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Touring the construction site of the new Community Hospital (from left): Lucas Graley (SJ Higgins), Justin Balasa (VHBA), BCH Chair Ian Thompson, Health Minister Mary-Anne Thomas, BCH CEO Jan Child, Jordan Crugnale (Member for Bass), Kevin Giffening and Hani Soliman (SJ Higgins).

## Hospital due to open 2025

### HEALTH

Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas visited Cowes last Wednesday (April 10) to inspect the progress of the new community hospital.

Minister Thomas said the first stage of the hospital will be an expanded Urgent Care Centre, expected to open in early 2025.

The existing Urgent Care Centre will be transformed into a public dental treatment area.

Originally due to open in late 2024, Jan Child, CEO of Bass Coast Health (BCH) was still hopeful the first stage of the Community Hospital would be handed

over to BCH in later this year.

However she said slower than expected delivery times for some key equipment arriving from overseas, had delayed the project timeline.

The expanded Urgent Care Centre will be located on the ground floor of the new hospital, with day surgery theatres and an area for chemotherapy and dialysis located upstairs.

The new hospital, being built by construction company SJ Higgins, will also include a radiology precinct offering CT scans, ultrasound and general X-ray, and a central sterile supply department.

The final hospital will also of-

fer mental health services, allied health and rehabilitation and pharmacy services.

After the site tour, Minister Thomas described the visit as an "absolute delight".

"I've been blown away by what I've seen."

She described the hospital as an example of a "new and different way of delivering healthcare services", saying since Covid the health system had to adapt to the changing needs of the community.

The focus was on growing the amount of "ambulatory care" (services performed on an out-patient basis).

"That means expanding non-bed-based care and that's exactly what will be delivered here at this community hospital."

She said the spaces in the hospital were very flexible and able to adapt to the community's needs.

Despite state-wide shortages of healthcare workers, the Minister said the workforce was "up for the changes".

CEO Jan Child said BCH was working with healthcare partners like Alfred Health to bring nurses to work at the facility.

"We are out recruiting all the time, and doing well," she said.

"This is a pretty nice place to live."

Ms Child also said BCH had a strong commitment to working with students and "growing nurses locally".

### Game changer

The new hospital was described as a "game changer" for cancer and dialysis treatments.

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Stephen Fullarton with Daniel Seale who dragged him from the water when he suffered a stroke on his SUP in 2021. Stephen is now taking the 76km in May Challenge, to raise money for the Stroke Foundation.

# Stepping out for strokes

## FUNDRAISER

Phillip Island's Stephen Fullarton is setting out to walk 76km or more in May, raising money for the Stroke Foundation.

In 2021, a surf at Crazy Birds turned out to be a life-changer for Stephen who suffered a haemorrhagic stroke while on his stand-up paddle board. Thanks to quick thinking from local surfers and a rapid response from local paramedics, Stephen survived the potentially life-threatening incident.

Since then he's been an outspoken advocate for the work of the Stroke Foundation. In May, he intends to let his feet do the talking, and signed up for the Stroke Foundation's 76km in May challenge.

An app will track his progress over the month.

He's hoping the local community will sponsor his efforts, saying "every contribution makes a difference in the fight against stroke".

As well as raising valuable funds for the foundation, the challenge promotes health and well-being and increases stroke awareness.

The 76km distance reflects the 76 people who suffer a stroke every day in Australia.

"There are so many people down here who have survived strokes," Stephen said.

"It's something you want to keep in people's minds."

Already walking around three kilometres on his

daily walk to the office and back, Stephen plans to clock up some extra kilometres on the weekend. He said some other locals are signing up to join him in the challenge.

The plan is to tackle some of the island's more scenic walking trails over the weekends, including from Cowes to Rhyll, Pyramid Rock to Barrys Beach, Swan Lake, Cape Woolamai, Scenic Estate, Churchill Island and the Summerland Peninsula.

Sponsor Stephen's 76km in May challenge via a link on his Facebook page, the QR Code above or at: <https://tinyurl.com/yy-9bzckb>

Read more about the work of the Stroke Foundation at: [strokefoundation.org.au](https://strokefoundation.org.au)



The Police Air Wing winched the 47-year-old woman and 37-year-old man to safety about 6.45pm.

# Air winched from Cleeland Bight

## RESCUE

Air Wing and local police officers rescued a man and woman in Cape Woolamai on Saturday evening (April 13).

Police said it's believed the pair veered from a walking trail onto cliffs near Cleeland Bight Beach about 5.40pm.

They struggled to make their way back through thick bushland when they noticed the ocean tide getting higher.

Police, SES, Ambulance Victoria, CFA and Surf Life Saving Victoria attended to assist with the rescue.

Air Wing winched the 47-year-old woman and 37-year-old man to safety about 6.45pm.

The duo from Lower Plenty did not sustain any injuries.

The Woolamai Beach car park was blocked off to the public, with emergency vehicles, including the helicopter, attending. This is the second rescue in the area in a month.

On Saturday March 30 at around 4.45pm, police and members of the Woolamai Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, rescued five people stranded on the foreshore at Cleeland Bight, near Spew Hill.

The Life Saver helicopter was also involved in the rescue operation.

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In that incident, Police say they believe the three adults and two children went into the scrubland at Cape Woolamai, and were then marooned by the high tide and unfriendly terrain.

POLICE BRIEFS

## Chopper search for missing man

A police helicopter circled over Cowes last Thursday trying to find a missing 30-year-old male.

At the time, Wonthaggi Police Acting Senior Sergeant Ryan Burns said police were concerned for the welfare of the "high risk missing person", who may be injured.

The man has lived in Cowes previously but is currently not local.

Acting Snr Sgt Burns said the Pol-Air helicopter circled Cowes early Friday morning and throughout the course of the day.

Anyone with information can call Wonthaggi Police on 5671 4100.

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Convicted murderer Adrian Basham last week secured funding for a lawyer who will investigate whether there are grounds to appeal his conviction. Photo courtesy of The Age.

# Basham seeks to appeal his sentence

## COURT

Convicted murderer Adrian Basham last week secured funding for a lawyer who will investigate whether there are grounds to appeal his conviction.

The hearing in the Supreme Court on Thursday is yet another blow to the Fraser family, with their separate application for compensation further delayed.

A jury in 2022 found Mr Basham guilty of murdering and staging the suicide of the mother of their three children, Samantha Fraser, 38, at her Cowes garage on July 23, 2018.

In February last year Justice Lesley Taylor handed Mr Basham a sentence of life in prison with a minimum 30 years before he is eligible for parole.

Mr Basham last year flagged he would seek to appeal both his life jail term and his conviction, with Victorian Legal Aid (VLA) now obtaining funding to start his application.

The barrister representing the Fraser family, Sheeana Dhanji, last week confirmed the application for compensation would not be progressed until Mr Basham's appeal had been finalised.

"The applications are contingent on a finding of guilt, which at present, we have," she said.

Judicial Registrar Timothy Freeman said Mr Basham's appeal application against sentence and conviction would "be imminently filed" after delays following initial lodge-

ment in March last year.

"There could be a number of outcomes (from an appeal application) that could be, for example, an order for a new trial," he said.

"Whilst the applicants, I'm sure, are keen to progress their applications for compensation, it's to be balanced against the risks of incurring unnecessary costs which could be thrown away."

The court heard that Mr Basham, who appeared via video link from prison, has no funds for legal representation in the compensation case and so he may also apply for VLA funding in that matter.

The Judicial Registrar agreed to adjourn the application to another directions hearing on May 23, which would give Mr Basham's lawyers time to assess grounds for appeal.

In November last year in a separate judgement Mr Basham failed in his bid to keep the Cowes home in which he killed Ms Fraser, with the house forfeited to the state.

Mr Basham's father James also lost his fight to retain the \$15,000 black 2018 Kawasaki Ninja motorbike used by his son as a getaway vehicle to and from the island crime scene.

Once these items are forfeited to the state, the proceeds are likely to go to Basham's children and Ms Fraser's parents, who are now raising the three children.

A convicted person has 28 days from the date of sentence to start an appeal, so Mr Basham must now apply for an extension of time.

## POPULATION GROWTH

The Advertiser's recent front page about San Remo's poor planning legacy has received a strong community reaction in the past week.

The article quoted a San Remo resident who called for better planning of new subdivisions, saying a legacy of poor planning was impacting existing neighbourhoods, with parking, access and infrastructure problems.

The resident said increasing subdivision of large blocks meant residents were now parking on roads, turning them into one lane, while new estates had no green space for children to play.

The resident's comments come as San Remo is set to almost double in size, with Bass Coast Shire councillors in February recommending the State Government approve new land for housing through to Punchbowl Road, "with appropriate urban infrastructure to accommodate growth".

Former Tourism Victoria CEO and chair of Phillip Island Nature Parks Jeff Floyd commented on social media saying the approach to Phillip Island through San Remo was "dreadful", with no trees and graffiti, with one resident, John, agreeing: "the magic of arriving in San Remo has gone".

John asked given the subdivisions were approved by Bass Coast Shire, "I wonder if they can explain the lack of green open space?"

Andrew said it was likely "developer contributions that probably disappear into some other project", with several respondents arguing green space should be mandatory in new estates.

Others were critical of the shire - "turning Bass Coast into a mini-Cranbourne" - prioritising increased rates funding over the community's "living standards".

"In five years' time it's going to take an hour to get

to the bridge," Matt commented.

Eve and others were concerned for the displaced wildlife, including wombats and kangaroos.

"The wildlife hasn't been considered at all."

## Response

A shire spokesperson responded saying there was a recognised shortfall in public open space in some areas of San Remo, saying new spaces were being made at the Anderson Street Reserve, to be completed in June.

"As subdivisions near completion, pedestrian links from the new northern estates will be established and create pedestrian linkages for the Island Views Estate through to the Anderson Street Reserve," the spokesperson said.

They said the San Remo Structure Plan was also considering the provision of community infrastructure.

"The plan will review existing open space including the foreshore reserve and Lions Park as well as explore opportunities for new open space in newer areas of the town."

Following the first round of consultation for the plan late last year a community reference group was formed to guide the draft plan, which will be released for community consultation later this year.

## Housing shortage

On social media many, such as Robert, highlighted the housing shortage.

"There is a massive housing shortage if no one noticed. Have to build houses somewhere," he commented.

However, Natasha replied respondents were "not saying no new housing".

"They are saying yes build housing but include appropriate green space, appropriate block sizes that are sensitive to the environment, streetscape spacing and local infrastructure," she said.

"It's a regional, coastal area with specific wildlife.

Make it appropriate.

"We all want new housing, not to destroy the reason we all moved here; that it's not changed beyond recognition."

Rob said he bought in to Whytesands Estate in Cowes, which originally showed a number of green areas on the plan "but they are actually water retarding basins totally unusable as parks".

Tom said the biggest planning mistake was Silverwater Resort being built on land "zoned rural land at the time, well beyond the then town boundary," Tom said.

Pearl concluded it was "only going to get worse".

"Goodbye little green paradise, hello concrete chaos."

## DAL

As reported last year during the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) panel hearing, where 747 public submissions were presented, the owners of 140 Punchbowl Road, Springway Corporate Group, believed to be a Chinese investor, were seeking for their 124ha property to be included in San Remo's town boundaries.

Two neighbouring landowners on the Phillip Island Road, who have a total 78 hectares (Adrian Abrahams and Franlaw Pty Ltd) between the Springway property and the Silverwater Resort, were also seeking for their land to be open for housing development.

The lawyer for Springway at the time argued the lack of community opposition to more housing development in San Remo showed there was support for an extension of the town's boundaries.

Cr Rochelle Halstead in February responded to this assertion.

"Don't make the mistake of thinking the silence of San Remo residents equates to their acceptance," Cr Halstead said.

The department is yet to release final details of the DAL.

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# Hospital due to open 2025

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"People have to travel hours every day and it makes their health outcomes harder," said Ms Child.

"For them to be able to get this care locally is just going to be so significant for the people of Phillip Island and for people who want to holiday on Phillip Island."

She said travelling for treatments, that could often stretch out over weeks and months, impacted the entire family.

"But if you come to your local town and have that care, where you can dropped off and picked up at the end of the day ... if you know you can get home within 15 minutes of having that cancer treatment - that is significantly different."

The Minister praised the layout and location of the treatment area on the top

floor, saying patients would be able to enjoy beautiful views while receiving treatment.

The Phillip Island Community Hospital is part of the first round of hospitals delivered under the State Government's \$675 million, 10 community hospital commitment.

Three hospitals - Sunbury, Craigieburn and Cranbourne - are due to open this year, with a number following in 2025 including Phillip Island, and the remaining sites expected to be open by 2026.

The government said the Phillip Island project will create up to 100 jobs during peak construction and 32,000 hours have already been worked on site.

