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The new Bass Coast Festival of Motorsport will see Supercars and Superbikes arrive on Phillip Island from October 22-24, replacing the cancelled MotoGP. Photo by Russell Colvin.

## Lock-down lifted

With no cases in regional Victoria, the lockdown in regional areas lifted on Monday night.

But the regions will still operate under restrictions, including no private gatherings at home, and visits to Melbourne only for permitted reasons.

"While we continue to get on top of this outbreak in Melbourne, minimal primary close contacts and no new cases means we can ease setting in regional Victoria," the Premier Daniel Andrews said.

"This outbreak is an important reminder that until more Australians are vaccinated, we cannot afford complacency to creep in – we must stay safe to stay open."

The Premier and the Chief Health Officer called on regional Victorians to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

"One of the most important things regional Victorians can do as we ease restrictions is to get themselves vaccinated to protect their family, friends, and their community."

Eligible Victorians can book in at one of 50 open access sites across the state, through a Commonwealth clinic or a GP.

There have been no new coronavirus cases in regional Victoria and thousands of primary close contacts have been cleared from the regions over the last few weeks.

From 11.59pm on Monday night, the five reasons to leave the home were removed in regional Victoria and there is no limit on the distance regional Victorians can travel from home.

Face masks are mandatory indoors and outdoors.

People will only be able to travel to Melbourne for a permitted reason and must follow the Melbourne restrictions once there.

In what will be a blow to local families keen to catch up with friends and relatives, private gatherings are still not permitted at home.

However, outdoor gatherings in public spaces can occur with up to 10 people.

### Dine out

Cafes and restaurants have reopened, but only for seated service with strict density requirements of one person per four square metres and a maximum of 100 people per venue.

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## Get the motors running

It was a day of highs and lows last Thursday with the news of a new Motorsport super event scheduled for Phillip Island in October followed quickly by the announcement of the state's sixth lockdown.

While even the lockdown couldn't take the shine off what potentially could be a lifesaver for the local economy, it did highlight just how precarious the current Covid situation is, and the difficulty of scheduling events and attracting visitors to the area.

The new event, dubbed the Bass Coast Festival of Motorsport, will see Supercars and Superbikes arrive on Phillip Island from October 22 to 24.

Replacing the MotoGP, it's described as a weekend of elite motorsport action, headlined by a round of the marquee Supercars series.

The Minister for Tourism Sport and Major Events, Martin Pakula said the event will attract thousands of visitors to the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit and the wider Bass Coast region in October.

In addition to the Supercars' Phillip Island Supersprint, the Bass Coast Festival of Motorsport will boast Australian Superbikes and Porsche Carrera Cup championship racing.

Further attractions could be added with talks with other cham-

pionship bodies continuing.

The government described the new event as "a major fillip for local businesses in the wake of the cancellation of the 2021 Australian MotoGP".

### GP cancellation a blow

When the Moto GP was cancelled in July, Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari described it as a "real blow", saying the MotoGP was the biggest sporting event in regional Victoria and major event on the Bass Coast event calendar.

"The economic benefit it brings to Bass Coast Shire is in excess of \$30 million," Cr Tessari told the Advertiser at the time.

"The decision to cancel on the back of last year will compound the major negative economic impact for the whole region and especially for Phillip Island.

"For some industries, the event represents up to 10 per cent of their annual income."

The announcement of the new event will be welcomed by hospitality and accommodation providers in the region, who have been hard hit by the pandemic impacts.

"This new weekend of motorsport action is going to be a major winner for race fans and will provide a real boost for businesses across the Bass Coast," Minister Pakula said.

Australian Grand Prix Corporation CEO Andrew Westacott described the opportunity as a bonanza, having "championship rounds of Supercars leading into Bathurst and one of the final rounds of the Australian Superbike Championship", while Sean Seamer, CEO of Australian Supercars said fans and drivers loved the Phillip Island track.

"It's exciting to be getting back there for the first time since 2019."

The Australian MotoGP is contracted to be held at Phillip Island until at least 2026.

### Business impact

The new event has been welcomed by Bass Coast Shire Council, with Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari saying: "It's just wonderful to see action back at the greatest grand prix track in the world. The island and the whole Bass Coast will be rapt. It's uplifting and fantastic."

The council said it was pleased "the work we have been doing behind the scenes" had paid off.

However details of what that involved, or any plans the council had to help businesses capitalise on the Motorsport festival, were not forthcoming.

"The Bass Coast Festival of Motorsport is a welcome initiative and an important step towards our economic recovery," a Council

spokesperson said.

"We are still in the very early planning stages and we will have more information as soon as the details become available."

For Kim Storey from Destination Phillip Island, the announcement was welcome news.

"Forty-four percent of our local economy is based on the tourism economy," Kim said.

"We're ready to welcome event visitors and be back in the spotlight for our iconic motorsport venue – the event will deliver a vibrancy we have missed."

Local traders groups agreed.

Craig Edmonds, president of the San Remo District Tourism and Business Association, said once things had settled, he would be contacting council, to see "what benefit we could get from the event".

