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Wet and windy start to season

Footy's back ... and so was the wintry weather, with a dose of wind and drizzle to get players and spectators in the mood for another season of football. Kai MacKenzie booted two goals to get the Reserves to a win against Cora Lynn on Saturday and the Seniors also came away victorious. Full details of all the weekend's footy action in Sport.

Broadbent spruiks budget wins for Monash

The Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent has described the Federal government's budget as providing a "plan for a stronger future", despite no major funding announcements for projects in the area.

He said initiatives providing cost of living relief would benefit residents of his electorate, as would investment in measures to expand and upskill the workforce.

"The Government is introducing a new temporary, targeted and responsible cost of living package to take the pressure off household budgets," he said.

Mr Broadbent said the government's "unprecedented" investment in regional Australia and priority infrastructure included vital local projects such as upgrades to the South Gippsland Highway (Koonwarra realignment), the Cowes Cultural Centre and railway precinct developments in Leongatha and Korumburra.

Despite Mr Broadbent's well-publicised anti-vaccination stance, his media release highlighted the government's Covid response, including a "winter response plan" to prepare for the next wave of Covid.

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Member for Monash Russell Broadbent has defended the Federal government's budget, but critics say it has delivered nothing for the electorate.

Basham trial continues

The Supreme Court trial for alleged murderer Adrian Basham continues.

Adrian James Basham is accused of killing the mother of their three children, Samantha Fraser, 38, at her Cowes garage on July 23, 2018.

Coverage of the past week of the trial is on page 20.

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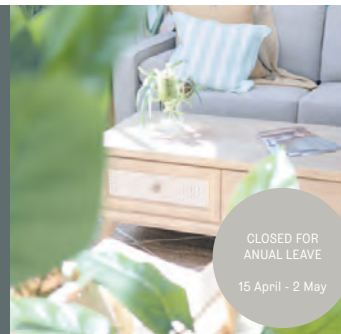
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Bass Coast Health Board Director Mim Kershaw with her daughter Emma and grandchildren Lily and Maxi. Mim is urging the community to get vaccinated after personally enduring COVID-19.

Covid warning – protect yourself and your community

With Bass Coast averaging 56 new cases a day over the past fortnight, some local residents are sharing their Covid experiences, as a warning to others to protect themselves.

Mim Kershaw is grateful she was tripled vaxxed.

The Bass Coast Health Board Member and Phillip Island resident said she has never felt lingering lethargy and insomnia like that caused by COVID-19. And that's nearly a month after catching the virus.

Without being triple vaxxed, she fears her symptoms would have been far worse.

"Covid hit us hard and fast," Mim said.

As a Board Director, Mim knew of the intricate details of the impact Covid is having on the community.

She hears about the policies, the numbers, the strategy and the toll it has taken on the Bass Coast Health (BCH) team who have been front and centre for more than two years.

She said she had heard the BCH team talk about the impact Covid can have on normally healthy people, but didn't quite understand just how impacting it was until she suffered the disease herself.

Mim and her husband Derrick caught Covid in early March at a cinema near Queenscliff.

"No-one was wearing masks but everyone was seated with two seat gaps between them," she said.

"We were on a brief holiday and our daughter and two grandchildren were joining us for the Labour Day long weekend.

"A day after we came home my husband became unwell with a sore throat, aches and pains and coughs. He tested positive to Covid and was very unwell. He suffered coughing fits that caused severe chest pain."

Each day after, another of Mim's family tested positive to Covid. Mim's experience shows how quickly it can spread within families.

"We feel very guilty that we impacted our family so severely," she said.

She said Covid has prevented the family from returning to life as usual; they simply do not have the energy.

But they are grateful their vaccines were up to date to lessen the symptoms and impact.

"The message to everyone is get vaccinated, keep wearing masks and stay safe to protect family, community and our precious health-care personnel."

Victorian health authorities warn the current wave is expected to peak in mid to late April, coinciding with Easter and the school holidays, when a fresh influx of visitors is expected in the area.

Over the past fortnight, daily cases numbers for Phillip Island and San Remo have hovered between 85 and 146, and overall case numbers in the shire have more than doubled since the start of March.

Covid vax push – PICAL lends a hand

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) has joined forces with the state government to help promote Covid testing and vaccination.

Working with the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH), a PICAL spokesperson said it was promoting activities that reduce coronavirus vaccine misinformation or hesitancy, and which encourage the uptake of vaccines among priority groups across regional Victoria.

"PICAL will be regularly posting online up to date reliable information about where, when and how to get tested or find vaccinations," they said.

The information will be published on roadside signage on Church Street in front of the PICAL buildings, on social media, on window posters in local shops and local papers. The details will include:

- Availability of vaccinations and whether appointments are required
- Vaccination brands, for initial vaccinations and for boosters, available locally
- Availability of Rapid Antigen Tests
- Home based treatments for covid symptoms and non-urgent positive cases
- Percentage uptake of double vaccinations and boosters among Phillip Island's population

• Local Covid Infection case numbers

"We are now liaising with all local Phillip Island and San Remo GP clinics, chemists and walk-in hub providers of vaccinations and RATs on a daily basis in order to provide a central point where all this information is available," the PICAL spokesperson said.

"There are still a large number of infections on Phillip Island, and across Victoria the percentage of third booster vaccinations is still very low, so this local initiative by PICAL and DFFH is aimed at promoting vaccination uptake and building trust with the community."

Broadbent spruiks budget wins for Monash

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He also said Bass Coast Shire Council would receive \$923,666 as part of Phase 3 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.

However the budget has been criticised for short-changing Victoria on infrastructure spending, with just 5.8 per cent of infrastructure funding allocated to Victoria, which has 25 per cent of the country's population.

Criticism

Voices for Monash independent candidate Deb Leonard said the budget delivered nothing for the Monash electorate.

"There were no significant projects announced in the Monash electorate in this week's budget in spite of there being numerous communities in desperate need

of Commonwealth contributions," Ms Leonard said.

"There were no significant announcements for desperately needed major road upgrades in the Monash electorate.

"There was no investment funding for tourism in the electorate.

"The one-off handout aimed at easing the cost-of-living pressures is a complete furphy – it does nothing to address the fundamental issues behind this situation."

Ms Leonard said she was also alarmed to see the government planned to cut spending on climate change if re-elected.

"We are seeing unprecedented floods, bushfires and droughts, but the government is completely ignoring the climate science. This paints a worrying future for our young people," says Ms

Leonard.

Rural Councils Victoria described the budget as "disappointing" for rural Victorians.

"Unfortunately the budget has done nothing new of significance for rural Victoria," said chair Cr Mary-Ann Brown.

"The latest ABS statistics show that there has been a big shift to rural and regional areas from metropolitan Melbourne.

"It is fabulous to finally see population growth in rural Victoria, but we need the Federal government to help with resources to deal with the extra strain that population growth places on rural and regional infrastructure."

However Mr Broadbent said the budget delivered "the next stage of the government's plan to build a strong economy and a stronger future."

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Council “censors” the community

Bass Coast Shire councillors have been accused of blocking community members from social media and censoring public questions.

The accusations have been made in the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association submission to the shire’s communications and engagement review.

“Bass Coast Shire Council has much mileage to make up if it genuinely wishes to demonstrate itself to be a leader in communications and engagement,” the submission states.

“The association reminds councillors the community elects them to represent the community. The community does not elect councillors to act as representatives for officers and executives.

“It is a councillor’s public duty to represent their constituents faithfully and honestly.”

The BCRRA submission states councillors should not be blocking community members from “presenting reasonable and legitimate criticism and questioning on a councillor’s public social media page”.

“If councillors wish to use social media to publicise their work on council, then those councillors should demonstrate the professionalism and maturity to engage in reasonable discussion,” it states.

“Some councillors have blocked community members who submit reasonable and legitimate opinion and ideas that do not align to the councillor’s opinion.”

The submission says recently council has been censoring and preventing “legitimate” public questions from council meetings or minutes.

“This is yet another example of council not sincerely and genuinely engaging with the community which it is meant to represent.

“Since its inception in 1994 Bass Coast Shire Council has held the custom and practice of allowing all public questions, together with the council’s response, to be read out at ordinary public meetings and to be recorded in the meeting minutes.”

Transparency

BCRRA said the council was also more recently not allowing public consultation on “operational” policies before a final draft is put to council, adding this was contrary to the council’s transparency policy.

“In response to a public question earlier this year council responded by saying “policies that are operational in nature such as the Procurement Policy and the Complaint Handling Policy do not require public consultation. This is standard practice with Victorian councils,” the submission states.

“The association rejects council’s claim as being nothing more than a construct which allows council to circumvent the principles of the Local Government Act.”

The submission states all public submissions should be made public on the shire’s website and could easily be made anonymous if required, while the shire should make use of direct email to contact non-resident ratepayers.

Council needs to make its reporting clearer around projects and that the information be frequently updated and reported to the community.

It states recent events, such as the shire’s failure to “genuinely engage” on the failed San Remo foreshore regional skate park, showed council had proved “to be anything but supportive of genuine communication and engagement with the community”.



Rock on – pathway progress

The 360-metre coastal walk pathway being built at Cowes east between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road is fast progressing.

The walk, to connect Cowes with Silverleaves, includes an eight-metre-deep wall which will protect the foreshore from erosion.

Trucks hauling tonnes of rocks have been travel-

ling through Gordon Street, Broughton Avenue, Perry Street and Rose Avenue.

It is hoped the wall and walk will be finished by the end of July, weather dependent.

Stage one last year saw the construction of eight timber groynes and the total project costs with the rockwall is \$3.35 million.

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Phillip Island's new walking guide

Phillip Island's walk are its "best kept secret", says Jeff Floyd.

"The island offers one of the world's great ocean walks, especially when combined with the walk from Wonthaggi to Kilcunda and San Remo," Jeff says.

"People come from all over the world to walk the Great Ocean Road, yet here on the island it's one of the best kept secrets, no one promotes it at all in comparison."

Jeff speaks from experience.

He has just penned the 118-page "Phillip Island walking guide: your guide to the best walking on Phillip Island and the Bass Coast".

The guide contains 33 maps with accompanying walking notes of the "Great Coast Walk" from Wonthaggi to, and around, Phillip Island, as well as maps and walking notes for 12 day or part day walks.

Jeff knows the island intimately, having been on the Nature Parks board for seven years – as well as chair for four years, and current president of the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) for two years.

Every day the 71-year-old walks at least 10km, with his favourite short island walk from Pyramid Rock to Kitty Miller Bay because of its "stunning, sweeping views across the whole island".

He's currently in training – walking 20km/day – because this month he heads to Greece to walk the Peloponnese.

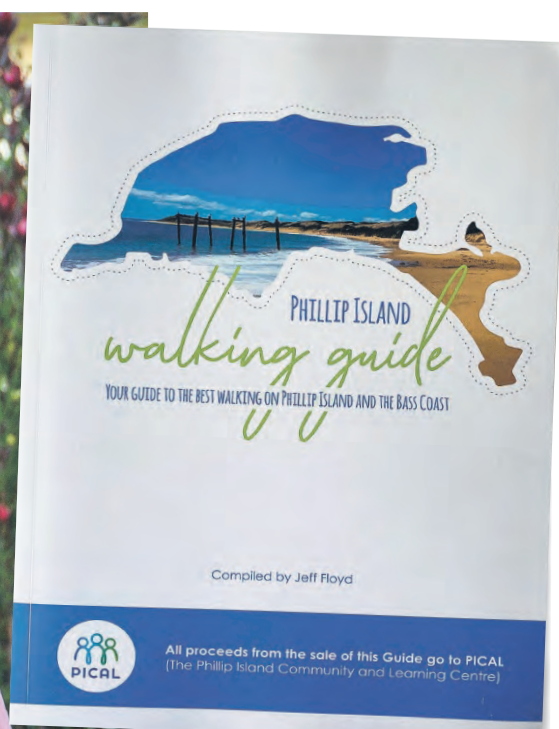
"I've walked major hikes in Japan, the Spanish Camino, the coast to coast walk in the UK," Jeff says.

"The most I've ever done is 37km with a rucksack in the UK."

"When I was young I would walk with the boy scouts and I've rediscovered the pleasure in the last 15 years. I tell my family to get off their screens and walk because it's good for mental acuity and of course



Jeff Floyd, current president of the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL), has produced a walking guide to Phillip Island.



The book is a fundraiser with \$10 from the sale of every guide going to PICAL.

"itty-bitty" walks such as Cape Woolamai, as well as walks around the coast, except for the Rhyll-Newhaven Road section, which he left out because "it's unsafe".

"Yes it's not all coastal, there are detours, especially around the back of the Grand Prix track. But some of the greatest walks in the world have detours, which can be just as much fun."

He says the key to the book is to promote the whole length of the coast.

"Visitors want a week experience. If they walk Wonthaggi to Cowes

then it's a four to five day walk.

"You want to take your time, though, and stop at places like Cape Kitchen for lunch and the Penguin Parade visitor centre."

Jeff says he has previously published a walking guide around Bendigo to Ballarat, because "I was annoyed at the poor quality of guides on offer".

Likewise five years ago he became "annoyed" that guides here didn't promote the best treks.

Fundraiser

The guide retails for \$17.99 – available at the Cowes newsagents – and \$10 from every guide sold goes to PICAL.

Jeff says all 250 copies of the first print run have sold out and they are now planning a second print run.

Next year he will print an extended guide with bike trails.

He congratulates the current council for promoting walking, including the recent walk along Cowes-Rhyll Road, which "plugged the gap" to Conservation Hill.

However, he thinks there needs to be more action and less talk on more trails.

"We don't need yet another trails strategy or a business case, just a combined effort by Parks Victoria, the Nature Parks and the council to address a few specific areas."

A new path needs to be created by the Nature Parks from Kitty Miller Bay around the edge of Swan Lake reserve, "to avoid the need for a rock scramble from Kitty Miller Bay to Summerland Beach, and to allow for cyclists as well".

Signs and tracks by Parks Victoria on the little-known section from the rail trail outside Wonthaggi down to the coast at Baxter Beach also should be improved.

"They just need to plug gaps, not produce grand plans."



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A **2022 Community Grant** may be just what your organisation needs to make a great idea happen. So we're having an information session on applying for a grant on **Tuesday May 3rd at 6pm** at the **Phillip Island Bowls Club, Cowes**, with special guest Trish Madden from the Community Enterprise Foundation!

Light refreshments provided and all Community groups welcome. RSVP by 29 April to admin@srdfs.com.au or any of our friendly branches at San Remo, Cowes and Grantville.

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Boat ramp car park will “pave paradise”

A new carpark proposed east of the Anderson Road boat ramp is too close to nearby homes and will impact neighbours’ privacy with noise and traffic, say surrounding property owners.

The owners also say the new eastern car park – which will formalise and expand the current casual small carpark – will destroy three large gum trees and surrounding habitat.

They are calling on Bass Coast Shire to amend the \$675,000 car park plans, with community feedback closing April 8 and work expected to start in May.

Craig Brown said he was one of the owners most impacted, with the proposed car park just 12 metres from his front fence, much closer than the current park that is 15m-30m from his home.

In addition, he said the eastern car park and turning bay was set to be raised 700mm.

“Currently we have cars turning in front of our property at the same level as our house, but with the new car park set to be higher and closer we will have cars turning facing into our property, including our dining room and balcony,” he said.

“It’s a big loss of privacy. I’ve asked the shire why they need to raise the level and they can’t give me any justification.

“If they weren’t as close or as high the impact wouldn’t be as great.”

Mr Brown said in contrast the western car park for the boat ramp was 20 metres to the closest home and not nearly as high.

He questioned why the new car park was required.

“It’s just formalising it with lots of asphalt. They’re paving paradise.

“Council has not done a survey of the number of days the western car park is a problem. We find generally there are about 12 days a year when there is overflow.”

Mr Brown said under current plans three large gums would need to be removed, as well as habitat.

“The removal could be avoided by moving the proposed car park further north,” he said.

He added that when they bought their property in 2014, the shire had informed them a car park would be built, but at a distance of more than 15 metres away.