Details of the construction project: [www.vhba.vic.gov.au/health/community-based-care/phillip-island-community-hospital](http://www.vhba.vic.gov.au/health/community-based-care/phillip-island-community-hospital)



Minister Thomas and BCH CEO Jan Child chat with one of the construction crew in the space that will become the expanded Urgent Care Centre.



HEALTH  
MATTERS

## Nursing care around the clock

Bass Coast Health (BCH) is offering a greater level of care to residents at Griffiths Point Lodge at San Remo by having a Registered Nurse (RN) on-site, 24/7.

BCH initially sought an exemption from the requirement to have a RN on-site 24/7 from July 2023 to allow for the recruitment of more RN's to fill a 24/7 roster, but it has now voluntarily revoked its exemption.

Registered Nurses wishing to join the nursing team at Griffiths Point Lodge can do so by phoning Acting Nurse Unit Manager Clare Stinton on 5678 5311 or emailing their expression of interest to [hr@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:hr@basscoasthealth.org.au)

## Funds raised by raffle

A raffle run by Bass Coast Health's (BCH) volunteer Auxiliaries has raised \$6672 to help expand Women's Health and Maternity services at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The All Auxiliary Raffle featured amazing prizes, including travel, pamper, homeware and art packages, and was well supported by the community.

Every BCH Auxiliary was involved in the raffle: BCH Ladies Auxiliary, Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary, Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary, Inverloch Art Show Auxiliary and San Remo Op Shop Auxiliary.

## Join the Auxiliary

The Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary welcomes new members to raise funds for Bass Coast Health (BCH) to provide an even greater range of public healthcare services to the island community.

Auxiliary President Lyn Wadeson said the Auxiliary is growing and looking for new members seeking an enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

Anyone interested in joining the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary to raise funds for Bass Coast Health can email the Auxiliary on [healthhubaux3@gmail.com](mailto:healthhubaux3@gmail.com) or phone Lyn on 0400 126 435.

## More surgery on offer

Bass Coast Health (BCH) is offering more surgery to patients in our community, with two procedures recently performed for the first time at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The Surgical teams are excited to have commenced shoulder replacements and endoscopic gastric stents in the new, state-of-the-art theatres at Wonthaggi Hospital.

BCH offers consultations with many medical specialists at Wonthaggi Hospital and also the Phillip Island Health Hub and provides an extensive range of surgery at Wonthaggi. To learn more, see [www.basscoasthealth.org.au/specialists/search](http://www.basscoasthealth.org.au/specialists/search)

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# Bass Coast Health not hit by cuts says CEO

## HEALTH

Earlier this month, leader of the opposition John Pesutto stated regional and rural health services were facing forced amalgamations, service cuts and closures due to the State Government slashing millions in health funding.

"Reports have indicated Labor is forcing unrealistic savings targets on all of Victoria's 76 health services, which will collectively see millions cut over coming years," Mr Pesutto claimed.

"These funding cuts follow confirmation that more than a dozen regional health services suffered operating losses across 2022-23, with projections that by June 2024 more than half of Victoria's health services face negative daily cash balances."

However CEO Jan Child has said Bass Coast Health (BCH) will continue to grow local services.

Ms Child said BCH was "actively and constructively" participating in the Health Service planning consultation process being undertaken across the state by the expert advisory committee.

"BCH recognises that the Victorian health system, with over seventy individual health

services, is out of step with other National and International health jurisdictions.

"We also acknowledge that BCH and its community has benefited significantly from its more formal partnerships with other health services over the past seven years, and are keen to ensure these successes are embedded into future health care design."

Ms Child said the Bass Coast community had enjoyed a significant increase in state funding over the past seven years, growing from a \$50 million funding base, to 140 million recurrent funding this financial year.

"This growth has delivered significant increases in the clinical services provided to the Bass Coast and South Gippsland communities," she said.

"This operational funding increase has been enabled by funding which saw the completion of Stage 1 of the new Wonthaggi Hospital, the Phillip Island Health Hub, and the new Phillip Island Community Hospital which is due for completion in 2025.

"BCH has also commenced work with the Victorian Health Building Authority, to commence planning for the Stage 2 election commitment."

The Phillip Island Com-

munity Hospital construction is progressing, with the first stage of the new building expected to be largely completed by the end of 2024 (see separate story).

Ms Child said like all public health services, BCH was focused on delivering care "in a financially responsible and sustainable manner".

"We continue to look for opportunities to ensure our funding is directed to high priority clinical service and this means we focus on efficiencies in other areas."

"For the 20 plus years I have worked in public health as an administrator, we have instituted Financial Management Improvement Plans (FMIP) to ensure that tax payer funds are used appropriately," Ms Child said.

"This is good governance, and I think the expectation of community members who pay taxes."

Two of the key priorities for BCH in this year's FMIP is the reduction of rental properties for staff accommodation, and recruitment of permanent staff to facilitate the shift from casual and locum workforce.

"Both of these strategies have made good progress this financial year and we anticipate being able to reduce those costs

next year," Ms Child stated.

"Bass Coast Health has agreed the BCH Priorities with the Department, and like previous years, is aiming to break even at the end of this financial year."

BCH has always had a strong focus on fundraising, with the local auxiliaries and community contributing millions of dollars over the past five years to fund equipment and service infrastructure.

"We strongly encourage our community to give to their local hospital" said Ms Child.

"It is this funding that allowed us to build the L Rigby Cancer Centre at Wonthaggi, and it is the community's local generosity that helps BCH provide upgraded infrastructure and state of the art equipment, and also ensure health department funds are directed to support clinical care."

She said BCH has always had a history of low cash reserves, but stated "this is managed proactively and transparently with the Department of Health, who have provided strong support so that BCH can continue to grow local services".

"BCH's budget planning for 2024/25 has commenced and we will continue to review opportunities to balance efficiencies with service delivery."

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# Customers, pharmacy protest parking plans

## COWES CBD

Hundreds of customers have rallied in support of a Cowes pharmacy petition urging Bass Coast Shire to re-think plans to reduce carparking in Thompson Avenue. Priceline Pharmacy since January has had an instore petition asking customers whether they found it “exceptionally difficult to navigate through traffic and find a car park?”.

The petition, which has so far been signed by more than 500 people, explains under the shire's Cowes streetscape master plan, Thompson Avenue will be one way in a northerly direction, with one way either east or west along the Esplanade, which was passed at the March council meeting.

Under the plan 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 time restrictions on parking.

Priceline managing partner Greg Kossena said while the streetscape plan was initially released in 2022 for public consultation, he created the petition this year in advance of the rollout of proposed changes (see separate story), particularly after councillors voted in support of Thompson Avenue going one-way.

The petition states “most concerning is car parking in this area of Cowes alone will be reduced by almost 40 per cent”.

“Just imagine how much more difficult finding a carpark will be once these changes are made,” the petition reads.

“There will be no further increase in disabled parking with only two parks in this entire area.”

### Support?

Greg said in January he received an email from the shire seeking his support – “to dem-



Priceline Pharmacy managing partner Greg Kossena at the rear of the business, where parking spots are at a premium. The pharmacy has a petition calling on council “to reconsider proposed changes and address the major impact on traffic flow and car parking availability”.

onstrate the widespread community backing for this initiative” – for an upcoming grant application for the streetscapes plan.

“I said I support beautifying a somewhat tired-looking Cowes main street, which is generally wanted by everyone,” Greg said.

“But I see a problem in that both traffic flow and car park availability will be heavily impacted.”

Greg said even now traffic and parking were “in chaos” in peak time, with Thompson Avenue congestion leading to a snarl in the parking at the rear of the pharmacy.

“Just yesterday there was an accident at the back with someone trying to get a car park,” he said.

“Another customer was given a parking fine when she double parked in summer because she couldn't find a park and had to run in here to get antibiotics.

“That kind of thing happens all the time.”

Greg said he was also concerned the streetscape plan proposed closing the existing laneway from Thompson Avenue to access the rear of shop carparking (next to Anerie restaurant), making the only entry/exit point Warley Avenue.

“This means more difficulty



At the March council meeting, councillors voted in support of one-way traffic down Thompson Avenue, with traffic on The Esplanade then set to flow one way in a single-lane either left, easterly, or right, westerly.

for customers to access businesses and in the case of the pharmacy elderly or frail patients require easier access and more parking – rather than reduced parking – for vital medication and vaccinations.”

Greg said feedback from customers and visitors signing the petition was that the shire was “making car parking the enemy”.

“This will hurt businesses.

“Apart from people who ride their bike to get a coffee, generally people drive to Cowes, especially elderly customers who come from a distance.

“It's frustrating. The shire needs to be explaining how this is going to be rolled out and how they think it will work. How are people going to get here? It's imaginary.”

### 2022

When the streetscape plan was released in 2022 for community consultation, locals at

the drop-in sessions said while they liked a pedestrian-friendly Thompson Avenue, they predicted a parking snarl.

The plan also proposes that parking will be at the transit centre, the existing carparks behind Pino's off Bass Avenue and behind Priceline off Warley Avenue.

Bass Avenue currently has six formal and 42 informal parks, and under the plan will have 40 dedicated parks.

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 and Bass avenues – will lose about five parks

A significant number of car park spaces in Thompson Avenue and on the Cowes Esplanade are currently being leased on an annual basis by the Bass Coast Council to four restaurants for use as outdoor dining spaces.

## What changes to expect to Cowes CBD

Cowes street masterplan project timelines, starting from 2022:

### Projects in the first three years include:

- formalise one-way vehicle traffic east and west from Thompson Avenue;
- implement trial for one-way vehicle access northbound only on Thompson Avenue from Chapel Street;
- transition car parking on Thompson Avenue between Church Street and Chapel Street to short-term managed parking restrictions (length of stay, time limits);
- reduce speed limit to 20km/hr along Thompson Avenue north of Chapel Street; and reduce speed limit to 30km/hr along Thompson Avenue between Church Street and Chapel Street.

### Projects in three to 10 years:

- transition vehicle traffic to one-way access northbound on Thompson Avenue from Chapel Street;
- retrofit Chapel Street roundabout to accommodate change to vehicle access to Thompson Avenue;
- install a new public toilet at Olive Justice Place, ensuring the design and location can be incorporated into a future overall upgrade to the broader Olive Justice Place area.

### 10-plus years:

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The incoming President of the Probus Club, Bob Andrews (left), taking over the role from Trevor Moon (right).

## Success for Probus Club

### COMMUNITY

The Probus Club of San Remo held their Annual General Meeting last month, inducting their new President, Bob Andrews, taking over from Trevor Moon. Meetings are held at the Newhaven Hall on the second Monday of every month. Club members get to enjoy fun, friendship and can listen to a variety of guest speakers, as well as taking part in many activities including dine-outs, coffee mornings, happy hour, book club and movie days. Last month several of the Probus Club's members went to Opera by the Lakes, and this month there is a cruise to the Cook Islands along with another to Kangaroo Island later in the year. The club is keen to attract new members. For further information on the Probus Club of San Remo call Bob Andrews on 0437 526 757.

# Newhaven College Scholarships for 2025

### EDUCATION

Newhaven College is proud to announce three different scholarship offerings for 2025, designed for students who demonstrate exceptional aptitude in a variety of areas. Obtaining a scholarship provides students with the opportunity to experience the excellent teaching staff and facilities Newhaven College has to offer.

#### General Excellence Scholarship

Newhaven College is calling for applications for their General Excellence Scholarship for entry into the College in 2025. This will be awarded to applicants in Secondary School at any level who can demonstrate outstanding abilities in one or more of the following fields:

- Academic
- Sport
- Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Music)
- Leadership
- Community Involvement

General Excellence Scholarships are awarded based on application and interview.

#### Music Scholarship

Newhaven College is looking to award Music Scholarships to talented, passionate and dedicated new or existing students of music who demonstrate strong musical

potential. The offer is for students entering Newhaven College in Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 in 2025. Music Scholarships include individual tuition and academic tuition fee reductions for the duration of the student's enrolment at Newhaven College, subject to satisfactory progress. Newhaven College's dedicated music teachers and tutors nurture each music student to reach their highest potential. One exceptionally talented student who has made her way through the College Music Program is 2023 alum Saffi Campbell Walker.

Saffi is thankful for her time at Newhaven. "I learnt music at Newhaven from Year 4 to Year 12. Studying piano and other instruments provided me with the opportunity to join various bands and ensembles like Concert Band in Year 5 and the Year 7 Contemporary Band," Saffi said. "I completed VET Music in Year 11 and VCE Music in Year 12 and through lots of hard work and support from the music staff at Newhaven, I was able to achieve 50 and 49 study scores in those subjects, respectively."

This year Saffi is commencing her Bachelor of Music in Jazz and Improvisation at the VCA with a vision to pursue a music career.

