president Chris Ross alongside Jess Gislingham who was gifted a pewter mug from the club to celebrate his 21st birthday.

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PIFNC are asking for assistance as the Club are in the throes of having a new Honour Board engraved with Executive i.e President, Secretary, Treasurer plus League Best & Fairest recipients for the Netball Club from 2000 onwards.

Some of the club's records cannot be located and if you volunteered your services for any of the above positions, or you were awarded a Netball League Best & Fairest from the year 2000 onwards, Peter Chaston, 0409 017 800, would love to hear from you so spaces on the Board can be filled in.



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TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 28 SEP	THU 29 SEP	FRI 30 SEP	SAT 1 OCT	SUN 2 OCT	MON 3 OCT	TUE 4 OCT
HIGH 2:15 am 2.75 m	HIGH 3:02 am 2.90 m	HIGH 3:48 am 3.01 m	HIGH 4:31 am 3.06 m	HIGH 6:15 am 3.06 m	HIGH 7:00 am 2.99 m	LOW 12:40 am 0.35 m
LOW 7:59 am 0.89 m	LOW 8:43 am 0.86 m	LOW 9:26 am 0.85 m	LOW 10:08 am 0.86 m	LOW 11:50 am 0.91 m	LOW 12:32 pm 0.98 m	HIGH 7:45 am 2.89 m
HIGH 2:30 pm 2.73 m	HIGH 3:06 pm 2.77 m	HIGH 3:42 pm 2.78 m	HIGH 4:17 pm 2.78 m	HIGH 5:53 pm 2.75 m	HIGH 6:30 pm 2.70 m	LOW 1:15 pm 1.07 m
LOW 8:18 pm 0.67 m	LOW 8:58 pm 0.51 m	LOW 9:38 pm 0.39 m	LOW 10:18 pm 0.32 m	LOW 11:59 pm 0.31 m		HIGH 7:12 pm 2.63 m

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Chris Vermeulen and Casey Stoner are back on the track at Phillip Island, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Stoner's 2012 win.

Casey and Chris return to the island

Casey Stoner and Chris Vermeulen are back on track – returning to Phillip Island in the lead up to the 2022 Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix.

It's been ten years since Casey Stoner last raced at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, now he has returned to the track which made him a legend, and for the first time has revealed how he tackled the fast-flowing circuit.

A two-time world champion, Stoner's first win on home soil in 2007 kick-started a run of six consecutive wins at Phillip Island, with 2012 marking the final time he'd stand atop the Australian podium.

A decade on, Stoner took part in a special tour from Melbourne to Phillip Island, with friend and fellow retired MotoGP™ racer, Chris Vermeulen.

Riding Triumph Tiger Rally Pros, the pair started the jour-

ney from Carlton's iconic Lygon Street, making the 140-kilometre trip down to the Island.

Casey and Chris shared a combined 13 Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix starts in the premier class at Phillip Island. After a lengthy hiatus, the former MotoGP™ riders returned to their home circuit, with Stoner revealing his personal Phillip Island race strategy.

A special 10th anniversary commemorative lap will take place on Sunday October 16 at the Animoca Brands Australian Grand Prix 2022 to celebrate Stoner's milestone.

Exclusive Casey Stoner merchandise will also be available at outlets across the event and online, visit: motogpstore.com.au

For more information about the Animoca Brands Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix visit www.motogp.com.au.



Casey Stoner and Chris Vermeulen at the Phillip Island GP Circuit. A special 10th anniversary commemorative lap will take place on Sunday October 16 at the Animoca Brands Australian Grand Prix 2022 to celebrate Stoner's milestone.

Gippsland Soccer League Grand Final

On Sunday, September 18, the Gippsland Soccer League Grand Final was held at Newhaven Recreation Reserve.

The Phillip Island Soccer Club hosted a great day with eight matches played throughout the day in mostly dry weather.

The first match was U14, with Drouin Dragons White and Drouin Dragons Maroon competing for the win, Drouin White won the match 2-1.

The U12B match between Phillip Island and Drouin Dragons Yellow was nail biting for all the players and spectators.

The game went into extra time and was drawn four all after extra

time.

Penalties decided the winning team with Drouin Dragons Yellow scoring an extra penalty goal over Phillip Island.

In the U17 mixed match the Leongatha Knights dominated over Drouin Dragons with a 7-0 final score.

Korumburra City went in as favourites against Drouin Dragons for the U12A match as they were undefeated all season.

They struggled during the first half with Drouin in the lead 3-0, but Korumburra fought back in the second half and won the match 5-3.

The Senior Women's and Mens

Reserves were hit by the most rain of the day during their matches.

Both games were action packed but the scores were one sided.

The Drouin Dragons beat Trafalgar Victory 3-0 in the Men's Reserves.

Leongatha Knights beat Phillip Island 3-0 in the Senior Women's.

In the U17 Girls match Leongatha Knights were up 1-0 after the first half, but Wonthaggi United scored two goals in the second half which won them the game.

Trafalgar Victory went into finals as fourth on the Senior Mens ladder and beat first placed Leongatha during the Semi Finals.

They battled with Phillip Island on Sunday with scores one all at half time.

Each time Phillip Island scored a goal in the second half Trafalgar would match it.

Phillip Island managed to stay ahead at the final whistle and won the match 5-4.

Both the Senior Women's and Senior Men's matches were live streamed by MDR Digital Images and can be watched at youtu.be/470hhdTJDec.

The Gippsland Soccer League would like to thank all their clubs, players and volunteers for a great 2022 season.

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