“Now they are putting it closer. How can council be trusted?”



Local property owners say the upgrade plans for the eastern Anderson Rd boat ramp car park will severely impact the privacy of their homes.

Cr Ronnie Bauer said he opposed the loss of the three gums.

“I think the plans for the carpark should be reviewed at this stage,” Cr Bauer said.

“A waste”

Neighbour Ian Harris agreed the new car park would be “completely unnecessary”.

“The work they’re proposing is an unnecessary destruction of habitat and a waste of money,” Mr Harris said.

“More parking space could be achieved by maintaining what is there and slashing and grading the perimeter.

“Instead of soft foliage we’ll be looking at concrete. There’s a family of wallabies and echidnas that live there now because there is no bitumen.”

Stephen Mills said his family had resided in an abutting Glen Isla Court home for about 50

years.

“In our observation, it is unusual for the parking area to be filled and for vehicles to spill into neighbouring streets – only a few days each year – suggesting that the current car-and-trailer capacity (about 38 cars-with-trailer and eight single cars) is adequate,” Mr Mills said.

“The proposed arrangement has capacity for 50 cars-with-trailers and four single cars.

This shows a large shift from the existing arrangement, and a gross imbalance disadvantaging single cars.

“I request that the project be modified to provide car-only parking along the south side.”

He also agreed loss of habitat should be avoided by removing the proposed four parking spaces at the far eastern end.

Shire

The shire said the project included sealing the

existing crushed rock car park with an asphalt surface, line marking of car/trailer and single car parking spaces, drainage improvements and landscaping.

The aim is to reduce congestion in peak periods and improve public safety.

Bass Coast Shire mayor Michael Whelan said traffic congestion during peak periods was a problem.

“This congestion increases the time it takes people to launch and retrieve their boats.

“The project will also improve public safety, improve drainage and the quality of water which enters the marine environment and reduce maintenance costs across the life of the car park.”

The \$675,000 project is fully funded by council.

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Sue's brother Greg received serious wounds to his hands from the dog attack that required microsurgery at Dandenong Hospital. Greg cannot resume normal activities for six weeks.



Sue's pet poodle is still receiving treatment from the vet following the dog attack.

Road closure in Ventnor as Berrys Beach roadworks begins

Roadworks on a section of Berrys Beach Road in Ventnor is underway.

The work is along approximately 420 metres of Berrys Beach Road, between the roundabout intersection with Ventnor Beach Road and Ventnor Road and is expected to be completed by early May.

Berrys Beach Road (between the roundabout intersection and Ventnor Road) will be fully closed as part of the work, during working hours (approx. 7am-5pm), however, the road will be re-opened at the end of each day. This closure is expected to take place from Monday, April 11 until Monday, May 2.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said that due to the road closure and detours, road users are being urged to plan their journey.

"Please obey and follow all detours and traffic control measures when navigating through the works - these are in place for your safety, as well as the safety of the workers on the road," Cr Whelan said.

"As always, local and emergency vehicle access to properties will be maintained at all times."

This project is being funded by \$400,000 from the state government's Roads to Recovery Program as well as \$25,000 from council.

The council said the project includes up to 620 metres of approved vegetation clearing, associated with the required drainage works and all approved permits and vegetation offsets have been secured.

Call for clampdown on aggressive dog

A Cowes pet owner and their poodle - who were "viciously" attacked by a dog in a residential street - say Bass Coast Shire needs to crack-down on aggressive canines.

The owner said the dog - believed to be an American pit bull - was a multiple offender and left both the family and the poodle with "emotional and physical scarring".

Sue, who lives in the Seagrove Estate, said her brother and poodle were walking in the estate in late February.

"Unfortunately he and my dog were set upon by a vicious dog, that came running out of a house," Sue said.

"The partner of the dog's owner was most apologetic and admitted liability to me."

Sue said her dog sustained "very serious injuries from which she is still receiving treatment from the vet", while her brother Greg received serious wounds to his hands that required microsurgery at Dandenong Hospital.

"He cannot resume any of his normal day to day activities for six weeks," she said.

"We have large medical and veterinary bills to pay."

"This shocking incident has left my brother and dog emotionally and physically scarred."

Sue said neighbours told her there were four other attacks on local dogs by the same dog and she had contacted the shire several times but was "most dissatisfied with

their lack of response".

"I have been contacted by the rangers. They have been very supportive and considerate of my position in relation to the attack," she said.

"My serious concern is that this dog is still at large in a residential area. A precinct where children play and elderly people walk on a daily basis."

"I am totally bewildered by the lack of immediate action to prevent further vicious attacks by this dog. Surely it needs to be removed from this area immediately, where vulnerable people are at risk?"

Sue contacted Cr Ronnie Bauer - who has waived the flag for pet owners.

He said the moment he was made

aware of the dog attack he followed it up with shire officers to ensure the issue was investigated.

"I think it's a horrible scenario and I hope we get a satisfactory outcome from this," Cr Bauer said.

"These rare incidents give the whole dog community a bad name."

A shire spokesman said they could confirm they received a report about this incident on February 28.

"Our community safety team is currently investigating the matter," the spokesman said.

"As this is an active investigation, we are unable to comment further at this stage. We take these matters seriously and will act upon the results of the investigation."

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Kelly Smith from Federation University is conducting a genetic study of the Mornington Peninsula koala population and is looking for Citizen Scientists volunteers to collect koala scats.



If you have koalas visiting your property and/or regularly see koalas whilst out bushwalking and would like to be a part the project, contact Kelly on 0432 530 443 for information and to obtain a scat collection kit.

Koala call out

Volunteers are needed for a koala study to help protect the species.

Kelly Smith from Federation University is conducting a genetic study of the Mornington Peninsula koala population and adjoining regions of the Gippsland Plain. This includes Strzelecki and Wilsons Promontory bioregions and also contains the Mornington Peninsula, Cardinia and Bass Coast regions.

She is looking for volunteers to help collect koala scats (yes pooh), especially those residents who have koalas regularly visiting their property.

“By analysing koala scats we can easily find out information, such as the gender, presence of disease, genetic diversity and the ancestral origin of each koala,” Kelly said.

“This type of genetic sampling is more ethical because it is not bothering the koala and is very cost effective.”

Volunteers are being asked to look for koalas and/or koala trees and pick up fresh scats, using toothpicks, from underneath the tree.

Kelly said koalas are under threat and in order to protect them we need to understand them.

Prior to European settlement, in the 1800’s, koalas were interconnected across the entire Gippsland Plain, but are now separated by extensive areas of agricultural land.

“Koala populations crashed after European settlement, mostly due to clearing of habitat and koalas being hunted for their fur,” Kelly said.

“To reintroduce koalas to Victoria a breeding program, from just a handful of koalas, commenced on Phillip and French Islands.

“These animals were translocated from the islands to various regions across the state. However, due to inbreeding occurring, these koalas have very low genetic diversity.”

However, there is one koala population in the Strzelecki Ranges which scientists have found to be a remnant koala population of special significance with high genetic diversity.

“There is strong evidence suggesting some koalas from the original population may still remain in areas such as the Mornington Peninsula, Tooradin, Cranbourne, Koo Wee Rup and Grantville,” Kelly said.

“If this is the case, then it will be important to protect the genetic integrity of koalas in these regions, and conserve them as an insurance population. Individuals could be used for genetic rescue of populations where genetic diversity is low.”

The Mornington Peninsula Koala Conservation group is already heavily involved in this Citizen Science project, but more people are needed to find koala scats in regions across the Gippsland Plain so that scientists can also get an understanding of the koalas’ movements and habitat connectivity.

“It’s really important to find volunteers who can help with this project because more than 70 per cent of koala habitat is on private property, and therefore most koalas are located on private land and difficult to access without permission.”

If you have koalas visiting your property and/or regularly see koalas whilst out bushwalking and would like to be a part of this exciting project, please contact Kelly on 0432 530 443 for more information and to obtain a scat collection kit.

Kelly will also be holding group volunteering days in some areas for those wishing to work as a group.



A live-fire class at HMAS Cerberus Recruit School (credit: HMAS Cerberus Facebook).

Alert, no alarm

Long-term Phillip Island locals are accustomed to the occasional background noise from live-fire classes at HMAS Cerberus, with the popping sounds travelling across Western Port bay.

However, newcomers to the island have taken to social media to remark at the strange sounds.

“I find the sound of gunfire in the morning very disturbing,” wrote one resident.

To which another responded: “I’d be more concerned if a naval training base wasn’t doing practice / maintenance on their guns.”

HMAS Cerberus is a Royal Australian Navy (RAN) base that serves as the primary training establishment for personnel.

The site for the Cerberus naval base on Hanns Inlet, between Sandy Point and Stony Point on Western Port was purchased in 1911.

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Going back to the ocean can really fill you up. When I’m out on the beaches, I feel my ancestors and elders looking down on me. Creating my sand artworks, there are elements I feel like dancing out, and it’s as if the birds and animals are talking back to me.

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500 Million years of island history celebrated

The Island Story Gatherers hosted a special event to celebrate the release of the second edition of "500 Million Years on Phillip Island" on Sunday, April 3, at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes.

Written by Linda Cuttriss and Eric Bird, "500 Million Years on Phillip Island" covers the First People's lives on Mollwll, the arrival of European explorers and first-hand accounts of pastoralist families,

seeing how generations of settlement has impacted and changed the landscape.

Author Linda Cuttriss said 25-years after the original edition, "500 Million Years on Phillip Island" has been updated to reflect the changes and ongoing pressures facing the island.

It also looks at how people can work together to nurture, protect and restore the landscape.



Linda Cuttriss (right) in conversation with Laura Brearley at The Island Story Gatherers' "500 Million Years on Phillip Island" book launch.



Laura Brearley, Linda Cuttriss, Anne Davie and Lois Gaskin at The Island Story Gatherers' "500 Million Years on Phillip Island" book launch.



Sue Saliba and artist John Adam at the launch of the second edition of "500 Million Years on Phillip Island".



Reverend Ian Turnnidge and Phyllis Papps at the launch of "500 Million Years on Phillip Island" on April 3.

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Covid patients urge booster uptake

Bass Coast residents who have suffered with Covid have urged everyone to get a booster dose to minimise the impact of the virus on their health and their lives.

Health authorities say a third dose lessens the chances of someone catching Covid and also the severity of the disease, should they do so.

A third dose also lowers the chance of a person passing on the virus to others, especially the elderly, the immuno-compromised and people who are unable to get vaccinated for medical or other reasons.

Tamara Grieve was just weeks away from giving birth to her baby when she contracted COVID-19.

"It was pretty hard because I was having trouble breathing being so pregnant and having asthma as well," she said.

"I just felt really tired, my chest was really tight and I was coughing up phlegm. My partner also had Covid and different symptoms, with the chills.

"I was like that for four days. It was pretty awful. I don't think I would have been able to care for a baby while I was going through that, so I'm glad that I got Covid earlier. I even had one day when I woke up with chest pain and I couldn't breathe. That was my

worst day."

Tamara was doubled vaxxed at the time and plans to have her third dose. She encouraged everyone to get as many doses as they were eligible for.

"I couldn't imagine how hard it would have been if I hadn't been vaccinated. It was pretty bad when I had been vaccinated," she said.

Tamara received care at home from the COVID-19 Positive Pathways Partnership delivered by Bass Coast Health on behalf of the South Gippsland Coast Partnership. The partnership includes BCH, Gippsland Southern Health Service, South Gippsland Hospital and Kooweerup Regional Health Service.

"The staff made video calls to me daily to make sure I was OK and dropped off medical equipment, such as an oxygen reader and an asthma preventer, in my letterbox," Tamara said.

"It was really good to have the Covid Positive Pathways Team, especially given I was pregnant. Just having them check on me was reassuring."

After having Covid, Lynne Brown is urging her fellow Bass Coast residents to have three doses of a Covid vaccine.

She was double vaxxed and about to get her third dose when



Tamara Grieve, with her daughter Izzy, is urging people to ensure they are up-to-date with their Covid vaccination after experiencing Covid herself.

she fell ill.

"I was not feeling well and I thought it was just my sinuses because I had a sore throat and a runny nose. Then I started feeling achy and had a test and I was positive," Lynne said.

She coped with the seven days of isolation by watching television, sleeping and taking Panadol.

"I was lucky that I just got a mild dose of it because the vaccination certainly worked for me. My husband did not get Covid and he is triple jabbed," Lynne said.

She was also cared for at home by the COVID-19 Positive Pathways Partnership team.

"The Bass Coast Health team was absolutely fantastic. They rang me every day to see how I was going. They helped me all the way," Lynne said.

People aged 16 and over are due for a booster dose three or more months after their second dose.

Boosters are available at the Community Vaccination Clinic at Wonthaggi Town Hall (walk-in), and select pharmacies and General Practitioners.

The Covid Positive Pathways Team cares for patients in a higher risk category by age, health condition or circumstance.

Online info session for parents

Experts from the Murdoch Children's Research Institute are holding an online information session about the safety and effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines for children.

Parents are invited to join the session on Thursday, April 7 at 6pm, so they can make the best choice for their family.

The session is aimed at parents and carers of 5-11-year-olds living in the Gippsland region, along with their families and friends.

The session will cover:

- An overview of the COVID-19 vaccine recommendations and information about vaccine safety and effectiveness

- Q&A session where you can ask the speakers any questions you have about COVID-19 vaccines

- Advice on how to discuss COVID-19 vaccines with other people who may have concerns

The information in this session has been developed by A/Prof Margie Danchin and Dr Jessica Kaufman, along with other experts from the Collaboration on Social Science and Immunisation (COSSI) and are delivered in partnership with the Victorian Department of Health and

Latrobe Health Assembly.

Vaccine experts and speakers for the session are Associate Professor Margie Danchin and Dr Jessica Kaufman.

Associate Professor Margie Danchin is Group Leader, Vaccine Uptake at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Margie is an immunisation expert, and her research focuses on vaccine confidence and uptake, particularly amongst high risk-groups and in low and middle-income countries, and on effective risk communication. In Australia, she is the chair of the Collaboration on Social Science in Immunisation (COSSI) Group and is an expert advisor to ATAGI.

Dr Jessica Kaufman is Research Fellow, Vaccine Uptake at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Jessica is an editor and author with the Cochrane Consumers and Communication review group, which publishes systematic reviews on health communication and participation interventions.

This is a FREE session on Thursday, April 7, from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Zoom webinar link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87410687658>.

Extra Covid booster dose now available

A fourth COVID-19 vaccine has now been approved and people in the nominated categories are being urged to book in as soon as possible.

The Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) has approved a winter booster dose of the vaccine for people at greatest risk of severe illness from the virus and who have received their primary vaccination and third dose.

These fourth Covid 'winter doses' are now available from all state-run vaccination centres in Gippsland.

Focussed at increasing vaccine protection for the most vulnerable before the winter season hits, the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit said these 'winter doses' are aimed at;

- adults aged 65 years and older
- residents of aged care or disability care facilities
- people aged 16 years and older who are severely immunocompromised (as defined in the ATAGI statement on the use of a third primary dose of COVID-19 vaccine in individuals who are severely immunocompromised)

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years and older

Gippsland Region Public Health Unit (GRPHU) Operations Director, Annelies Titulaer, said this additional booster dose for these groups coincided with the rollout of this year's influenza vaccination program, with 'flu shot' bookings now available at local general practices and some pharmacies.

"I would like to reassure people that it is safe to have your Covid vaccination, whether that be first, second or subsequent boosters, and your flu jab in close succession, either on the same day or merely days apart," Ms Titulaer explained.

"The COVID-19 vaccine does not protect against the flu, so you should still have your annual flu shot. During the course of the pandemic, evidence suggests COVID-19 is more severe in colder months than warmer ones, and that dry indoor air may encourage the spread of the disease."

Documented proof of eligibility for this Covid 'winter dose' is not required. People can provide verbal

attestation for their eligibility.

"Eligible people will be able to receive their Covid 'winter dose' from four months after receiving their third dose, or from four months after they contracted COVID-19, if infection has occurred since the person's third dose," Ms Titulaer said.