Throughout the year, the College celebrates numerous musical productions, concerts, evening soirees and performances. Individual music students, choirs, bands and ensembles perform regularly at school assemblies, providing students a chance to perform for the school community.

"We believe Newhaven College offers the very best opportunity for musicians to flourish within the many programs we have on offer," said Director of Music, Matthew Goss.

"Through a music scholarship, you can join our vibrant music program with choirs, ensembles and bands that nurture your passion. Unlock your potential and create lasting memories. Embrace a lifelong passion for music at Newhaven College."

Students who are passionate and dedicated to music and demonstrate strong musical potential are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries regarding the Music Scholarship should be directed to Matthew Goss, Head of Music on 5956 7505.

#### Peter Reith Scholarship

Established last year, the Peter Reith Scholarship is open to all students entering Year 10 or 11 in 2025. The scholarship is in recognition of Peter's extraordinary contribution to Newhaven

College. Peter Reith AM is best known for his career in politics where, amongst other roles, he was deputy leader of the Liberal Party under Prime Minister John Howard.

In the mid-1970s Peter had a vision for a school that co-operated between all Christian denominations, committed to academic excellence, a global view on education and a strong commitment to the community.

Due to Peter's determined efforts, along with a small number of committed volunteers, the school was opened in 1980. Peter is truly a founding father of Newhaven College.

The Peter Reith scholarship will be awarded to a student who, like Peter, strives to make a positive difference in the world through their actions. Whilst exceptional academic performance is not necessarily required, an above-average academic performance is expected.

Applications close on Monday May 20.

Scholarship application information and forms can be found on Newhaven College's website, under Enrolments/ Scholarships.

All applications must be submitted via the Newhaven College website or to Mrs Belinda Manning at belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au.

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## 2025 Scholarships

Newhaven College is offering the following for entry in 2025:

### General Excellence

This scholarship is awarded to applicants in Secondary School for students who excel in Academics, Sport, Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Music), Leadership or Community Involvement.

### Music Scholarships

Awarded to musically talented students entering Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 in 2025, music scholarships include individual tuition and academic tuition fee reductions.

### Peter Reith Scholarship

In recognition of Mr Peter Reith's extraordinary contribution to the founding of Newhaven College, this scholarship will be awarded to a student who, like Peter, strives to make a positive difference in the world through their actions.

Direct enquiries to: Belinda Manning on [belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au](mailto:belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au) or call 03 5956 7505. For further information visit: <https://www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships>

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Fire fighters said it took around an hour to contain the fire, but the house could not be saved.

# Home destroyed in Smiths Beach inferno

## FIRE

A house in Marlin Street, Smiths Beach, was engulfed in flames last Tuesday night (April 9).

Phillip Island Fire Brigade said they responded to a “fully involved house fire” at approximately 9pm. It took around an hour to contain the fire, which was attended by 25 volunteer fire fighters and three appliances from Phillip Island, plus one each from San Remo, Kilcunda and Wonthaggi.

Unfortunately the house could not be saved.

Two occupants in the house were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. One neighbour said when he realised the house was on fire he called Triple 0, but the CFA were already on the way.

“I thought the house next door was going to go. The flames were lapping on it,” he told the Advertiser.

“Then the CFA crew arrived and they could see it was going to catch the next place.

“It was amazingly brave – they just charged in. It was so hot and scary.

“They risked their lives to save that next house.”

He said with the windy conditions and the big trees on the property, it’s amazing only one house was lost, and no one was injured.

“It was great work,” he said, praising the expertise of the local fire crews.

Crews were called back to the site at 1.30pm the next day, after the fire reignited.

Police have since confirmed a man has been arrested, after the fire was deemed suspicious.

A crime scene has been established and an arson chemist attended the scene.

A 53-year-old Phillip Island man is currently assisting police with their enquiries.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at [www.crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au).

# Lights out for shearwater migration

## WILDLIFE

Phillip Island Nature Parks is enlisting the help of local businesses and communities to protect short-tailed shearwater chicks on their first migration north.

This year, the annual campaign, Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly, will run from April 19 to May 10, and will ask residents and businesses in the bird flight path to switch off their lights for up to 10 nights to minimise risks to the seabirds and to motorists.

Each year, shearwater chicks make their 14,000km first flight to Alaska in late April or early May. Bright manmade light sources can be a fatal attraction for the young seabirds as they learn to fly. They are drawn to street lighting and land on roads, becoming a hazard to themselves and to motorists, particularly on the San Remo bridge.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Senior Scientist Dr Duncan Sutherland said it had been a tough year for shearwater breeding, so all help was needed to ensure the fledglings made a safe, successful trip north.

“Monitoring of our research nest boxes in February suggested it would be a less productive breeding season this year,” Dr Sutherland said.

“Not only were there fewer eggs laid in De-



AusNet Services will switch off the lights on the San Remo bridge for up to 10 nights during the peak departure period to minimise the number of shearwaters flocking to the bridge.

cember than the past few years, but the hatching success of those eggs was also lower. This means there are likely to be fewer chicks migrating this April.”

Last year, 419 short-tailed shearwater birds were rescued from roads, of which two had to later be euthanised due to extensive injury. Another 237 birds were found dead on the roads after being hit by cars.

Cape Woolamai and the Penguin Parade were hotspots for live rescues, while dead seabirds were retrieved at Forrest Caves and the start of The Esplanade in Surf Beach, with the sites accounting for more than half of the deceased birds in the area.

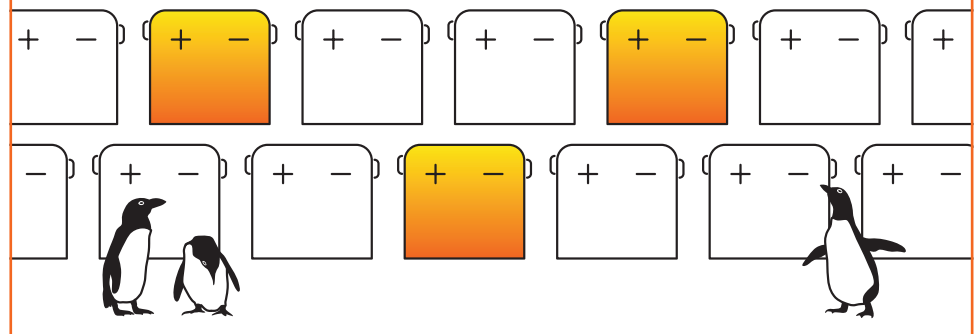

To minimise casualties and fatalities of the chicks, Phillip Island Nature Parks has partnered with the Department of Transport and Planning, Bass Coast Shire

Council, AusNet, WE-EF LIGHTING, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the Victorian Ornithological Research Group and the local community as part of the Shearwater Rescue Program.

“Our target is to have 35 businesses sign up to our campaign and pledge to turn their lights off in the interest of keeping the shearwater chicks and the community safe,” Dr Sutherland said.

“Turning off artificial light sources at night and being vigilant when driving during this short period will give young shearwater chicks the best chance of a safe departure this year.”

AusNet Services will switch off the lights on the San Remo bridge for up to 10 nights during the peak departure period to minimise the number of birds flocking to the bridge, causing a hazard to drivers.




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## Debt

## - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly!

By David Caporale,  
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

This editorial will dive into the topic of debt and how they rank on a scale of good to bad and even ugly. All debt involves the same basic principle, borrowing money in the present (to buy things) and pay it back in the future. The cost of debt is the interest (and other fees) you have to pay for the benefit of using the money in the present.

The purpose of the funds borrowed can usually determine whether it is good or bad debt as well as your financial circumstances and objectives. If you use debt to increase your wealth then it would be seen as good debt, whereas if the money borrowed is used to purchase a depreciating asset it would be classified as bad debt. Moreover any debt becomes ugly if you can't pay it back! Therefore debt can be a double-edge sword.

An example of good debt would be borrowing money for investment purposes, such as buying shares, as the reason for doing so is to increase your wealth. Additionally the interest payments are tax-deductible. The caveat and risk to this is if the return of the shares purchased does not cover the cost of interest for the borrowed money then the shortfall must be paid via other means which could be selling down the shares.

A loan to build a business including equipment finance, also generally tax-deductible, would be seen as another type of good debt provided the loan is used to grow the enterprise. However if the funds were used to keep the business solvent and pay salaries or debtors it would be bad debt.

Similarly a home loan could be seen as good debt, although interest payments are not tax deductible, as the funds are used to buy a home to secure your future and ultimately own an asset thereby increasing your wealth. It is generally a necessary evil because for most Australians buying a home with cash outright is very difficult. As the debt is paid down you build equity which can be released for investments outside the home and thus accumulate even more wealth.

A home loan can also become bad debt

if the debt to income ratio (monthly debt repayments divided by your monthly income) is high and circumstances change, such as increasing interest rates or inflation, that places financial stress on repayments, or if there is a property crash and the debt is greater than its value.

The final debt that could also be classified as good debt is a student loan (HELP or HECS) because they are an investment in your future to enhance your career options that may have higher earning potential. The repayments are based on your ability to pay it back meaning you have to earn a certain level of income first and then it is scaled.

As for bad debt, any loan that's used to buy an asset that decreases in value can be viewed as bad debt. As mentioned this could be the case for investment and home loans if shares or property fall in value, but generally speaking it is car loans that fall into this category as they are notorious for depreciating the moment you drive out of the dealership. Having said that, many people can't afford a car outright but need one to drive to work so a car loan may be the only choice.

Lastly, the ugly debt that is commonly well known but still widely used are credit cards, and personal loans as well as buy now, pay later services. These kinds of debt are predominately used to fund things that don't increase your wealth, plug a cashflow gap or in some instances fund the costs of existing debts. You can easily over-commit to spending what you can't afford and with interest rates anywhere from 6% to 20% or more, it is just another reason to avoid this type of debt.

To conclude, as debt can be good and bad, it is important to consider how debt will impact your lifestyle and wealth before making a financial decision to borrow money. And as there are many types of loans to choose from it is prudent to do your research as well as seek professional financial advice to make an informed decision on whether to take on debt.

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# Minister's planning intervention criticised

## VCAT

The government's new Development Facilitation Program (DFP), to expedite faster planning approvals for larger commercial developments that have "significant economic benefits", has again come under fire.

The objector who took the Isle of Wight developer to VCAT, has spoken out about the Victorian Planning Minister's intervention in the case describing it as undemocratic.

As reported, Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny last month used new powers to make an amendment to the Bass Coast Shire planning scheme to green light the \$85 million Isle of Wight development, which was approved by councillors to go ahead in September last year.

The Minister's intervention came after the development was delayed when one of the objectors to the proposal appealed to VCAT, with mediation scheduled for March and a hearing scheduled for May 20.

"A major judicial system has been eradicated from

Victoria. Her decision has eroded the state's legal system," the objector said.

"We have had our legal rights taken away. Everyone in the state has.

"Developers just want to make money – good luck to them – but it's got to be done appropriately and that appropriateness now rests with one person, the minister."

The objector said they didn't oppose the construction of the hotel, but rather wanted to "elevate the architecture in line with the natural surroundings".

They said while there were significant disappointments in the outcome, a victory was gained when a condition was placed on the developer to ensure external lighting must follow best practice national light pollution guidelines for wildlife.

Earlier this month, Island Voice planning spokeswoman Linda Marston said the "unprecedented" intervention by the minister should be "of enormous concern to everyone".

She cited "the loss of transparency, the lack of reporting back on the amendment to a third par-

ty and loss of ability for members of the community to be heard by an independent panel in cases that are accepted for DFP".

"It also concerns me the State Government has over-ridden its own process at VCAT. Is this the start of phasing out how people challenge planning decisions after council consideration?"

Previously Phillip Island Conservation Society president Greg Johnson said the minister's intervention was "regretful" and the normal planning process protected the community's best interests and "should not be undermined".

"PICS does not support site-specific ministerial interventions," Greg said.

It is unclear how the minister's DFP powers can more broadly be used to intervene in any major project, with the minister required to provide a report to Parliament at least every 12 months, detailing the nature of the interventions.

In the past year, the State Government has been moving to take planning controls away from councils.



Cowes CBD has a shop occupancy rate of 97 per cent, and a shop turnover rate of seven per cent, with 15 businesses changing hands since May last year.

## Trader survey an economic snapshot

## RETAIL

Cowes CBD traders have one of the higher shop turnover rates in Bass Coast, with seven per cent or 15 businesses, changing hands since May last year.

A Bass Coast Shire new biannual report on the occupancy rates of shops in the shire's major towns found Cowes has 205 shopfronts with 199 occupied.

Only Grantville had a higher turnover rate at 10 per cent, but that equated to two businesses.

