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A brilliant day at the Woolamai Racecourse on the weekend helped raise money for the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary. Getting into the spirit of the event ... and Easter, are Cr Ronnie Bauer (right) with race day guest Julie-Anne Bosworth, who won the Easter hat parade prize, and Antoinette Bosworth and Susie Nguyer, who both looked magnificent in their Easter bonnets. More on page 27.

“Ventnor West” would add 280 homes

The “main difficulty” in rezoning Ventnor land for housing “would seem to be political”, according to a witness for the developer, at last week’s state government’s hearing on new planning controls for Phillip Island.

It was the only reference made to the contentious history of 24 hectares at 34 Bingley Crescent, which a decade ago was saved from subdivision by a group of Phillip Island residents and pop star Miley Cyrus and also embroiled former Liberal leader Matthew Guy.

Now the current owner of the site, the Springway Corporate Group, is seeking for the 24 hectares to be included in Ventnor’s town boundaries, rezoning it from farming to residential, also challenging stricter planning controls over the land, under the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project (DAL).

Springway – believed to be a Chinese investor – is also seeking to rezone land at San Remo (see separate story).

Landscape architect Allan Wyatt provided evidence for the landowner that hinted the “main difficulty (in rezoning the land) would seem to be political”.

Mr Wyatt challenged why 34 Bingley Crescent – “farm paddocks reminiscent of much agricultural land in Victoria” – was subject to planning controls, saying the landscape was not significant to warrant protection.

He questioned whether Ventnor Road was a main tourist route and whether a future housing subdivision on the site could be seen from the road.

However, under cross-examination, the Planning Minister’s lawyer Julie Forsyth asked how visitors travelled from Cowes to the Penguin Parade and Mr Wyatt then conceded it was a key tourist road.

Ms Forsyth showed a series of photos and Google Earth images indicating a subdivision could be seen from the tourist route, blocking views to Western Port Bay.

Economics

Under state government planning policy, all shires must show 15 years’ supply of land for housing growth.

Economist John Henshall gave evidence on behalf of the landowner stating the 24 hectares would provide 280 residential lots.

When added with Cowes this would create 1220 lots by 2036.

Even then, Mr Henshall said, there would be an under supply of 110 lots by 2036 in Cowes and Ventnor.

Under the DAL, Ventnor is downgraded from a district town to a hamlet and Mr Henshall said Ventnor should instead be seen as “one entity” with Cowes (a district town).

“(As such) Ventnor can benefit from having extra population,” he said.

Under cross-examination by the Planning Minister’s counsel Rupert Watters, Mr Henshall said he understood Ventnor did not have services and infrastructure like Cowes.

“That reinforces my view that Ventnor relies on Cowes,” Mr Henshall said.

But Mr Watters argued the lack of services meant it wasn’t the right location for growth.

Mr Watters said Cowes and Ventnor weren’t “cheek by jowl” and Mr Henshall said “Silverwater” filled the gap, later correcting this to “Saltwater Creek”.

Mr Watters said Mr Henshall gave evidence to the original planning panel that set out Ventnor’s current town boundaries in 2009, but Mr Henshall said he had no memory of this.

Mr Henshall agreed a multitude of factors impacted where growth took place, not just economics, and that a town had limits to expansion.

He agreed that even if a property buyer wanted to buy in Cowes but there was no availability they would look elsewhere, such as Cape Woolamai.

Lawyer James Hamilton represented Springway Corporate Group, arguing his client’s land should be included in Ventnor’s town boundary.

He said the down-grading of Ventnor to a hamlet placed a greater emphasis on other areas, primarily Wonthaggi, to meet residential demand, “ignoring buyer trends and preferences for coastal rather than inland residences”, stopping the “equitable distribution of growth”.

Saga

In 2009 Planning Panels Victoria rejected rezoning of this same parcel of land (known then as the Cadogan land), describing Ventnor as a dormitory suburb of Cowes, with little or

no services and facilities, and little demand for infill housing in that location, given the lack of services and facilities.

In 2009 Nature Parks also objected to the proposed subdivision because of its environmental impact.

However, in 2011, Matthew Guy – in his former role as Planning Minister – used his special ministerial powers to approve the residential rezoning of 34 Bingley Crescent, against his own department’s advice and that of Bass Coast Shire. This was ultimately slammed by the state ombudsman and resulted in a confidential taxpayer funded settlement said to be worth \$3 million.

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

Last month one of the original opponents of the rezoning Deb Sullivan said while the action group had been disbanded, they were still “committed to fighting this”.

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

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

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

In 2015 The Age reported 34 Bingley Crescent had been sold for a speculated \$1.5 million.

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Russell Broadbent, the Federal member for Monash, is one of just a handful of Coalition MPs who have stated their support for The Voice.

Broadbent voices support

Russell Broadbent, the Federal member for Monash, was one of just a handful of Coalition MPs in the chamber when the Attorney General introduced the Constitutional Alteration for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, in Federal Parliament last week. According to a report in The Guardian, Mr Broadbent was also the only Coalition MP seen applauding the introduction of the bill. Mr Broadbent has already stated his support for The Voice, in his contribution to the book “Statements from the Soul, a moral case for the Uluru statement from the heart”. The book includes contributions from religious leaders and various cultural perspectives. He described the referendum as a “defining moment” in Australian history. “As their sovereignty has never been ceded, how humbling is it for the latecomers, the second peoples, that we are invited to walk together with the First Peoples into a better future for this country,” he wrote. “The invitation is one that must not be ignored but embraced in its fullness. It is a line in the sand for which we should be grateful, very grateful indeed.”

RUSSELL BROADBENT MP

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter. Please remember to be safe on the roads over the long weekend.

Russell Broadbent MP
Federal Member for Monash

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Wildlife Victoria will send a dedicated team to work 24/7 as a rescue unit this Easter, to help reduce the wildlife road toll. To help sick or injured wildlife, call 03 8400 7300.

Wildlife Victoria sends emergency team to Phillip Island

In the battle to help reduce Phillip Island’s wildlife road toll these Easter holidays, Wildlife Victoria will send a dedicated team to work as the primary rescue unit for injured animals. The visiting team will include Wildlife Victoria’s CEO, Lisa Palma, veterinarians and rescuers who will manage all rescue callouts over the Easter period from April 5 to 12. The team will also work with Phillip Island Nature Parks to investigate the impacts to native wildlife during peak visitation periods. The visiting team comes after meetings between Nature Parks and partners were held in February to find solutions to the increasing wildlife road toll on the island. On one Friday in early March, rescuers counted 53 dead animals on the Phillip Island Road between Cape Woolamai and Cowes and on the following Saturday between Ventnor Road and the bridge, 18 animals had been hit by cars. The team will take the pressure off volunteer operator Colleen Gilbee – who has been volunteering since 2000 – who said the local wildlife death toll was taking an increasing financial and emotional toll. Last week Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield welcomed Wildlife Victoria’s Easter team and said the on-field investigation would help inform the next stage of meetings to find solutions to the road toll. “Wildlife Victoria has provided wildlife rescue support for the Victorian community for 35 years and we are grateful for their commitment to help the Phillip Island community understand and resolve its wildlife rescue challenges,” Catherine said. “Our wildlife clinic will help support caring for injured animals, but it will be Wildlife Victoria on the ground carrying out the rescues.” Wildlife Victoria CEO Lisa Palma said they were aware of the increased demand for wildlife rescue and care on Phillip Island. “As such we are pleased to be working alongside Phillip Island Nature Parks to understand the challenges and to improve outcomes for any sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife on the island,” Lisa said. “Phillip Island provides such an important and unique environment for Victoria’s wildlife. “We would love to see the island’s wildlife populations prosper and Phillip Island be a model haven for wildlife.”

Solutions

Nature Parks in February hosted two workshops with wildlife rescue partners, after seeing an increase in demand for the service, not just with volunteers but also Nature Parks rescue and wildlife clinic and local veterinarians. Cowes vet David Cassells told the Advertiser for decades he had voluntarily treated injured wildlife and now through peak season was treating an average of three wild animals per day, not including those that were euthanised or referred on. “I believe part of the solution should be more funding for treatment of wild animals, rather than relying on volunteers so much – in particular Colleen Gilbee, who has done a mountain of volunteer work for many years,” David said. PICS president Jeff Nottle said professional wildlife rescuers should be funded by tourism organisations as well as Bass Coast Shire through its environment management fund. The 24/7 number to call for injured wildlife rescue is: Wildlife Victoria 03 8400 7300.

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

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Don't love this area to death: community groups

Landowners wanting to “maximise their investment” by subdividing property outside town boundaries have failed to acknowledge there is a lack of services and infrastructure to support that growth.

That was the message last Thursday from the Small Town Coastal Alliance (STCA) – which represents about 15 Phillip Island and Bass Coast community groups – at the state government’s hearing on new planning controls, under the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project (DAL).

STCA was represented by planner Nikki Taylor, who responded to three weeks of lobbying at the hearing by developers – and their expert witnesses – who are seeking to expand town boundaries around Newhaven, Ventnor, San Remo, Smiths Beach, Corinella and Coronet Bay.

Ms Taylor said those wanting to expand the boundaries of small coastal towns hadn’t considered the “broader picture”, from medical services to stormwater capacity.

“Do these towns have the infrastructure capacity to expand beyond the boundaries proposed?” said Ms Taylor.

“Not one of these experts have addressed these issues. Their focus has been on justifying expanding the settlement boundaries based upon the demand for land and that the land outside the proposed boundaries is not sufficiently ‘special’ to warrant protection.

“Just because there may be a demand for land in small coastal towns in the future, is not reason to expand the town boundaries.

“We submit that the small coastal towns do not have the infrastruc-



Community groups say the Newhaven West subdivision proposal – overlooking Churchill Island’s marine park and RAMSAR site – has “environmental and landscape challenges”, so there was “not sufficient justification” to include it in Newhaven’s town boundaries.

ture capacity to justify their expansion beyond what is proposed.”

Profit

Ms Taylor said while it was “understandable” those with land outside town boundaries were “seeking to maximise their investment” that should not “come at the expense of the fragile ecosystem and coastal environment”.

She used the examples of the Newhaven West subdivision proposal, which had a “number of environmental and landscape challenges”, adding there was “not sufficient justification” to include this area in Newhaven’s town boundaries.

“The recent expansion of the Chocolate Factory site ... suggests the environmental impacts of the proposal were not given due consideration.”

Ms Taylor said the STCA supported protection of town boundaries, as detailed in the DAL, to ensure the character of towns were maintained and they didn’t “look like any suburb of Melbourne – Pakenham or Cranbourne”.

“There is a limit to the development of the small coastal towns. Land supply within these towns is finite.”

She questioned whether more growth would translate to more short-term rentals such as Airbnb, which impacted long-term rentals

and permanent residents.

The 15 groups in the alliance include the Newhaven Residents Group, Rhyll Community Association and Smiths Beachcomber Association.