Pfizer or Moderna are the preferred vaccines for COVID-19 booster doses including the winter booster dose. AstraZeneca can be used when Pfizer or Moderna is contra indicated or a person declines vaccination with either of these vaccines. Novavax can be used if no other COVID-19 vaccine is considered suitable for that person.

"A fourth COVID-19 dose will help maintain protection against COVID-19 and prevent waning immunity," Ms Titulaer explained.

To receive the Covid 'winter dose', book an appointment at one of the GRPHU's state-run vaccination centres online at portal.cvms.vic.gov.au or phone 1800 675 398.

To receive the flu vaccination, contact your local GP clinic or pharmacy.





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A powerful journey

Monica Alfing has travelled a lot in her life, but it's the internal journey that she believes is the most important.

A public speaker and coach for women, Monica is out to change the world, one woman at a time.

Originally from the Netherlands, Monica and her husband moved to Phillip Island six years ago, where she runs Her Amazonian Health, offering both business and holistic health coaching, as well as nutrition and fitness advice.

"Every woman has this inner strength, I call it her inner Amazonian strength," Monica explains.

"I motivate women to find their voice, to find the person they were meant to be."

She believes when a woman finds her inner strength, there's a ripple effect.

"When you make yourself better, you make things better for everyone around you."

Whether a woman is working, running a business, in politics, at home raising a family – or a combination of these – Monica is passionate about helping women find more in life.

"It's about that fire inside, and empowerment. It's okay for women to be nurturing, sweet and strong. We can have it all," she said.

Raising up women is not about men "being less" she stressed.

"It is a balance, a yin and yang. If we empower women and raise our daughters to be amazing women, there will be more equality in everything."

"For years in so many cultures women are suppressed, beaten, discriminated against. Every woman knows or has had a situation where they weren't feeling comfortable



Local public speaker, writer and women's coach Monica Alfing has contributed a chapter to a new book "A Woman's Journey to Empowerment" and hopes the stories from the book will inspire women to find their inner fire.

– someone made them feel less, or touched them a certain way," she said.

"Not every man can say that. Because of those experiences, women get stronger. We get to know ourselves more and we can use that."

Empowerment

As part of her belief in women's empowerment, Monica has contributed a chapter to a new book – "A Woman's Journey to Empowerment".

The women in the book share their stories of overcoming life's obstacles and how they used that to fuel their strength and create a powerful and fulfilling future.

Compiled by Tammie Pike, the book is designed to help, encourage and motivate other women to fuel their inner fire.

The two women connected through Monica's work as a public speaker

and when Tammie put out a call for contributions for the book, Monica knew she wanted to be part of it.

"The book has been written by a team of amazing women. They all have businesses but they're from different cultures, different backgrounds," she explained.

"They've all been through a lot of things and empowered themselves by their stories."

Monica's chapter, titled "Her Amazonian Strength", covers the loss of her father when she was 10 years old and the resulting trauma for her family.

"I loved him, he was a really good dad. After he died, our family pretty much broke. It was a really rough childhood."

The traumatic loss made young Monica determined to live life to the full – "I didn't know when I would die".

"I did everything. I went travelling, worked in bars and clubs. Life for a very long time was travelling, partying and having fun," she said.

"I had a big fire inside of me. I was mindful about my life, to do good things and get everything out of life."

She said the chapters contributed by other women have helped inspire her.

"Some of the women are very different from me and I've learned from them," she said.

"They are so strong in their will and what they are fighting for."



The book is on sale via Monica's website (www.heramazonianhealth.com), Turn the Page bookshop and the Corner Dispensary in Cowes.

She's hoping the book will help lift up others.

"I would love people to get out of the book that there is always a way out. There's always a different life you can create by saying something else to yourself."

"Hopefully people get motivated to make changes, if that is what they need."

"In the book, there are women who

survived abusive relationships, or lost a child, but every one of them came out because they made changes.

"It is not always easy, but it is worth it."

She's hoping to spread the message of women's empowerment in the local community.

"There's a big like-minded community here with a connection to nature. I do feel with the women I've worked with on the island, everyone has something beautiful inside of them."

"Finding that magic and fire inside is so important to make all our lives better."

The book is currently on sale via Monica's website, as well as the Corner Dispensary and Turn the Page bookshop in Cowes.

Monica is hoping to host some local events to celebrate the book's release and is currently talking with the Island Story Gatherers about a stand-alone literary event.

She's also looking at organising an event around Mother's Day, a women's festival, and promoting the book through her own women's network gatherings.

And she has a word of encouragement for all women.

"Be proud of what you're doing."

"It's not so much 'look at me and what I've done', it's being proud of what you're good at and what you've achieved."

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Phillip Island musician Steve Cousins is off to the Formula 1 Grand Prix, performing at a Live and Local stage representing the island.

Island goes to the Formula 1

Phillip Island musician Steve Cousins is off to the Formula 1 Grand Prix, performing at a Live and Local stage representing the island.

Phillip Island is one of five Victorian regions being showcased at this year's event.

The five fan precincts have been designed to offer unique experiences that showcase each destination, including live performances.

Steve Cousins, a local singer-songwriter known for his energetic on-stage presence, guitar solos and unassuming vocals, will represent Phillip Island.

Drawing inspiration from the likes of Matt Corby and Tash Sultana, Steve is well-known for his unapologetically honest approach to song writing and performing. He will perform a one-hour acoustic solo set on Friday, April 8 at 5pm.

"I'm excited to be a part of this event and to be bringing some local original music to the party," Steve said.

"It's been so great to be a part of the Phillip Island community and to see it flourish over the years. I feel that days like this can inspire a new standard of events for the island and it makes me excited for the future."

The regional showcases have been put together in collaboration with Visit Victoria, with local producers also being invited to talk to fans and media about the area.

The best-selling local cookbook, "Over the Bridge" is part of the Phillip Island presentation, with two of the featured producers – Jude Mayall from the Outback Chef Wild Food Farm and Roger Morris from Phillip Island Strawberries – appearing at the precinct.

Australian Grand Prix Corpora-

tion General Manager Marketing and Experience, Arthur Gillion said it was important to capture the spirit of each precinct.

"Thanks to our partnership with Solution Entertainment, we are able to shine a light on some of our state's best kept secrets."

"The music industry has had it tough over the past two years, and we are delighted to give these Australian artists a platform to perform again and to showcase their talent to our fans across the four-day event."

The five destinations featured at this year's Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix are the Grampians, the Great Ocean Road, Melbourne, Phillip Island and the Yarra Valley.

Fans will be able to kick back and relax at the Live and Local stages, where musicians from each region will take centre stage.



The KIND wall at Newhaven Primary School, created as part of Harmony Day and Bullying No Way Day.

Harmony Day at Newhaven Primary

Last month, the students at Newhaven Primary School celebrated Harmony Day and Bullying No Way Day.

Prep /1 classroom teacher Robyn Smith said the theme of the day was "kindness culture".

"Everyone at school either dressed in orange or wore "kindness" t shirts.

"One activity we did for the whole school was to write kind messages (for Bullying No Way Day) or everyone belongs (for Harmony Day) and added them to our KIND wall in the playground."

During the day the students enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the school.

"Families from our school community were asked for special items that represented their country of origin," said Robyn.

"We had items from Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Canada, Philippines, Vietnam, Denmark, Greece, England,

Mauritius, Italy and Indigenous Australia.

"The items were placed around at different points in the school and classes were given maps to find them. At each point, there were cards with information for students to read and discuss."

Students also created a video. "I asked students in the yard to show me what a kindness culture looks like," Robyn explained.

"They acted it out in different scenarios, and I videoed them. Students came up with some fantastic examples, such as sharing, take in turns, helping people out, saying hello in the morning, playing together and letting others join in."

At lunchtime, the grade 6 students took charge and ran some inclusive games for everyone to join in and enjoy.

There were activities in the gym, on the school oval and on the soccer fields next door.

Pam sure has something to sing about!

There was an extra celebration last week at the Sisters and Misters dinner, when choir member Pam Spencer celebrated her 90th birthday.

The choir's lead coach, singer Irene Bennetts and her husband Alan hosted the dinner at Kaloha restaurant in Cowes and made sure Pam's big milestone was appropriately celebrated.

"A great night was had with singing and dancing in harmony bliss," said one choir member.

The celebrations continued on the weekend with a special afternoon team.

"Pam has given and continues to give to all her local community," said friend Denise McGill, who listed Sisters and Misters, banjo club, reading group, Lions Club, walking groups and sewing shopping bags among Pam's regular community contributions.

"Pam's hospitality knows no bounds. The eclectic mix of all the people who attended her garden party is frankly a strong testimony to the unique individual Pam is," Denise said.

"Pam is inclusive, an open house to all, and frankly just the finest example of who we should all aspire to be."

Around 90 guests attended, all friends and recipients of Pam's freely given generosity over her lifetime, Denise said.



Pam Spencer celebrated her 90th birthday on the weekend with (left) her son David, son Richard, (right) and her son James, down from Darwin to help celebrate Pam's magnificent milestone.



Helping Pam Spencer (centre) celebrate her 90th birthday last week are Sisters and Misters Irene Bennetts, Maria Kirwan, Dawn Balfe, Linda Clarke and Nici Cahill.



Ashkan and Eve testing acids and bases as chemistry and literacy combine at the Phillip Island Village School.



Oscar got hands on creating oobleck as part of a chemistry and literacy unit at the Phillip Island Village School.

Class chemistry bubbling at Village School

By the Phillip Island Village School

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plies list, a hypothesis, a sequenced method, observations, and a conclusion.

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Growing young farmers careers

Young farmers across the state can now apply for the 2022 Upskill and Invest Young Farmers Scholarships.

Under the program, eligible young farmers can receive up to \$10,000 to upskill through training or education, and to invest on-farm or for further professional development.

Applications are open to farmers aged 35 or under who have been working in farm businesses for at least three days a week for the past three months, with at least two years total experience on-farm.

Find out more at: go.vic.gov.au/khjY09. Applications close April 18.

Get Active kids

A new round of \$200 Get Active Kids vouchers is now available.

Parents can apply online for a voucher which can then be redeemed at a registered provider such as a local sporting club or organisation.

Applications close May 31. getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers.

Youth Fest funding available

Grants of \$2000 are available to help organisations, schools and council present events and activities as part of the Victorian Youth Fest in September.

Groups need to work in partnership with young Victorians aged 12-25 to host face-to-face, digital or hybrid events that create opportunities for young people to showcase their skills, share their ideas and expand their networks.

Applications are open until April 29. youth-central.vic.gov.au/youth-fest.

Disability awards nominations

Nominations are open for people who have made an outstanding contribution to making Victoria more inclusive for people with a disability for this year's Victorian Disability Awards.

Nominations are open until May 3 and can be made at www.dffh.vic.gov.au/victorian-disability-awards.

Trained jobseekers for hospitality

Five hundred jobseekers are being rapidly recruited and trained to support hospitality businesses facing current staff shortages.

Recruitment runs until September and workers will receive five days paid hospitality training such as food handling, barista and responsible service of alcohol training, uniforms and tools of the trade.

Small and medium-sized hospitality businesses urgently needing staff can access the pool of workers.

Hospitality businesses looking for staff and jobseekers looking to participate can register their interest at www.jobs.vic.gov.au.

Victorian training awards

Outstanding individuals and organisations in the TAFE and training sector can now be nominated for the Victorian Training Awards 2022.

There are six award categories for individuals, three for employers and four for training organisations. Applications close on May 27.

Cultural burning

The first round of the Cultural Fire Grants, boosting Traditional Owner led cultural land and fire management practices is now open.

Grants will be available to traditional owners with and without formal recognition in two streams – large grants of above \$200,000 and smaller grants up to that amount. Applications are open until April 22. environment.vic.gov.au/grants/cultural-fire-grants.

Motorsport grants

Applications for the fourth and final round of the Motorsport Club Assistance Category of the Community Motorsport Program close on June 30.

The program provides help with upgrading facilities and equipment for motorsport and motorcycling clubs. sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding.

Emergency services volunteers grants

Applications are open for the Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) to help fund operational equipment, including the purchase of new vehicles, trucks, tankers, watercraft and trailers.

Volunteer groups can also put the money towards minor facility improvements, including refurbishments and amenities, such as kitchens and change rooms.

Applications close May 26. emv.vic.gov.au/vesep.

Cape Woolamai in Defence

Last week, the Minister for Defence announced the first of six evolved Cape class patrol boats had been delivered to the Royal Australian Navy.

"The six vessels will boost the Navy's current patrol boat capability as we await the introduction into service of the newer and larger Arafura class offshore patrol vessels. We are now one boat closer to establishing that vital capability," Minister Peter Dutton said.

One of the six new boats will be named the ADV Cape Woolamai.

It will join ADV Cape Otway, Cape Peron, Cape Naturaliste, Cape Capricorn and Cape Pillar.

All of the navy's Cape class patrol boats are named after significant capes around Australia.

The second boat is due to be delivered in July, with the remaining boats all delivered by May 2023.

There is not yet a confirmed date for when ADV Cape Woolamai will be commissioned.

The boat will be maintained in Cairns.



Last month, the Defence forces announced it has accepted the first of six evolved Cape class patrol boats – one of which will be named Cape Woolamai.



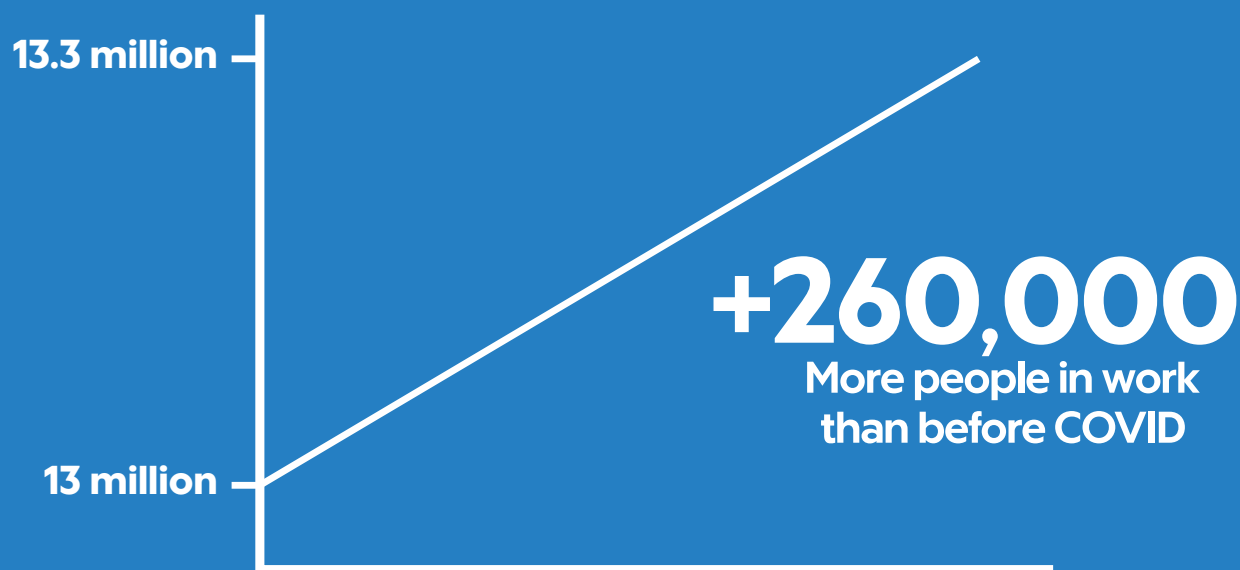
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Newhaven soccer pavilion upgrade kicks off

Bass Coast Shire Council has started work to extend the Soccer Pavilion at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve.

The Reserve caters for Phillip Island Breakers Soccer Club, the Westernport Tennis Club, Phillip Island and District Cricket Club and the Bass Coast Breakers AFLW team. The local primary school, residents and visitors also make good use of the Reserve.

The project will involve the partial demolition of the existing pavilion and the construction of new change rooms and toilets to

the rear of the existing building.