"There will be obvious benefits for the local economy and it will be much needed if these blanket lockdowns continue."

Craig said he was certain appropriate rules and regulations would be put in place to keep everyone as safe as possible.

"Let's just leave that to the experts and work on getting the maximum benefit for the local economy."

Further information on the Bass Coast Festival of Motorsport including ticketing will be available soon at [grandprix.com.au](http://grandprix.com.au).

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# Offshore break in

Local community theatre group, Offshore Theatre Phillip Island is reeling from the theft of thousands of dollars of equipment.

The group's storage shed was broken into between August 2 and 3, with sound and lighting equipment stolen. Other items, including hand tools and torches were also taken.

Police believe the break in occurred at the same time as a burglary at the Council's Cowes depot, where tools including chainsaws, were also stolen.

Offshore's president Amanda Price said the robbery was devastating, given the hardship the theatre group is already enduring due to Covid.

"Entertainment is taking a big blow because of the circumstances we are in," Amanda said.

"Then to have someone come and take what the community has built up over all these decades ... you just feel winded."

The theft was discovered when Amanda visited the shed last Tuesday to return lights that had been borrowed by the San Remo Primary School.

"When I opened the front door, I saw the back door was swinging open.

"I tried to shut it, but then realised it had been jimmied and broken."

Amanda went straight to the shed's electronics room, where she was confronted with empty walls. The thieves targeted the collection of sound and lighting equipment, which has been



The fence behind the Offshore Theatre's storage shed had been slashed by thieves, who then broke in through the back door.

amassed over many years.

The theatre group is still trying to work out exactly what was taken.

"Our treasurer made a registry of all our equipment recently, but there were also tools stolen," Amanda said.

"I found empty toolboxes, empty shelves. They've even taken the little torches we use backstage.

"It's quite a bit of stuff when you add it all up."

As a community theatre group, Amanda said they don't have the funds to go out and buy new equipment.

"This is stuff we have acquired over many years. As we earn cash, we buy assets."

And although the group does have insurance, any claim would attract an excess, and could potentially bump up its insurance premiums.

Now the group has to work out exactly what has been taken, and look at ways to replace it.

"It will probably cost us at least \$5-6000 to replace it all."

The financial stress could not have come at a worse time, with the group struggling to put on performances, due to the loss of the Cultural Centre and the pandemic restrictions.

"At the moment, with no Cultural Centre, we've been doing readings in local halls, so when we do that, we have to light it ourselves," Amanda explained.

A reading scheduled for August has now been moved to October, due to the current lockdown.

Fortunately, Amanda had several lights and some equipment at her home at the time of the break in.

"I'm grateful that I can at least light



When President Amanda Price arrived at the shed last Tuesday, she found the backdoor swinging open and realised it had been jimmied and broken. Thieves then cleared out the electronic equipment stored in the shed.

that little show, using the minimal lights I had taken home to help put together a lighting plot."

The group is keeping a sharp eye online, in case any of the stolen equipment comes up for sale.

"This is the irony. Everybody is saying to us, go to the buy and sell sites.

"Number one, to see if our stuff gets listed there for sale, and two, to replace what was stolen," Amanda said.

"But I worry if we go on there, are we buying stolen goods? I don't want to buy equipment that's been stolen."

Amanda said the next step is to contact the insurers.

"I don't know what we are going to do, but we have to replace the equipment if we want to keep operating.

"And we have to be insured, so we don't want that to go up."

With little prospect of income from

upcoming shows – "these are not profit-making, they're just keeping us relevant and giving members an outlet" – Amanda said it was hard to see how the costs will be covered.

"This Covid thing hits all community groups.

"We have to pay rent on our shed, we still have to pay for insurance," she said.

"There are thousands of little bills that come up, sucking up the monetary resources we've built up over the years."

Bass Coast Criminal Investigation Unit is investigating the break in and said any information from the public is appreciated.

Anyone who saw anything suspicious is asked to contact CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000 or online at [www.crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au).

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## Smiths Beach consultation extended

Due to the latest lockdown, the three in-person drop-in sessions for the Draft Smiths Beach Masterplan scheduled for August have been put on hold.

Bass Coast Shire Council has advised the con-

sultation period has been extended to September 30 and if restrictions allow, the sessions may be re-scheduled.

In the meantime, people are encouraged to provide feedback via an online survey at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smithsbeach](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smithsbeach).

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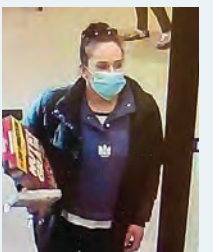
arrange an appointment with a member of Council's Strategic Planning Team to talk about the Plan and provide feedback. Visit the webpage for details.

## POLICE BRIEFS

### Liquor store theft

Police are appealing for help with an investigation into a theft from Liquorland in Cowes on July 30, posting footage from CCTV on the Eyewatch-Bass Coast Facebook page.

Anyone who can identify the woman in question should contact Senior Constable Flanagan at San Remo Police on 5678 5500 or CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000.



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# Cowes east steps up erosion battle

Parts of Cowes east beach will be blocked to the public for the next three months to make way for new groynes – followed next year by a rockwall – to protect against increasing erosion.