National Trust

The Bass Coast branch of the Victorian National Trust also appeared at the hearing last week with president Ross Lloyd saying they supported the DAL locking in town boundaries and tightening planning controls to protect “significant, beautiful landscapes”.

Mr Lloyd said just because developers and buyers wanted a picturesque location didn’t mean that demand needed to be filled.

“We feel these (controls) are the most effective way of resisting the increasing pressure for future residential subdivision adversely impacting sensitive landscapes and changing the character of the area,” Mr Lloyd said.

“The history of Phillip Island has seen too much inappropriate subdivision.

“People want to live here because it’s so picturesque but in so doing it may destroy that beauty.”

Mr Lloyd said the Springway Corporate Group proposal to include 140 Punchbowl Road in San Remo’s town boundaries, (see separate story), was an example of the need to protect a significant landscape.

“Punchbowl is the start of the iconic George Bass Walk and when you drive over the crest there are magnificent views to the southwest of Cape Woolamai across the Trust’s San Remo classified landscape.

“That must be protected.”



On an Advertiser Facebook poll, 92 per cent of people said landscapes of Phillip Island did compare to Wilsons Prom or the 12 Apostles.

Is Phillip Island state or nationally significant?

After a landscape architect told the DAL hearing Phillip Island didn’t compare to Wilsons Promontory or the 12 Apostles – which were both of national and “potentially” international significance – the Advertiser ran a poll to see what readers thought.

We asked whether Phillip Island compares to Wilsons Promontory or the 12 Apostles?

The response: 92 per cent yes. These were some of the other comments:

Sue: “The island landscape is a significant one. Not only do we have stunning cliffs and rocky outcrops, we also have fabulous beaches and wetlands. It’s a place we should be looking after, not developing.”

Grazyna: “Either way it deserves protection.”

John: “(The landscape architect) must have come here blindfolded.”



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Farmers say DAL is “overkill”

Farmers have called on the state government to rethink planning controls they say will harm agriculture, arguing farms aren't a “romanticised” part of the landscape but working businesses.

Community groups last week began appearing at the state government's two-month hearing on new planning controls for Bass Coast, under the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project (DAL), following three weeks of evidence by developers (see separate stories).

The Bass Coast branch of the Victorian National Trust also appeared at the hearing, along with the Small Towns Coastal Alliance (see separate story).

Individual landowners in towns across the whole shire appeared at the hearing on Thursday, who all argued their land needed to be included in town boundaries for development to meet housing “affordability and demand”.

Farms

Under the DAL, proposed new planning controls require farmers to get a planning permit for wire fences, while old-fashioned and expensive post and rail fences don't require a permit.

There are controls and restrictions on some farm sheds, including colours to sensitively match the environment, as well as heights over five metres,

while sheds in protected areas won't be allowed to be sited on heights above 25 metre sea level without a planning permit, in order for them not to be seen on significant landscapes.

Farmers in protected areas would be required to apply for planning permits for significant excavation work, while there are also beefed-up planning controls restricting vegetation clearing.

Bass Coast member of the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) Faye Tuchten told the hearing last week that farms – including sheds and fences – were part of the rural landscape.

“Planning permits for so many farm operations is overkill,” Faye said.

“Farmers are busy and don't have time to make applications to a required standard and would have to employ staff to help which will cost thousands of dollars.”

VFF senior policy adviser Lisa Gervasoni also appeared at the hearing saying farms should not be “tied into a romanticised 19th century view” of the landscape.

“The DAL will impact profit and investment, limit farmers' ability to adopt technology and restrict their ability to manage climate risk,” Lisa said.

“Planners don't understand what goes on on a farm, and that is potentially the nub of the issue.”

More DAL on page 8.



Phillip Island farmers say planning controls under the DAL will restrict their business.

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Locals aren't buying it

An ecologist – representing the landowners of the Phillip Island airport and a farm at Smiths Beach – gave evidence at the DAL hearing that subdivisions can benefit threatened species, as reported in last week's paper.

But local residents weren't buying it at all. Here are some of their comments:

Jessica: “Based on what evidence? And not talking to the actual experts who work on Phillip Island. Bandicoots have already moved into Cape Wooli and are benefiting from the existing landscape.”

Tas: “Developers purchase large parcels of land on

the island and around San Remo and then employ lawyers to argue why their land should be developed. Is that how planning should work?”

Amanda: “Who actually benefits from this? Not really sure I believe threatened or endangered species benefit from subdivisions.”

Stan: “Benefit the developers most likely. Keep squeezing more people on the island.”

Joel: “Wow, what great landscape vision, another subdivision.”

Rachel: “Bad idea. Ugh, like the island isn't already invaded enough.”

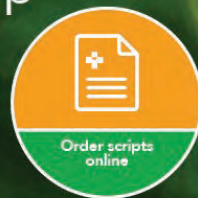
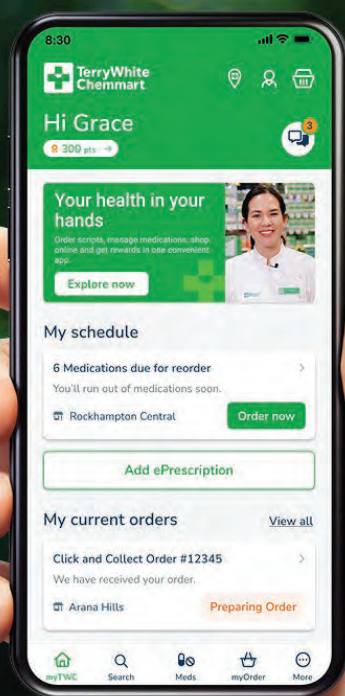
Shaun: “They will have to put a lake in and that will be enough for the wildlife.”

Sandra: “The attraction of Phillip Island is that it is rural and coastal. Also the township is still mostly unique. It will lose its charm and attraction if it becomes overdeveloped. There is really only one way on and off the island and nobody wants to spend their days stuck in overpopulated traffic jams. There is so much development happening around Cowes it is sad. Progress, I guess you can't stop it, but it is supposed to be all about nature and nature is continually getting squeezed out. I for one would hate for the island to lose its character.”

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Pub development: One picture, a thousand words

A new photo showing the front façade of the planned new Isle of Wight development has split community reaction.

Late last month developers Moda ran an ad including a single image of their planned northern frontage (pictured), with Moda managing director Ed Farquharson saying the planning application had been lodged with Bass Coast Shire, yet to be publicly released.

“We’ve had some really supportive feedback from the council and the community but there’s still a lot of work from a planning sense, before we are granted a permit and commence work on site,” Ed explained.

Ed invited the community to sign up to their website for updates: www.moda.com.au/phillip-island/

Partnership

Earlier this year national hospitality group CLG and developers Moda said they had lodged a planning application for a 160-room hotel, ground floor food and beverage, a signature restaurant, event space, wellness centre and a pool deck overlooking Western Port.

The 8600sqm plus parcel of land fronts The Esplanade and Bass Avenue and was once home to Phillip Island’s first hotel, the iconic Isle of Wight, which opened in 1870 before being destroyed by a fire in 1925 and again, in 2010.

Designed by award-winning Alexander and Co (Burleigh Pavilion, Manly Wharf Bar, Imperial Hotel), the facility is expected to open in 2025.

Moda confirmed the site was bought in 2021 for \$10 million.

Moda has joined with several partners to develop the site, including Salta Capital, the venture capital arm of one of Australia’s largest



A recent ad from Moda, the developers of the Isle of Wight site, featured a single image of their planned northern frontage, earning a range of responses.

private property developers.

Salta works in residential, commercial, retail, industrial and hotel development, and is owned by Sam Tarascio.

Moda has also partnered with Mazen Tabet, a well-known hotelier with pub interests across Australia and abroad, including the Village Belle Hotel in St Kilda, Portsea Hotel freehold and the Royce Hotel on St Kilda Road.

Once the plans are approved, Colonial Leisure Group will operate the venue. CLG is owned by Chris Morris, founder of share registry company Computershare, which operates a portfolio of upmarket pubs including the Portsea Hotel in Sorrento and the

Albert Park Hotel in Melbourne.

In 2019 a two-day Planning Panels Victoria hearing in Cowes detailed planning requirements for the Isle of Wight land, including seeking community consultation on designs, and requiring any future development remain seven storeys at the front half of the site along The Esplanade, increasing the rear half from four to five storeys.

The Panel also said any redevelopment must design around and make a feature of the significant Moreton Bay fig tree on the corner of the land, ensuring a qualified arborist “undertake any investigations necessary” to ensure the safety of the tree.

Don’t just blame the possums

Are possums causing tree dieback on Phillip Island?

Some local residents have pointed the finger at the hungry marsupial, but experts say the answer is more complex than one guilty party, with many factors at play.

Last Saturday Phillip Island Landcare held a walk and talk at Oswin Roberts Reserve, to launch a pilot dieback survey, following the creation of a sub-committee of scientists, farmers, and experts to investigate continued dieback of large numbers of eucalypts across the island.

The survey includes instructions on how to survey eucalyptus trees on your property or roadside.

On social media, Trevor asked if Landcare was looking into “overgrazing by possums”.

“What I see in Cape Woolamai is a huge possum population killing trees,” he said, with others reporting the same problems in Ventnor and Wimbledon Heights.

Tom asked when the last possum count was carried out.

“I am sure part of the die back can be accounted for from the possum population,” Tom wrote.

Others weren’t so convinced.

Grazyna said an entomologist was needed to investigate the big borer holes inside dying trees, while Noel commented the dieback had “nothing to do with being over grazed”.

Landcare’s Lisa Wangman said while possums were definitely one of the potential factors, they were “by no means the only thing causing dieback”.

“Historic large-scale vegetation clearance across the island has left the remaining indigenous vegetation fragmented and patchy at best, interrupting the natural functions of



Experts say there is a whole range of factors causing trees to dieback across Phillip Island, from salinity and fungal disease, to climatic changes, and insect attack.

our ecosystems and leaving vegetation open to many potential stressors,” Lisa said, referring to the new survey details.

“Changed fire regimes, weed invasion, salinity, phytophthora fungus, other pathogens or fungi, nutrient imbalances, soil acidification, soil compaction, weather, drought, wet, climatic changes, insect and animal attack, either native or introduced, loss of habitat for natural predators including small insectivorous birds, livestock impacts, machinery and chemical damage are all potential factors contributing to dieback on the island.

“There are many factors at play.”

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Dig deep for Good Friday Appeal

Members of the Phillip Island CFA will be out in force across Phillip Island on Good Friday, rattling tins from their fire trucks and raising every cent they possibly can toward the Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

While the members will be putting their hearts and souls into the magnificent job they do annually, it will be a difficult day for them.

In the last fortnight, and in the space of just four days, the close knit brigade is in mourning after the loss of their oldest and, tragically, their youngest, member.

Artie Murdoch, CFA member of 75 years, was buried last Tuesday after a funeral held at the fire station. And the funeral of 23 year old Kipp Stratmann, who died suddenly last week, will take place at the Golf Club on Thursday.