San Remo had a four per cent turnover rate out of 79 shopfronts, while Inverloch had a two per cent turnover rate out of its 84 shops.

Across Bass Coast there are 605 shopfronts with 579 occupied, or with a 96 per cent occupancy rate.

There was a five per cent (28 businesses) turnover rate since May 23.

By comparison, the overall retail vacancy rate in Melbourne CBD decreased to 6.7 per cent in December 2023, still above the pre-covid 10-year average of 2.8 per cent.

Every six months, council officers survey more than 600 businesses across Cowes, Grantville, Inverloch, San Remo, and Wonthaggi.

"These surveys capture vital information such as vacancies, turnover rates, and industry composition, providing insights for strategic planning and development," according to officers.

The December 2023 survey focussed on the nighttime economy, specifically identifying businesses that

operate beyond 6pm at least two nights a week, with 27 per cent in Cowes, compared to 31 per cent in San Remo, Grantville 33 per cent and Inverloch 21 per cent.

In Cowes, 30 per cent of shops are retail, followed by 29 per cent hospitality.

In San Remo hospitality was the biggest sector (23 per cent), followed by retail (18 per cent) and professional services (15 per cent).

Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve said the data from the report "reflects the resilience and adaptability of our local businesses".

Details: [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/assets/general-images/Economic-Development-and-Tourism/Precinct-Profile-Report-Dec-2023.pdf](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/assets/general-images/Economic-Development-and-Tourism/Precinct-Profile-Report-Dec-2023.pdf)

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Phillip Island Jazz presents Shirazz on Sunday afternoon, April 21 at the Bowling Club in Cowes.

## Sparkling Shirazz this Sunday

### JAZZ

Phillip Island Jazz presents Shirazz on Sunday afternoon, April 21 at the Bowling Club in Cowes.

Shirazz is well-known throughout the jazz scene in Australia and internationally.

"The quality of their music is first class and they can be relied upon to produce a complete performance in a most rewarding way," said a spokesperson for the Jazz Club.

"They are a group who has continued to improve their performance levels and are in great demand locally and throughout Australia and rest assured that they will provide you with value for money."

Shirazz first appeared at the Phillip Island Jazz Festival in 2009 where they displayed immense potential.

"This is their 12th or 13th visit to Phillip Island and it is pleasing to note just how

they have developed during that period.

"They are the master of audience participation and the reception they get from those in attendance is most exciting."

Performing on the day will be Matt Dixon on trombone and vocals, Adrian De Fanti on clarinet and saxophone, Steve Temple on trumpet, Michael Hanley on banjo, guitar and vocals, Stephanie Bell on bass and Bruce McIntyre on drums.

It's expected demand for tickets will be high, so get in early and purchase your tickets.

Entry is \$20 for Jazz Club Members and \$25 for visitors.

For more information or to purchase a ticket please contact Robin on 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300.

The event is proudly supported by Terry White Chemmart Pharmacy.

Venue: Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes.

## Stories gathers momentum

### LITERARY FESTIVAL

The Committee of The Island Story Gatherers has assembled an impressive line-up for the 2024 Festival of Stories in August.

Raising the bar for the local literary festival, the lineup includes a Walkley Award winning journalist, a former Australian of the Year, and several renown authors and broadcasters.

In an announcement last week, the organising committee said it was thrilled to announce it had locked in the following presenters:

Rosalie Ham, author of *The Dressmaker*, and Sue Maslin who produced the movie.

Former ABC presenters Kerry O'Brien, a six-time Walkley Award winning journalist and broadcaster, author and public speaker Jacinta Parsons.

Author, children's writer, journalist, playwright, dramatist and radio show host Wendy Harmer, as well as Rosie Batty (AO), domestic violence campaigner.

"With a working title of 'Shifting Stories', the presentations will highlight how we evolve individually over our lives, as well as how society changes and the world around us changes and how we adapt to that," said Island Story Gatherers President



Kerry O'Brien, former presenter of ABC TV's 7.30 Report and winner of six Walkley Awards is one of a stellar line up of guests at this year's Festival of Stories in August.



Jacinta Parsons is a broadcaster, author and public speaker, who currently co-hosts the Friday Review on ABC radio with Brian Nankervis and author of 'Unseen' and 'A Question of Age'.

Lois Gaskin.

Lois said there will be more news in the coming weeks, as there are still some sessions to fill.

"We will keep you informed as we progress and are able to publish the full program and when

bookings will be open. Stay tuned!"

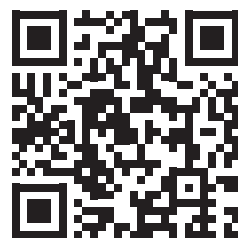
The 2024 Phillip Island Festival of Stories will be held at Berninnet, 91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes from August 2 - 4.

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# PHILLIP ISLAND RSL COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

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An Anzac Day commemoration at the San Remo Cenotaph starts at 10.45am, with Vietnam Veteran John Methven MC of the event.

# Anzac respect at San Remo

Poppies are traditionally a symbol of Remembrance Day, but there will be plenty of them available on Anzac Day in San Remo for those who wish to lay them on the Cenotaph.

A commemoration starting at 10.45am at the Cenotaph is being organised by a small community group under the auspices of the Vietnam Veterans Museum Sub Branch.

If the weather is foul, Nick Say has offered use of the Westernport Hotel.

Vietnam veteran John Meth-

ven will MC the event which will hear a youth perspective of the importance of Anzac Day from two local students; one from Bass Coast College, the other from Newhaven College.

Anyone wanting to lay a wreath or flowers will have the chance to do so. Everyone is welcome.

It is a town tradition for one of the hotels to host morning tea after the service. This time, it's the Westernport's turn.

The Cenotaph is on the foreshore opposite IGA.

## Two Anzac services for Cowes

Phillip Island RSL has organised a 6am service and 11am service for the Phillip Island community.

Attending the service will be invited guests from Parliament, Bass Coast Shire Council and the community.

The RSL said for the first time they will welcome Rev. Jennie Gordon, from St John's Uniting Church, Cowes, and the return of Newhaven College Choirs.

For the traditional Anzac Day March, marchers will meet at 10.30am at the corner of Thompson Avenue and Church Street.

The march will commence at 10.40am, moving down Thompson Avenue to the Cenotaph for the 11am service.

Following the service, the



Phillip Island RSL has organised a 6am service and 11am service for the Phillip Island community at the Cenotaph on the Cowes foreshore.

2024 Anzac Community Award will be announced.

Once again, there will be a RAAF flyover at 11.08am.

Numerous organisations will be laying wreaths at the

cenotaph ceremony, and Cowes Yacht Club will also be recognising the maritime services with a wreath on the water.

President Peter Paul said everyone was invited back to the RSL after both services.

For the first time, there will be a Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL commencing at 7am, (donation to veteran welfare would be appreciated).

This year, the only catering provided will be a \$10 Carvery Lunch, available from 12 noon (free for MyRSL Service Members).

From 12 to 3pm, Matt Bradshaw will once again provide entertainment.

The RSL will be open for regular dinner service from 5.30pm.

## Come home with labyrinth walk

### EVENT

A special labyrinth walk will be held in San Remo on Saturday April 20 at 2pm.

The theme of the walk is "Coming home to the Country, Coming home to Self".

Lorraine Rodda, the facilitator and a member of the Australian Labyrinth Network Council, said the walk is reflecting on Francis Duggan's poem, In The Home Of The Bunurong.

"It will help us see Land in a new light, fostering a deeper connection with their Aboriginal Dreamtime and their lived experiences.

"During this pause, we can

hear our inner voice and reflect on the lives of the First Peoples of Australia," Lorraine said.

"As allies, we play a crucial role in advocating for societal change. It's been six months since the referendum, and now, more than ever, we need to regroup and find ways to move forward with The First Peoples of Australia.

"We can consider the importance of being informed about the findings and recommendations of the Yoorrook Justice Commission's year-long enquiry into Child Protection and Criminal Justice Systems."

Lorraine said the walks were a way to "come home to our-

selves, stepping away from the noise of our daily lives".

Upcoming walks will be held on the first Saturday in May at 1pm (World Labyrinth Day) and Reconciliation Week at 1pm on the first Saturday in June.

Following the walks, participants can utilise the picnic facilities at Lions Park.

Directions: Drive along Back Beach Road, then continue along the unmade road past Lions Picnic Park. The Labyrinth is on the right, past the row of cypress trees. The Bass Coast Shire Council maintains it.

For more information, phone Lorraine at 0400 045 397 or email lgrodda@gmail.com.

## ANZAC DAY

APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup> 2024

- Dawn Service 6am** - Cenotaph Cowes Foreshore
- Gunfire Breakfast 7am** - Phillip Island RSL (Donation To Welfare)
- March & Service 11am** - Muster at 10.40am St Phillip's Anglican Church Cowes, march down to Cenotaph Cowes Foreshore

Phillip Island RSL Open 12pm

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As has been the case in the past six or so years, the Bulldogs will be fielding two teams in the U10, U12 and U14 divisions.

For the first time in the club's history Phillip Island will field an U14 girls only team, as well as the Youth Girls team.

Junior President Luke Marshall is looking forward to a big year and is excited to see the girls' teams expanding.

"There's certainly been a lot of interest.

"We could definitely have also fielded an U12 team, but the league couldn't facilitate it," he said.

The U14 girls are being trained by Justin Tilley.

"Justin is very enthusiastic and focused on fitness and the team is attracting good numbers," Luke said.

"Last year we had a one-off game against Bass (girls only) for the 10-12 age group.

"Forty-five girls trained and played. That was when we realised there was a real call for girls-only teams.

"There were plenty of girls happy to play, but they didn't want to play mixed."

Any girls interested in join-

ing are encouraged to come down to training or to contact the club.

Younger girls (U10 and U12) are playing in the mixed teams, where Luke said the focus is on developing each player.

"We have even game time for all the kids, whether they are first or last on the list.

"That way they can all improve together. No one gets better sitting on the bench."

**2024 season**

Last year, three of the junior teams made it through to the finals (U12 Red, U12 Blue and U14 Blues), with U12 Red runners up for the season.

With good numbers and a

strong coaching team in place, Luke thinks the juniors will be just as competitive this year.

U10 coaches are Tarryn Allan and Steve Regnier.

"We have really good numbers at this level. The teams don't play for points; it's all about getting as many playing as we can," Luke said.

U12's will be coached by Mick Cleary and Bianca Helmuth-Pask, and Luke expects that once again, both teams will be very competitive.

U14 coaches are Mark Riky and Jon Parry.

"The U14 teams should have a good year, because of their determination and teamwork," Luke said, noting there was still

room for a few more players if any were interested.

Alongside the coaching staff, Luke said the junior teams are supported by team managers working in the background.

"They organise the team kit and build a roster for the jobs that need doing. They do a mountain of work.

"The help from parents on game days is important. It's a case of the more the merrier helping out."

Junior football season kicks off on Sunday April 21, with Phillip Island Red verses Dallyston and Phillip Island Blue verses Wonthaggi.