Construction of eight timber groynes – measuring 30 metres long and spaced about 60 metres apart – is set to start from August 23 east of Rose Avenue and be finished by early December, “subject to weather, tides and Covid-19 restrictions”.

A planned 300 metre rockwall to be built between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road will start after summer in February and will finish by December 2022, with the tender for

construction set to be released by the shire.

A pathway will be built at the rear of the rock wall to connect Cowes with Silverleaves in a coastal walk.

The \$2.58 million project received a \$1.05 million Australian Government grant, with the remaining \$1.53 million coming from Bass Coast Shire, with the groynes costing \$730,000.

Local residents say the short-term pain is worth the long-term gain with six years of lobbying finally resulting in the works to stop erosion.

Last year the residents celebrated after a green light was given to the groyne and rockwall construction, following the release of an engineers’

report and Federal government funding, promised at the last election.

Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group (CEFPAG) chair Ken Hailey said the project took on board all the recommendations from the engineers’ report.

“We are fully supportive of the work being done. Full credit to the shire for pursuing such a major project,” Ken said.

“While the rockwall will prevent erosion, the groynes will keep the beach there. If you don’t have them, there will be no beach.

“This will solve erosion problems from Erehwon Point to Coghlan Road. Locals appreciate the incon-

venience. It’s a necessary evil to get it completed.”

## Erosion

Cr Michael Whelan said he supported the formation of a community reference group to keep locals up to date on developments.

“We have effectively had that with the East Cowes Foreshore group,” Cr Whelan said.

“It has represented the community on this issue very well, they make sure they are well informed, and effective in their advocacy.

“The locals in that area have been alarmed at the impact of the rising sea level and the loss of the dunes.”

Shire mayor Brett Tessari said erosion had increased significantly over the past 10 years.

“The existing structures that were built at Cowes east to minimise erosion are now degraded and are no longer working effectively,” Cr Tessari said.

“The new groynes and seawall will offer a long-term solution to help protect the beach and public assets from further damage.”

Up to now the shire has protected Cowes east from erosion by beach scraping, using machinery to move sand and placing it in front of the

vulnerable assets.

This is considered “sacrificial sand” as it is washed away but provides temporary protection.

Beach scraping will continue until the rockwall is built.

## Closure

A site shed will be built on the road reserve near Rose Avenue and beach access restrictions will be in place.

“The project will result in noise and vibration from heavy plant and machinery, including offshore pile driving from a 40-tonne excavator and use of trucks and cranes,” a notice at the beach states.

The shire notice states the eight groynes will accumulate sand on the beach and reduce the size of waves that damage the foreshore, stopping the beach from being washed away.

Two existing groynes will be replaced and six will be new, each longer than previous beach groynes.

In 2018 the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning constructed three 24 metre groynes west of Rose Avenue, with successful results.

Locals will be kept up to date with the current project via letter box drops or at [basscoast.vic.gov.au](http://basscoast.vic.gov.au).



This artist’s impression shows the finished project with eight new groynes and the completed rockwall, with a pathway at the rear. The rockwall will be built after summer from February 2022.

## New bin calendars ready to download

Bass Coast Shire Council’s 2021/2022 kerbside bin collection calendars are now available.

The new calendars, which take effect from September, are included on Page 18 of this paper, can be downloaded from the council website, or picked up from any of Council’s Customer and Visitor Service Centres.

Centres are open between 10am and 3pm – depending on lockdown or Covid restrictions.

There is a calendar for each of the

two collection zones, so be sure to select the correct one for your area.

The bin collection calendars make it easy to quickly find out which bins are collected on which days – last year’s calendars were downloaded more than 30,000 times.

To have a calendar mailed to you, or if you have any questions, contact Council’s Waste Team.

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## Goose plan imminent

A final plan to control Phillip Island's growing populations of Cape Barren geese, wallabies and possums is expected to be released soon.

Earlier this year a draft Wildlife Management Plan – produced by Nature Parks with Bass Coast Shire, farmers and the state government – was released for public consultation.

The draft proposed a range of control options for these three animals and came in response to criticism by farmers and other groups – such as the golf course and Newhaven College – where Cape Barren geese were “pooing and chewing” their way through the landscape; with residents and businesses also reporting significant damage from wallabies and possums.

Control options included geese egg removal, the introduction of native predators on Phillip Island such as owls and quolls, the use of browsing repellents on revegetation areas, and access by Indigenous Australians for cultural use such as harvesting eggs.

The draft did not rule out lethal methods, although it stated “the number of applications for lethal control (of geese) have increased in recent years”.

Last week Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning senior wildlife officer Carolien Schoenborn provided an update saying since the public consultation, the department had been working to review and finalise the plan.

“We are pleased to advise that we are now in the final stages of the process and look forward to sharing the plan with you soon,” Carolien said.

Preliminary survey results released earlier this year showed the community was divided in its support for the draft plan, evenly split for and against when asked whether they supported managing wildlife to balance conservation, public safety, social and economic values.

Of those submissions received, about 60 per cent supported research on understanding wildlife's impact on the community.