The new section will include fit for purpose change rooms, showers, toilets and a storage area. In addition, there will be dedicated toilets for spectators, which will also be accessible to the Westernport Tennis Club, local schools and casual hirers of the Reserve.

This \$700,000 project is being paid for by a \$400,000 grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria, with Council contributing \$300,000.

Work is expected to be completed by early July.



Extension of the Soccer Pavilion at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve will involve the partial demolition of the existing pavilion and the construction of new change rooms and toilets to the rear of the existing building.




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Woolworths is encouraging customers to donate to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Good eggs for Good Friday Appeal

This Easter, Woolworths is encouraging customers to help provide the best possible care for kids in hospital by donating to the Easter Fundraising Appeal in support of The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Funds raised will help the Good Friday Appeal support initiatives at The Royal Children's Hospital like the Comfort Kids Program, the Hospital's in-house television program, and Child Life Therapy Programs.

Running in-store and online until April 19, customers at Woolworths Cowes can support this endeavour by simply adding a \$2 Easter egg-shaped token to their shopping or by making a Round Up donation at Woolworths self-service check-outs.

Woolworths Group Manager, Jaimie Nash said: "Our commitment to the Good Friday Appeal has spanned 35 years now and thanks to the support of the Bass Coast Shire community we have been able to provide support to more than 300,000 children in need in the last year alone.

"The Easter Fundraising Appeal is a great example of how working together as a community we can collectively make a big difference to the lives of many kids and families across Victoria."

Executive Director of the Good Friday Appeal, Rebecca Cowan said: "This year, the Appeal is proud to celebrate a milestone anniversary with Woolworths, who are celebrating their 35th year of supporting the Good Friday Appeal with more than \$24 million raised during this period.

This year, in addition to the Easter Fundraising Appeal, Woolworths has also teamed up with Josh's Rainbow Eggs in conjunction with Chocolatier Australia, to produce chocolate eggs to support the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

For every Josh's Rainbow Easter egg sold, an additional 50c will be donated to The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.



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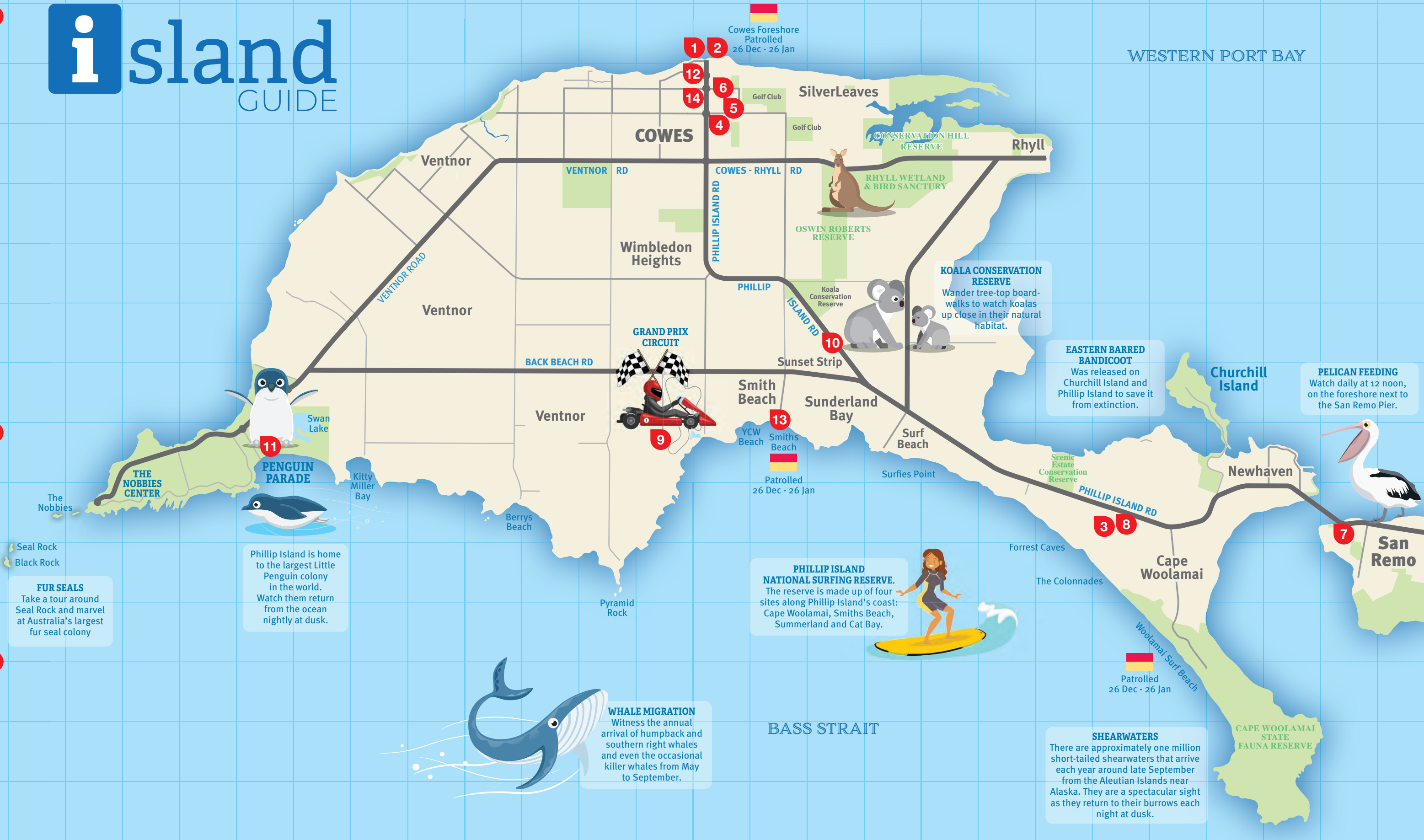
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Greener Pastures launched at Wonthaggi

“Greener Pastures”, a moving film that presents a glimpse into settlement experiences of culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) community members was launched across Gippsland during Cultural Diversity Week 2022.

The film screening at Wonthaggi (the last of four screenings across Gippsland) was attended by around 80 community members.

Each of the film screenings was followed by a panel discussion with engaging conversa-

tions about experiences of settling in Gippsland as a migrant or refugee.

A recurring theme across all events was what can be done to help people from migrant and refugee backgrounds feel more welcome in Gippsland.

The film itself highlights the power of simple acts such as saying hello to make new arrivals feel welcomed in the community. Following the film, the audience was encouraged to say hi, be curious and take small acts of kindness.

A number of people in the

auditorium expressed the need to show this short film at various platforms, including schools and community groups for further reach.

At the end of each event, attendees of the film were asked to describe the film in three words. Most people said they found the event thought-provoking, informative and inspiring.

It was also noted that sharing stories of people with lived experience can be a powerful tool to relate to one another, which in turn will foster community harmony, celebrate diversity and

facilitate inclusion.

“Latrobe Community Health Services, together with the film producers and the people who feature in the film, are so proud to have shared this thought-provoking film with Gippsland community members,” said spokesperson Goshu Tefera.

“Thank you to everyone for coming along, and please get in touch if you’d like to find out how you can view Greener Pastures.”

Organisers of the Wonthaggi event acknowledged the support of Bass Coast Shire Council.



Michelle Ravesi, Latrobe Community Health Services, at the Wonthaggi screening of “Greener Pastures”. Photo David Burrows BCSC.



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Get into the swing of jazz this Easter

Phillip Island Jazz is presenting The Swinging Cat's Pyjamas this Easter, in a show that is sure to get toes tapping.

The show on Sunday, April 17 runs from 2pm – 4.30pm at the new home of jazz – the Phillip Island Bowling Club in Dunsmore Road in Cowes.

The Swinging Cat's Pyjamas is a Melbourne-based vintage swing band playing music from a bygone era that will get you tapping and swinging all day.

Featuring the captivating voice of Laura Koomen, the sweet-toned clarinet player Amanda Jones, the rhythmic driving guitarist Adam Russo, and special guest on bass Erica Bramham.

Laura has performed in countless musicals and has studied voice, drama, and arts management. She is a leading member of

the jazz vocal ensemble 'Vox Chops' and founding member of a-cappella quartet, 'Vocal Entendre'.

Arranger and clarinet player Amanda Jones, has a rich background in big band music and performance and has been arranging and writing for big bands since 1994.

Melbourne-based guitarist Adam Russo has been quietly carving out a niche as a gifted rhythm guitarist and banjo player in the city's thriving traditional jazz scene over the last decade.

Adam can be often found performing with jazz manouche trio 'Catfish' or swinging hard with 'The Swinging Cat's Pyjamas'.

For more information please contact Rob-in on 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300.



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The Smith Street Band will be playing at the Westernport Hotel in San Remo on May 13. Photo: Ian Laidlaw.

Smith Street in San Remo

The Smith Street Band is playing at the Westernport Hotel in San Remo on May 13, as part of a regional Victoria tour.

The seven shows in April and May include Macedon, Torquay, Traralgon and San Remo, as well as Hepburn Springs, Ballarat and Frankston.

After postponing shows earlier in 2022, The Smith Street Band spent time bunkered down in their

off-grid studio in regional Victoria recording their sixth studio album, which is set to follow on from the number one ARIA Album "Don't Waste Your Anger" released in 2020.

The Smith Street Band will be supported by Cheap Skate at the Westernport Hotel on May 13.

Information and tickets available at www.thewesternport.com.au/#gigs.

Rhyll Garage Trail Sale
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The Rhyll Garage Trail sale will be held over Easter Saturday and Sunday, with residents coming together to present bargain hunters with over 20 garage sales simultaneously.

Rhyll Garage Trail Sale!

The Rhyll Community Association is hosting a very different type of garage sale based on the old style "progressive dinner" idea.

Rhyll residents have come together to present bargain hunters with a smorgasbord of garage sales all happening in Rhyll simultaneously on Easter Saturday and Sunday.

Over 20 garage sales around Rhyll, all with different types of products and goods will be involved.

Their addresses will be listed on maps that will be sold for \$5 at the Rhyll Hall over Easter Saturday and Sunday from 9am until 12 noon.

All houses participating will have very identifying signs at the front of their properties.

Items for sale include furniture, clothing, bikes, household items and even lawn mowers! There will be something for everyone.

Organisers of the inaugural Garage Trail Sale in Rhyll said if the event is successful it will become an annual event.

They said these types of community garage sales have been extremely successful in other areas and assist with the re-use, re-cycle and re-purpose mantra.

Kim Churchill at Phillip Island Winery

Award-winning folk favourite Kim Churchill is performing at the Phillip Island Winery on Sunday, April 10.

The show coincides with the release of his latest single "Fighter" from his forthcoming album due later this year.

Staying true to his cathartic acoustic roots, "Fighter" rides the waves that life throws our way and celebrates inner strength in the face of self doubt.

Organic in his storytelling, Kim's compelling vocals are raw and honest.

"As I move through my life I feel, from time to time, the inevitable doubts a person has about their path and their ability to soundly navigate life," he said.

"For me, these doubts normally come in the form of me questioning my own strength and ability to handle hard and difficult times.

"Fighter" is a celebration of the strength I know I have and a reminder to myself and to others that we have, within us, what it takes to tackle life and its ups and downs regardless of who we are - or how gentle we like to be with our existence."

The show is part of a national tour running through until May, which sees him visiting all corners of the country.

Landing on the scene in 2009, Kim Churchill's laidback folk style continues to strike a chord with industry and fans alike.

Playing renowned festivals including Glastonbury Music Festival, Montreal's International Jazz Festival and South By South



Kim Churchill will be showcasing tracks from his forthcoming album when he appears at the Phillip Island Winery on April 10.

West, along with a stack of home grown festivals, Kim's decade long industry experience spreads far and wide.

Raised on the coastal town of Merimbula, the songwriter was previously crowned Australia's National Youth Folk Artist of the Year and nominated for the National Live Music Awards Roots Act of the Year.

"Fighter" is available now wherever you consume great music.

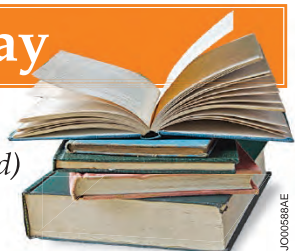
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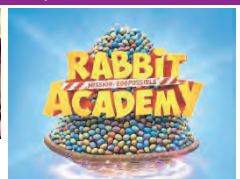
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Rabbit Academy

Mission: Eggpossible

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The Batman [M] 2h55m

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The Duke [M] 1h36m

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Basham trial

WARNING: These articles contains details that will be distressing to some readers.

The Supreme Court trial for alleged murderer Adrian Basham began on March 16 and is expected to run for six weeks.

Adrian James Basham is accused of killing the mother of their three children, Samantha Fraser, 38, at her Cowes garage on July 23, 2018.

Mr Basham is pleading not guilty to one count of murder.

Counsel for the defence said they did not dispute that Mr Basham was in Ms Fraser's garage on July 23, 2018 – in breach of an intervention order – and had inflicted “a number of non-fatal injuries on her body”.

However the defence argued Ms

Fraser was alive when Mr Basham left the garage, alleging she had instead suicided by hanging.

So far the trial has focused on testimony from friends and family of the accused and deceased, as well as witnesses. This week the evidence is moving to police testimony and forensic evidence.

The Crown is expected to close its case by Thursday morning.

The Advertiser is covering key testimony from each day of the trial. Given the sensitivity of the trial to many local residents, including the family, the Advertiser has opted not to include some details in our coverage. To respect the

privacy of individuals, names have sometimes been omitted or a Christian name used.

Counsel for the prosecution is Nanette Rogers and Lachlan Cameron. Counsel for the defence is Ashley Halphen and Amelia Beech.

The trial is presided by Justice Lesley Taylor and was delayed one week due to a jury member testing positive for Covid. Currently Mr Halphen is isolating due to being a close Covid contact.

If you or anyone you know needs support, contact the National Sexual Assault, Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service on 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732).



Crime scene “unusual”, “odd”

The Cowes police who first found Samantha Fraser on the day of her death told the Supreme Court this week the crime scene was “unusual” and “odd”.

Leading senior constable Paul Wagner gave evidence on Monday (April 4) that he discovered Ms Fraser in the garage on July 23, 2018.

Leading Snr Const Wagner said he and colleague Leading Snr Const Andrew Pascoe were called at 4.20pm to do a welfare check on Ms Fraser's home at Seagrove Way, requested by Cowes primary school's principal after Ms Fraser failed to pick up her children.

He said after looking around the house they requested a forced entry, kicking the garage door to gain access.

Leading Snr Const Wagner said he called the Criminal Investigation Unit (CIU) after discovering Ms Fraser's body.

“I found it unusual because her feet were flat on the ground ... there was hair in her hand that was odd,” Leading Snr Const Wagner said.

When asked by counsel for the prosecution Nanette Rogers whether he'd seen many suicides in his 37-year career he replied “unfortunately yes”.

Dr Rogers asked if he called the CIU because if a crime was committed it needed to be investigated and the officer said “yes”.

Leading Snr Const Wagner and his colleague then established a crime scene and taped off the area, remaining on guard and preserving the scene.

Leading Snr Const Andrew Pascoe, now retired, con-

firmed he also found Ms Fraser's feet “flat on the concrete”, detailing her injuries.

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Suspicion?

Detective Sergeant Andrew Spooner from Bass Coast CIU told the court on Monday he called the homicide squad after investigating the crime scene because the “circumstances didn't sit quite right”.

“If there is suspicion then the homicide squad are contacted.”

Det Sgt Spooner searched Ms Fraser's Landcruiser in the garage of the Seagrove Way property, finding a handbag with a purse, diary and mobile phone.

He later visited Rip Curl in Newhaven to obtain CCTV footage from July 23.

Silent

The police officer who informed Mr Basham of Ms Fraser's death – in Paynesville – said Mr Basham remained silent the whole time he was there.

Sgt Tyrone Andrews told the court for a death notification visit, it was short, about 10 minutes.

“He did not speak a word to me,” Sgt Andrews said.

Several forensic officers and crime scene examiners also gave evidence to the court on Monday, explaining they dusted for fingerprints and took hair and blood swabs.