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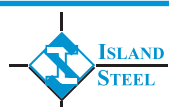
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Sunday, April 21

Leongatha v Inverloch Kongwak  
Phillip Island Red v Dalyston  
Wonthaggi v Phillip Island Blue  
Kilcunda Bass v Korumburra Bena

ROUND 2

Sunday, April 28

Leongatha v Dalyston  
Wonthaggi v Phillip Island Red  
Phillip Island Blue v Kilcunda Bass  
Korumburra Bena v Inverloch Kongwak

ROUND 3

Sunday, May 5

Wonthaggi v Leongatha  
Inverloch Kongwak v Dalyston  
Phillip Island Red v Kilcunda Bass  
Korumburra Bena v Phillip Island Blue

ROUND 4

Sunday, May 12

Kilcunda Bass v Leongatha  
Dalyston v Wonthaggi  
Korumburra Bena v Phillip Island Red  
Phillip Island Blue v Inverloch Kongwak

ROUND 5

Friday, May 17  
(Friday Night in Lights)

Korumburra Bena v Leongatha  
Dalyston v Kilcunda Bass  
Inverloch Kongwak v Wonthaggi  
Phillip Island Blue v Phillip Island Red

ROUND 6

Sunday, May 26

Leongatha v Phillip Island Blue  
Dalyston v Korumburra Bena  
Wonthaggi v Kilcunda Bass  
Phillip Island Red v Inverloch Kongwak

ROUND 7

Sunday, June 2

Leongatha v Phillip Island Red  
Phillip Island Blue v Dalyston  
Wonthaggi v Korumburra Bena  
Kilcunda Bass v Inverloch Kongwak

BYE

Sunday, June 9

ROUND 8

Sunday, June 16

Inverloch Kongwak v Leongatha  
Dalyston v Phillip Island Red  
Phillip Island Blue v Wonthaggi  
Korumburra Bena v Kilcunda Bass

ROUND 9

Sunday, June 23

Dalyston v Leongatha  
Phillip Island Red v Wonthaggi  
Kilcunda Bass v Phillip Island Blue  
Inverloch Kongwak v Korumburra Bena

ROUND 10

Sunday, June 30

Leongatha v Wonthaggi  
Dalyston v Inverloch Kongwak  
Kilcunda Bass v Phillip Island Red  
Phillip Island Blue v Korumburra Bena

BYE

Sunday, July 7

ROUND 11

Sunday, July 14

Leongatha v Kilcunda  
Bass Wonthaggi v Dalyston  
Phillip Island Red v Korumburra Bena  
Inverloch Kongwak v Phillips Island Blue

ROUND 12

Sunday, July 21

Leongatha v Korumburra Bena  
Kilcunda Bass v Dalyston  
Wonthaggi v Inverloch Kongwak  
Phillip Island Red v Phillip Island Blue

ROUND 13

Sunday, July 28

Phillip Island Blue v Leongatha  
Korumburra Bena v Dalyston  
Kilcunda Bass v Wonthaggi  
Inverloch Kongwak v Phillip Island Red

ROUND 14

Sunday, August 4

Phillip Island Red v Leongatha  
Dalyston v Phillip Island Blue  
Korumburra Bena v Wonthaggi  
Inverloch Kongwak v Kilcunda Bass

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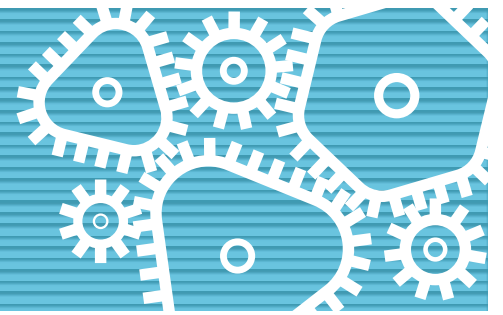
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# Cowes gets new housing subdivision

**PLANNING**

VCAT has approved a 59-lot residential subdivision and removal of vegetation for Cowes west.

Bass Coast Shire councillors in May last year agreed with shire planners in approving the subdivision for 273-297 Church Street, opposite Anchor Belle Holiday Park, despite receiving 26 objections.

This new subdivision is near the development for 256 lots at 299-325 Church Street, which is currently under construction as a retirement village.

The 59 lots on 3.6 hectares is zoned residential, with lots sized between 301sqm and 765sqm, with the permit approved with nearly 40 conditions.

Objectors took the council decision to VCAT in Barberio v Bass Coast SC, with the tribunal last month handing down a decision approving the subdivision with variations.

The decision makes several adjustments including the developer is now required to provide

better landscape plans, and the retention tank area will be developed into a small park with a walkway.

However, objectors failed to secure a park and instead the developer will pay a five per cent public contribution.

The developer will also construct fences abutting properties prior to earth works to lessen unsightly views and dust.

In the hearing, objector Raffaele Barberio said the proposal was an overdevelopment that did not respond to the surrounding urban environment, with lot sizes too small and "not consistent with the character of the existing neighbourhood".

Council and the developer argued the proposal provided infill residential development and housing diversity.

VCAT members Megan Carew and Donna D'Alessandro concluded any lot less than 400sqm was to contain at least 25 per cent garden area.

Mr Barberio later told the Advertiser he did not consider the decision "a

loss nor am I unhappy with the result".

"We voiced our various concerns, we followed due process and a decision was made," he said.

"We were realistic and we conceded that the pad-dock is open for residential development."

Mr Barberio said several concerns, including that there should be a second entrance/exit for safety reasons, were not considered.

"We felt that our concerns had substantial merit however VCAT considered otherwise and rigidly stuck to the letter of the existing planning laws," he said.

"We were disappointed with the attitudes of BCSC and the developer/owner in not having a more sympathetic community approach, but the lure of maximum profit from the developments was paramount to them."

"The five per cent contribution showed disregard for the community facility within the subdivision that would enhance community spirit and social exchange."





Event organisers Denise McGill (centre) and Sharon Hirst (second from right) with Rebecca Fairthorne, Anita Andrews, Judy Pay and Christine Ash at the PICAL High Tea.



Leah Formosa and Jenny Zoanetti enjoy a catch up over the delicious High Tea.

## A mighty High Tea

### FUNDRAISER

A High Tea hosted on April 12 has raised vital funds for the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL).

Organised by dedicated committee members Denise McGill and Sharon Hirst, the event raised funds for the PICAL Pantry, a vital resource serving the local community.

Nineteen local women gathered at PICAL for a very special afternoon.

The committee members worked tirelessly to transform one of the rooms into a stunning tearoom, with an incredible spread, boasting sweet and savoury delights, from chocolate eclairs to homemade sausage rolls.

Denise McGill said she was delighted at the success of the event, praising the fabulous community-minded women and

the dedicated team of volunteers.

The fundraiser was generously supported by local businesses including Panny's Chocolates, Phillip Island Winery, Phillip Island Lions Club, Westernport Hotel, Hilltop Farm, Kaiser Craft, and Cowes Florist.

Their donations contributed to the fabulous door prizes on offer, and ensured the success of the event.

The funds raised from the High Tea on Warley event will help the pantry continue its essential service of feeding over 300 people per week.

Denise said the success of the event highlights the importance of community support in helping organisations like PICAL fulfill their mission.

"Please consider sharing my dream. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those in need."

More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au).

# The science of reading

### EDUCATION

Newhaven College Prep students celebrated a very special milestone at the end of Term 1 – the presentation of reading folders, marking the beginning of their journey towards becoming proficient readers.

The students' families participated in the much anticipated celebration by joining in a book reading party.

The junior school has introduced a new reading program into its curriculum this year, based on the Science of Reading Program.

The program addresses how children learn to read, how to ensure every student learns to read, and what to do if a child encounters difficulty with reading, said Cath Huther, Head of Junior School, as she explained the change.

"Our commitment to implementation of the Science of Reading program aims to ensure that the best possible literacy instruction is delivered to every student, based on the research undertaken.

"Research demonstrates that there is a known pathway to reading in the brain, which relies on connecting speech sounds to identify the printed word, and the program is based on this finding.

"Instead of asking children to memorise words, letter sounds are introduced to students, who learn that a particular letter, or sequence of letters, has different sounds. After these are taught, words can be successfully sounded out.

"Children with disabilities, dyslexia or no challenges at all benefit from this method," Cath said.

"As the Science of Reading research points out, if a child memorises ten words, the child can read ten words. But if a child can identify the sounds of ten letters, and letter sequences, the child will be able to read 350 three-letter words, 4320 four-letter words, and 21,650 five-letter words.



Newhaven College Preps are excited to receive their reading folders. Prep Teacher Linda Austin and Head of Junior School Cath Huther with (from left) Shiyu Tong, Sophie Smith, Felix Boyce, Maeve Randall, Chiara Fumagalli, Daisy Corke, Raph Innes, Wynn Brebner, Elise Kim, Beatrix Jones, Archer Ferretto and Iona James.



Aiden Felstead and his mum Catherine enjoy reading together.



Evelyn Sirianni and dad Nicholas celebrated Evelyn's reading skills.

"Children can pick up a reader with relative confidence, when they have the tools to identify words in the books they are presented with."

Cath said a lot of time, focus and accumulation of resources has been spent at Newhaven College in implementing the Science of Reading approach, and that results at this early stage reflect a very positive impact.

"Our dedicated teachers have been working to build up our resources to run this program, and results are impressive", she says.

All Junior School students are given decodable reading folder

to take home which is designed to help children and parents build on what has been taught at school.

Additionally, Year 3-6 students are also benefiting from a new program called Spelling Mastery, which combines with the new reading program.

Cath is enthusiastic about the early results, and pleased to see nightly reading habits with parents flourishing at home.

"Our ultimate aim is simple: to foster a love for reading; growth in literacy skills; and to ensure that every child at Newhaven College learns to read and reads well."

## CWA celebrate service

### COMMUNITY

Cowes CWA recently presented 10-year Service Awards to Julie Pearce and Karen Graham.

Karen is the current President, in her second year and Julie promotes the Cowes branch through social media.

At the April meeting, the group also welcomed guest speaker Judi Pay.

Judi spoke of her previous life experience and transformative change when she arrived in Cowes. Her website "We are Phillip Island" is a business and community directory which promotes and encourages us to shop locally.

It won the Online, Mobile and Home-based Business award and was a finalist in the Resilience category, in the 2023 Bass Coast Business Awards.

Members congratulated Judi on "overcoming significant challenges and her readiness to explore new experiences".

The CWA is an organisation of women supporting women, children and families right across Victoria.



Julie Pearce and Karen Graham received 10-year Service Awards for their work with Cowes CWA.

It's a vibrant, volunteer philanthropic organisation with a focus on friendship, personal development and advocacy.

Members are encouraged to support each other, make a difference in their communities and advocate on community issues, sustainable development and the

protection of the environment, and social issues.

Follow them on Facebook at The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc – Cowes Branch or contact them through the shop at 94 Thompson Avenue or by email: [cwaofviccowes@gmail.com](mailto:cwaofviccowes@gmail.com)



## Thirty years of service

On April 11, Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve received a 20-year bar to add to her 10-year Long Service Medal from Red Cross.

This award recognised the 30 years that Clare has been

a member of the Woodleigh Vale branch of Red Cross and contributed to their fundraising efforts. The bar was presented by Woodleigh Vale Branch Chair, Sheila Campbell.





The GT World Challenge's, Arise Racing GT crew were on fire across the weekend. Photo: Alia Schonberg.



Oscar Targett ends Round 1 of the Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge victorious, taking out pole position during qualifying and Saturday afternoon's race win. Photo: Alia Schonberg.

# SpeedSeries makes stellar Round 3 return

## MOTORSPORT

The Shannon's SpeedSeries kicked off Round 3 of its calendar season at the Phillip Island Circuit over the weekend.

Six categories, including the Fanatec GT World Challenge Australia, Supercheap Auto TCR Series, Trico Trans Am Series, Monochrome GT4 Australia, First Focus Radical Cup and the Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge all took to the track across the three days.

The three-day event saw the largest crowd ever recorded on the island for a SpeedSeries round, with a total of 17,869 in attendance across the 72 hours.

Free practice Friday (plus an end-of-day qualifying session for both the Porsche

Michelin Sprint Challenge and Trico Trans Am Series) gave fans a taster of the weekend to come.

Saturday morning wrapped up the remaining qualifying sessions, making way for the varying races across the afternoon and Sunday.

### Trico Trans Am Series

The Trans Ams hit the tarmac on Friday morning for the first of two practice sessions. James Moffat (Team Valvoline GRM) took timing honours during the opening wet session, piloting his Ford Mustang to a best of 1:42.0272.

Picking up the pace by 10 seconds during the second, afternoon dry session, James Golding (CTE Custom Transport

Equipment) lapped a 1:32.3428, setting him in good stead for qualifying. Golding took out pole position and wrapped up Friday's on track action with a 1:31.3807. Moffat took second place on the grid to make up row one.

Saturday afternoon's shortened first race for the Trans Ams (a crash in the Fanatec GT's causing delays) saw Moffat claim to victory after pouncing on Golding's pole position during the first lap, relegating Golding to second place by the end of the 11 lapper.

Following on in third place more than five seconds later, Elliott Cleary (The Racing Academy) crossed the finish line, making Race 1 a triple Mustang podium.

Sunday morning's second race of the weekend, saw Nash Morris (Supercheap Auto Racing) take the top five by storm after two stellar overtakes during lap one, setting him as race leader and winner by the time the checkered flag was waved. Just over half-a-second later, Moffat crossed the line in second, along with Golding in third.

Closing out the weekend's Trans Am track time, Race 3 saw Friday's pole-sitter Golding, victorious after starting from third on the grid, earning him the overall round win.

Just seven-tenths later, Todd Hazelwood (TFH Hire Services) took out second place, charging his way through the field after starting the race from fifth place. Morris went on to take third place after a tricky race start.

### Fanatec GT World Challenge Australia

The GT Challenge kicked off with a wet practice on Friday morning.

Brad Schumacher and Will Brown (Shaw & Partners/Kelso Electrical) piloted the Audi R8 LMS to top spot with a best of 1:34.9456.

Ticking into the afternoon however, Chaz Mostert (Arise Racing GT) produced the best time during the second practice session – along with taking fastest on the combined session times – clocking in a 1:26.2569 in the eagerly anticipated Ferrari 296 GT3.

Saturday's qualifying sessions saw the Arise Racing GT team on pole, along with a double first and second podium place during Race 1.