The Cowes Daffodil Stall last ran back in 2019 and due to Covid, won't return this year. Instead people are being asked to make online donations. At the 2019 stall: Natalia Andrade-Struk, with Daffodil Day volunteers Jacqui Luscombe, Jenny Higgins and Mel Marks, and another keen customer, Vic Chlebnikowski from Cowes.

## Daffodils bloom online

The popular Daffodil Day fundraiser held each August has had to move online, due to Covid restrictions.

Instead of donating via local stalls, on August 27, Cancer Council is encouraging Victorians to donate online, and fund vital cancer research.

For the past 21 years, Jacqui Luscombe and Mel Marks have run a stall – or sometimes two – in Cowes to raise money for the Cancer Council.

This year their fundraising efforts have again been upended by Covid.

“Our last stall was in 2019 and we raised \$2950, our biggest year ever,” Jacqui said.

Over the years, Jacqui estimates the stall has raised over \$33,000, “which is incredible for a small community”.

As well as the bunches of daffodils and the usual Daffodil Day merchandise, the Cowes stalls stocked a selection of Mel's homemade jams and lemon butter, as well as locally grown fresh fruit.

On average, they raised \$1500 each year.

Jacqui is hoping the local community will take their generous support online and make a donation.

According to the Cancer Council, it lost close to \$15 million in fundraising revenue

last year due to Covid, which means less money to fund cancer research, prevention programs and support services.

“This is such a great cause, so anything people can do would be wonderful,” said Jacqui.

“Everyone has been affected by cancer in some way.

“Some of the stories we hear on the street at our stalls have been heartbreaking.”

Jacqui is hopeful with vaccination rates rising, next year the much-loved stalls will be able to return.

With help from Janine Courtis, Jacqui and Mel usually set up two stalls – one in the arcade near Woolworths and one on Thompson Avenue in front of the National Bank.

“The money we raise does make a difference. The cause is very beneficial to a lot of people,” Jacqui said.

On average, 303 people are diagnosed with cancer in Bass Coast each year.

In 2020, Cancer Council invested \$23.7 million in cancer research and supported 72 people in Bass Coast diagnosed with cancer.

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A brazen bin dumper has piled rubbish from the back of her car into a San Remo grandfather's red bin. Bass Coast Shire said it was powerless to act.

## Caught red handed

The contentious issue of fortnightly red bin collections has spilt over to “cheeky” rubbish dumping, according to a San Remo resident.

Murray Pinal was surprised to arrive at his San Remo home on a Tuesday afternoon last month to see his red bin – which had been emptied that morning – full to the brim of new rubbish.

“At first I thought the truck had failed to empty my bin but then when I saw what was in it, I realised someone had

filled it with their own rubbish,” Murray said.

“There were vacuum cleaner accessories and even Tupperware containers.”

The father of three and grandfather of six decided to investigate further, rewinding his security camera to find the culprit (pictured).

“The video clearly shows her opening her boot and putting all the contents in my bin. I think it's extremely cheeky and brazen.

“I don't think it's something

the average person does. I'd tell her not to do it again.”

Murray said he called Bass Coast Shire who were powerless to act and he said it would now take two further bin collections, over a month, to get rid of all the unwanted waste, including his own household items.

“I've no doubt that with fortnightly red bin collections, her bin was full so she saw an opportunity and decided to lump me with her problem.”

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The owner of the popular Saltwater restaurant in Newhaven said a decision to call the proposed hot springs Saltwater Hot Springs, would create “non-stop confusion”.

# Too much Saltwater at Newhaven?

A battle appears to be bubbling at the site of the proposed hot springs in Newhaven, with the new business calling itself Saltwater Hot Springs on social media recently.

The announcement, a post on the Phillip Island Bathing and Wellness Facebook page, caught the eye of Ben Dennis, who runs the popular Saltwater restaurant and bar in Newhaven.

With the new hot springs set to include a restaurant and located a few kilometres from the Saltwater restaurant on the Newhaven Jetty, Ben believes the name double-up is ripe for

confusion.

“I totally support what they’re doing and I don’t mind having competitors, but I’m not happy about them using that name,” Ben said.

As the hot springs is yet to be completed or officially launched, he is hoping a new name can be agreed on.

Ben and his staff already deal with name confusion between Saltwater and Silverwater, including deliveries for his restaurant ending up at Silverwater Resort in San Remo.

“Having two Saltwaters in the same postcode, just down the road from each other, both restaurants and

wedding venues, it’s going to be non-stop confusion,” he said.

His initial attempts to resolve the issue have fallen on deaf ears, but Ben is still optimistic a solution can be found that suits both businesses.

“I love what they are doing and would love to patronise their business,” he said.

“We’re keen to support them and wish them all the success.

“But we’ve been trading for four years and I built this place myself, from the ground up.

“Our goodwill and customers will be impacted.”

The hot springs currently uses several names in its social media, including Phillip Island Hot Springs, Phillip Island Bathing and Wellness Project, Salt Water Springs and Saltwater Springs.

According to the business.vic.gov.au website, you cannot register a business name that is identical or too similar to the registered name of another Australian business or company.