Leading Senior Constable Richard Jenkins – who in 2018 was with the Major Crime Scene Unit at the Victoria Police Forensic Services Centre – said he examined several vehicles, Ms Fraser's phone and a Kawasaki Ninja 1000 30 motorcycle that had two areas of possible bloodstaining, including on the fuel tank.

Leading Senior Constable Sarah Short from Bass Coast Crime Scene Unit examined items in Ms Fraser's kitchen including two drinking glasses, as well as blood on the dishwasher handle and a frypan that was in the sink.

In the garage she examined a hand smear impression on a wall, as well as shoe impressions and scuff marks.

A tactical intelligence operative officer on Tuesday gave evidence about the process to create a photo identification board of 12 individual faces, including Mr Basham, to help witness identification.

A friend told the court on Monday when she met Ms Fraser at a Cowes park for a children's play date – after her separation – Ms Fraser placed her mobile phone in a clump of bushes about 30 metres away.

“She was talking about the fact she felt her movements were being tracked,” the friend said, adding Ms Fraser at the time spoke quietly, “whispering”.

“She was looking back over her shoulder.”

Basham's father testifies

The father of Adrian Basham told the Supreme Court on Tuesday his son felt suicidal the day of his estranged wife's death.

James Basham said his son arrived at his Paynesville home late in the afternoon of July 23, 2018 on his Kawasaki motorbike, which he then stored in the garage.

Prosecution counsel Nanette Rogers asked if Adrian at that time explained he had travelled at speed to get to Paynesville.

“Yes. I regarded it as astronomical speeds. It scared me, in excess of 200km/hr,” Mr Basham told the court.

Mr Basham said soon after he noticed a scratch on his son's nose and asked him how he got it.

“He said he might have got it on a walk he had during his ride.”

Dr Rogers asked if Mr Basham was concerned by his son's behaviour when he arrived.

“No, he was tired after what I understood to be a long ride,” Mr Basham said.

Dr Rogers then asked if Adrian expressed any feelings that day.

“Yes, he did, he mentioned he felt suicidal.”

Mr Basham said that afternoon his son later cleaned the motorbike in the shed.

“He wiped the bike with a baby wipe to remove bugs accumulated from a long ride,” Mr Basham said.

(On Monday a forensics officer said he examined a Kawasaki Ninja 1000 30

motorcycle that had two areas of possible bloodstaining, including on the fuel tank – see separate story.)

Police

Mr Basham told the court that early in the morning on July 24, 2018, he received a “surprise” phone call from a detective wanting to reach Adrian.

“I resisted revealing where he was at the time,” Mr Basham said, adding that once he knew it was important – a message about Ms Fraser's death – he encouraged his son to listen to police but not speak.

Mr Basham left the phone on speaker while he further encouraged Adrian to speak to police.

“He didn't want to have a bar of it at the time.”

“He reminded me and told me of the numerous occasions he had a less than happy (interaction with police).”

“During the course of the separation (with Ms Fraser) the service he received from members of the police were (sic) less than desirable.”

Three uniform officers then arrived at Mr Basham's Paynesville home to deliver the message, with Adrian listening but not speaking.

Dr Rogers asked Mr Basham if he inquired how Ms Fraser had died, to which he replied “I cannot recall”.

The next morning, after sleeping in, his father drove Adrian to Melbourne and returned to Paynesville alone.

On July 26 police arrived

at the Paynesville home with a search warrant to seize the motorbike.

Cross-examination

Defence counsel Ashley Halphen asked Mr Basham – who was expecting his son to arrive – whether anything stood out with his son on July 23, 2018.

“He was tired after a long ride and otherwise nothing of note,” Mr Basham said.

When asked by Mr Halphen if anything about Adrian's demeanour gave him cause for concern Mr Basham replied “nothing, not at all”.

Mr Basham – whose father was in the police force – explained he had advised his son to listen but not speak to police “knowing it was not unusual in such circumstances”.

“What were your observations made of your son's emotions and demeanour after police left the house” following the death message,” Mr Halphen asked.

“He was upset. He had shock. Certainly I had shock.”

“He was visibly upset ... his demeanour changed. He looked stressed. It upset him.”

Mr Basham said his son “brushed off” his questions about the scratch on his nose, saying he was “matter of fact, like so what?”.

Mr Basham told the court the last time Adrian had seen his children was Father's Day 2017 in Cowes, when he was also present.

Sam Fraser's friends give testimony at Supreme Court

A close friend of Samantha Fraser's has broken down in the witness stand while watching CCTV vision of their last moments together.

Lija gave evidence at the Supreme Court trial of alleged murderer Adrian Basham last Thursday, detailing her last coffee with Ms Fraser on the morning of July 23, 2018 at G'Day Tiger in Cowes' main street.

When asked to identify CCTV footage of herself and Ms Fraser taken from Skunk Wear, Lija began sobbing.

After Justice Lesley Taylor asked whether she was ok to continue, Lija explained she finished the coffee, hugged



her friend “and I wished her well for her (job) interview and told her that I'd give her a call a bit later”.

“I called Sam close to 11 o'clock but I thought her interview would have been

over by then,” she said.

Lija said she knew her friend so well that she could see when Ms Fraser was “real happy or pretend happy”.

She said at Ms Fraser's birthday party on July 22 she was “real happy and we all knew it”, and at the café the following day “yep, still real happy”.

Ms Fraser's new boyfriend at the time of her death told the court that before her birthday she had told him “she had considered taking her own life the previous birthday” because Mr Basham “had taken everything from her”.

“(On her birthday) I asked

Sam the question how will you remember this birthday this year and (via text she replied) ‘the beginning of a wonderful new stage in my life xo’,” the partner, Wayne, said.

“Sam was a devoted mother. She wouldn't leave her children.”

Wayne was one of the last people to see Ms Fraser alive on July 23, after also having coffee at G'day Tiger in the Cowes main street.

“We kissed each other goodbye and assumed we would see each other later in the day,” he said.

Wayne said Ms Fraser had no visible injuries, markings or scratches at that time.

Police intercepted a tearful Basham

Alleged murder Adrian Basham was pulled over by police later on the day of his estranged wife's death, crying that he "didn't need more trouble" in his life.

Mr Basham was pulled over by Bairnsdale police before 4pm on July 23, 2018 for speeding on his Kawasaki black 2017 motorbike in a 60km zone.

Detective Senior Constable Shan-rah Ross, from Bairnsdale police, last Friday told the Supreme Court trial of Mr Basham that she and a colleague activated their lights and sirens and followed Mr Basham.

He pulled into a driveway and removed his helmet and they again activated their lights and sirens.

"He didn't appear to be aware of our presence at all," Det Snr Const Ross said.

While she stayed in the car to conduct a radio check of the motorbike's registration, her colleague approached Mr Basham.

"He appeared quite agitated and

visibly upset," she said.

"He made a reference to not needing a speeding ticket at that time because he was going through a messy divorce."

Det Snr Const Ross said it was while she asked Mr Basham where he was going (to his father's house in Paynesville) that he became more emotional.

"At this point he started to cry."

Counsel for the defence Amelia Beech asked whether Mr Basham had said he didn't need a speeding fine "because it would be used against him in court with his wife" and Det Snr Const Ross confirmed he had said "words to that effect".

Det Snr Const Ross gave a description of Mr Basham's appearance but told the court from where she was sitting she did not see any injuries on his face.

Bairnsdale residents Kevin and Rebecca Arnold gave evidence to the court that Mr Basham pulled into their driveway that day.

Mr Arnold said he first met Mr Basham when they were both FIFO workers at Barrow Island, in Western Australia's Pilbara.

He said he came out to his driveway after hearing lights and sirens and saw Mr Basham "very emotional, upset and crying".

After police left "I asked him if he was ok and invited him in for a cup of tea".

"Adrian said he didn't need this in his life at the moment," Mr Arnold said, adding he did not ask what his friend meant by that.

Over the cup of tea "he slowly started to pull himself together and seemed to be more relaxed and less emotional".

Mrs Arnold told the court she later arrived to find Mr Basham and her husband examining their caravan and said Mr Basham was "very calm and quiet, a soft-spoken person".

Mr And Mrs Arnold did not recall seeing any injuries to Mr Basham's face.

Basham's dates give evidence

A former girlfriend of accused murderer Adrian Basham – who he met on Tinder – has told the Supreme Court she gave Mr Basham a mobile phone, later detected in Cowes on the day of Samantha Fraser's death.

Kylie Munro gave evidence that she obtained a mobile SIM card – registered in her own name – as well as a mobile phone for Mr Basham, saying she gave it to him so "he could have private conversations primarily with his father if he needed to".

According to counsel for the prosecution, Optus records show this phone left the San Remo area at 7.20am on July 23, 2018 and was detected at the Cowes Esplanade later that morning, before next being detected at Paynesville at 5.47pm, where Mr Basham then stayed with his father.

Ms Munro said she met Mr Basham in July 2017 on Tinder and they had a relationship to February 2018 when it ended "amicably".

"Adrian's life was in limbo, and consequently mine was. So, it was time to sort of maybe give it a rest and go our separate ways for a while," Ms Munro said, agreeing that his breakup, children and an ongoing court case was the cause of the "limbo".

"And who knew what the future holds? Maybe we'd connect in a couple of years or whenever, you know. It was kind of left open."

Ms Munro said Mr Basham was down and depressed towards the end of their relationship.

She continued making payments to the mobile phone she gave Mr Basham after their relationship ended.

Kylie Raftery also met Mr Basham on Tinder and went on six dates up to July 2018 when Mr Basham then went to New Zealand on a holiday.

On his return she sent a text message on about July 22 "but I didn't hear back".

Ms Raftery said Mr Basham discussed his failed marriage with her, saying "he believed that Samantha was only staying with him just so the money came in and the

mortgage was paid".

Counsel for the prosecution Lachlan Cameron asked Ms Raftery whether Mr Basham mentioned what was happening in terms of court and the intervention order, "that it was a conspiracy against him" and Ms Raftery said "he did, yes".

"And did he tell you that he felt that he had been set up so that he had nothing and Sam had everything?" Mr Cameron asked.

"Yes," she replied.

Ms Raftery contacted police after watching CCTV footage taken on Settlement Road and Seagrove Way on the TV news on July 23, identifying Mr Basham.

"I guess he has a certain walk. We had gone on a few walks together and I had seen the movement of him turning around, like, depicted in those, on our walks," she said.

San Remo friends

San Remo friends of Mr Basham on Thursday gave evidence that he had dined and stayed with them on the night prior to Ms Fraser's death.

Cameron told the court Mr Basham had pizza and a roast dinner at his house on July 22, 2018 and they had "casual" plans to have breakfast at Silverwater Resort and go for a motorbike ride the next morning.

"(When Mr Basham left that night to stay at a neighbour's) he was in good spirits, his normal happy self," Cameron said.

"On Monday 23rd I slept in to about 9.30am and missed breakfast."

When Cameron texted and called Mr Basham he received no reply.

Cameron also told the court he saw no visible injuries, markings or scratches, on Mr Basham before July 23.

Another friend Mick, a neighbour of Cameron, said Mr Basham had stayed at his home during this time and was a "fantastic bloke".

Mick said in the days after Ms Fraser's death he received a call from Mr Basham saying he had "bad news".

"He sounded upset, shocked," Mick said.

Witnesses ID Basham

Several witnesses have given evidence a man fitting Adrian Basham's description was seen on Seagrove Way in Cowes on the day of his estranged wife's death.

A neighbour who was a friend of Mr Basham and Ms Fraser's supplied CCTV vision to police of a man walking on Seagrove Way at 8.55am – and in the opposite direction at 12.04pm – on July 23, 2018.

The neighbour testified it was Mr Basham in the footage, recognising him for his "height, mannerism, his way of walking, his gait".

An intervention order made by Ms Fraser against Mr Basham prevented him from being near her, her home or children.

Another neighbour, Michael, allegedly saw a man in a hoodie acting suspiciously and entering the Seagrove Way property about 9am.

"I was like 'that looked a bit suspicious', so that's when I thought that was a bit weird, so I went up to the roundabout just up the road and done a U turn and went back and sort of slowed right down and



then sort of looked into the garden from the left," Michael said.

"I couldn't see anyone up into the garden anymore."

A Seagrove Way resident Stephen was out walking his dog with his wife that morning when he shared a gaze with a man he identified as Mr Basham.

"The gaze on me that sort of startled us a bit and my wife as well," Stephen said, adding he also observed the garage door at 19 Sea-

grove Way up about two foot.

"I looked back again to make sure everything was – that no one was following us."

Two Australia Post delivery drivers also testified they saw a man fitting Mr Basham's description in the Seagrove Way area.

A Cape Woolamai resident was driving home on July 23 when she was "struck" by a motorcyclist speeding up behind her in an 80km zone, heading into a 60km zone.

Threats and accusations: week three of Basham trial

A former surfing friend of Adrian Basham's contacted police after becoming increasingly concerned about "alarming comments" he made about his estranged wife Samantha Fraser, the Supreme Court has heard.

Adrian James Basham is pleading not guilty to the murder of the mother of their three children, Ms Fraser, 38, at her Cowes garage on July 23, 2018.

Peter said he wrote to police after Mr Basham made comments "about what he would like to do to Samantha" and "making her pay".

"He also talked and alluded to, oh, making her pay in other ways, were his exact words," Peter said, adding Mr Basham would not be pressed on further details.

When asked by counsel for the prosecution Lachlan Cameron whether he was concerned about his behaviour and attitude towards Ms Fraser, Peter replied "yes, very much".

He told the court Mr Basham would call him frequently, up to seven times a day, with calls between 45 minutes and two hours.

"He'd often ring after they had

broken up for a couple of months in a really aggressive frame of mind and tone of voice and really manic.

"He'd ramble and ramble about what a bad person Samantha was, how terrible it is he has to go through counselling, how awful it was he had to spend all this money on lawyers.

"It would get darker. It would end up he'd start to say things like 'well she will pay, just you watch'.

"He was very aggressive, over the top. She (Samantha) had become the enemy almost to the point it was directed at me."

When asked if Mr Basham was upset about the relationship breakdown, Peter said "he wasn't as upset as the drama it was causing him and the way he was being treated".

The last time Peter saw Mr Basham was in July 2018 in the surf at Cat Bay when Mr Basham followed him with a "barrage of questions" in a "really aggressive alpha male" manner about why he had written the letter to police.

Conversations with Mr Basham focused on money and he was also

"competitive in whatever he was doing".

He described Ms Fraser as a "wonderful person".

"Just amazing to talk to and easy to get along with," he said, adding that by contrast he was "wary and watchful" of Mr Basham.

Accusations

Peter said at one point Mr Basham accused him of having an affair with Ms Fraser.

A neighbour gave evidence that Mr Basham had on multiple occasions accused him of having an affair with Ms Fraser in 2017, including accosting him at the Cowes skate park and Smiths Beach carpark, with his wife and children present.

"I told him to f*** off and leave me alone and stop being a pest," the neighbour said, adding Mr Basham's behaviour at the time was "super erratic and angry".

The neighbour's wife told the court the encounter at the skate park with Mr Basham "was intense and it was intimidating".

"He was ranting and said she (Ms Fraser) was disgusting ..." she said.

"I will destroy you": evidence

A counsellor who saw Ms Fraser for five consultations from January 2018 gave evidence her client told her she was "terrified" of Mr Basham.

"He had actively said to her 'you watch me, I will destroy you'," the counsellor recounted.

A psychological assessment of Ms Fraser carried out by the counsellor found she was suffering extremely high levels of post-traumatic stress disorder and was in the severe range for depression and hypervigilance, with clinical insomnia, sleeping about five hours a night.

"In the room she sat on the edge of the couch through the session, was jumpy and shaking, the most hypervigilant person I've seen in 35 years of practice," the counsellor said.

An Orange Door practitioner, who provided family violence advice to Ms Fraser, told the court she carried out a security audit of the Seagrove Way home and Ms Fraser's phones and computers for spyware.

"I identified that her phone was connected to Adrian's iCloud

account. She was not aware of this," the practitioner said.