Mostert and Liam Talbot piloted the Ferrari 296 GT3 to a debut victory, with teammates Jaxon Evans and Elliot Schutte in second. Schumacher and Brown crossed the line just seven-tenths of a second behind the second-place getters.

Sunday's second and final GT race for the round, saw New Zealand duo Brendon Leitch and Tim Miles (Dayle ITM/Team MPC) take first place on the podium in the Audi R8 LMS.

Realta/Tigani Motorsport duo, Paul Lucchitti and Jayden Ojeda took out second place, with Schumacher and Brown placing third for the second time across the weekend.

### Supercheap Auto TCR Series

The hot hatch TCR's took to the track for the first of two practice sessions late on Friday morning.

With weather conditions improving, the turbo charged bullets set rapid times on the charts, Zac Soutar (Tufflift Racing) and the Audi RS3 LMS claimed best with 1:36.6598 during lap nine.

However, taking timing glory during both Practice 2 and the combined sheets, was Honda Wall Racing's, Tony D'Alberto, tipping the Honda Civic R FL5 into the 1.35s.

D'Alberto would continue his good run into qualifying, taking out pole position as well as an all-time lap record for the TCR's (1:35.2163).

His luck during Race 1 however, would run out after an incident at Turn 4 relegating him to the back of the pack.

HMO Customer Racing's Josh Buchan piloted the Hyundai i30N to a race victory, with Soutar and Dylan O'Keeffe (Autoglym/Ashley Seward Motorsport) in second and third.

Race 2 and 3 saw Brad Harris (Exclusive Switchboards) reign victorious in the Honda Civic R FL5 – claiming both race wins, along with the overall round win.

Taking out second and third place, teammates Aaron Cameron and Ryan Casha piloted their Peugeot 308's to a double podium, respectively.

In Race 3, Ben Bargwanna (Hangcha Racing) crossed the line more than a second after Harris, followed by Buchan in third.

### Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge

Round 1 of the Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge kicked off its practice sessions early on Friday afternoon.

The GT3 Cup Cars took to the track and saw TekworkX Motorsport's Hamish Fitzsimmons take timing glory with a time of 1:30.8621 during lap 13.

Qualifying however, would prove to be Grove Racing Oscar Targett's time to shine, securing an all-time lap record for the category with a 1:30.3286.

His strong performance would continue throughout Race 1 despite the shortened race distance, taking out first place.

Fitzsimmons placed second, with Clay Osborne in third.

Sunday's final race saw young-gun Caleb Sumich claim his maiden race victory, along with the overall round victory.

Osborne crossed the line in second, along with Targett in third after a five-second lap penalty dropping him from first place.

For the Monochrome GT4 Australia and First Focus Radical Cup results, go to [www.pisra.com.au/sport](http://www.pisra.com.au/sport).

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Olivia Curtain has secured back-to-back wins at the Victorian Interschool State Championships on her pony Indi's Mr Zorba Jones.

## Back to back champion

### EQUESTRIAN

Olivia Curtain has secured back-to-back wins at the Victorian Interschool State Championships.

The 13-year-old Year 8 Student representing Newhaven College on her amazing 13-year-old pony Indi's Mr Zorba Jones are the 90cm Intermediate Champions after three days of competition at the Petstock Equestrian Victoria Interschool State Championships 2024 held at Werribee Park Equestrian Centre.

For the second year in a row this combination of rider and pony has won the Interschool State Championship qualifying them for the Nationals held at Tamworth later in the year.

This will be the third year in

a row they have represented Newhaven College at the Nationals with them finishing Reserve Champion last year.

As Olivia is growing, she is now training on her new horses and unfortunately, she has had to make the hard decision to sell Mr Jones and let some extremely lucky young person take them to multiple State, Australian and Interscholls Championships.

If anyone is looking for a Superstar Champion 14.2 hand 13-year-old pony please get in touch with Olivia as Mr Jones is one in a million!

Olivia thanked Newhaven College for their support for her and for Equestrian Sports and her coach Frida Lingren, as well as Phil Lever from Lever Equestrian and her sponsors Melbourne Brick and Geohex.

## Soccer season kicks off this weekend

### SOCCER

The Gippsland Soccer League (GSL) season kicks off this weekend on Sunday, April 21.

Competitive home and away matches are played on Sundays across the league for the U12s through to the senior divisions.

GSL is a grassroots league where new and experienced players can participate in competitive soccer, in a supportive environment with qualified coaches.

The senior competition has both Women's and Men's divisions, the junior's competition caters for both boys and girls with mixed age competitions for U12s, U14s and U17s.

It's also expanded this year to include an U13 Girls division off the back of the Matildas success at the Women's World Cup and Olympic Qualifiers. The

league hopes that this will grow over the coming years to include more age groups.

GSL's MiniRoos program is for children aged five to 10, the teams gather in localised hubs on Saturday mornings offering opportunities for girls and boys to experience soccer in a non-competitive and fun environment, promoting participation and skill development.

The clubs who form GSL are the Inverloch Stars, Wonthaggi United, Phillip Island Breakers, Lang Lang United, Korumburra City, Leongatha Knights, Mirboo North United, Trafalgar Victory and Drouin Dragons, with each club utilizing their own coaches and training programs to develop their players.

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Enjoying the anniversary celebrations (from left): Anita Rowe, John Morgan, Marriane Pattison, Rod Shell, Jenny Dwyer, Eve Morgan and Lisa Drought.

## Success for tennis club anniversary

### TENNIS

The Phillip Island Tennis Club hosted their 70th anniversary open day on April 14.

Around 70 people were in attendance, including life members Leeston Hopkins, Betty Malloy, Craig Kent and Bob Niven, along with past office bearers Jack Hobbs, Lois Willcocks and Jacqui Marr.

In true 1950s tennis fashion, many wore white clothing only, adhering to the club's past dress code. The day hosted a range of activities including face painting, colouring, a kids tennis session and social tennis (with wooden racquets). In conjunction with the day's activities, competitions were also hosted, before a formal cutting of the anniversary cake.

The club President thanked those who had contributed so much over the past 70 years, making the club the success it is today and to everybody who had worked hard to make the open day possible.

Congratulations to the competition winners:

Radar gun speed check: Jordy Medlar (Junior) and Luke Zoanetti (Senior).

Ball machine rally: Jordy Medlar (Junior) and Sandy Lone (Senior).

One point game tournament: Geoff Clements.

Nineteen-fifties music quiz: Robyne Lunn and Jenny Dwyer.

Guess the number of tennis balls: James Lone.



Congratulations to the ball machine rally winners, Sandy Lone and Jordy Medlar.



One-point game tournament winner Geoff Clements alongside runner up, Luke Zoanetti.



Life members (from back left): Jayne Mitchell, Bob Niven, Craig Kent, Betty Malloy and Leeston Hopkins (seated).



# Intense competition at the Goon

## A Grade

Nar Nar Goon: 57 def Phillip Island: 56.

## B Grade

Nar Nar Goon: 49 def Phillip Island: 45.

## C Grade

After a week off the girls knew that they had a challenge ahead, coming up against a strong Nar Nar Goon on their home court.

The opposition got off to a strong start putting the girls onto the back foot right from the beginning however, after a few swaps on court the girls started to show some improvement and weren't going to let the Goon get away with it easily.

The island stuck with them throughout the second and third quarters. The girls continued to fight right until the very end however, Goon were too strong, kicking clear in the last quarter.

The girls look forward to going again next week in a hood hit out against Cora Lynn.

Best on court: Ruby Anderson and Georgie Young for their persistent efforts.

Nar Nar Goon: 39 def Phillip Island: 20.

## D Grade

In a hard-fought clash against Nar Nar Goon, the D Grade netball team displayed unwavering determination and resilience. The match showcased an intense and physical contest, with both teams refusing to back down.

Despite the challenges, our girls exhibited impressive plays and teamwork, demonstrating their skill and commitment on the court.

While facing tough opposition, the game provided valuable insights into areas for improvement as the team progress throughout the season.

Notably, Paige and Sarah stood out for their exceptional defensive efforts, consistently working hard to stop the opponent's attacks. Their outstanding performance earned them the title of best on court.

With this spirited display, the team remains poised to continue striving for success and growth in the upcoming matches.

Nar Nar Goon: 48 def Phillip Island: 13.

## U17

A lovely morning with clear skies as the island girls started off strong against the Goon. Although relatively close for the first quarter, after a while they found their flow and gained momentum.

Meika confidently shone in goals as Maya delivered her beautiful strong passes down to the ring.

The defenders prevented many attempts by Nar Nar Goon to shoot, with some excellent stretches and intercepts in the second quarter.

Jasira, Abby and Isla definitely proved their value being onboard this year's U17s side.

Tilly was in her familiar mid court position being there for all if needed and a swap with Maya who proved strong in her ability to be placed anywhere on the court and was fantastic in GD.

By the final quarter the island girls were away with a score almost doubling that of the Goon.

The girls showed that after only two games together, they are fierce contenders to be premiers again this year.

Best on Court: Maya Huther and Meika White.

Phillip Island: 52 def Nar Nar Goon: 30.

## U15

This game was always going to be tough when both teams have been consistently competitive over the past three years.

The first quarter jitters were evident with our girls making some errors with passing and movement, along with having some trouble getting the ball down the court.

Ruby and Tilly worked hard in defence with some great turn-overs however, the team were unable to convert and we were two down at quarter time.

The second quarter saw Aisha come out to GA, Ava into C, Isla into WA and Adelle into WD which proved to create better ball movement.

The third and fourth quarters saw some more position changes with Piper working hard in WA and Maisie in WD.

The girls seemed to steady towards the end of the game, but the scores were tied up at 30 each when the final siren went.

Phillip Island: 30 tied Nar Nar Goon: 30.

## U13

The girls started the day off fresh and excited for their awaited game against last year's Premiership Champions Nar Nar Goon on their home turf.

The game was a tough one with Nar Nar Goon shooting a total of nine points in the first quarter to the island girls' one.

Elisha Blake was giving her all with the girls, filling in for an absent Coach Lawri Piera who was juggling a different kind of



The U17s took home a stellar win for the island. Defeating Nar Nar Goon by more than 20 points.



The island's D Grade girls fought hard in their clash against Nar Nar Goon. More photos at [pisra.com.au/sport](http://pisra.com.au/sport).

ball in Bendigo which meant the island were also missing her beloved offspring, Macy Piera.

Whilst the island girls looked like a long way off the mark scoreboard wise, they did continue to improve throughout the

duration of the game.

It's a given that by the end of the season this tight knit bunch will be playing their best games yet.

A shoutout to Elisha for filling those shoes and to our two

star players, Abi who scored this week's doggy dollars and all round superstar athlete Kate McCausland for being awarded this week's bowling award.

Nar Nar Goon: 35 def Phillip Island: 15.

# Full house for midweek

## BOWLS

The Corinella Bowls Club hosted last week's midweek game with a full house of 55 players. The clubhouse is currently undergoing renovations making for a crowded day however, that didn't dampen spirits.

With the green in excellent condition, bowlers could show off their skills without too much effort.

Congratulations to last week's winners on 38 points: Phil Wright (S), Rob Jeffrey (3), Mark Hanrahan (2) and Bobby

Arnold (L).

Runners up on 33 points: Tony Heppleston (S), Chris Brooks (3) and Arthur Connell (L).

Best one game on 19 points: Terry Floyd (S), Cheryl Floyd (3), Max Williams (2) and Jim Nunan (L).

The club thanks Peter for all his hard work, and as always Pauline and John for their respective efforts.

This week, the club looks forward to playing at San Remo.

In order to allow time to arrange the teams, arrive on site by 10am for a 10.30am start.

# Summer triples season completed

## BOWLS

Last Wednesday, the island's Bowls Club hosted the last of their summer triples competition.

Positive weather conditions made for competitive bowling during the final run of the season.

Congratulations to Pat Ryan, Kevin Brown and Graham Cornell for taking the win. Congratulations as well to runners up Guilo Marcalongo, John Newcombe and John Patterno.



Congratulations to last week's winners (from left): Pat Ryan, Graham Cornell and Kevin Brown.

# Euchre results

Ladies' winner: Mary-Ann Ueckerman with five wins.

Men's winner: David Armstrong with six wins.

Encouragement award: John O'Brien.

New players are welcome to attend euchre on Thursday nights at the Phillip Island RSL. Contact Bob Hee for further information on 0418 173 388.



# Big shoes to fill as club seeks new President

## BOARDRIDERS

Not many sporting clubs can say that their President was been shortlisted for the Australian of the Year Award.

Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC)'s President Hannah Eisen was shortlisted for the 2024 Australian of the Year Award, for the selfless contributions she made to her beloved club and Phillip Island community.