Ben registered his business name (Saltwater Phillip Island) in 2016.

The owners of the hot springs did not respond to the Advertiser’s request for comment.

# Carnival owners extend their stay

The carnival owners have been given a short-term lease to stay on their former 16ha property, despite the sale of the land being finalised on June 30.

Bass Coast Shire paid the Watkins family the final settlement price of \$2.7 million in instalments for the carnival land, on the corner of the Phillip Island and Ventnor roads, after a final agreement earlier this year, avoiding the need for compulsory acquisition.

The land will be home to the Phillip Island Aquatics and Recreation Precinct, which according to the shire “will provide Phillip Island with essential recreation and aquatics facility to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and visitors to the Island”.

The Watkins closed the carnival for the last time at Easter after more than 20 years at the location, and after about five decades of visiting the island, which had become a home base while they travelled Australia through the year with the carnival.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie told the Advertiser the site purchase was finalised on June 30, 2021 and was now owned by the shire.

“Council has supported the former owner’s request for a short-term lease while they finalise their arrangements to vacate,” Ms Wastie said.

Owner Brian Watkins in June told the Advertiser he still had nowhere to move his amusement rides and he may overstay the deadline.

“I’ve still got nowhere to go or take my stuff. I can’t find anywhere to put it,” the 78-year-old said.

Brian said his son had been negotiating for a million-dollar property at Bass, “but that’s a lot of money just to store trucks and containers”.

Brian said they were negotiating with owners of vacant properties to house the carnival this coming summer.

### Background

The carnival site was originally part of 32ha owned by the Phillip Island Shire, at the time mooted as a recreation hub, but was sold to the Watkins family by the commissioners at the time of council amalgamations in 1994.

Eight years ago the shire again identified the land as a location for a sports hub, aiming to turn the clock back to pre-1994.

The shire that same year bought back 16ha of the original land from the Watkins, calling it the Hilton Chadwick Reserve – which lies immediately to the west of the carnival site – for future use and development as part of a sporting precinct.

Draft concept designs and a feasibility study for the as-yet-unfunded Phillip Island pool on the site were released to the public for feedback in May and June.

Based on that feedback, the designs and study will be finalised and adopted by council in coming months, with funding currently being sought from state and Federal governments.



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Sandra Peeters, president Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space Inc (PICES) – “It is reassuring to see after many years and following many hours of consultation, the shire has delivered plans for a modern, environmentally-sound cultural centre, which will provide the community with multiple facilities including a new library, historical museum, theatre/cinema, cafe and purpose-built gallery. Interest is now turning to how the centre will be managed, and to what degree the community will have input into its operations and priorities.”



Anne Davie, past president of the former Phillip Island Arts and Cultural Committee and Barrie Robinson, who has worked in entertainment his whole life – Anne: “I can’t believe it’s finally happening after all these years. In 1992 I was a Phillip Island Shire councillor when I passed a motion to build a community and arts facility.” Barrie: “This is a fully professional concept of a theatre and cinema. The equipment going in – such as projection, audio and lighting – will be first class. I’ve worked on this since 1992 so it has been a long, hard slog.”

# Community thumbs up to Cultural Centre designs

An announcement on potential Federal government funding for the Cowes Cultural Centre continues to be delayed, according to Bass Coast Shire’s CEO.

CEO Ali Wastie said despite

delays on their request for \$5 million Commonwealth funding – made earlier this year – the project was not delayed in any way.

“I was up in Canberra about two months ago and it (fund-

ing request) was delayed then,” Ms Wastie told the Advertiser.

“This project is funded by council but we would love to see a contribution from the Federal government, given this is a once-in-a-generation

opportunity for Bass Coast, the largest project in our history.”

Ms Wastie was speaking at the community drop-in session for the centre in Cowes last week, showcasing the newly-released designs.

She said the \$19 million project had already received a state government grant of \$2.5 million, \$800,000 from the Living Libraries grant and \$10 million loan funding from the state government.

The shire allocated \$4 million in its 2020/21 budget, with the remaining \$1.7 million allocated in the shire’s 2021/22 financial plan.

The centre’s construction is set to start later this year and take 12–14 months, with global building material shortages having “the potential for wide impacts on any building project”.

Four shortlisted builders will be asked for further pricing submissions, with the fi-

nal builder set to be engaged in October.

Ventnor resident Anne Davie attended the drop-in, saying the new cultural centre was a long time coming.

“I can’t believe it’s finally happening after all these years,” Anne said.

“In 1992 I was a Phillip Island Shire councillor when I passed a motion to build a community and arts facility.

“When it was passed I called out ‘hallelujah’.”

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John Adam, Surf Beach artist – “I have been advocating for a professional gallery for years, not only where we can showcase local artists, but also travelling exhibitions. If anything, I would like the gallery to be bigger. I now would like to see the employment of a curator who knows the difference between good art and bad art.”



Peter Balfe, Phillip Island artist – “Initially there was concern the gallery space was small but I’m happy with the size. This building will attract the local community and visitors alike.”



Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie – “This is a game changer for the region.”