"I disabled the connection with Sam's consent."

The practitioner also expressed concerns about Ms Fraser parking her car in the garage.

"I advised that it would be safer to park out on the driveway, with her car facing towards the street.

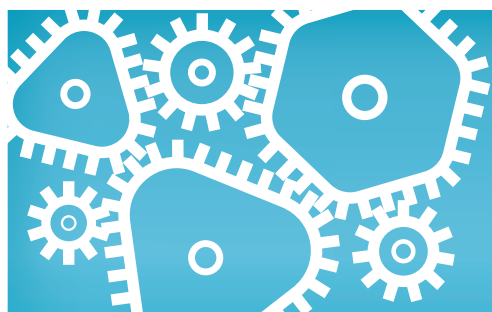
"I also reiterated how important it is for her to have petrol in her car at all times and to have her mobile close by."

Another social worker told the court Ms Fraser had an appointment at 12pm on July 23, 2018 that she failed to attend.

"I called her and texted her to follow up as it was unusual," the social worker said.

The social worker was then called by Cowes primary school as Ms Fraser had failed to pick up her children.

"I advised (the school) to contact police to do a welfare check because I was very concerned but the school had already done so," she added.



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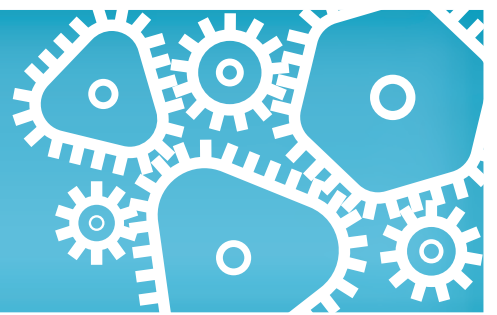
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Old Nan and Nan Nan to Ruby, Willa, Sophie, Clara and Xavier.
She had one happiness in life, to love and be loved.
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HAMILTON, Heather:
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Support Ukraine

Few Australians will disagree with the sentiment's expressed by the PM with respect to the conflict forced onto Ukraine by an aggressive neighbour. They may not stop the war, but they represent widely held views across Australia, and signify that as far away as Ukraine is from Australia, support for Ukraine's freedom, integrity, sovereignty, right to free will, free of coercion, free of armed aggression, right to grow, thrive, live as one sees fit and opportunities present, runs deep and strong.

I suspect and have it on good authority evidenced by numerous examples of disasters past and recent, that "when the chips are down" Australians fundamentally voluntarily, almost as a sense of obligation to their fellow humans, come together and unify to tackle the challenges. They have the same or similar values, customs and approaches as Ukrainians, when it comes to crisis help.

Australians, like Ukrainians, have that sense and sensibility of innate resoluteness, conviction, self determination to "roll up the sleeves" and help each other in natural and man-made disasters, as far as possible, come what may, because the alternatives are unconscionable, for a civil and civilised society.

Australia may be some 13 times larger in land mass than Ukraine, Ukraine's population may be some 18 million larger than Australia's. Australia's GDP is many times larger than Ukraine's, and both Ukraine and Australia are not on the tourists' pathways like

the EU or USA, one would be surprised at just how much in common both peoples have, in terms of aspirations, family, lifestyles, education, customs and values.

Greg Jarosch, Cowes

Nonsense car ferry

Do we really need to waste effort on yet another review about a car ferry from Cowes to Stony Point? State government chucks another \$200,000 at it, plus the effort for people lodging objections.

Success depends on amount of traffic. Obviously it needs to compete with road. The sensible interval between cars is three seconds, which allows for reaction time of driver to apply brakes and not hit another vehicle or pedestrian.

If cars are three seconds apart, with 3600 second in one hour, vehicles per hour $3600/3 = 1200$.

The organisation which did most donkey work last time was Earth Check, on behalf of American big league consultant AECOM. The size of ferry was recommended as 36 cars. Obviously not full in winter, so projecting average was 15 cars per voyage. Sailing time is 45 minutes each way, with 15 minutes each end for embark/disembark. A two hours round trip, so on average no more than five round trips per day. Five trips x 15 cars per trip = 75 cars per day!

How can car ferry 75 cars per day make any sense compared with 1200 cars per hour, per road lane?

Sure roads can get congested but it's a dead end road. Some folks want road upgrade to four lanes. What sense does this make for so few destinations and so

many exemptions from required number of car parks, for everything, up to and including new Cultural Centre?

Cars are the problem.

If Council really do feel the need to respond to folks who insist on action to deliver more people, it's already been done, elsewhere in the world. It's called "park-and-ride". It means informing people when roads are already hopelessly congested so they leave their car behind. In Cowes, parking on block diagonally opposite RSL, or before San Remo, subject to Shire organising buses, preferably electric.

How about it? The world needs leadership, by government!
Bernie McComb, Cowes

Bus stop upgrade questioned

My wife and I have just come back from a 15 day trip, 3900 km road trip through Tasmania.

During the trip our neighbour advised us that the bus stop in the vicinity of our property was to be upgraded. On returning we learnt this had come about with notification by the Dept of Transport that they had to meet the requirements set out in the Disability & Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA).

My question, to DDA is Panorama Drive off Port Phillip Road has no footpath, how is this going to help the disabled person?

Panorama Drive is part of the upgraded local bus network because of the new Secondary College and Panorama Drive is as narrow as more than half the roads we travelled on in Tasmania, only difference we have a kerb.

One thing we did notice in Tasmania on the narrow roads was a sign saying "Shared Road No Footpath".

Finally, I was taught that when you walk on the road, you walk towards the oncoming traffic. What I have noticed is the majority of walkers up and down Panorama Drive walk with their back to the oncoming traffic.

Whilst I might have gone around in a circle, my question of this upgrade of the bus stops and with no footpath, how is it to help the disabled person?

Michael Quinn, San Remo

Flight not ferry

Instead of the current debate about access to the island via a vehicular ferry, which apparently has a poor business case, wouldn't a restored airport to take light planes rather than just helicopters, which I was told is currently the case, be an option worth considering?

Jean Verway, Ventnor

Time is up for Broadbent

Further to last week's letter about the coming Federal election I would like to agree with Lois in all that she has noted. Russell Broadbent kept his job and salary while unable to fulfil the responsibilities of his position. Meanwhile many people have lost their jobs for the same reason. Does being a Member of Parliament entitle people to different rules to majority of us who did the right thing to respect our fellow community members? I too believe it is time.

Barbara Owen, Sunset Strip

Helping reach net zero carbon

Western Port and Port Phillip Bay can play a major role in achieving net zero carbon according to a local partnership that includes Bass Coast Shire Council.

Proper investment in marine ecosystem protection and restoration could ensure Victoria's Western Port and Port Phillip bays contribute to local and national's achievement of net zero carbon emissions.

A partnership led by the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation will examine how this can be achieved through investment in local scale 'blue carbon' projects to maintain and restore mangrove, seagrass and saltmarsh ecosystems. These are capable of capturing carbon up to 30 and 50 times faster than terrestrial forests, locking it into the marine sediments for thousands of years.

The Foundation has partnered with member councils of the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance (SECCCA) and Deakin University's Blue Carbon Lab, to build on research already undertaken along Victoria's coastline to identify how future ecosystem management can optimise carbon sequestration and storage.

The new study will focus on Western Port and the eastern edge of Port Phillip Bay, both areas with existing blue carbon assets, and with potential for even greater capacity for carbon capture through the restoration of areas already damaged or lost.

Biosphere Foundation CEO, Mel Barker, said funding from seven of SECCCA's member councils, including the five existing Biosphere Foundation partner councils, would help ensure that future and more significant investments into blue carbon would yield positive returns for local communities, the climate and sustained biodiversity.

"Land clearance and degrada-



At Deakin University's Blue Carbon Lab (left to right): Professor Peter Macreadie (Head of Deakin University's Blue Carbon Lab), Glenn Brooks-MacMillan (Program Manager, Western Port Biosphere Foundation) and Daniel Pleiter (Acting CEO, SECCCA).

tion of the world's forests, regularly hit the international news as a threat to the Earth's capacity to absorb carbon dioxide. Yet the loss of marine ecosystems on our doorstep and around the world and the equally substantial role they play in maintaining a liveable planet slips by virtually unnoticed. Globally, wetlands have already declined by 64-71 per cent since 1900.

"This research will help build awareness that the conservation and restoration of our coastal ecosystems is indispensable to help us adapt and mitigate to climate change.

"Not only could future investment make a substantial contribution to Australia achieving net zero carbon, but it would also help enhance marine biodiversity in the bays and support sectors like recreation, tourism and fishing," she said.

SECCCA Chair, and Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said participating councils would derive substantial benefit from access to the evidence-based guidance for future environmental planning and programs for blue carbon ecosystems.

"Deakin University's Blue Carbon Lab is one of the world's leading centres for blue carbon research, focussed in quantifying the capacity of our coastal and marine environments to help offset carbon emissions, especially in the region most relevant to our bayside councils," he said.

Head of Blue Carbon Lab, Professor Peter Macreadie, said the project would deliver a valuable roadmap for future investment in blue carbon ecosystem restoration, supported by comprehensive maps of existing habitat, suitable areas for coastal wetland restora-

tion and other co-benefits deriving from these ecosystems (e.g. coastal protection, fisheries, improvement of water quality).

"With the support of the Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation and SECCCA, this project will be crucial to understand the blue carbon opportunities at local and regional scale within the Western Port Biosphere Reserve and South East Councils Climate Change Alliance region.

"We expect that our project will identify the areas within this region that are suitable to deliver productive blue carbon projects and biodiversity outcomes with the right level of investment and evidence-based project planning and management," he said.

Participating cities and shires include: Bass Coast, Bayside, Cardinia, Casey, Frankston, Kingston and Mornington Peninsula.



Scarlett Rennie not only secured Best Contributor on her winning Island team, but also took out the award for Outstanding Performance by a Female Surfer. Photo: @Bunpix.



Angus Kennedy won a custom board from Island Surfboards for Best Performance by a non-sponsored surfer which was presented by Sandy Ryan. Also pictured, awards presentation MC Geoff (Ouzo) Owens.

Smiles all round for community surfing spirit

Team Island captained by Sandy Ryan has won the seventh Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve Teams Challenge and Dave Fincher Memorial Trophy at the event held at Cape Woolamai on Saturday, April 2.

After the 2020 comp was cancelled at the last minute due to the global pandemic, there were smiles all round as the surfing community of all ages and styles met to enjoy the tag team format challenge.

Cool weather, strong winds and even challenging surfing conditions did not dampen spirits of competitors and spectators.

Majestic Cape Woolamai formed the perfect backdrop for all the surfing action as the eight teams battled it out in fierce but friendly competition.

Woolamai surf conditions were challenging, but that didn't affect the local surfers who put on an amazing display of skill and camaraderie as each team supported their members and all competitors.

"I'd like to dedicate this to Dave Fincher – one of my heroes and I have the greatest respect for him," said Sandy Ryan as he accepted the trophy, presented by Geoff Owens of the National Surfing Reserve committee and competition founder.

Archysurf, captained by Luke Archibald, won second place with the 2019 champions,

Team Crushers following in third.

But this comp is not about winning!

It's about team spirit.

This was on display with teams such as Midlife Crew who had even made their own banners to cheer their team on from the beach and Salty Sisters and the Bro – an all-female lineup, except for Michael Fletcher who surfed in the male category.

Community spirit was high all day, culminating in an exciting final where surfers showed off their best moves as gutsy grommets (surfers aged 14 and under), Malibu riders and surfers of all ages took turns to paddle out to battle to win.

Supporters gathered on the beach and lookouts to watch the action and displays of skill, courage and sometimes comedy.

"It's a great reunion," said Island's Sandy Ryan.

"It's rare and special to have an occasion like this where we all catch up."

In the end it all came down to skill and teamwork as Island was just too strong – winning the competition by a large margin.

In fourth place was Newhaven College's Spoonbills captained by Andy Neal and new teams Wareeny Murrups (Ocean Spirit) and MidLife coming in fifth and sixth place respectively.

Awards

Surfers then washed the salt off and met at the Boardriders Club to share stories, listen to Ozone blues and await the highly anticipated presentation.

A wide range of awards was given out including the highest scoring wave won by Blake Green, who has been surfing the comp since he was a Super Grom, and Angus Kennedy received a custom board (value \$800) for Island Surfboards Best Performance by a non-sponsored surfer category.

"We were incredibly humbled by the support of all sponsors and acknowledge recent years have been tough for everyone, but their unwavering support demonstrates the importance the community puts on this team event," said Geoff Owens.

Event sponsors included: Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bass Coast Shire Council, Westernport Water, Phillip Island RSL, Newhaven College, The Cape Kitchen, Full Circle, Ramada Resort by Wyndham, Rip Curl Phillip Island, Full Circle, Island Surfboards, San Remo IGA and Print It Fast.

Many local businesses also provided goods for the raffle and a percentage of proceeds will support Lifeline Gippsland.

Highlights of the award ceremony included the Phillip Island RSL Team Spirit Award of

a \$500 meal voucher, presented to McHenry Motors and young Scarlett Rennie not only securing Best Contributor on her winning Island team, but also taking out the Ramada Resort by Wyndham for Outstanding Performance by a Female Surfer.

Outstanding Performance by a Male Surfer also sponsored by Ramada was won by Harry De Roth of Island.

In another double whammy, Blake Green from Island won both a Local Clothing prize pack and Phillip Island Nature Parks four parks pass for Best Junior and a surf watch for the Rip Curl Highest Scoring Wave.

"It was once again a great day – making history, celebrating team spirit, showcasing quality surfing and encouraging the next generation of surfers – exactly what Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve is all about," said event organiser Geoff Owens.

"We're looking forward to the 2023 event, which is sure to be special as it will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Surfing Reserve in 2013.

"I want to thank everyone for coming and continuing to support this community surfing event held in our wonderful National Surfing Reserve."

See you all next year – the event will be held in March, date to be confirmed soon.

More photos from the event at pisra.com.au.



Team Island took out the 2022 National Surfing Reserve Teams Challenge and Dave Fincher Memorial Trophy on the weekend.



Max Boulton, Geoff Russell, Drew Johnston and Chris Hogg from Wareeny Murrups (Ocean Spirit) team got into the spirit at the Teams Challenge.

Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, March 29, Men's Stableford

Winner was Geoff Daff (17) with 39 points from Shane Palmer (22) with 38 points.

Men's Nine-hole competition winner was Peter Mizzi (28) with 21 points on countback from John Niven (22).

Thursday, March 31, Open Stableford

Winner was Colin Morris (20) with 40 points, runners up, all on 38 points, were Steve Waters (15), Rob Haydon (11), Lawrie Downward (13), Mario Armato (14).

Nine Hole Stableford competition: Winner

was Ian Bray (29) with 20 points, runner up Malcolm MacArthur (26) 19 points.

Saturday, April 2, Stableford

A Grade winner was Mark Dykes (11) with 38 points, runner up was Adrian O'Gorman (8) with 37 points.

B Grade: Winner was Greg Hyndman (17) with 37 points to Paul Ledwith (14) with 35 points.

C Grade: Winner was Gerald Taylor (19) with 34 points on countback to Shane Harding (21).

NTP: 5th Ron Young, 7th Wayne Morris, 10th

Ryan Avery, 17th Dan McConnan and 18th Rob Sparkman.

Ladies: Winner was Rhonda Boyd (21) with 39 Points from Megan Elbaz (40) with 37 points.

NTP: 5th Jeanette Diss, 7th Ada Anglin, 10th Rhonda Boyd, 17th Di Gray and 18th Alice Schofield.

Nine-hole competition: Winner was Julie Robinson.

Sunday, April 3, Open Stableford

Winner was Danny Di Matteo (23) 28 points, runner up Claude Speziale (24) 21 points.



It was a sea of pink at the Phillip Island Golf Club last Thursday, as about 100 lady golfers threw themselves behind a major event to raise funds for the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary.

Pink ladies raise funds toward chemotherapy chair

The name of the game at the Phillip Island Golf Club last Thursday was not golf, but fun and fundraising, as almost 100 lady golfers threw themselves into a host of festivities to celebrate the Club's annual Pink Ladies Day this year.