Outlining CFA appeal plans this week, Good Friday area manager Simon Hartley said the loss of both Artie and Kipp had hit members hard, but in his 20 years as a CFA member at Cowes, he had never felt prouder of his colleagues.

"Over the last two weeks, I could not have been more proud of the way brigade members have come together to support the Stratmann and Murdoch families, and each other as we come to grips with such a loss. In many ways



Simon Hartley (second left) a Phillip Island Fire Brigade volunteer, is no stranger to the Good Friday Appeal, having organised the CFA tin rattling effort for the last 20 years. Simon, with colleagues Alex Szutta, Royce Davies and Robin Adair, will be collecting from the fire truck around Phillip Island next Friday.

the day will be a sad one for us. But we will carry on in their honour.

"It would be especially nice to raise a record amount to support the work of the Royal Children's Hospital this year," said Simon.

As always, CFA trucks will be driv-

ing up and down the main thoroughfares of Cowes and visiting caravan parks and estates around the island.

They will again be joined by SES Unit volunteers this year, boosting the appeal's visible presence in Cowes, by collecting in their vehicles as well.

New headquarters

There is a new Appeal headquarters this year, as the Cowes Heritage Centre, which had been the central point for appeal volunteers over the

past three decades, was demolished in 2021.

Headquarters will be at the CFA fire station in Settlement Road.

"It is a central location with plenty of parking on site, and easily accessible," said Simon.

"Donations can be taken by community members to appeal volunteers who will set up a reception area there – or made to tin rattlers roving the streets."

The Anderson family will again be a visible collecting presence around Cowes, as they have been over the past two decades.

In addition, donations can be easily made at the special CFA Appeal Marquee which will be set up outside IGA on the corner of Settlement Road and Thompson Avenue on Friday.

QR codes

A new innovation in recent times is the introduction of QR code coupons to hand out to anyone who would like to donate digitally.

Volunteers will have the QR code coupons with them. The code can then be scanned into a phone, which will take you to a link where a donation can be made electronically, and also be credited to the Phillip Island final tally which will be televised throughout the night as counting

San Remo Easter Fishing competition

The seventh Annual San Remo Easter Fishing competition is offering \$15,000 in prizes, as it raises money for the Good Friday Appeal.

Craig and Mel, of Jim's Bait and Tackle at San Remo, said entries have been coming in steadily for the competition that will run from April 7 – 10.

"This year's sponsors of the annual Fishing competition have gone all out to make it the best yet," says Craig who with the help of his daughter, Mel, has run the competition for the last seven years.

Craig said everyone involved is ready to go, and as always, 100 per cent of the entrance fee funds go to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

The Easter Fishing competition is offering over \$15,000 worth of great prizes this year.

There's plenty of family fun to be had, with prizes to be won across three age groups.

The separate prize categories are Adults, Junior (11–14-year-olds) and Small Fry (up to 11 years old), with prizes for heaviest gummy, flathead, whiting, snapper, squid; and on offer this year a \$3000 Mr-SIGN Deck Armour boat flooring package for the longest tuna or kingfish.

You don't even need to catch a fish to win.

Simply entering puts you in with a chance to win one of 30 hourly prizes to be drawn over the weekend.

Major prize is a Phillip Island Helicopters flight for three people.

Be quick to enter as the first 50 juniors or small fry and ladies' category entrants will receive a show bag.



Leigh an entrant in last year's Good Friday Appeal competition, managed to catch a few whiting, but best of all, he was the lucky entrant drawn out to win the major Helicopter Flight prize.

"Get your friends together and come win some great gear, but more important than the value of the prizes is the reason we do the competition, raising money for the kids," is Mel's message.

The fun has already started with entries rolling in and kids' show bags walking out the door.

Entries can be made through Facebook, instore at Jim's Bait and Tackle, now located at 90 Back Beach Road, San Remo, or over the phone (5678 5462).

Entry cost is \$30 per adult, \$15 juniors and \$10 for small fry.

Entries must be in by 2pm

Good Friday.

Fish must be brought back to Jim's Bait and Tackle for a weigh in.

The competition starts from 6am Good Friday and ends at noon on Easter Monday, when the winners will be announced.

For further details, go to the Jim's Bait and Tackle Facebook page.

Craig is also heavily involved in the George Bass Walk for the Kids so why not enter the fishing comp, then head down to the San Remo hotel and join in the fun of the George Bass walk or the Trivia Town Walk before starting your fishing weekend.

San Remo Good Friday Appeal

The San Remo Fire Brigade has been involved with the Good Friday Royal Children's Hospital Appeal for over 50 years, and once again, the bri-

gade is co-ordinating the appeal in the town.

San Remo CFA Area Manager for the Appeal Bob Andrews, who will be at the helm

on Friday, said a great community day is planned, with CFA members and volunteers out and about all day raising funds for this very worth-

while cause.

The appeal in San Remo will be based at CFA headquarters in Genista Street, where volunteers will accept donations throughout the day.

Starting from 9am, the San Remo fire trucks will also be out in force, with members on board collecting for the Good Friday Appeal.

The trucks will cover San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai, Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach and will be on the road until about 2pm.

Money will also be collected from tins in general stores and businesses from the San Remo area, and added to the final tally.

Donations from community members can be dropped off during the day at the San Remo fire station throughout Good Friday until about 2pm.

Walk for the Kids

The very popular Walk for the Kids fundraising event is back this year, and is being co-ordinated by the San Remo Trader's Association to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital.

Registrations for the eight kilometre walk, along the George Bass trail from Shelley Beach at Kilcunda to the Punchbowl at San Remo, open at 8am at the San Remo Hotel.

Registrations can also be made on line through Trybooking.com. See Walk for the Kids poster on this page for details.

South Coast Bus Lines have donated three buses to shuttle participants from 9am onwards from the San Remo Hotel to Kilcunda, and pick up from the Punchbowl, back to San Remo again.

Walk for the Kids, which takes in magnificent sea and rural views along San Remo's stunning south coast, will take most participants between one and a half and two hours.



From last year: San Remo CFA member Fingal McIntosh selling raffle tickets outside San Remo IGA, as part of the Good Friday Appeal. The Phillip Island Chocolate Factory, The Chocolatier and Cadbury have each provided enormous hampers to raise funds for the Appeal again this year.

If you want to take your dog on the walk, the Wooli Tavern have provided their bus for dog owners to board and get to the start of the event. The one stipulation is that dogs must be on a lead at all times.

The San Remo SES is manning the checkpoints along the route, and distributing water and Easter eggs to everyone.

First aid volunteers will also be on hand at strategic points along the way.

Short walk

If you can't walk eight kilometres, or the kids are a bit young but want to be part of the fundraising event, a two kilometre scavenger hunt walk around San Remo is also planned.

Participants will receive a list of questions at the start of this walk, which will take them around the town. Registration is \$20 for adults \$10 kids – and one lucky entry will be drawn out to win an Easter Egg hamper.

Everyone involved in both walks will be treated to a free drink back at the San Remo Hotel on their return.

And BeanD café in San Remo, is donating \$1 from the price of every cup of coffee sold on Good Friday, to the Good Friday Appeal.

Local businesses IGA and the San Remo Fisherman's Co-operative are donating food to keep the town's busy volunteers fed throughout the day.

Entertainment

The San Remo Hotel will be a hive of entertainment in the afternoon, from about 2pm.

Local band The Times will be playing from 2pm – 5pm, with face painting for the kids. A silent auction, generously supported by San Remo and some Phillip Island business, will run from 4pm.

A giant Easter Egg raffle which will have tickets available outside IGA all day will be drawn in the evening.



PINP has been awarded \$227,000 from the state government for its 'Future Proofing Little Penguins' initiative, which will better protect the penguins from extreme weather, dehydration and fire and modify penguin habitat to reduce flammability and land temperatures.

New plan to future proof penguin population

Phillip Island's Little Penguin population will face greater protection against the threat of bushfire and heatwaves in the biggest conservation effort to safeguard the species since the landmark Summerland Peninsula buyback of the 1980s.

Phillip Island Nature Parks has been awarded \$227,000 from the state government's Risk and Resilience Grant Program for its 'Future Proofing Little Penguins' initiative, which will better protect the widely loved animals from extreme weather, dehydration and fire.

In an Australian first, Nature Parks will use evidence gathered during research to modify penguin habitat to reduce flammability and land temperatures, particularly in areas where common fire risk reductions such as controlled burns or fire breaks can't be used because of the impact to significant vegetation and wildlife.

As part of the project, researchers are heat mapping the Summerland Peninsula for 'hotspots' that need to be revegetated, and analysing that data to prioritise key penguin breeding and nesting areas.

Nature Parks will also modify and replace vegetation to expand habitats for Little Penguins and reduce the impact of climate change, heat stress and fire.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Ranger-in-Charge

Ben Thomas said climate change and threat of increased penguin mortality due to more severe and frequent heat stress events and destructive bushfires had been a driving force for the holistic initiative that would 'future proof' the species.

This includes creating more habitat and establishing 'green firebreaks' made of vegetation to help safeguard the Little Penguins at three locations in Mandeville Road, Portslade Road and Solent Avenue in the former Summerland Estate.

Nature Parks will remove sections of overabundant melaleuca scrub, which inhibit biodiversity and penguin friendly vegetation, and replace it with bird succulent hermland species, such as Bower spinach.

Work to remove identified areas of melaleuca scrub will start in March and will take up to three months to complete, before volunteers start to revegetate the sites with over 10,000 penguin friendly plants in late autumn and early spring.

"The Summerland Peninsula is home to Australia's largest Little Penguin colony, and we have an important role to play in securing the future of the species. That means doing all we can to protect these treasured animals," Mr Thomas said.

"The reality is climate change is making heat stress events and bushfires worse,

not only in Australia but across the world. These are more frequent, more intense and more dangerous.

"The modified vegetation structure has the ability to greatly reduce the speed and intensity of a bushfire, and importantly would provide emergency services more time to respond, giving our little penguins the best chance of survival in the event of a fire."

Mr Thomas said controlled burns and large, cleared firebreaks were not practical on the Summerland Peninsula due to the risk of harm to the little penguins, their burrows and the habitat, particularly during moulting season.

The vegetation project has also been supported by the Penguin Foundation and a NAB Foundation community grant, which funds local projects that build resilience against future disasters and climate change.

In the 1980s, the Victorian government brokered the largest residential buyback in the state's history, purchasing 774 housing and other lots in the Summerland Residential Estate to protect the state's beloved penguin colony from extinction.

The buyback coupled with dedicated conservation measures by Nature Parks has helped penguin numbers on the island grow from 12,000 in the 1980s to 40,000 birds today.

Businesses supporting PICAL

The Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre has launched its proud supporters' program to acknowledge the contribution of local businesses.

PICAL president Jeff Floyd said so far dozens of organisations – from the Cowes newsagency to San Remo butchers – had given donations, goods or services for PICAL to raffle or provide to clients.

"Our volunteers do an outstanding job but we also rely heavily on local organisations and businesses for their support," said Jeff.