Trevor Fothergill is now seeking quotes from solicitors to take court action for an enforcement order against the shire and the developer to comply with the estate's planning permit.

## Resident continues legal threat against shire

A San Remo resident – whose house has been impacted by runoff from a neighbouring new subdivision – said he would continue to pursue legal action against Bass Coast Shire despite losing a recent claim.

Last week the Advertiser reported residents of a San Remo unit block on Genista Street had failed in their bid to claim damages for flooding from the developer of the neighbouring Panorama estate because of a legal technicality.

The unit's residents had been seeking damages from Panorama estate developer, TCG Doreen Pty Ltd, at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) for "unreasonable flow of water".

But the claim was withdrawn last month, with the developer to pay its own costs and no order for costs against the body corporate.

Resident Trevor Fothergill said the claim had been withdrawn because all 95 Panorama lots were now not owned

by the developer, but rather individual owners who would soon start construction, and are expected to move in by Christmas.

Despite the loss, Mr Fothergill last week said he was seeking quotes from solicitors to take court action for an enforcement order against the shire and the developer to comply with the estate's planning permit.

Mr Fothergill said a claim for damages against the shire could still be pursued because he believed the shire consented "unlawfully to vary or change" Panorama's VCAT imposed permit conditions.

He said he believed this contravened the Planning and Environment Act, which does not allow councils to change VCAT imposed permit conditions except by further application to VCAT, "something which council did not do".

Mr Fothergill said "the evidence was compelling for a claim against the shire" for "fixed events of unlawful

consents" at the time of the development – and not subsequent developer activity.

"Such a claim can still be brought within six years, so it is not ruled out," he said.

"About 20 other Victorian council websites warn permit seekers that permit conditions cannot be changed, once a permit is endorsed, other than by application for a new permit, so I am perplexed as to why the shire considers it does not have to abide by the law."

Shire CEO Ali Wastie last month told the Advertiser drainage at the development was working and no rectification works were needed.

"While the planning permit has been amended, drainage requirements directed by VCAT were not changed," she said, adding the planning permit was issued by VCAT in 2014.

"The development was constructed in accordance with the endorsed plans and the titles for each lot were issued last year."

## Emergency funding boost

Bass Coast Shire Council will receive \$73,200 from the state government to help them prepare for and respond to emergencies.

The extra funding can be used for a variety of emergency planning work, including ensuring a Covid-Safe environment in emergencies, education for communities in at-risk areas and other supports.

"This is about providing more support to make sure that councils have the staff, resources and tools they need to support their community during and after an emergency event," said Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale.

Before, during, and after emergencies, council responsibilities include supporting vulnerable people, running relief centres, and enabling economic and social recovery while ensuring that important, regular services continue to be provided.

Councils routinely use the

funding to appoint an emergency management specialist, with some councils collaborating with neighbouring councils to fund a specialist position across their areas.

The government said councils' extensive local knowledge and close connection to communities makes them a vital part of Victoria's response to emergency events.

The Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program began in 2010 in response to the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission and provided funding for staff and programs to address the issues identified.

The program pays for planning, communication and coordination work to make sure communities are well prepared and resilient.

To find out more, visit [local-government.vic.gov.au/funding-programs](http://local-government.vic.gov.au/funding-programs).

## "Bubble" glamping proposal for San Remo

A luxury camping business is planned for San Remo's clifftop.

Set to be called The Bubble, the glamping business – which currently has a planning permit application open for public comment – will be on 120 hectares at 140 Punchbowl Road with six translucent, inflatable tent dome bubbles.

Each tent in the \$400,000 proposed development will feature a deck, shower and toilet, accommodating two guests and with an outdoor freestanding bath.

"Our guest has 100 per cent privacy, the tent and guest will not be seen from any angle and from any direction (sic)," states The

Bubble's promotional brochure.

There will be a 24-hour "butler service as part of the luxury offering" and visitors will be given a portable gas cooktop, an outdoor fire pit and access to the kitchen in the existing dwelling year-round.

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# Petition calls for dust solutions

Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay residents have lodged a petition with Bass Coast Shire Council calling for an immediate remedy to dust problems on roads.

The petition, containing 87 signatures, was signed by property owners in the two hamlets, where the shire has been removing dust suppressant sealant, with residents expected to be soon invited to be part of a special charge payment scheme to roll out permanent bitumen upgrades.

The petition states residents "are calling on the council to take immediate action to install traffic calming measures" such as temporary speed bumps.

They say the measures should be rolled out across Batman Avenue – the main access road



Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay residents call on Bass Coast Shire Council to fix the dust issues on their roads.

from the Phillip Island Road to the beach – and The Esplanade where sealants have been re-

moved, "resulting in increased levels of dust".

"These levels will rise further

during the dry, busy warmer months," the petition states.

"Sealant has now been removed from Zephyr Street through to Glen Street on the Esplanade. These roads carry vehicles which often travel at speed. Speed signs have no impact."

The petition states medical research proved dust "can have a detrimental effect on human health".

"We understand the council intends to commence community consultation regarding the making of roads on the estate, but that process will take years.