Proceeds from this very special event are to be donated to the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary, to assist them in their quest to fund a chemotherapy chair at the mooted Phillip Island Community Hospital, which is due to open in Cowes by 2024.

It was indeed a sea of pink, as the women, dressed from head to toe in every shade possible to find, teed off in the fun, 13-hole com-

petition, that saw a couple of male golf pros give those who wanted it a helping hand mid fairway to land their pink balls closer to the pin than might otherwise have been the case. For a fee of course, that boosted the day's fundraising tally.

It was then into a magnificent lunch served by Club volunteers, with raffles, auctions and prizes the order of the day for the next few hours.

Live music was provided by Peter Buitenhaus. Special thanks go to Jill Zelman and her team of ladies for the effort they have put into the event, and to the many sponsors who supported the day.

Over \$7000 was raised.



Marilyn John (right) PIGC ladies president and an organiser of the very successful Pink Laddies Day during festivities with committee members Maria Kirwan (left) and Marlene Gibson.



Jeanette Diss, South Gippsland Golf Area President, joined members of the Phillip Island Golf Club at their very successful Pink Ladies Day last week, with (from left) Toni Noah, Dawn Andrews and Mary Smith.



Hub auxiliary members who turned out in force to support the amazing efforts of the golf ladies are front (from left): Joy Ball, Kirsten Weinzierl (Operations Director at the Hub) Joan Gaunt, Mandy Gilchrist (Hub Volunteer Co-ordinator). Back (from left): Yvonne Morgan, Lyn Waderson and Hilary Kerrison.



Nathan McMullen (second left) with Sandy Barker, Michelle Barker and Karen Egan was one of three gentlemen who joined in the fun and helped boost funds raised on Pink Ladies Day. Nathan, a Golf Pro on holiday with family over here from California, obligingly (for a small fee) if any lady so wished, hit their ball for them from the fairway, on to the green, and as near to the pin as possible. His comrades in arms doing the same thing were Nev Thurgood and James Fowler.



Some of the many helpers who contributed to the success of the Pink Ladies Day at the Cowes Golf Club last week. (From left): Annette Millership, Kaye Huther, Roz Reid, Marilyn Jamieson, Jill Zelman, Charlene Duthie, Maria Kirwan and Mary Taylor.

Phillip Island to host 2022 World Superbike season finale

Victoria's Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit returns to the world superbike calendar in 2022, with Australia to host the season finale, the 12th round of the 2022 MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship from November 18-20.

Victoria's thrilling 4.445 km Phillip Island Circuit, considered by many in the paddock as their favourite track in the world, has for 14 years launched the world's leading production bike championship.

However, this November Phillip Island will stage the final curtain call and, if the title fight goes down to the wire as it did in 2021, we could be set for a scintillating season-decider.

"Everyone from the world superbike community is keen to get back to Phillip Island, and we are raring to go, so it's great news that we're back on the championship calendar in 2022," said General Manager, Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, David Bennett.

"We thank DORNA and the Victorian Government for their assistance in se-

curing the final round of 2022 for Australia, and we look forward to potentially crowning the champion at Phillip Island."

Fresh off the back of the Indonesian round just the week prior, World Superbike and World Supersport teams, including Australia's Oli Bayliss and Ben Currie who will compete in the World Supersport Championship, will head down under.

They will be joined by the leading national classes of Australian Superbike, Australian Supersport and Australian Supersport 300 for the Island's 2022 World Superbike event.

It is expected that the Phillip Island round of the World Superbike Championship will return to its traditional timeslot as the season opener in 2023.

Tickets for Phillip Island's 2022 round of the MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship will go on sale later in the year.

Register your interest now for ticketing, hospitality, or to become a volunteer official, via www.worldsbk.com.au.



The 2022 MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship returns to Phillip Island from November 18-20.

Great start to PIARC 70th anniversary celebrations

Saturday, March 26 marked the 70th Anniversary of the Inaugural General Meeting of Phillip Island Auto Racing Club (PIARC) held at the Savoy Hotel Melbourne in 1952 where the initial committee was formed and Winston Maguire appointed as the first president.

To celebrate that date, the club conducted a number of events at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit featuring a Multi Club Super Sprint, a Victorian Motorkhana Championship Round with invitations for others to join in on an untimed basis, a Hillclimb and Superkart Qualifying and Races.

All competitors once they had entered one event were invited to try the other events at no extra cost on the Saturday.

Sunday featured different events with Qualifying and Scratch Races for Formula 5000, 2 Litre Sports Sedans, Formula Open (Libre) and Combined Sedans. There was also a Show and Shine which included a number of parade laps of the circuit.

All PIARC members, competitors, officials and invited special guests were invited to drop in to the Suite 1 Lounge overlooking the main straight.

PIARC President Nick Scarcella and PIARC Director Geoff Bull hosted the guests to relive the 70 Years of PIARC and 66 years of racing at the Island and witness the presentation of club awards for 2019 and 2020 (unpresented over the two years of Covid Restrictions).

"We must thank Phillip Island Operations and especially Dave Bennett, Luke Sibson and staff for the provision of Suite 1 Lounge and their assistance in presenting the event, particularly the use of the Go-Kart Track and access to the Circuit Museum to view PIARC memorabilia and displays of race cars and motorcycles," said Geoff Bull.

Guests included PIARC Member of Honour and 2007 Competitor of the Year Murray Carter, who competed at the Grand Opening Meeting in 1956 and continued racing until 2016.

Other attendees include Alby Mid-



To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Phillip Island Auto Racing Club (PIARC), a range of events were held on March 26 and 27 at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

dleton, 1985 Competitor of the Year, Edith Irving, wife of Life Member and founding director Phil Irving, Marcia Nelson, wife of long serving President and Life Member Peter Nelson, 1973 Clubman of the Year Lyne De Luca, 1995 and 2012 Competitor of the Year, Ausrac and Nascar Champion Terry Wyhoon.

Tim Macrow 2015 Competitor of the Year appeared briefly, but was focusing on managing a number of competing cars.

Motorsport Australia Executives CEO Eugene Arocca and Mike Smith also attended, showing their support for PIARC and acknowledging the Club's significant history and achievements over the 70 years.

At the end of Sunday, trophies for Race 3 for all racing categories were presented.

Club Awards presented for 2019 and 2020 included PIARC John Lanyon Competitors of the Year 2019 Peter Gluskie and Sam Winter whom also won the 2019 Australian Targa Championships.

The 2020 Award recipient was Paul Zsidi who has for many years been

active as a Formula Ford driver and competitor in both the National Series / Championship and the Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships. Paul has also previously been Victorian Motorsport Australia State Council chairman and is the current Victorian State Race Series chairman.

"We congratulate all three as worthy winners and valued members," Geoff said.

"The 2019 PIARC Clubsport Competitor of the Year Ashley Cutchie has a great lineage being a formerly a successful Formula Ford competitor/driver and son of Ray Cutchie.

"Ashley these days gets his jollies competing in a BMW in Supersprints and simply having fun doing what he loves.

"2020 winner is Pat Di Fore who competes at every PIARC Supersprint in a most unlikely vehicle, a Mercedes CLK 63 AMG and is very proud of his efforts and the joy derived from being part of the club and a competitive group."

Geoff said the 2019 PIARC Junior Club Member of the Year was Riley

Balcombe who has become the guru of the Phillip Island Circuit CCTV after a number years assisting in the role whilst learning the ropes.

"The 2020 junior Zahra Scarcella is a young lady destined to a Motorsport future having pit crewed and helped prepare cars with father Nick and become a wizard in the PIARC E-Sports over the last couple of years."

The Winston Maguire PIARC Clubman of the Year was instituted in 1965 and six of the last 10 winners have been women showing the growing success of their gender.

The 2019 winner was Theresa Ford who has for many years been the event secretary for Supersprints whilst at race meetings and is the deputy technical manager for radios and public address.

The 2020 Winston Maguire PIARC clubman of the year Dawn Bull is a veteran of many years as the welcoming face of the circuit as a gatekeeper. She was previously an assistant secretary of the event and has also been involved in the running of many social events over the years as well as supporting her husband and sons in club life.

The weekend's events and racing concluded with the following presentations:

F5000 – Paul Zazryn, David Hard-

man and Darcy Russell

Formula Open – Trent Grubel, Ryan Astley and Phil Hughes

2 Litre SS – Craig Lindsell, Steven Howard and Iain McDougall

Combined sedans – Andrew Rhodes-Anderson

Show and Shine – Trevor Phillips, Travis Dobbryn and Geoff Yule

Vic Motorkhana Championship Round – Jeff Salmon, Matt Webb and Brian Shanahan

Supersprints – Nick Schembri, Colin McIntire, Gary Pegararo

Hillclimb – Christopher Peters, Peter Minihan and Bruce Minihan.

Supersprints – Ron Koczek, Cam Van den Dungen, Pat Di Fore, Stuart Jones, Dave Whitehead, Glen Booth and Ben Dunkin all acquitted themselves well.

"Given the diversity of PIARC in motorsports and the events we were show casing, the overall entry of 170 vehicles was pleasing and provided plenty of entertainment to competitors and members who were truly gaining "Access to Motorsports", said Geoff.

"A worthy weekend to commence our Platinum Anniversary.

"Keep an eye on www.piarc.com.au for details of upcoming events and race meetings which will celebrate our 70 years of motorsports activities."

Tenpin bowling results

Current ladder

2s Company: 1st on 15pts Him and Her, 2nd on 13pts Strike Me Lucky and 3rd on 12pts PinHeads.

ABL: 1st on 98.5pts PinPals, 2nd on 93pts Just Bowl Already and 3rd on 91.5pts Island Sector.

Business: 1st on 21pts Turkey Slappers, 2nd on 14.5pts 3 Stooges, 3rd

on 12pts S&R Clarke Auto and 4th on 10.5pts CTD Carpentry.

Phantom: 1st on 11pts Falcor, 2nd on 11pts Blondie and 3rd on 10pts Elizabeth.

Top scorers this week.

Men: Will Musgrove 213, Scott Lynch 213 and Rob Wilkinson 212.

Woman: Karen Klym 176, Jin Samoena 174 and Falcor 156.

Euchre results

Ladie's winner: Faye Fletcher – 6 wins. **Men's winner:** Bob Hee – 6 wins.

Encouragement Award: Graeme Kelsall. Please contact Bob Hee for any further information 0418 173 388.

Phillip Island Pony Club

Phillip Island Pony club members and their horses were all out and about this month with both rider and horse having a lot of first experiences.

On March 20 the 2022 Bass Coast Equestrian Show was held at the Woolamai Racecourse.

Young PIPC members Keely, Maddie and Ella all took part in a number of events where the girls were all very successful and came home with lots of satin and great big smiles on their faces.

A great day was had by all with a brilliantly run event and a wonderful first show experience for some of our members.

On the same weekend senior PIPC brother/sister duo Gabe and Giselle Smith attended the Mounted Games Australia competition in Dingley.

The competition was run over the weekend with Saturday being a pairs competition in respective age groups.

In the Under 18s section Gabe and Blu paired up with friend Taylor whilst Giselle and Honey teamed up with Ember in the Under 15s division.

Both teams performed exceptionally well with ponies Blu and Honey really showcasing their experience and love for mounted games for both to come away with wins in their respective divisions.

After a sleep over at the grounds Saturday night, on the Sunday was a team's competition where four riders form a team irrespective of age and compete against each other.

Gabe and Giselle teamed up with their partners and displayed some sensational riding and came second overall – congratulations to all involved.

Our home rally this month was a first for many and we went off the island to the Lang Lang Showgrounds to experience Team Penning!

For those who are not sure what it is, it involves working in a team of three to cut a cow from the herd and put it into a pen up the other end of the arena.

A great number of members arrived on Saturday afternoon very excited (maybe nervous) to have their and their ponies first experience around cows.

Before PIPC's turn there were more experienced people showing how it was done and the girls were all excited to go in and give it a go.



Maddie and Ella at the Bass Coast Summer Show.

Barry from the Koo Wee Rup team Penning Association was our coach for the day as well as team penning experienced old members Sarah and Annette Eldridge. Their help was very much appreciated.

It was the first time a lot of our girls had been so close up to this size cattle and Barry was great going through the groundwork with the girls.

Barry first had the girls on foot showing how to move a cow around – all about pressure, timing and location.

The girls were eager to get on their ponies to see how they would react with the cows, so Barry started off taking them into the round yard one at a time.

So proud of all the riders for their first time being around the cows as there definitely was a mixed bag of reactions from the horses especially where the cows were bigger than a couple of the girl's ponies!

Our DC Amy Wooley didn't want to miss out on all the fun and her horse Django was certainly up and about on his toes with all the action of the cows.

Once everyone had their confidence up it was time to go into the big Arena and work in teams of three to cut the cows and push them up into the pen.

All the girls worked wonderfully in their teams and learnt a lot and had such a great different experience with quite a few cowgirls definitely found on the day.

Thank you again to Barry and the

Koo Wee Rup team Penning Association for putting on such a fun event.

Gabe and Giselle also ventured to Tullamarine on Saturday, March 26 to get in some squad training for the Prince Phillip Junior Mounted games team and also squeezed in some jumps training for Newhaven College.

Phillip Island Pony club is proud to be holding a WGZ/SMZ of Pony Clubs Games Clinic on Saturday, April 30.

The clinic is open to all riders of all ages and abilities (PCV Members only).

Warwick Slade will be offering his expertise to run this clinic; he is a State Games Coach and is co-ordinating the World Mounted Games Championship that will be held at the Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre in October 2023.

On the Sunday, May 1, we will then be hosting a come and try games day in the morning and feature the Zone State Qualifiers in the afternoon.

It will be a jam-packed weekend with the canteen running and will be a great spectacle to watch. We hope to see a lot of support for our local riders who will be competing to be selected in the team.

Phillip Island Pony Club is a small, family orientated club located at Lyall Street in Ventnor.

If you are interested in joining/sponsoring Phillip Island Pony Club or have any queries you can look us up on Facebook or email us pipcsecretary1@gmail.com.



Pony Club member of the month Chloe Woolley and her pony Jess.

Phillip Island Pony club – Member of the month

Name: **Chloe Woolley**

Age: **17**

Horse Name: **Jess – Australian riding Pony**

Horse Age: **14**

Height: **12.2**

How old were you when you started riding?
5 years old.

How long have you had your pony?
I have had Jess for 10 years.

When did you start at PIPC?
When I was five.

What's your favourite discipline and why?
Cross Country – because you are like on a racetrack going over jumps.

What's the best thing about PIPC?
My favourite thing is trying new things like team penning and just seeing everyone's happy faces.

Great start for Island netballers

Cora-Lynn v Phillip Island

What a great start to the 2022 Netball season, with Phillip Island fielding teams in all divisions, from Under 11 through to the Seniors A Grade.

Even though the Seniors are a bit thin with players at the moment, it was so good to see the younger players stepping up, playing in grades above them to help the club out.

Great effort by those girls, too many to mention individually.

All teams, bar one won their games, which is a thrilling way to start.

Obviously, the pre-season training efforts put in by the players and coaches proved to be very worthwhile and for some of the new coaches to have a win first up made for some very happy teams.

A Grade had a thrilling win against Cora-Lynn to come back from six goals down at three quarter time and ended up winning the match by one goal.

What an amazing effort and would have made new coach Kristy Edwards feel very positive about the season ahead.

This weekend is the first home game of the season and is against Warragul Industrials.

Get involved, we still need volunteers to help out and enjoy the day. See you on court.

Scores from all netball matches played against Cora-Lynn.



U11s first goal of the netball season.

A Grade: 35 to 34 – Win to Island, Awards: Anthea Bennett and Ella Duggan.

B Grade: 52 to 35 – Win to Island, Awards: Nell Chaston and Kylie Hammon.

C Grade – 16 to 32 – Loss to Island, Awards: Tori Lee Cleeland and Niki Williams.

D Grade – 23 to 16 – Win to Island, Awards: Shanae Riley and Bella San-

torini.