"I particularly want to thank and acknowledge proud supporters for their past and present support for PICAL. Your contributions are much appreciated."



The Cowes newsagency is just one of dozens of supporters of the Phillip Island community centre.

Developers push for subdivision to Punchbowl Rd

Developers have flagged a proposal to build a new hotel resort at San Remo, overlooking Bass Strait.

Witnesses representing the owners of 140 Punchbowl Road (Springway Corporate Group), last week appeared before the state government's two-month hearing on new planning controls for Bass Coast, under the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project (DAL).

Springway, believed to be a Chinese investor, is seeking for their 124ha property to be included in San Remo's town boundaries, by rezoning the land for subdivision through the DAL.

Springway also owns land at Ventnor, which is also seeking to be rezoned for subdivision (see separate story).

This week (April 4 and 5), 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 – also appeared at the hearing, arguing for their land to be included in the town boundaries.

The San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai structure plan 2010 has Potters Hill Road as the current boundary, but identifies Punchbowl Road as the “ultimate township boundary”, with the northern section of this land suitable for housing development subject to demand (see separate story).

The structure plan states the southern section – overlooking Bass Strait – is suitable for recreation and tourism “compatible with significant coastal landscapes”.

Landscape architect Allan Wyatt gave evidence on behalf of Springway, saying the southern section of the land would be ideal for a resort similar to those found in Tasmania's Freycinet Bay or Cradle Mountain.

“I don't want Silverwater to be the benchmark,” Mr Wyatt said.

“Accommodation can be nestled away from the main road ... managing to combine tourism and a beautiful landscape, that could be done here, something wonderful in an incredibly sensitive environment.”

Mr Wyatt said the George Bass Coastal Walk could be extended to the Springway land, through to San Remo.

Planner Colleen Peterson – who gave evidence on behalf of Springway – agreed, saying while there wasn't a specific proposal there was “potential” for an “eco-tourist type development”.

Barrister Nicola Collingwood argued her client believed there should be no protected town boundary for San Remo, but if there was to be one the Springway land should be included in



The Planning Minister's lawyer showed a landscape architect photos of the current San Remo new subdivision, asking whether he agreed development “of that sort without landscaping ought to be avoided along the Phillip Island Road”.

it, including either tourism or low density residential on the south side.

“San Remo can take pressure off Phillip Island where other (development) sensitivities may apply,” Ms Collingwood said.

Housing

Planner Colleen Peterson was asked how many housing lots the northern section of the Springway land could contain and she said while she had seen drawings she couldn't remember how many lots, but they measured about 600 sqm each.

Economist John Henshall of Henshall Economics said the northern section of 140 Punchbowl Road should be included in the town boundaries to meet increasing housing demand.

State government policy requires all shires to plan for 15 years of housing growth.

Under cross-examination from the Planning Minister's counsel, Mr Henshall agreed there was 25 years' worth of housing growth in Bass Coast, but he said analysis showed less than 15 years in San Remo.

He agreed there were a range of policy issues that impacted supply and affordability and simply releasing land for rezoning didn't solve all economic problems.

The Planning Minister's lawyer Julie Forsyth showed landscape architect Allan Wyatt photos of the current San Remo new subdivision, asking whether he agreed development “of that sort without landscaping ought to be avoided along the Phillip Island Road”.

Mr Wyatt agreed, saying he would like to see a “better landscape outcome”.

“At the moment it's raw. I don't know how it will turn out in the future,” Mr Wyatt said of the current San Remo subdivision.



140 Punchbowl Road was sold in 2017 to a Melbourne-based Chinese investor (believed to be the current owner), ending a controversial chapter in its history. The price paid for the land was believed to be about \$6.5 million, or less than half what the Trinity Property Group paid in 2007.

San Remo's development history

Controversy has stalked the San Remo land between Potters Hill Road and Punchbowl Road.

In 2009 there were allegations of preferential treatment to big developers in redrawing the San Remo town boundary, which ended in an investigation by Local Government Victoria, which found insufficient evidence to take any investigation further.

In parallel, an independent planning panel at the time warned an extension of San Remo's boundary to Punchbowl Road would end in a “planning blight”.

Yet here we are again, under the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project (DAL), discussing the rezoning of land between Potters Hill and Punchbowl roads (see separate story).

History

It all started when in 2007 Bass Coast Shire exhibited its draft plans for new town boundaries for San Remo.

Originally the plans drew the boundaries at Potters Hill Road, but in the final plan the boundary had been moved to Punchbowl Road, “paving the way for almost 2000 new homes, a golf course and even a second San Remo shopping centre”, stated The Age newspaper at the time.

According to the newspaper, the change came because of developer Brian Rule, who had “already persuaded the council to let him build the controversial Silverwater resort at the gateway to San Remo beyond the old town boundary”.

“Encouraged by his success and a government policy that tagged San Remo for some growth, Mr Rule and Queensland development firm Trinity, speculated farther afield,” The Age said, adding almost the entire area between the two roads was controlled by Mr Rule and Trinity.

“Inquiries by The Age have revealed an unusual level of intervention from the state government in support of developers at San Remo.”

The newspaper said Tourism Victoria had been among Mr Rule's supporters. After winning its backing for the Silverwater resort, Mr Rule “successfully enlisted” Tourism Victoria

to back his “Cliffs” golf and tourism accommodation scheme at 140 Punchbowl Road.

A March 2009 council report noted they were under “significant” government pressure to “expedite” rezoning for the Rule-Trinity land.

In October 2009 an independent planning panel warned redrawing the town boundaries to Punchbowl Road could result in a planning “blight”, resulting in a surplus of residential land and poor, ad hoc housing development.

After considerable discussion, and despite pressure, councillors voted for San Remo's town boundary to be Potters Hill Road.

In 2010 the San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai structure plan became Bass Coast Shire policy, with the town boundary at Potters Hill Road.

However, the land up to Punchbowl Road – at the northern side overlooking Phillip Island Road – was prescribed as “suitable for urban development subject to demand”.

The land on the south side overlooking Bass Strait was prescribed as “recreational tourism”, “provided these uses are compatible with the high amenity values of the significant coastal landscape”.

This structure plan was last week debated in the DAL hearing.

Golf

Developers had planned a golf course at 140 Punchbowl Road, called The Cliffs, combined with a residential precinct.

But because it was near the failed golf development known as The Golf Club in San Remo, which collapsed in 2008, councillors rejected The Cliffs.

In 2016, 140 Punchbowl Road was on the market for sale, with the advertisement spruiking the northern section potential for residential development and the southern section with approval for a golf course resort, hotel and villa.

The site was sold the following year to a Melbourne-based Chinese investor (believed to be the current owner).

The price paid for the land was about \$6.5 million, or less than half what the Trinity Property Group paid in 2007.

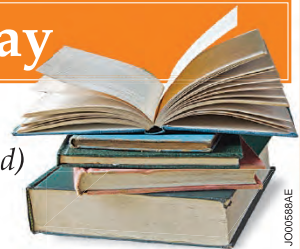
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All three bedrooms are located here, the master sharing in these views, and offering a spacious walk-in robe and stylish ensuite with bath. The other two bedrooms feature built in robes, both delightful spaces, with one sharing in the water views, and the other with a picturesque bay window looking out onto the gardens. The family bathroom services these two bedrooms, and a quality European laundry with stone benches completes this level of the home.

Upstairs, the water panorama greets you the moment you reach the top step, with almost 180 degrees of stunning bay views.

Timber flooring and a cosy wood fire make this space feel welcoming, with the addition of a modern kitchen with stone benches, 900mm induction cooktop, hood to hob range, double wall oven with built in air fryer, and an integrated dishwasher. This is accompanied by a walk-in pantry for additional storage, the perfect spot for a coffee station.

The dining area also takes advantage of the sea outlook and opens up to a sheltered undercover north facing decking. This is the perfect spot to enjoy the ever-changing colours of the bay, and an afternoon wine. A

powder room has been incorporated to service this level of the home.

The bungalow which is situated backing onto Seahaven Drive, offers high ceilings, with a spacious living area and kitchenette, two separate bedrooms – one on the lower level, and the other upstairs with its own private balcony. There is a north facing veranda, providing access to the updated bathroom and toilet. This makes the ideal place for visiting family, a teenage retreat or even a home business.

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The large living areas and north-facing deck plus the added bonus of a separate retreat and bedroom on the first floor provides for entertaining guests.






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A unique chance to secure an affordable land bank on the edge of Cowes.

This 75-acre (30.44ha) property has over 255 metres of main road frontage on the edge of Cowes.

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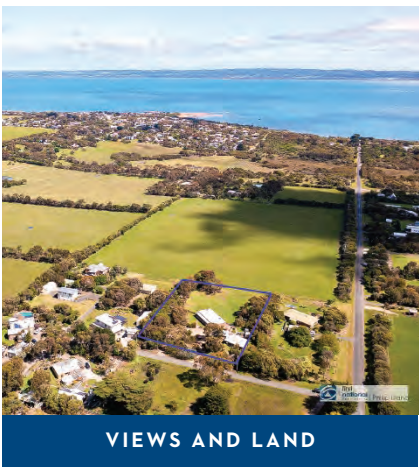
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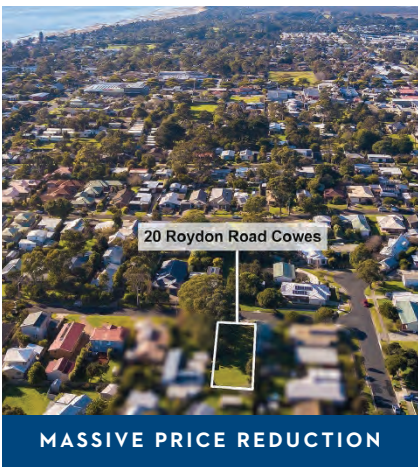


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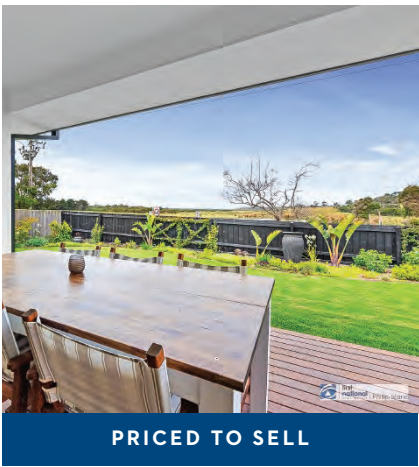


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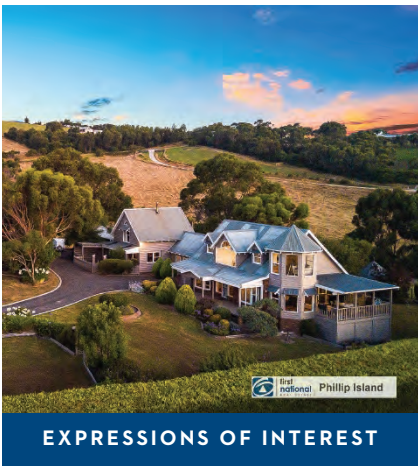


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Mingara Gallery is delighted to bring together two popular artists, Sara Paxton and Laurel Foenander, from April 8 until May 7.