The award nomination stated that Hannah "consistently connects community members to each other, she actively involves younger women in the committee of PIBC, treating them with respect and valuing their opinions".

Hannah is also an Architect, Interior Designer, and Project Manager who runs her own Design and Project Management consultancy HE Consulting.

Her expertise led the PIBC clubhouse restoration and surf equipment upgrades, and created the future resources required for the next generation of committee members.

Hannah is also an advocate and open support to women who



At the PIBC AGM in July, members will vote to elect a new President, after current president Hannah Eisen moved to WA at the start of this year.

are experiencing gender-based violence, in personal and professional settings.

In the construction industry, STEM and government, she continues to coach and mentor women to pursue career paths in these historically male dominated industries.

She was the on-site project manager for construction of

the Cowes Cultural Centre - the largest public building project in the history of Bass Coast Shire Council.

However, with the project completed, Hannah took up another challenge, working in project management at the Perth office of the APP Group, a major company dealing in property and infrastructure.

Before leaving in January, Hannah told the Advertiser letting go of the president role had been heart wrenching, but that she would stay on as a long-distance president, until the club AGM.

While her shoes will be big ones to fill, come the AGM in July, PIBC will be electing a new President and Vice President for the 24/25 season, with all paid PIBC members able to apply.

The role of the President is to lead the annual planning of the club, help the committee prioritise its goals and performance, and facilitate effective management of club meetings.

If this sounds like you, PIBC encourages you to contact any of the current PIBC committee members for a confidential chat, or email [contact@pibc.com.au](mailto:contact@pibc.com.au).



Winner of the May Webster Bowl, Emma Hall with 78 gross.



Men's Monthly Medal winner, Ricky Mailes with Captain, Phil Ellard.

## Results from the green

### GOLF

#### Tuesday, April 9

##### Men's Stableford 18H

Overall winner: Charlie O'Garey (15) with 38 pts.

A grade winners: A-1 Ben Walsh (9) with 37 pts and A-2 Greg Kane (13) with 36 pts C/B.

B grade winners: B-1 Charlie O'Garey (15) with 38 pts C/B and B-2 Sam Orr (16) with 38 pts.

C grade winners: C-1 Peter Rowan (24) with 37 pts and C-2 John Daire (27) with 36 pts C/B.

BDL to 33 points C/B.  
NTP: 5th Ben Walsh, 7th Christian Lloyd and 17th Brady Ross.

##### Men's 9-hole Stableford

Winner: Peter Pillar (38) 20 pts C/B.

Runner up: Basil Moloney (14) with 20 pts.  
BDL to 18 pts C/B.

#### Wednesday, April 10

##### Women's Monthly Medal Stroke 18H

Overall winner: Pamela Rothfield (20) with 71 pts from Jane Sellenger (34) on 74 pts.

A grade winner: Pamela Rothfield (20) with 71 pts.

B grade winner: Jillian Chandler (30) with 75 pts.  
BDL: 79 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Christine Riley, 7th Stacey Meder and 17th Lesley Meadowcroft.

##### Women's 9-hole Stableford

Winner: Wendy Hamilton (30) with 18 pts C/B.

Runner up: Joanne Westthorp (45) with 18 pts.  
BDL: 12 pts C/B.

#### Thursday, April 11

##### 18H Open Stableford

Overall winner: John Maglica (28) with 40 pts.

A grade winner: A-1 Peter Ablett (9) with 38 pts C/B and A-2 Paul Ledwith (12) with 38 pts.

B grade winners: B-1 Trevor Read (19) with 35 pts and B-2 Ron Davies (18) with 34 pts C/B.

C Grade winners: C-1 John Maglica (28) 40 pts and C-2 Tony Hornsby (21) 38 Pts

BDL to 34 pts.

NTP: 5th Daniel Pearce, 7th Brady Ross, 10th Scott Lethbridge and 17th Lee Cleary.

##### Open 9-hole Stableford

Overall winner: Col Cordery (32) with 21 pts and Graham Robinson (25) with 19 pts C/B.

BDL to 17 pts.

#### Saturday, April 13

##### Men's and Mixed 4BBB Stableford

Overall winner: Mark Dickson and Daniel Dickson with 49 pts.

Runners up: Greg Holland and Paul Wagner with 46 pts C/B.

BDL to 41 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Harry Sterling, 7th Heath Kolac, 10th Rick Colling and 17th Phil Cooksey.

##### Women's 4BBB Stableford (Red)

Overall winner: Mary Whelan and Lynn Mc Cole with 46 pts.

Runners up: Shannon Trumper and Janice Baker with 41 pts C/B.

BDL to 39 pts.

NTP: 10th Shannon Trumper and 17th Lesley Meadowcroft.

##### Open Comp 9H Stableford

Winner: Robert Leak (25) with 14 pts C/B from Clive Hill (26) on 14 pts C/B.

BDL: 13 pts.

#### Friday, April 12

##### May Webster Bowl

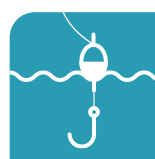
The Phillip Island Golf Club once again hosted the annual May Webster Bowl event in honour of past member May Webster.

The main trophy is the Stroke Gross event and taking out this year's win was Emma Hall (4) PIGC with 78 gross.

A grade's nett winner was Lorraine Hammon (18) PIGC with nett 74, along with runner up Barb Warren (13) Foster GC with nett 78.

B grade played Stableford and Liz Gleeson (20) took the win with 32 points. Patsy Britt (30) Wonthaggi GC was runner up with 31 points.

Also playing Stableford, C grade's winner was Mary Whelan (34) PIGC with 33 points, along with Jill Trickey (41) PIGC with 32 points C/B as runner up.



## AROUND THE BAY

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE

### FISHING

The fishing season is gearing up for what is arguably the best time of the year - quiet boat ramps, autumn days and cooler water.

With the water cooling down, fish are building their winter fat layers, which means it's the time for gummies/school shark, quality sized pinkies, larger salmon, barrel tuna and plenty of bait fish to re-fill the bait freezer.

This is season number 18 for the crew down in the Jim's Bait and Tackle shop - and to say it has been one of the strangest so far would be an understatement, thanks to the adverse weather, winds and inconsistent fishing.

The trick for winter is don't put the boat keys or fishing gear too far away because based on the pattern so far, plenty of fishing days could present themselves over the course of the coming months.

Over Easter, the shop ran their Good Friday Appeal fishing competition, and thanks to the generosity of sponsors and entrants the shop donated over \$5000 to the Appeal.

However, with new legislation being presented to the Victorian Parliament, it could be one of the final fishing competitions the shop is permitted to organise.

You can read more about the new animal care and protection

legislation and its failure to remove fishing competitions from the legislation online.

Regarding stock, the shop has some old inventory to clear out, prior to new stock arriving over the winter period ready for next season. If you want a bargain, head in store on Anzac Day.

Opening hours will also begin to be reduced next week, with doors opening on 9am weekdays and 8am weekends. It's a different setup this year, with doors closing only one day a week on Wednesdays. Keep an eye on the Facebook page for the updated hours.

### Fishing report

It was a good past week, with better tides and reports of whiting from almost all areas, both deep and shallow.

Most of the usual locations have fished well however, most customers said the change of tide was the trick, with the last hour proving the best.

Another common report was plenty of pinkies were out and about in respectable sizes showing up alongside the whiting prior to coming on to bite. However, there are still many undersized numbers being reported.

Pinkies have been great for the youngsters out fishing over the school holidays; an easy catch for the kids whilst mum and dad



Kolby took home the biggest squid in the junior section.

wait for the bigger fish.

Calamari are continuing the same trajectory as they have been throughout the season, ordinary and difficult to work out. Although Easter saw some quality models around the 1.5kg mark in good numbers.

There are hundreds of flat-heads being reported in the bay however, majority have been too small to take, but there has been occasional talk of dropping on a patch of good quality ones.

Bait fish are still around, and with the salmon taking a keen eye to them it's proven to be tough to convince them to take a lure.

Offshore, there has been quality bigger model gummies but are seeming to be a rare sight within the bay.

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

## TIDE GUIDE

WED 17 APR		THU 18 APR		FRI 19 APR		SAT 20 APR		SUN 21 APR		MON 22 APR		TUE 23 APR	
LOW	12:23 am 1.07 m	LOW	1:02 am 1.15 m	LOW	1:46 am 1.23 m	LOW	2:39 am 1.28 m	LOW	3:45 am 1.28 m	LOW	4:55 am 1.21 m	LOW	5:54 am 1.07 m
HIGH	6:24 am 2.57 m	HIGH	7:05 am 2.43 m	HIGH	7:53 am 2.31 m	HIGH	8:56 am 2.21 m	HIGH	10:19 am 2.20 m	HIGH	11:43 am 2.30 m	HIGH	12:47 pm 2.49 m
LOW	12:25 pm 0.63 m	LOW	1:04 pm 0.82 m	LOW	1:50 pm 1.01 m	LOW	2:48 pm 1.18 m	LOW	4:06 pm 1.30 m	LOW	5:28 pm 1.34 m	LOW	6:33 pm 1.30 m
HIGH	7:28 pm 2.75 m	HIGH	8:07 pm 2.61 m	HIGH	8:52 pm 2.48 m	HIGH	9:46 pm 2.39 m	HIGH	10:50 pm 2.36 m	HIGH	11:51 pm 2.37 m		

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Jenna Russo celebrates her 50th match with her number one fans.

# Breakers take on Mornington

FOOTBALL

It was a Friday night match under the lights to celebrate a Breakers fan favourite, player Jenna Russo's 50th match. Again, short on numbers the Breakers were boosted by the inclusion of a couple of Mornington players with a full 18 player squad appreciated on the large Dalyston ground. Up against the reigning premiers it was going to be a tough task however, great pressure from the Breakers and a string of posters limited the visitors to just two goals in the first quarter. Sophie Bolding was a workhorse like usual, covering lots of ground and impacting every contest, while Tayla Tatterson's efforts set the tone and intensity for the rest of the team. Tess Wingfield played a key role at centre half back with her tackling pressure and com-

posure slowing down Mornington's advances. Caroline Klink in her first match and Gaby Hynes in her second, showed a lot of promise providing a great contest under a lot of pressure all match. Nico Randall was solid on the last line of defence and with over 20 kick outs – she very well may have broken her own metres-gained-record. Going into the last quarter with sore and tired bodies and goals piling up against them, the home side didn't drop their work rate and kept fighting for their elusive first goal. **Final score:** Mornington Blue 14.22-106 def Breakers 0.0-0. **Best players:** Sophie Bolding, Tess Wingfield, Nicole Randall, Tess Angarane and Jenna Russo. This Saturday (April 20), the Breakers face Mornington White at 12pm.



A stellar debut from youngster Kienan, showcasing remarkable talent and composure.



Grummo took home the coveted the San Remo Butcher's meat tray.

# Thrilling matches and rising stars shine at the league

DARTS

There was a pulsating atmosphere on Monday night at the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League as enthusiasts filled the darts centre for four electrifying matches. From nail-biting finishes to rising stars making their mark, it was a night to remember for darts aficionados. In a showdown for the top spot, That's All reaffirmed their dominance, trouncing Breakers 6-1. Their precision and consistency on the board left their opponents reeling, solidifying their standing as a force to be reckoned with in the league. Meanwhile, the Riverboys clinched a narrow victory against the formidable Dart Vaders, edging them out in a thrilling 4-3 encounter. The intensity of the match kept spectators on

the edge of their seats until the final dart was thrown. In a display of grit and determination, Joe's Hornets secured a thrilling 4-3 triumph over the Jaggers, with young prodigy Kienan stepping up to the oche and dazzling spectators with his exceptional skills. Making his league debut, Kienan's performance hinted at a promising future in the world of darts, earning him praise and admiration from fellow players and fans alike. The Storm unleashed their fury on the Mustangs, storming to a commanding 5-2 victory. Their calculated precision and strategic prowess left their opponents in awe as they asserted their dominance on the board. Amidst the fierce competition, special recognition is due to Kienan whose stellar debut performance earned him com-

pliments and admiration. Filling in for the Hornets, Kienan showcased remarkable talent and composure at such a young age, marking himself as a rising star to watch out for in future league fixtures. Off the board, the camaraderie and jovial spirit of the darts community was evident as Grummo clinched the coveted San Remo Butcher's meat tray, while Jamie savoured victory with the prize of beers. Not to be overlooked, Kienan celebrated his debut in style, claiming the sweet taste of victory with the chocolates prize. As the dust settles on another exhilarating night of darts action, anticipation mounts for the next round of matches, where new rivalries will emerge and stars will continue to rise in the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League.

# Island Sharks presentation night



B2's award recipients: Daniel McCausland (Player of the Year), alongside Archie Williams (Captain's Award) and Andrew Tolley (Batting Award).