U17 – 38 to 36 – Win to Island, Awards: Arlee Penry and Ruby Bond.

U15 – 38 to 36 – Win to Island, Awards: Sophia and Matilda.

U13 – 38 to 36 – Win to Island, Awards: Molly McIntyre and Ally Hennessy.

U11 – 38 to 36 – Win to Island, Awards: Marcy Pirria and Abby Swan.



Winners of Social bowls with two wins and 33 points were Bev Emmett, Alan Price and Bev Hyslop.

Phillip Island bowls

The Pennant season is now done and dusted for another year and the Island was successful in winning two flags this year, Division 1 in Midweek and Division 4 on Saturday.

Division 1 midweek team played at Traralgon in the Regional event against Traralgon on their home ground but were unsuccessful in all their rinks.

We are very proud of them making it to the regionals.

Social bowls

Another wonderful turn out of our social bowlers this week, conditions were cool and breezy.

Runners up with one win and one loss on 24 points were Michael Haack, Tony Steward and Jools Dusting.

Winners with two wins and 33 points were Bev Emmett, Alan Price and Bev Hyslop.

Men's Triples:

The Winners of the men's triples were Steve Kantor, Alan Beddowes and Bob Hurst, final score 15-13.

Runners up were John Newcombe, Graeme Cornell and Peter Forrest.

Steve and his team took on some fierce competition on their journey to the finals including bowls gun Daryl Major, Ken Gill and John Matthews and then taking on the formidable Peter Forrest, John Newcombe and Graeme Cornell in the final.

The games could have gone either way as it was neck and neck all the way.



Blue and Red pups belting out the team song together after the game.

Junior footy is back

Under 10 Red

Cold and windy conditions greeted us for the season opener between the under 10 Red and Blue teams.

The early nerves dissipated as the siren went to start the first quarter and the teams were straight into the action.

The blue team were quick to attack the scoreboard with some great teamwork zipping the ball up to the forward line.

Max Robertson showed poise to repeatedly clear the ball out of backline while the red team as a whole applied constant pressure across the ground.

The team clicked in the second term lead by the ferocious attack on the footy by new recruit Kash Scheibel.

First gamer Taj Ransom snapped truly for a goal with his first kick.

The third quarter saw some great teamwork across the ground culminating in a three-goal quarter from Lenny Nolan including a check side from the boundary.

Reef Elliot and Miller Sund dominated through the middle and half forward to set up plenty of shots on

goal.

The blue team had most of the possession for the final quarter but did it under pressure as our team tackled hard and hit the packs.

Captain Ziggy Wagner lead from the front flying for some big marks and launching some big bombs down the ground.

The team showed great skills and enthusiasm today and we look forward to heading down to Leongatha next week for another tough game.

Under 10 Blue

The young Blue pups were well prepared for their first game, the local derby against the Phillip Island Red team.

Everyone had been training solidly and were pumped to finally get on the ground for round one.

It was evident that footy season had arrived, in true form the weather turned on cold gusty wind and showery rain.

This did not deter the Blue pups and they ran out, led by captain for the week, Will Patton, after delivering an inspirational captain's speech.

It was a tight battle right through-

out the game, with all first-year players doing themselves proud to play their first full game of footy.

Well done to goal kickers with two to Will Patton and one for Kai Denblyden.

Standout players on the day were Will Hosking, Will Patton, Jaxon Summerfield, Archie Dallinger, Kai Denblyden and Jet Fawaz, each receiving this week's awards.

A big thanks to all the parent helpers on the day, especially coach Luke Marshall and team manager Mel Naismith.

Everyone is looking forward to next week's home game against Inverloch-Kongwak.

U12 Blue

The start of the footy season is finally upon us, and you could feel it in the air that the players, coaches and spectators were excited for it to begin.

The Annual first game of Red V Blue is always one of the rounds of the season – putting mates against mates with bragging rights at school on the Monday morning.

The Blue boys captain for the first week was Brydon "Bud" Marshall

after his impressive commitment to training and he was excited to lead the boys on the field for their first game.

The first quarter of the game was a tightly contested battle with all bottom age kids on both sides excited that they were able to finally tackle properly and going in hard at the ball.

The girls on both sides were dominating and getting a lot of the ball with Maddie Leed clearing a kick into the Blue forward 50 where Tavish Mahon was able to run onto the ball and kick a great first goal of the season.

Things were tight at the end of the first quarter with only a point difference.

The first half Caleb "Cubby" Cantwell was a ball magnet with some great marks, tackles and pinpointing of teammates – with youngsters Zane Larson and Kane Patton putting in the hard yards to get to the footy first with their heads over the ball.

The second quarter was bought to an abrupt halt with a freak tackle accident leaving Caleb with a broken wrist in two places.

Thank you to Paul Defazio and the Phillip Island Ambulance for their urgent assistance.

Going into the third quarter both teams were still quite rattled after seeing good friend Caleb being taken away in an ambulance but shouts of "let's do it for Cubby" from both the Red and Blue players was very uplifting.

The Reds with a slight wind advantage kicked away in the third even with the great tackles from Jackson "Jacko" Allan and Roy Paterson showing dash off half back.

The Blues tried their best to claw it back in the last quarter with a great mark taken in the forward 50 by big Kai Opitz, who unselfishly hand-balled it off to Archie Williams to kick the second goal for the game.

Blue Goalkickers: Tavish Mahon and Archie Williams.

Best on Ground: Bud Marshall, Maddie Leed, Zane Larrison and Tavish Mahon.

Special mention to Tavish Mahon who gave his award to Caleb to try and lift his spirits.

Big game this week at home versus the strong Inverloch-Kongwak side – train hard – play hard.



Coach Tarryn instructing the U12 red players at quarter time.



Caleb Cantwell from Blue and Archie Robinson from Red going up for the mark in the U12s game on Saturday.



Nathan Patch goes up in the ruck with Lachie Eastwood (Photo courtesy of Karli Di Paola)

Island footy's Derby Day

The much-anticipated Derby Day between Phillip Island Bulldogs Red and Blue Under 14 teams, kicked off our season on Saturday.

Although the wind was relentless, the rain held off, the crowd was large and spirits were high, as our Under 14s started their season.

The game was fast paced from the start, with both sides keen to get back into the footy.

It showed with their determination and camaraderie on the field.

A great, evenly fought match to start off our season, with the Phillip Island Blues taking home the

win 54 to 23.

Best for the Blues: Ayden Fawaz (Captain), Duke Lawrence, Nathan Patch and Harrison Carlon.

Best for Reds: Blake Murphy, Archie Ross, Sam O'Garey, Lachie Eastwood, Finlay Cameron and Ethan Ree.



Seth McBean tackles Blake Murphy (Photo courtesy of Karli Di Paola).



Xavier Williams feels the heat, surrounded by Archie Cameron and Reef Riky (Photo courtesy of Karli Di Paola).



Kai Cashman gets the ball away (Photo courtesy of Karli Di Paola).



Zack Hughes and Reef Riky battle for the ball (Photo courtesy of Karli Di Paola).



Ben Taylor makes his seniors debut, assisted by Alex Officer.

A Taylor-made start for 2022

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Scores:

Phillip Island: 1.1.7, 1.8.14, 4.8.32, 4.15.39.

Cora Lynn: 2.3.15, 2.3.15, 3.7.25, 5.7.37.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Kai Mackenzie 2, Harry Anderson, Dean Blake.

Cora Lynn: Thomas Stiglich 2, Luke Foreman, Dyan Ross.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Tarquin MacMillan, Kai Mackenzie, Levi Robinson, Jack Opitz, Damien Holmes, James Nicolaci.

Cora Lynn: Josh Mackenzie, Thomas Stiglich, Kyah Cronin, Luke Foreman, Oskar Knight, Thomas Arnett.

Under 18s

It's never easy playing Cora Lynn on their home turf and this week proved no exception.

The home team could not field an U16 team which in one way suited us as we used four of our lads to play U18.

In the first quarter, we looked pretty good, kicking two goals while holding Cora to just two behinds.

Jack Papas led the way by driving us into attack ably assisted by Brayden and Tyce Kleverkamp.

We had great use of the ball but found it difficult to keep the scoreboard ticking over.

The complexion of the game changed in the second quarter with Cora Lynns game plan completely

different leaving us to try and cover all the changes.

Jack Johnston and Tom Niven were solid in defence, but the Bulldogs found it difficult to score when the ball was in our forward line.

Half time scores: Phillip Island 3.19 to Cora Lynn 3.5.24.

It was a seesaw battle in the third quarter with both sides realising the game was up for grabs, but we failed to trouble the scoreboard while Cora added a solitary goal.

Our boys did not drop their heads and were determined to give their all in the last quarter.

Two quick goals by the Cobra's sealed our fate, although our boys never threw in the towel and kept trying until the final siren.

Let's put this loss behind us, re-group and come out stronger for our next match. Go Bulldogs!!

Scores:

Phillip Island: 2.0.12, 3.1.19, 3.1.19, 4.3.27.

Cora Lynn: 0.3.3, 3.6.24, 4.7.31, 6.9.45.

Phillip Island: Dylan Susic 2, Brady Ross, Brayden Kleverkamp.

Cora Lynn: Max McDermott 3, Owen Hartley, Jett Edwards, Lochlan Clarke.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Jack Papas, Eden Goldsbury, Brayden Kleverkamp, Jack Johnston, Brady Ross, Thomas Niven.

Cora Lynn: Ryder Milne, Jett Edwards, Owen Hartley, Toby Goswell, Max McDermott, Thomas Exposito.



U18s Tom Niven was named as one of the best players on the weekend.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 6 APR	THU 7 APR	FRI 8 APR	SAT 9 APR	SUN 10 APR	MON 11 APR	TUE 12 APR
HIGH 4:07 am 2.73 m	HIGH 4:36 am 2.71 m	HIGH 5:04 am 2.68 m	HIGH 5:34 am 2.63 m	LOW 12:08 am 1.07 m	LOW 12:40 am 1.15 m	LOW 1:15 am 1.23 m
LOW 10:00 am 0.41 m	LOW 10:33 am 0.42 m	LOW 11:06 am 0.45 m	LOW 11:37 am 0.51 m	HIGH 6:05 am 2.57 m	HIGH 6:39 am 2.48 m	HIGH 7:18 am 2.39 m
HIGH 4:55 pm 3.04 m	HIGH 5:28 pm 3.01 m	HIGH 5:59 pm 2.95 m	HIGH 6:30 pm 2.87 m	LOW 12:08 pm 0.60 m	LOW 12:41 pm 0.71 m	LOW 1:16 pm 0.83 m
LOW 10:33 pm 0.91 m	LOW 11:06 pm 0.95 m	LOW 11:37 pm 1.00 m		HIGH 7:04 pm 2.77 m	HIGH 7:41 pm 2.66 m	HIGH 8:25 pm 2.55 m

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Seniors – Taylor Trio in Action – Jack, Billy and Ben, Ben joined his brothers playing his first ever seniors game against Cora Lynn.

A Taylor-made start for 2022

After a bunch of practice matches and a lead-in which seemed to go on for a while, footy was finally back after a 2021 Covid-enforced early recess.

The Bulldogs visited Cora Lynn for the season opener for what's becoming the traditional Sunday home game for the home side.

The weather somehow managed to turn on the traditional Cora Lynn welcome, with cloudy skies combined with periods of lovely drizzly rain.

Perfect for a slightly dry ground!

Seniors

With Beau Vernon returning as senior coach, the Bulldogs entered the game with the spine of the successful 2021 (and 19/18) team intact.

Welcomed back was Matt (Jacko) Jackson and Jack (Bison) Taylor, combined with the new arrival of Cameron Brown from arch-rivals Tooradin.

A special inclusion was Ben Taylor up from the U18s.

This fact provided a historic setting for it was the first time anyone can remember where three brothers played in the senior side for the Bulldogs – Jack, Billy and Ben Taylor.

Dad Mick was very proud when presenting the historic number 31 for the occasion.

Some were heard to comment the day was indeed Taylor-made for the Bulldogs!

The game opened at a frenetic pace, with first blood to Brendan Kimber, which was quickly followed by a sensational Patullo tackle that led to goal number one for Ben Taylor, with the entire Bulldogs team converging on him after a great shot.

Then along came the Cora Lynn weather special (drizzle), and the game turned into a slug fest for the remainder of the quarter.

With the drizzle continuing in the second, the ball might as well have been a piece of soap as the conditions reminded all that perhaps winter was indeed coming.

The opposition managed a couple of goals to take the lead, until



Reserves player Cooper Wagner beats the opposition in a tight game against Cora Lynn on Sunday.

the senior-statesman Cameron Pedersen slotted one, followed by a sensational second goal from Ben Taylor – initiated from the centre by Ben, who passed to Noosh (aka Orlando Kane-Gillard) who found guess who – Ben Taylor!

He was looking as if he truly belonged at the senior level.

There was an unfortunate incident late in the second where one of the Cora Lynn players somehow managed to have his hip dislocated (ouch indeed!).

The game was held up for 20 minutes, until the player insisted on being taken off the ground on a stretcher to avoid the game being called off.

The second half saw the overall quality of the game deteriorate with the weather – it was pretty clear both sides were finding the slippery conditions a significant challenge.

The game was exceptionally tight.

Two goals in the third for the Bulldogs (from senior-statesman Pedersen and a sensational Patullo snap) was combined with tight defence being led by Jason (Sauce) Tomada and Mark (Griffo) Griffin, with the opposition snagging one.

Bulldogs led at the final change by 10.

The final stanza opened with

some more tight play. Zak (Snug) Vernon provided drive in the middle, ultimately initiating a sensation lead from Max Blake (who was on one leg following an earlier ankle injury) and goal from more than 50 metres, giving the Bulldogs some daylight in the lead.

Not to be denied, Cora Lynn fought back with a couple of goals against the flow, and suddenly a less than one goal lead.

Then again, out led the one-legged full forward on the end of another scintillating pass, and a further goal from a similar distance from Max.

Not to be denied, Cora Lynn scored again.

The last five minutes was a desperate scrap, with the siren sounding with the Bulldogs five points up.

Scores:
Phillip Island: 2.1.13, 4.2.26, 6.5.41, 8.7.55.

Cora Lynn: 1.2.8, 3.6.24, 4.7.31, 7.8.50.

Goals:
Phillip Island: Ben Taylor 2, Max Blake 2, Cameron Pedersen 2, Jordy Patullo and Brendan Kimber.

Cora Lynn: Oliver Sail, Heath Briggs, Jeremy Monckton, Luke Hartley, Cory Machaya, Brent Urwin and Tristan Fernandez-

Phillips.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Jason Tomada, Zak Vernon, Cameron Pedersen, Mark Griffin, Al Officer and Billy Taylor.

Cora Lynn: William Thomas, Chris Johnson, Heath Briggs, Brady White, Dillan Bass and Rylan Smith.

Reserves

The PI Reserves came together with returning coach James Stirton and returning captain James (Nico) Nicolaci.

Good to see Stirts hadn't lost his sense of occasion, with a solid 10-minute opener to prep the boys.

Must have been the presence of six times B&F winner Damo Holmes for a stint in the twos that brought the best forward!

With young guns Kai (Duck) MacKenzie, Tarquin McMillan and Levi Robinson in the middle, the Bulldogs quickly established the ascendancy in the first quarter.

Turning that strength into scores on the board proved difficult in the dry – which was to move to really difficult as the drizzle arrived early in the second.

Thank goodness for Harry (Slug) Anderson's sensational snap in the first, which was then followed by eight straight points to half time.

With some willing efforts in the second and third from both sides resulting in a quick 'TV-Ringside' bout in the third, the club umpires turning into referees for a period!

After the bout, the Bulldogs settled best with goals to Duck, Dean (General) Blake and Duck again seeing the boys ahead at three quarter time.

The final – of course in more drizzle – saw the opposition manage two straight goals to the Bulldogs seven straight points (that made for a total of 14 straight points to the one end).

It was just as well the boys got to kick to both ends!

All in all, it was an excellent team effort, and a welcome start to the 2022 year.

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