Sara is renowned for her ability to paint the Australian landscape in its most evocative state. She is often inspired by Victoria's natural beauty. She uses vivid colour and contemporary form to bring a sense of the sublime to her work.

Laurel has a deep affection for her local birdlife. She loves to capture their individual characteristics and depicts them with extraordinary realism. Laurel hopes that her portrayal of the beauty and uniqueness of the native birdlife may encourage the appreciation of these birds and of our natural environment.

Through a shared love of nature, the works of these two artists are beautifully complementary.

The exhibition opens Saturday April 8 at 1pm and runs until Sun-

day May 7. Come to the opening and meet the artists!

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Sara Paxton 'Colour Capture'. Sara's evocative Australian landscapes are featured in a special exhibition at Mingara Gallery in Cowes from April 8 until May 7.

Laurel Foenander 'Moonshadows'. Laurel has a deep affection for local birdlife and depicts them with extraordinary realism. Her work is on show at Mingara Gallery in Cowes from April 8 until May 7.



From hosting to laundromat, a one-stop management shop

Before Monica and Matt Schulte moved to Phillip Island from The Netherlands, Matt was a military policeman who guarded the Dutch royal palace and Monica was a photographer by day and bar owner by night.

So, it's fair to say the couple's move to create Phillip Island Host – a short-term rental (holiday) management company, rebuilding Phillip Island Laundromat and plans to start a real estate agency wasn't exactly where they expected to find themselves when they moved to Australia in 2016.

Not long after arriving on the island, Matt and Monica noticed many holiday homes being left empty for most of the year, and soon discovered why.

Owners, many of whom were based off the island or even overseas found the process of managing short term rentals stressful, challenging or simply didn't know how to go about renting out their home.

And so, Phillip Island Host was created.

Boasting more than 70 property listings across the island and San Remo, Phillip Island Host offers a full property management service from photographing, listing creation and screening guests, to professional cleaning, product supplies, bin servicing and garden maintenance right through to revenue management via an online portal for owners to access. And a full linen service.

"We are the only Phillip Island-based management company that offer a full service, so all the stress is



Owners of Phillip Island Host and the newly opened Phillip Island Laundromat Monica and Matt Alfing with their property manager Sarah Burke (right).

gone for owners. They can enjoy the benefit of an income as well as knowing their property is being taken care of without needing to lift a finger," Monica says.

Phillip Island Host employs about 14 locals, and in February Sarah Burke joined the business as a property manager to help with the growing number of listings. Sarah has a decade's experience working in property management on the island.

Laundromat

The latest piece of the puzzle in their business venture is Phillip Island Laundromat, located on the

second level, 14/4 The Esplanade, which opened last December.

Given their experience in property management, Monica and Matt experienced firsthand the gap in the market for a commercial linen service, but also a laundromat for locals.

"For the last five years there was no commercial laundromat on the island so it was a really logical extension," Matt says.

Adds Monica: "As soon as we told people we were starting the laundromat it was clear people were missing one and there's a big demand for it".

In the purpose fit out for the laundromat, there are eight new eco-friendly industrial washers from 9kg up to 27kg, as well as nine dryers, from 18-34 kg.

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Matt says the next piece of the puzzle is starting a real estate agency, and he is currently studying for his certificate IV in real estate. The plan is to start this up later this year.

The laundromat is open 7am-10pm at 14/4 The Esplanade, while Phillip Island Host office is next door and open by appointment on 0490 465 855.

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Paintings by Lyn Hahn along with collectables, kitchen items, toys and books will be part of the CWA Phillip Island Twilight group's garage sale on Easter Saturday from 9am at 63 Lock Road, Rhyll.

Bumper CWA garage sale

CWA Phillip Island Twilight group is having a huge garage sale in Rhyll as part of the Rhyll Garage Sale Day on Easter Saturday, from 9am at 63 Lock Road, Rhyll.

The sale will include collectables, kitchen items, dolls, books and most excitingly paintings by local artist Lyn Hahn. The paintings are on offer at very affordable prices and are both framed and unframed.

"We hope that many locals will purchase one for their home," said CWA twilight spokesperson Sally Matthews.

"The families of Beverley Stubley and Lyn Hahn are donating all proceeds to CWA for us to assist women and children most in need in our community."

Rhyll garage trail sale

Get yourself a bargain this Easter.

The Rhyll community Association is holding its second Rhyll Garage Sale Trail on Easter Saturday from 9am.

Over 15 Rhyll residents have signed up to have a Garage Sale on Easter Saturday, with treasures such as paintings, collectibles, clothing, household goods, cakes and almost anything you can think of.

A map with the list of all addresses of those participating will be available from the Rhyll Hall at 9am Easter Saturday.

This allows everyone an equal chance at viewing the goodies rather than the normal 6am early birds that often attend garage sales. This year there is no charge for the map.

The Garage Sale Trail was a huge success last year and may become an annual event.

For further information contact Judy on rwbfiinet.net.au

**Rhyll Garage Trail Sale
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Easter Sat
9am Rhyll Hall

Come to Rhyll on Easter Sunday and snap up a bargain at the Rhyll community Association's second Rhyll Garage Sale Trail on Easter Saturday from 9am. Pick up your map from the Rhyll Hall.

ASPIR Easter Exhibition

Following a most successful Cup Weekend Exhibition at Newhaven College, The Artists' Society of Phillip Island Region (ASPIR) is thrilled to be holding its Easter Exhibition in the foyer of the Performing Arts Centre at Newhaven College.

The exhibition opens on April 6 at 7pm, then runs daily from 10am – 5pm until April 10.

You can expect the usual high class of entries, as well as pieces from the many new members who have joined ASPIR this year.

"New members bring with them fresh ideas which will enhance the exceptional diversity of the work displayed," said an ASPIR spokesperson.

"The Judge Jo Reitze will not have an easy feat choosing winners."

This year's exhibition categories are: Best in Show, Best Painting, Best body of Work, Best other Medium, Best Textile or Wearable Art.

This year it was decided to alter one Category to Best Textile or Wearable Art as this broadens the opportunity and includes some beautiful artistic work. In addition this Exhibition includes a great sponsorship from Clay and Co for the opportunity of an Exhibition at their new studio in Cowes, and will be judged by Karen Morton of Clay and Co.

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Artists' Society of Phillip Island Region (ASPIR) is holding its Easter Exhibition in the foyer of the Performing Arts Centre at Newhaven College, from April 7 until April 10.

the wonderful Bendigo Community Bank for a major prize along with Highly Commended in five categories.

"There will also be the fabulous raffle of local produce and a People's Choice award."

Opening night is on Thursday evening starting at 7pm with the announcement of winners, and refreshments.

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The Murdoch firefighting dynasty at the presentation of Artie's 70-year service medal back in 2018. Artie and June Murdoch (centre) with son David (right) and grandson Kyle (left). A posthumous 75-year service medal for Artie was presented to his family at last week's funeral service by Victoria's CFA Assistant Chief Officer Owen Foon.



Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale (third from left) and CFA colleagues who paid their respects at last week's funeral. From left: Peter Quill (Strezlecki Deputy Group Officer), Phil Rogan, Lino Drazzie, Jamie Hanson, Scott Hamilton and Damian O'Connor (Bass Coast Group Officer).

Vale Artie Murdoch

Members of the Phillip Island community turned out last week to farewell Artie Murdoch, who died last week at the age of 93.

Artie, a grandson of Phillip Island pioneers, was described by those who paid tribute at his funeral as a man with a passion and enthusiasm for volunteerism, who lived a full and selfless life, and made a significant contribution to serving and protecting his local community.

His contribution to the development of the island's emergency services over a 70 year period was described as "extraordinary, the likes of which will never be achieved by anyone else again".

Artie's life of community service began in 1948, when he joined the Phillip Island fire brigade as a teenager. The brigade was established in 1937, with Artie a member for 75 of its 83 years. He hardly missed a call out in the time he was an active member, and after hanging up his boots well into his 70s, most Sundays found him still down at the station, mopping the floors, mowing the grass or putting out the bins, and offering encouragement and advice to the CFAs volunteer members.

He also serviced fire extinguishers for the local community, as part of a fundraising exercise that non-active CFA members carry out locally.

When Artie started back in 1948, brigade members used knapsacks and branches off trees to beat fires out. Breathing apparatus and protective clothing were many years away.

Over the next four decades – he held the top job as captain for 21 years – under the stewardship of Artie and his ilk, the CFA service became the highly trained and professional unit that exists today.

Call outs were complex and varied, ranging from the mundane to a major gas leak in the centre of Cowes, and guesthouses going up in flames. Fishing trawler rescues were carried out and ferry fires attended. Brigade volunteers were on hand in an essential service for the first GP in 1989 at the newly opened circuit, and in action when 44 cars caught fire at Cape Woolamai back in 1980, during a surfing carnival. Artie rarely missed a call out and acted as both mentor and guide to the new recruits coming through, and set high training standards to be followed.

While Artie was out fighting fires, his wife June was at home manning the phone and radios set up there, a role she carried out over a period of 35 years. Women were not permitted to join the brigade in those early years, but June did the job anyway.



Members of the CFA formed a guard of honour at Artie Murdoch's funeral service, held at the Phillip Island Fire Station.

Her name is on the brigade's honour boards and she was awarded life membership for her contribution.

Artie was made a CFA life member along the way and presented with no less than 15 awards in recognition of outstanding service over the decades, including the Queen's Fire Service Medal in 1975.

He was posthumously awarded the CFA 75-year service medal, which was accepted by June at his funeral.

The couple's four children grew up as part of a firefighting family, with all involved in the CFA at some time. Son David is a permanent CFA officer at Pakenham, and grandson Kyle, who came through the junior ranks, is now a member of the Phillip Island brigade too.

Artie's service to his community went well beyond his commitment to fire fighting. He was also a founding member of the Phillip Island volunteer ambulance service, set up to respond to health emergencies. The service was run from Warley hospital for 17 years, until a government funded ambulance station and staff was established here. The volunteer drivers were trained in first aid and were called out on a roster basis

when needed to all health emergencies which included drownings and vehicle accidents, and transporting seriously ill local patients to Melbourne hospitals for treatment. When an ambulance service was established in Cowes, Artie and fellow volunteer drivers served on a fundraising ambulance auxiliary for the next 40 years. He was made a life governor of the ambulance service in 1977 and life member in 2018.

After leaving school, Artie had followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather before him, working for the Shire of Phillip Island. He was the powder monkey at the Diamond Dolly quarry used for road making materials while still in his teens. He then went on to serve as Superintendent of Works for the whole shire for a period of 40 years. Through this position, he was able to assist the island's emergency service groups, while still in their infancy, to form working relationships which the shire and each other, and which continue to this day.