"Traffic calming is need in the interim."

Councillors voted to accept the petition and – according to practice – table it until a future meeting of council.



## Bauer no stick-in-the-mud

A Bass Coast Shire councillor was left a little red-faced after bogging his car in the Blue Gum Reserve last week.

Cr Ronnie Bauer said the situation got worse after the car that "came to rescue me also got bogged".

"So we needed another truck with a winch to get us both out," he said.

"What a nightmare. For the record I offered to pay for any clean up required."



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# Cycling support

A petition for Council to construct a short bike path to connect Shelly Court and Shoalhaven Road in the Shearwater Estate in Cowes has attracted over 110 signatures.

However less than a quarter of those who signed live locally, with just 21 of the people listing their address as Cowes.

Most signatures came from visitors and keen cyclists from Melbourne or interstate who voiced their support for improved cycling infrastructure on the island.

"I ride my bike on Phillip Island and I think any developments that make riding safer for riders should be supported," said Steve Milton.

Rob Jarvis said councils should encourage cycling activities.

"Blocking cyclists is effectively discouraging opportunities for people to develop a healthy lifestyle," he said.

Melbourne visitor Matthew Katzen said: "I would certainly spend more time on holiday in Phillip Island if it had safer cycling infrastructure. Good for your health and the local economy."

Earlier this year, resident Madeleine Pitt complained about a rope barrier constructed by Bass Coast Shire Council on a nature strip in the Shearwater Estate.

Ms Pitt claimed the barrier was creating an unsafe junction with poor sight lines and started the petition to pressure council to change the barrier.

"We need an intelligent solution that reflects the needs of all residents," she said.

She launched the petition, which has now been forwarded to Bass Coast Shire Council and the Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale.

### Neighbourhood concerns

However another Shearwater resident told the Advertiser they didn't have a problem with the current layout and Ms Pitt's campaign does not reflect the wishes of the majority of residents.

The resident, who preferred to remain anonymous, said the area in question is a council managed area and recreational vehicles and golf carts, are not permitted to use it.

"Bollards are present to stop this. Golf carts are for the road, not paths," they said.

"I do believe that a shared/dual path would be beneficial to all, but just use the current path, like the one on the other side of the estate.

"It works well and I see no reason why it wouldn't work here. But leave the carts on the road, where they are designed to be used."

They disagree with many of the statements raised in the petition and believe council is correct about the dangers of creating a new path, which would be a waste of ratepayers' money.

"The area was never designed for bicycle or golf cart use, it's a drainage area."

They also dispute the claim a new pathway would create a link between cycle paths to Cowes central and Rhyl.

"There is no cycle path on this side of the estate or connection to any for this idea. Some are alluding to this as fact, but it's not true.

"A dedicated cycle path is already present to create this link and it's on the other side of the estate, 300 meters away, by way of a dual path. It appears some are suggesting this doesn't exist."





Lou Pecora said this photo shows the poor condition of the “shire blend” after rain. He claims the substandard topping exposes residents to extra dust and then turns to sludge after rain.



Meanwhile, in Malcolm Avenue, Surf Beach, Lou claims a road with the traditional class two crushed rock displays very little mud after a spell of rain.

# Is this the road to ruin?

Are ratepayers being short-changed with their roads?

Surf Beach resident Lou Pecora has accused Bass Coast Shire Council of using sub-standard material on its gravel roads.

Lou, a former engineer with Vi-cRoads, says the new “shire blend” – a combination of class three to four crushed rock – makes the dust issue worse, adding insult to injury for areas where the dust suppressant seal has been removed.

At a recent Council meeting, Lou asked “why has class two crushed rock – which is traditionally used for roads – been replaced with a class three to four “blend”, which has a higher clay content”.

He described it as “low quality” and said class three and four crushed rock is commonly used for base layers in light traffic, commercial site works and backfilling.

He described its use on busy residential roads as “unusual and totally inappropriate”.

In response to the question, Shire CEO Ali Wastie said a class three shire blend had been “specifically tailored” by the shire “to ensure optimal performance”.

“Given the unbound nature of a class two crushed rock and its performance history on council’s unsealed network this material type is not suitable for this application,” Ms Wastie said.

“Cost savings was not a consideration over differing rock material types for these works.”

## Dust suppressant

In May, Lou and other residents of The Esplanade at Surf Beach unsuccessfully lobbied council to stop the removal of the dust suppressant seal.

However the seal was removed at the start of June, in line with Council’s urban road management strategy.

In February 2020, General Manager James Stirton told the Advertiser the dust suppressant seals were undertaken as a trial between

2005 and 2007 and were “designed to be low cost and temporary”.

He said analysis of the trial in 2010 showed the seal was not sustainable over the long-term and in 2013 council adopted a strategy to manage the situation. That strategy was to rip up the seals when the roads reached “intervention level” and replace them with crushed rock.

“There was analysis undertaken at the time of the review which indicated costs to maintain the primer seal dust suppressant roads to be approximately six times that of an unsealed road,” he said.

Now that the seal applied to The Esplanade in 2006 has been removed, Lou says the new gravel roads produce more dust than ever before.