C1's award recipients: Steve Niven (Batting Award), Bud Marshall (Captain's Award), Peter Francis (Bowling Award and Player of the Year) and Michael Cleary (Best Clubman).



A1's award recipients: Daniel Mock (Batting Award), Shiran Rathnayake (Bowling Award, Player of the Year and Club Champion) and Zac Brown (Captain's Award).



B1 award recipients: Max Arceo (Captain's Award) and Kurt Lane (Batting Award, Bowling Award, Player of the Year and Huck Cleeland award winner).



Women's award recipients: Winnie Cuthbertson (Captain's Award), Sienna Macmillan (Bowling Award), Jess Reed (Batting Award) and Captain, Bec Cleary.



# Preparations underway for U14 girls' season opener

## FOOTBALL

Excitement is mounting at the Phillip Island Football Netball Club as they gear up for a monumental moment in their club history.

For the first time ever, the clubs U14 girls football team is set to grace the field for league games, and anticipation is at fever pitch as they prepare for their season opener against Dalyston next Sunday, April 21, at 12.45pm.

With a home advantage to kick off their campaign, the girls are ready to showcase their skills and determination. Under the guidance of Coach Justin, who has been diligently honing their game skills, the team is primed to embrace the challenge ahead.

The schedule is packed with excitement as the girls gear up to face tough opponents, including clashes against Inverloch, Dalyston and Leongatha. Each game promises thrills and spills as the girls aim to leave their mark on the league.

However, it's not just about the games; it's about breaking barriers and paving the way



The historic season opener gets underway on Sunday, April 21.

for future generations of female athletes.

The club is extending a warm invitation to any new players born in 2010, 2011 or 2012 who are eager to join this historic journey. Team Manager, Casey can be contacted for more information on 0402 637 432.

As the countdown to kick-off

begins, the Phillip Island community is rallying behind their girls, ready to witness history in the making.

Don't miss out on being a part of this unforgettable moment as the U14 girls team takes to the field ready to write their own chapter in the club's storied history.



The island's Youth Girls got the junior football season underway last weekend, taking up battle against Korumburra.

# Island's Youth Girls get season underway

## FOOTBALL

Kicking off the junior football season over the weekend, the Phillip Island Youth Girls travelled to Korumburra with plenty of new faces stepping up for their first game.

With the team low on numbers to start the season, the young up and coming U14s stepped up to the challenge to fill the team. For many of the girls it was their first game of football, while for others it was their first game in the Youth Girl's division.

The experienced players attacked the ball from the first bounce with Macey Stubbs taking on the role of ruck for the first time with gusto.

Captain Jade Ricardo was up and about early, while Miki

Leary and Lily O'Loughlin were getting plenty of the ball.

Gemma Fischer and Teirlin Hamley let their skills shine after years of playing with the boys, attacking the ball ferociously, while Lily "Elbow" Bow was kept busy in defence, alongside Tahlia Jessup who in her first game, showed no sign of nerves with an early clearance from down back.

As the game progressed Tess Ricardo and Giselle Smith began to get back into the groove with some ferocious football, while Ruby King, Sadie Davies and Lily Carville started to relax and get their hands and feet on the ball.

Bethany Grenness, who came across after playing in the All Stars match earlier in the day, was a great asset adding plenty

of skill and determination to the team.

Brinkley Nicolaci moved to the forward line in the second half and it didn't take long for her to demonstrate some of her silky skills, stepping around the defender to run in and slot the island's first goal of the day.

Kyra Carton moved to defence in the final quarter and did a great job at the kick ins, while Georgia Niven began to show some of the toughness the team expects from her in the future.

**Final scores:** Korumburra 8.15.63 def Phillip Island 1.1.7.

**Best players:** Jade Ricardo, Gemmah Fischer, Tess Ricardo, Brinkley Nicolaci, Macey Stubbs, Teirlin Hamley, Bethany Grenness and Lily O'Loughlin.

**Goals:** Brinkley Nicolaci.



Jaymie Youle controls the play and named in the best players in the Seniors match against Nar Nar Goon.

# The Goon stands tall

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The match began with a tight first quarter as both teams battled fiercely for dominance on the field. However, as the game progressed Phillip Island gradually asserted their authority, showcasing their superior athleticism and strategic prowess.

Standout performances were aplenty, with Charlie Fischer's remarkable contributions in the half-back and midfield positions laying the foundation for the island's success. Fischer's ability to read the game and distribute the ball effectively proved invaluable throughout the match.

Ethan Rhee and Max Jess displayed exceptional speed and agility on the wings, constantly outmanoeuvring their opponents and creating scoring opportunities.

Meanwhile, Sam O'Garey's presence in the half-forward line added another dimension to the attack his accurate kicking and strong marking keeping the opposition defence on their toes.

Not to be outdone, Blake Murphy's dominance in the ruck saw him bagging three crucial goals, providing a significant scoring threat in addition to his primary role.

Harry Carlon's tireless efforts as Rover ensured a constant supply of possession for his team, his ability to win the ball in contested situations proving pivotal in maintaining momentum.

Cade Wragg and Xavier Williams rounded off the stellar performance with their relentless work ethic and tenacity in the midfield battles.

As the final whistle blew, it was evident that Phillip Island's dominance had prevailed, with their comprehensive victory a testament to their skill, cohesion and determination on the field.

**Scores:** Phillip Island: 1.1.7, 2.5.17, 4.7.31, 10.7.67. Nar Nar Goon: 0.1.1, 0.1.1, 0.3.3, 0.3.3.

**Goals:** Phillip Island: Blake Murphy - 3, Jack Larsson - 2, Harry Arceo, Harrison Carlon, Kai Cashman, Sam O'Garey and Xavier Williams - 1. Nar Nar Goon: N/A.

**Best Players:** Phillip Island: Kai Cashman, Harrison Carlon, Lachlan Eastwood, Blake Murphy, Ethan Rhee and Sam O'Garey. Nar Nar Goon: Austin Schram, Oliver Ockwell-Payne, Ryan Fox, James Cross, Fynn Shorey and Toby Holland.

## Veterans

**Scores:** Phillip Island: 2.1.13, 3.2.20, 4.2.26, 5.2.32. Nar Nar Goon: 4.2.26, 8.5.53, 10.7.67, 14.8.92.

**Goals:** Phillip Island: Brody Bennett, David Ivey, Nick Moltzen, Callan Scheibel and Aidan Williams 1. Nar Nar Goon: Michael Whyte - 4, Lucas Thomas - 3, Troy Farrell, Tristan Whytcross - 2, Jared Goldsack, Daniel Healey and Nath Lieshout - 1.

**Best Players:** Phillip Island: Geoff Odgers, Aidan Williams, Leigh Woolford, Mark Roche, Nathan Hollings and Aaron Ransom. Nar Nar Goon: Michael Whyte, Ben Nobelius, Tristan Whytcross, Kevin Quinn, Shannon Stocco and Nathan Brown.



Bang Bang and Hectic Clothing at Cape Woolamai hosted a celebration of surfing, including a show and shine of vintage surfboards on the weekend.

# A celebration of surfing

## EVENT

There was a celebration of surfing in Cape Woolamai, hosted by Bang Bang Bar and Food and Hectic Clothing on Saturday April 13.

Live music, an exhibition of the surf photography of Simon

Chipper and the launch of the new Darren Marks (Curl) book were just some of the fun things on offer. For surfers, a show and shine of vintage surfboards was the ultimate draw card, with many entering the raffle where three vintage boards were up for grabs.





Young gun Yianni Caffieri, played an amazing game in his first senior match. More photos at [pisra.com.au/sport](http://pisra.com.au/sport).

# The Goon stands tall

## FOOTBALL

### Seniors

A mouthwatering contest was upon us, only one point could separate the two teams in their past two matches. Phillip Island traveled down to Nar Nar Goon for their Round 1 clash. It was evident at the start of the game that the Goon were a very solid and tall side compared to the island.

The first quarter started and it was clear that the Goon had come to play, their attack on the ball, speed of overlap run and tall targets forward were going to be difficult tasks to overcome.

The island boys were using the ball well from half back but as they pressed forward the Goon were able to run the ball out with ease with their superior work rate. Still, the island boys cracked in but found themselves down 2-16 at quarter one.

The second quarter rolled in and the Goon flexed their muscles, kicking six goals, one to the island's one-goal-one to take a commanding lead going into the half 53-9.

The Bulldogs repelled attack after attack until the dam wall broke allowing the Goon to take hold of the game.

Half time came and it was a much-needed break for the island to regroup and move the magnets around, Captain Jack moved forward, Jesse Patullo back, first gamer Yianni was thrown into the

middle to help stem the flow. The island came out with a new fire in their belly lead by hard at it Youle, Charlie and Hayden Bruce and accompanied by Max Walton the island was able to match and win the quarter two-goals-three to two-goals-two.

Daniel Pearce moved down back and steadied the ship along with Damien Holmes. Three quarter time score 67-24.

The last quarter arrived with the island playing for pride, insert Mark Griffin the ever-reliable back man was thrown into the midfield, he set the tone for the boys with his attack on the ball.

Daniel Bourke continued to get his hand to the ball through stoppages as the Bulldogs evened up the contest again.

Kai Mackenzie was back to his best running off the half back line and the forward pressure from Connor Thompson was distinct with his ferocious tackling.

The island had two debutants to make it four for the season so far, plenty of things to like and good learnings to come from the game. In the end it was not the island's day, who were outworked by a well drilled Nar Nar Goon team who look to be the benchmark for this season.

**Scores:** Phillip Island: 0.2.2, 1.3.9, 3.6.24, 7.8.50. Nar Nar Goon: 2.4.16, 8.5.53, 10.7.67, 15.9.99.

**Goals:** Phillip Island: Aaron Harris-2, Charlie Bruce, Mark Griffin, Billy Taylor, Connor

Thompson and Max Walton - 1. Nar Nar Goon: Dermott Yawney - 5, Jake Smith - 3, Matthew Homfray, Tex Marsham - 2, Trent Armour, Harrison Brain and Jed Murphy - 1. **Best players:** Phillip Island: Daniel Bourke, Jaymie Youle, Mark Griffin, Jack Taylor, Charlie Bruce and Yianni Caffieri. Nar Nar Goon: Trent Armour, Tex Marsham, Jake Smith, Harrison Brain, Ryan Bromley and Dermott Yawney.

### Reserves

**Scores:** Phillip Island: 0.3.3, 0.5.5, 3.10.28, 7.11.53. Nar Nar Goon: 2.2.14, 5.3.33, 6.3.39, 7.4.46.

**Goals:** Phillip Island: Nick Anderson-3, Tyce Kleverkamp-2, Jack Keating and Max Mattock - 1. Nar Nar Goon: Cooper Pursell-3, Nicholas Bransgrove-2, Chris Power and Zac Smith - 1.

**Best Players:** Phillip Island: Tyce Kleverkamp, Brayden Kleverkamp, Brady Ross, Thomas Macrokanis, Hunter Clarke and Nick Anderson. Nar Nar Goon: Harrison waters, Cooper Pursell, Thomas Nicholls, riley murphy, Luke Dortmans and Jarrod Hamling.

### U18

In a thrilling showcase of talent and teamwork, the U18 Bulldogs delivered an impressive 103-4 victory over Nar Nar Goon.

Charles O'Garey and Bailey Hennessy commanded the midfield, orchestrating the team's attacks with precision and determination.

Zac Walker dominated in the ruck, securing crucial possessions and providing a solid foundation for the Bulldogs' gameplay, along with Finn O'Brien proving to be a formidable force in the forward line.

However, it was the collective effort of the entire team that truly shone on the day. Every player contributed to the Bulldogs' success, displaying unwavering commitment and resilience throughout the match.

With this convincing win, the Bulldogs have demonstrated their potential as a formidable contender in the league, leaving their fans eager to see what further victories lie ahead.

**Scores:** Phillip Island: 1.7.13, 7.11.53, 11.12.78, 15.13.103. Nar Nar Goon: 0.2.2, 0.2.2, 0.4.4, 0.4.4.

**Goals:** Phillip Island: Zac Walker - 5, Jack Huther - 4, Oliver Duggan, Noah Forrest Mabilia, Finn O'Brien, Charles O'Garey, Cooper Walton and Noah Williams - 1. Nar Nar Goon: N/A.

**Best Players:** Phillip Island: Charles O'Garey, Bailey Hennessy, Zac Walker, Finn O'Brien and Beau Davies. Nar Nar Goon: Oliver Ratten, Jack Murphy, Archer Radings, Nathan Malcolm, Kaalen Henry and Matthew Cross.

### U16

In a commanding display of skill and teamwork, the U16 Bulldogs secured a resounding victory over Nar Nar Goon with a final scoreline of 67-3.

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