Artie was a keen footballer, and proud member of Phillip Island's 1951 premiership team. After hanging up his boots as a player, he continued at the Club as trainer for the

next 40 years. Probably the Club's oldest member, he held a PIFNC life membership.

He also was a massive contributor to the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Good Friday Appeal, through annual fire truck collections and in later years rattling tins outside the IGA with his grandchildren up until 2020; and was named a Life Governor of RCH in 1997 in recognition of his efforts.

Artie was a Member of the Masonic Lodge, the Cricket Club, the Boys Club, and helped June with Youth Club activities she was involved in. Trustee of the Phillip Island Brass Band of which he was a member is also another of the community duties he carried out.

In 1983 the Phillip Island Rotary Club named Artie in their inaugural Phillip Island Citizen of the Year Award.

In 2017, during a visit to Phillip Island, Governor General of Australia Sir Peter Cosgrove, accompanied by his wife Lady Cosgrove, presented Artie with the Governor General's Award, in recognition of his service to both the Phillip Island Fire Brigade and the local community.

On behalf of his family, Artie's

son David expressed pride in his father's life-time commitment to the community. Fond memories of riding along in the old fire truck with his dad and siblings are strong.

As David commented in his eulogy: "We were not left out. We were taken along. He did all of this and was also a good man at home."

Members of brigades from across Gippsland, led by Victoria's CFA Assistant Chief Officer Owen Foon, joined the Phillip Island fire brigade to form a guard of honour on Settlement Road, as the cortege made its way to the Phillip Island cemetery.

The procession was led by the brigade's newest ranker, which was named in honour of Artie Murdoch.

It was followed by a 1967 shiny red Austin Tanker, an historic vehicle no longer in use but kept at the station, and used in the 60s and 70s by Artie and his cohort.

The third truck, which carried Artie's coffin to his final resting place, was brought down especially from the Metropolitan Fire Museum on Tuesday. It is used by the CFA for this specific purpose.

Artie is survived by his wife June and children Eirene, Jeanette, David, Andrew and their families.

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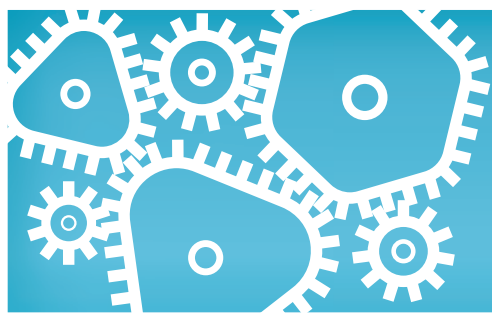
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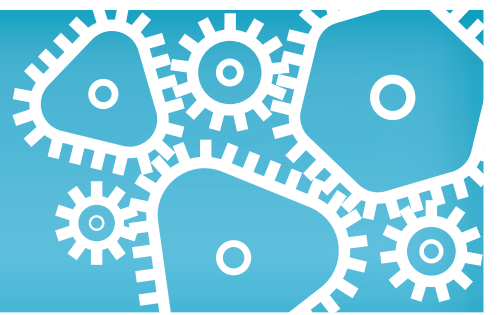
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Cowes Primary School staff were out in force at Saturday's Woolamai Races, supporting the Phillip Island Health Hub day. From left: Tessa Johnston, Mel Rochford, Judy Kneebone, Bree Rutherford, Sarah Tyrell, and Sue Becker.



Gemma and Isla McKenzie, with mum and dad Rod and Kate McKenzie, loved having their faces painted as part of the kids' entertainment at the Woolamai Races Phillip Island Health Hub Day.

Woolamai Races Phillip Island Health Hub day



Lucas and Lawrie Piera had a quite brood to look out for at the races on Saturday. And they were all having a ball! Enjoying the fun with Lawrie and Lucas are their kids Kalani and Macy, with young friends Undi Larcombe, Meisha Rutherford, and Georgie Callis.



Bill and Deb Guy at the races with grandson Caelan Logan. Caelan is out visiting from Scotland with his mum Bree, much to the delight of his grandparents. Deb works at the Phillip Island Health Hub, which was beneficiary of funds raised on the day.



Jasmine Trenwith, jockey of Race 2 winner Angel Tall, with Emma and Jack Gayfer. Emma and Jack made the presentation for the race which was named in memory of their father.



Supporters of the Phillip Island Health Hub on Saturday at the Woolamai race day are from left - back: Yvonne Van Der Meer and Jeanette Leitzke; and front: Maureen Jackson, Phyllis Staples and Maryanne Veckermann.



Bruce Spider (centre) vice president of the Woolamai Racing Club, with Club sponsors Kelvin Simpson, Deputy Chair, Bendigo Community Bank, and Peter Paul, Chair, Phillip Island Bendigo Bank.



Members of staff from the Phillip Island Health Hub, enjoying the Woolamai Races Health Hub day. From left: Ray Nancarrow, Jo Westhory, Kelly Martin, Chrissy Vojokovic and Vikki Movric.

A well-earned retirement for Nav

Twenty three year old Navaro, or Nav for short, was farewelled from the Woolamai Race course on Saturday by racegoers, after 20 years working as the trusty and faithful steed for Clerk of the Course Cindy Conn.

Andrew Taylor shares the Clerk of the Course role with Cindy, and the duo have enjoyed working together over that time at Woolamai and Dr-ouin picnic races, and on occasions Balnarring.

Nav's duties with Cindy are considerable. They are responsible for getting horses and jockeys from the mounting yard to the starting barriers safely, always ready to assist inexperienced or flighty mounts who may need a reassuring chapone in the rare event a jockey is dislodged. They are also responsible for catching a loose horse which requires

quick decision making, patience and a high level of horsemanship. The clerk of the course helps keep the race meeting to schedule, issues instructions to trainers and stable staff in the saddling paddock, and ensures all horses are on time.

It takes a special type of horse to carry out this role. Nav is one of them. He has the particular temperament required, and is confident and nimble, and unfazed by large crowds and loud noises. Importantly the horse must be trusting of their rider and responsive to instructions often made in haste.

Nav had the necessary skills, and they were not only confined to the race course. He has participated successfully in dressage cross country and show jumping, and with Cindy has also attended at Adult Riding

Club. He has been a lead pony for racehorses, worked cattle, given many pony rides, and helped inexperienced riders to gain confidence in the saddle.

After working together for so long, an emotional Cindy said on Saturday that she now has the difficult task of finding a new horse for the role, and that when she does it will have very big shoes to fill after Nav.

Nav on the other hand can look forward to more relaxed life in future, living out his years on the green rolling hills of Kilcunda, taking in sensational ocean views.

The Woolamai and District Racing Club thanked Nav and Cindy for their long service and for being great ambassadors for the Club and racing industry at a special presentation after the last race on Saturday.



Woolamai Clerk of the Course Cindy Conn and Nav (front) leave the mounting yard together for the last time on Saturday, accompanied by fellow Clerk of the Course Andrew Taylor. Nav is retiring after 20 years in his Clerk of Course role.

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Saturday, April 15

Bunyip v Kor-Bena
Cora Lynn v Garfield
Tooradin-D v Kilcunda-Bass
Dalyston v Koo Wee Rup

ROUND 2

Saturday, April 22

Garfield v Bunyip
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Phillip Island v Inverloch-K
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Sunday, April 23, 2022
Warragul Ind v Tooradin-D

ROUND 3

Saturday, April 29

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Cora Lynn v Koo Wee Rup
Dalyston v Kor-Bena
Inverloch-K v Kilcunda-Bass
Nar Nar Goon v Garfield
Tooradin-D v Phillip Island

ROUND 4

Saturday, May 6

Dalyston v Bunyip
Garfield v Inverloch-K
Koo Wee Rup v Kilcunda-Bass
Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon
Warragul Ind v Kor-Bena

ROUND 5

Saturday, May 13

Cora Lynn v Dalyston
Inverloch-K v Warragul Ind
Kilcunda-Bass v Bunyip
Koo Wee Rup v Phillip Island
Kor-Bena v Garfield
Nar Nar Goon v Tooradin-D

ROUND 6

Saturday, May 20

Bunyip v Phillip Island
Dalyston v Inverloch-K
Kilcunda-Bass v Garfield
Kor-Bena v Tooradin-D
Nar Nar Goon v Cora Lynn
Warragul Ind v Koo Wee Rup

ROUND 7

Saturday, May 27

Cora Lynn v Bunyip
Garfield v Dalyston
Inverloch-K v Kor-Bena
Phillip Island v Kilcunda-Bass
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Saturday, June 3

Bunyip v Nar Nar Goon
Cora Lynn v Warragul Ind
Dalyston v Phillip Island
Garfield v Tooradin-D
Kilcunda-Bass v Kor-Bena
Koo Wee Rup v Inverloch-K

ROUND 9

Saturday, June 10

Dalyston v Tooradin-D
Inverloch-K v Bunyip
Kor-Bena v Koo Wee Rup
Nar Nar Goon v Kilcunda-Bass
Phillip Island v Cora Lynn
Warragul Ind v Garfield

ROUND 10

Saturday, June 17

Inverloch-K v Cora Lynn
Kilcunda-Bass v Warragul Ind
Koo Wee Rup v Garfield
Nar Nar Goon v Dalyston
Phillip Island v Kor-Bena
Tooradin-D v Bunyip

ROUND 11

Saturday, June 24

Bunyip v Koo Wee Rup
Cora Lynn v Kilcunda-Bass
Garfield v Phillip Island
Kor-Bena v Nar Nar Goon
Tooradin-D v Inverloch-K
Warragul Ind v Dalyston

BYE WEEKEND, JULY 1

ROUND 12

Saturday, July 8

Bunyip v Kilcunda-Bass
Dalyston v Cora Lynn
Garfield v Kor-Bena
Nar Nar Goon v Koo Wee Rup
Phillip Island v Tooradin-D
Warragul Ind v Inverloch-K

ROUND 13

Saturday, July 15

Cora Lynn v Nar Nar Goon
Inverloch-K v Garfield

Kilcunda-Bass v Phillip Island
Koo Wee Rup v Dalyston
Kor-Bena v Bunyip
Tooradin-D v Warragul-Ind

ROUND 14

Saturday, July 22

Bunyip v Garfield
Cora Lynn v Tooradin-D
Koo Wee Rup v Warragul Ind
Kor-Bena v Kilcunda-Bass
Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-K
Phillip Island v Dalyston

ROUND 15

Saturday, July 29

Bunyip v Inverloch-K
Dalyston v Nar Nar Goon
Garfield v Cora Lynn
Kilcunda-Bass v Koo Wee Rup
Tooradin-D v Kor-Bena
Warragul Ind v Phillip Island

ROUND 16

Saturday, August 5

Cora Lynn v Phillip Island
Dalyston v Warragul Ind
Garfield v Kilcunda-Bass
Inverloch-K v Tooradin-D
Koo Wee Rup v Bunyip
Nar Nar Goon v Kor-Bena

ROUND 17

Saturday, August 12

Bunyip v Dalyston
Kilcunda-Bass v Nar Nar Goon
Kor-Bena v Inverloch-K
Phillip Island v Koo Wee Rup
Tooradin-D v Garfield
Warragul Ind v Cora Lynn

ROUND 18

Saturday, August 19

Garfield v Warragul Ind
Inverloch-K v Phillip Island
Kilcunda-Bass v Tooradin-D
Koo Wee Rup v Cora Lynn
Kor-Bena v Dalyston
Nar Nar Goon v Bunyip

FINALS

Elimination Finals Sat, Aug 26

Elimination Finals Aug Sun, 27 2nd

Semi Finals Sat, Sept 2 1st

Semi Finals Sun, Sept 3

Preliminary Final Sat, Sept 9

Grand Final Sat, Sept 16

ROUND 1

Sunday, April 23

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

ROUND 2

Sunday, April 30

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

ROUND 3

Sunday, May 7

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

ROUND 4

Sunday, May 14

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

ROUND 5

Sunday, May 21

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

ROUND 6

Sunday, May 28

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

ROUND 7

Sunday, June 4

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

ROUND 8

Sunday, June 11

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

ROUND 9

Sunday, June 18

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

LEAGUE BYES

June 25 - School Holidays

LEAGUE BYES

July 2 - School Holidays

ROUND 10

Sunday, July 9

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

ROUND 11

Sunday, July 16

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

ROUND 12

Sunday, July 23

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

ROUND 13

Sunday, July 30

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

ROUND 14

Sunday, August 6

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

FINALS

August 13 - Finals Week 1

August 20 - Finals Week 2

August 27 - Grand Final



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The 2023 footy/netball season kicks off on Saturday

The Phillip Island Football and Netball Club (PIFNC) season kicks off this weekend, with a rematch of last year's preliminary final against Warragul Industrial in Cowes.

In the dying seconds of that game last year, the Island snatched victory from what looked like certain defeat with a brilliant goal by Orlando Kane Gillard after the siren, to grab a berth in the Grand Final.

Four football games will be played on Saturday (Senior, Reserves, Under 18s and Under 16s), with players rearing to go with a full summer training season behind them.

The Club's junior sides and the Phillip Island girls football teams season will commence on April 23.

PIFNC president Chris Ross, said the Club is in great shape and looking forward to building on the success of last season.

"Our seniors were Grand Final contenders, the reserves made finals, and U16s brought home the premiership flag."

Former AFL Melbourne player and Island champion over recent years Cam Pedersen has taken over the role of senior playing coach, following the departure of Beau Vernon to Queensland.

Some handy new players have been recruited over the off season.

They include forward players Jai Jordan, from Mooroolbark, and Travis Woodford from Devon; along with fast and versatile wingman Bruce Hindhaig.

The Club welcomes Daniel Burke

back into the senior side after a three year absence through Covid and injury; and Hayden Bruce, sidelined for the last twelve months after a knee reconstruction.

Big things are also expected from Kai McKenzie, who did his pre-season with the Carlton VFL team; and Max Walton, who has made the Hawthorn VFL list, but has committed to play with Phillip Island when available.

Under 18 players to move up into the senior ranks include Jack Pappas, Ben Taylor, Tom Niven and Tully Dickie.

Reserves coach for 2023 is James Nikolaci. Scott Huther has taken on the Under 18s, and Steve Duggan continues this year with the Under 16s.

"It's all systems go, number are strong, the Club has had a great pre-season, and we're rearing to go," says Chris Ross.

"Training commenced in November, and there's a positive feel everywhere you turn."

Strong netball numbers

PIFNC netball operations manager Naz O'Brien says the Club is looking forward to another great year, welcoming a number of new players who have moved into the district, as well as the return of some former players.

Coming off the back of three netball premierships last year ... the U17s, U15s and U13s ... there is huge enthusiasm as season 2023 opens

on Saturday.

Head coach and coach of A Grade players is Kristy Edwards.

New recruit Jackie Clark has taken on the coaching role for B Grade. C Grade coach is Jodie Ross, and D Grade Abby McCorn.

Junior coaches are Cath Huther Under 17s, Anna Mewett Under 15s, Lawri Piera Under 13s, and Elisha Blake Under 11s.

Very strong netball numbers at Phillip Island will see eight netball sides fielded on Saturdays in the West Gippsland Football Netball League Saturday competition.

An additional D Grade team has been included by the League in 2023.

A further three island netball teams will play in the Leongatha and District Netball Association on Saturday morning.

Youth girls footy

Diddie Cuthbertson is back coaching Phillip Island's Youth Girls Football team, joined by assistant coach Leigh Woolford.

A squad of 23 girls aged from 13 to 18 have been training hard in preparation for a late April season start.

In exciting news for the team, Ali Penry has been appointed captain of the Under 18 Gippsland Power side, and Bella Gude has been selected in the Under 16 Gippsland Power Squad.

The girls will play back in their home team Phillip Island when available.

Diddie is looking forward to a solid year with lots of travel throughout Gippsland which will enable the girls to develop their football skills.

The team has a good mix of experience players, and a number of newcomers, Diddie says.

She encourages any girl (13 - 18) who would like to play youth football, to contact her on 0400 355 780.

Volunteers

The phenomenal growth of the Club over the past five years sees 650 footballers and netballers, with Phillip Island now the biggest club in Gippsland footy.

Getting the season up and running is an enormous undertaking, with volunteers taking on all the required roles to ensure its successful operation and to facilitate all weekend competitions.

The challenging logistics of accommodating eight different footy teams, and eight netball sides at both junior and senior levels, for training sessions and at Saturday and Sunday matches, as well as running the hugely popular Auskick program, is accomplished by an army of PIFNC volunteers.

The Club could not operate without them, says Chris Ross.

Heading the entire volunteer operation is the PIFNC 13-member committee, supported by hundreds of community members who turn out rain, hail and shine over the seven month footy season, to enable

the Club to function at a professional level.

Home games can attract anywhere between 1000 and 5000 spectators.

Sponsorship

Chris Ross extended his thanks to all of the Club's sponsors and volunteers for their valuable support and contribution to football and netball on Phillip Island.

Major sponsor is the Bendigo Bank. Platinum sponsors are the Phillip Island RSL, Ray White Real Estate Phillip Island, Endeavor Petroleum, Terra Firma Excavations, San Remo Hotel, Todd Devine Homes and North Pier. Large and small, all of our sponsors are highly valued, says Chris.

Social events

Of course it's not all hard work at the Club, with many social events planned throughout the year.

The Club relies on sponsorship and its fundraising efforts to function.

Major fundraising efforts include a winter ball planned for mid-year; and the Golf Ball Drop from a Helicopter that was a great hit in pre Covid years.

Jumper presentations

Jumper presentations is always an exciting time for players, and this time honoured ritual, for both junior and senior players took place last Friday night.



Section 3 winners: Phillip Island 5-37, Henry Kelly, Eli Bowker, Oliver Raso and Archer Cameron defeated Korumburra 3-33, Zena Tanaka-Morrison, Mila Walker, Aslan Bye and Amarli Muranty. More photos at pisra.com.au

Korrine and District Junior tennis Grand Final results

It has been a fabulous season for Korrine and District Junior Tennis Association with tennis continuing to grow in the region with a number of Section 5 teams coming on board this year.

The Grand Final was held on a perfect tennis playing day on Saturday March 25 at Wonthaggi and Inverloch with great sportsmanship and tennis skills on display.

We endeavour to keep these skills developing through the year with our winter competition to begin in May.

Congratulations to all of those teams who made it through to the Grand Final.



Pennant winners: Westernport Alcott 2-3-22, Ed Wines and Flynn Peters defeated Wonthaggi Graham 1-2-21, Macy Peterson and Zac Mabilia.



Section 4 runners up: Phillip Island 1-17 defeated by Inverloch 7-28. Phillip Island team - Charles Cameron and Elijah Tuyau, Inverloch team - James Jacobs, Chelsea McNamara, Ines De Bellis and Mitchell Oliver, Phillip Island team - Jordy Medlar and Leroy Cassles.



C1 Premierships team members (some members absent). More photos at pisra.com.au

2023 PIDCC Award Winners

Phillip Island District Cricket Club held their annual presentation night at the Phillips Island RSL on Saturday night.

It was a fabulous night where the entire club was able to celebrate a very successful year including A1, C1 and U17s all winning premierships!

Award winners

A1 awards:

Batting: Lachlan Cleeland.
Bowling: Simon Kirton.
Cricketer of the year: Shiran Rathnayake.
Captains award: Daniel Bourke

A2 awards:

Batting: David Womersley.
Bowling: Clint Wilson.
Cricketer of the year: Clint Wilson.
Captains award: Heath Womersley and George McCausland.

B2 awards:

Batting: Connor Epifano.
Bowling: Tarryn Allan.
Cricketer of the year: Tarryn Allan.
Captains award: Harry Arceo.

C1 awards:

Batting: Gavin Excell.
Bowling: Mick Cleary.
Cricketer of the year: Mick Cleary.
Captains award: Sachin Sirrathnaye.

Annual awards:

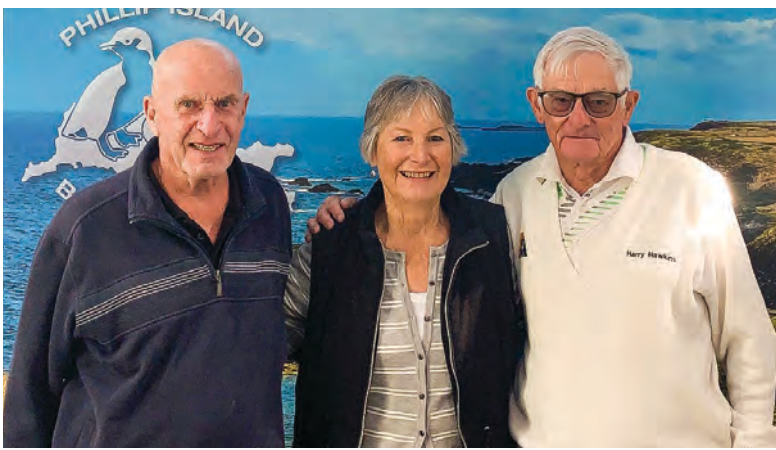
Club Champion: Shiran Rathnayake.
Russel Cleeland award: Clint Wilson.
Graham Gemmell - Best Clubman: Tarryn Allan and Luke Marshall.
Best Achievement: Charith Keerthisinghe and Shiran Rathnayake.



Shiran Rathnayake A1 Cricketer of the Year and Best Achievement award - Joint winner - and overall club champion.



Tarryn Allen - PIDCC B2 Grad cricketer of the year and Bowling award.



Winners of social bowls: Ed Hislop, Robyn Dennis and Harry Hawkins.

Social bowls

Thirty bowlers braved windy and cloudy conditions and the rain held off until the last of the bowlers were back in the club rooms.

We had some guests from the Belwra bowls club down on the Mornington Peninsula and some great

bowls were sent down.

Runners up for the day with +30 were Skip Michael Frost, 3rd Terry Schneider and Lead Andy Dennis.

Congratulations to the winners with +35: Skip Robyn Dennis, 3rd Harry Hawkins and Lead Ed Hislop.



Phillip Island Croquet Club President, John Swarbrick, congratulates Pauleen Leditschke on her success at the Gippsland Croquet Association Championship.

Off to the Country Regionals

Phillip Island Croquet Club player, Pauleen Leditschke, recently contested the Gippsland Croquet Association Championship held at the Traralgon Croquet Club and was successful in winning her section.

As a result of her win, Pauleen was selected to represent Gippsland in Section 4 in the upcoming Victo-

rian Country Association Regionals to be contested at Swan Hill and played over four days.

Including Gippsland, there are nine country regions competing for the top honour of Victoria's Best Country Association Croquet Region.

Good luck to Pauleen and Gippsland.

Tenpin bowling results

2s Company: 1st on 13pts King Pins, 2nd on 12pts Alley Cats and 3rd on 9pts Pinheads.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 84.5pts Knackers, 2nd on 68.5pts Pinpals and 3rd on 66.5pts Just Bowl Already.

Phantom: 1st on 5pts Dish, 2nd on 4pts Lucky13 and 3rd on 4pts Barks.

Business early: 1st on 14pts Balls Deep, 2nd on 11pts Sassy Gronks,

3rd on 11pts Old Timers and 4th on 10pts Happy Hour.

Business late: 1st on 12pts Dynamic Painting, 2nd on 10.5pts 3 Stooges, 3rd on 9pts Team Rich and 4th on 8.5pts City Lights.

Top Scores for this week:

Men: 222 Raff Merante, 209 Rob Wilkinson and 207 Les Peters.

Women: 156, Chloe Else, 152 Karen Klym and 139 Mary Dardha.

Euchre results

Ladies winner: Josie Billman – 6 wins.

Men's winner: Les Walton – 6 wins. Encouragement award: Graham

Kelsell.

Please Contact Bob Hee for any further information on 0418 173 388.

Come along everyone and have a great night out.

Tables booked for those wanting dinner before games start.

Phillip Island golf

18 Hole – The winner was Mark Collison (8) with 31 points.

Tuesday, March 28

Mens 18 Hole Stableford

A Grade winner: Alan Schache (5) with 40 points from Tony Gay (11) with 38 points.

B Grade winner: Dave Miers (15) with 36 points c/b from Garry Birch (15).

C Grade winner: John Hammon (23) with 37 points from Chris Vanderhayden (25) with 36 points.

NTP: 5th Steve Sloss and 7th Phil Foster.

BDL to 35 points.

Mens 9 Hole Stableford

Alan Tindale (30) was the winner with 19 points from Dave Scrase (33) with 18 points c/b.

BDL to 16 points c/b.

Wednesday, March 22 – Ladies Pink Day

The winning team on the day was Barb Hayden, Robyn Chipperfield, Mary Whelan, Anne Balfe.

This event is Phillip Island Golf Clubs ladies annual fund raiser and the funds raised will be donated to the "Breast Cancer Trials".

Thursday, March 30

Open Stableford

A grade: Tony Gay (11) 37 points c/b from Peter Cartwright (6).

B Grade: Ron Davies (19) with 37 points from David K Taylor (16) with 33 points.

C Grade winner was Jeff Sellenger (21) with 38 points c/b from Al-



Ladies golf team winners from Wednesdays Pink Day fundraiser event were Barb Hayden, Robin Chipperfield, Mary Whelan and Anne Balfe.

fred Micallef (21).

BDL to 32 points c/b.

NTP: 5th Jeff Sellenger, 7th Peter Cartwright, 10th Dan McConnon, 14th Fred Panozzo and 17th Paul Ledwith.

Open 9 Hole Stableford

Winner was Mal MacArthur (28) with 16 points c/b from Len Fenton (16).

BDL to 15 points.

Saturday April 1

Mens Stableford results

A Grade winner: Athol Hill (11) with nett 68 from Jim Richardson (11) nett 69.

B Grade winner: Dan Hall (16) with nett 68 from Stewart Hamilton (18) nett 70 c/b.

C Grade winner: Chris Disher (22) with nett 69 c/b from John Hammon (23).

BDL to nett 74 c/b.

NTP: 5th Matt Brown, 7th Garry Birch, 10th Lawrence Ferrari, 14th Garry Birch and 17th Scott Lethbridge.

Ladies Stableford results

Ladies winners: Megan Elbaz (29) with 36 points from Tracey Cuff (19) with 34 points c/b.

NTP 5th Vicki Amato, 7th Dawn Andrews, 10th Janice Baker and 17th Vicki Amato.

BDL to 31 points c/b.

9 Hole Open Stableford

Winner: Mal MacArthur (24) with 18 points c/b from Bob Pascoe (10) BDL to 17.

Midweek bowls

Midweek bowls was held at Koo Wee Rup Bowls club and what a day it was.

Twenty of our members braved the weather and turned up at Koo Wee Rup in the hope of maybe evading the rain and having a game or two of bowls.

Rain it did, but not nonstop, so we managed to get the full two games in without anyone actually drowning and what a fun day we all had.

Some great banter and lots of laughter from all over the rink.

The green was in pretty good condition, although a few of our members had a bit of trouble mastering the intricacies of the wet rinks.

David did a great job of setting up before we all arrived, and George was really appreciated in the bar.

The day was a success for all, however as always there are winners for the day.

The winners on 38 points were: Tony Heppleston (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Bill Williams (L).

Runners up on 34 points were: Vern Elliott (S), Frank D'Unienville (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Michael Saunders (L).

Best One Game winners on 23 points were: John Nicholson (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Chris Brooks (L).

A big thank you to David, Luke and Laurie for cleaning up after everyone had left.

Also, as always, thanks to Peter, Pauline and John for all the work they do.

This week we will be at Lang Lang so we are looking forward to seeing everyone turn up for another great day of fun, laughter and bowls with really great people. If everyone could be at the club by 10 am for a 10.30am start.



Winners of Midweek bowls played at Koo Wee Rup were Laurie Bell (3), Tony Heppleston (S) and Bill Williams (L).



Frank D'Unienville (3), Vern Elliott (S), Bev Elliott (2) and Michael Saunders (L) were the runners up of Midweek bowls.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 5 APR	THU 6 APR	FRI 7 APR	SAT 8 APR	SUN 9 APR	MON 10 APR	TUE 11 APR
LOW 5:34 am 1.26 m	HIGH 12:38 am 2.45 m	HIGH 1:27 am 2.54 m	HIGH 2:10 am 2.61 m	HIGH 2:47 am 2.66 m	HIGH 3:24 am 2.69 m	HIGH 4:00 am 2.70 m
HIGH 12:02 pm 2.27 m	LOW 6:33 am 1.09 m	LOW 7:21 am 0.90 m	LOW 8:02 am 0.73 m	LOW 8:41 am 0.57 m	LOW 9:19 am 0.46 m	LOW 9:58 am 0.38 m
LOW 5:58 pm 1.18 m	HIGH 1:11 pm 2.47 m	HIGH 2:05 pm 2.68 m	HIGH 2:53 pm 2.86 m	HIGH 3:37 pm 3.00 m	HIGH 4:18 pm 3.08 m	HIGH 5:00 pm 3.10 m
	LOW 7:00 pm 1.13 m	LOW 7:50 pm 1.07 m	LOW 8:33 pm 1.02 m	LOW 9:15 pm 0.99 m	LOW 9:54 pm 0.98 m	LOW 10:34 pm 0.99 m

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National team – Back: Caiden Gill, Mostyn Lumsden, Zac Sherar, Will Simmons, Hayden Barnes, Cooper Quaife and Dylan Muir. Front: Olivia Holmes, Claudia Croatto, Miah Roberts, Sienna Matheson, Rhani Matheson and Sophie McKenzie.

Largest SGB team heads to Nationals

It was a night of celebration Friday night at Leongatha Splash, where the 11 South Gippsland Bass swimmers heading to the Australian Age Championships, were presented with the uniforms in a special night celebrating their efforts.

The team, consisting of Mostyn Lumsden, Zac Sherar, Will Simmons, Hayden Barnes, Cooper Quaife, Olivia Holmes, Claudia Croatto, Miah Roberts, Sienna Matheson, Rhani Matheson and Sophie McKenzie (qualified but unable to attend due to injury) along with coaches Dylan Muir and Caiden Gill are looking forward to racing against Australia's best swimmers on the Gold Coast.

With over 2500 swimmers competing from

across the country, it will be a competitive event and the team know they have a big task ahead.

The team, with five swimmers competing for the first time, will compete in a range of events – from 50m breaststrokes to 400m Individual Medleys.

The event is sold out and families and supporters at home are thrilled Swimming Australia has combined with Channel 9Now and the event will now be livestreamed.

Also there, was former SGB swimmer Josh Seignior, who currently works and trains in Melbourne, who is swimming at the Australian Swimming Championships in the week after the others.

He came down to chat with those competing and offer advice from his years of competing at

the top level.

The fundraising night, with mixed ability relay races, lucky number competitions and a line of coins that went halfway down the pool, will help fund the swimmers heading to the Australian Age Championships, held on the Gold Coast from April 7-15.

"This is the largest team we have ever taken," said Head Coach Dylan Muir, introducing the swimmers to the rest of the club.

"They have worked hard for this. A lot of training and a big effort and you should all be proud and inspired by them."

After the meet, the swimmers will have a few weeks break before the winter short course season starts.

Swimmers call for better facilities

The South Gippsland Bass Swimming club (SGB) has renewed calls for improved aquatic facilities in the region.

With 11 swimmers headed off to Nationals on the Gold Coast in a fortnight, the club is once again highlighting the issues the lack of facilities has on the swimmers.

The swimmers are currently training mornings and nights at Wonthaggi, where there are no starting blocks for them to practise with.

How do you practise a backstroke start, when you have nothing to hold onto?

Swimming Victoria is currently surveying members, asking them about their access to 50m pools and diving blocks – of which those training at Wonthaggi have no access to at all.

The club is calling for the Bass Coast Shire Council to invest in the aquatic facilities, something that would benefit not just the club, but also the wider community.

The club says, with more lanes people could use the pool for recreational swimming and young children could spend an afternoon playing with friends in the shallower play pools, something they currently can't do.

The club knows it is not the only ones calling for upgraded facilities, with many in the community frustrated by the lack of facilities.

At recent basketball tournaments, Wonthaggi



Miah Roberts takes off at the recent state championships from the starting blocks, something she is unable to train for at Wonthaggi.

gi teams spent time playing in the pools at both Casey and Traralgon, where there were slides, play areas and warm water pools.

Dylan Muir, head coach, said, "It is time for the Bass Coast council to invest in the aquatic facilities."

"It is becoming beyond a joke for families in

the area to not have somewhere for their swimmers to train.

"We compete in a sport that comes down to the smallest margins and our swimmers are losing valuable time due to not being able to practice correct starts and develop the necessary skills."

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