“Residents will have to endure more mud and dust than prior to the dust suppressant seal.”

He dismisses claims from the shire that use of the “shire blend” is not driven by cost considerations.

“The shire blend is about five per

cent cheaper than class two and easier and cheaper to maintain.

“If cost was not a consideration, why on earth would anyone use this material knowing it has more detrimental effects to people’s health and wellbeing?”

Lou said the new surface on The Esplanade has reduced pedestrian and bicycle traffic to a trickle, with walkers forced to wear boots to navigate the sludge on the road.

He has raised all his concerns in a detailed letter to every councillor.

## Signage

The council has also come under fire for failing to put consistent signage in place since the dust suppressant seal was removed.

Three new signs saying “Speed Means Dust” have been installed.

“Not only are the three new dust signs inadequate, but there is not one new speed sign in the 1.5 km of rehabilitated works,” Lou explained.

Council has said the new signage is

intended to slow vehicles down, and their effectiveness will be monitored.

Lou accused the council of failing to understand “the dynamics of unsealed roads” and ignoring the feedback from residents about the dust issues.

“Council’s response shows a lack of empathy to the community’s insufferable conditions,” he said.

He’s called on the council to overlay the rehabilitated road with a layer of class two crushed rock.

He also wants extra signs installed along The Esplanade, including 20km/h signs like the ones currently installed at the northern end of Batman Avenue.

Community consultation for a Special Charge Scheme to upgrade the roads in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay is due to start later this year.

Residents along The Esplanade previously asked if its dust suppressant could be maintained until the Special Charge Scheme process was completed.

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(left to right): Sharyne Munday (Principal) on left with Michelle Peters (Integration Aide) and Andrea Rieniets (Kids as Catalysts Creative Director) celebrate with Grade five and six students at Newhaven Primary School.

## Kids pitch for their community

Grade Five and Six students at Newhaven Primary School took to the stage to demonstrate what they will do to lead change in Bass Coast as part of the Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts program.

Students 'pitched' their ideas to a panel of adults from across the community for project funding to address issues they see as having greatest importance in their local community – including support for older people, cultural inclusion, gender equality, improving the environment, giving kids a voice, protecting wildlife and disability advocacy.

Taking part in Victoria's leading creative leadership and social change program for schools, Principal Sharyne Munday said students have undergone significant change since commencing the program in Term Two.

"These kids have really come out of their shells. They are so excited

to be given the chance to make a difference in their community, and they've learnt so much confidence, social and teamwork skills along the way," Ms Munday said.

Chairperson of the Bass Coast Community Foundation Carol Blair said funding the program has demonstrated the value of engaging local students in the critical years before they transition to high school.

"We hope these students are inspired by what they've learnt, feel empowered that they can have a significant impact on their community, and take that forward into their teenage years," she said.

Students will now deliver their projects with local community organisations and then present their final project at a spectacular performance showcase scheduled for August 25.

For more information and details about the program go to [bccf.org.au](http://bccf.org.au) and [www.kidsthive.org.au](http://www.kidsthive.org.au).

## Shake off stress at the off-leash beach

Photographer Lorey Sheers loves taking her boys Ry and Kody to the off-leash beach at Cape Woolamai, with their best friend, dog Tikka.

For Lorey, the opportunity for the boys and dog to run and expel all their energy in a healthy, stress-free environment is something she looks forward to every day of lockdown and in the school holidays.

"We're so lucky to have this area," she said.

The Phillip Island and Bass Coast Dog Association said with lockdowns continuing, the benefits of off-leash areas are more important than ever.

"In this year of reviewing the DAMP (Domestic Animal Management Plan) it's important to realise the benefits of our off-leash areas and the need to accommodate all members of our community," said Association President Cheryl Owens.

"With 97 kilometers of coast line on Phillip Island and only 900 meters allocated to off-leash areas, it's important to get a reasonable balance between wildlife and livability.

"The Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog



Lorey Sheers says it's important her boys Ry and Kody, and their dog Tikka can run off their energy in a stress free, healthy environment. Photo courtesy of Lorey Bree Photography

Association has been working towards this outcome and to ensure there are plenty of areas for people to walk their dogs in a safe and sustainable way to enjoy our wonderful environment."

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## Vision for the future of Bass Coast

Bass Coast Shire Council is calling for feedback on its draft Bass Coast Community Vision 2041.

The draft Community Vision has been developed by a community panel, made up of over 40 community representatives, who have worked together to write the vision statement, aspirations and priorities for Bass Coast, for the next 20 years.

The development of a Community Vision is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2020 and provides an opportunity for communities to have a say in shaping their preferred futures.

The Community Vision will form part of Council's strategic planning and reporting framework, to ensure a long-term view of the community's desired future is incorporated

into strategic planning and decision making.

You can provide your feedback by completing an online survey on the council's website.

Feedback is open until Wednesday, September 8.

The feedback will be assessed against the draft Community Vision. The Community Panel will view any changes and finalise the document, prior to presenting recommendations to Council for adoption in October.

The draft Vision, along with the future aspirations and priorities can be found online at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourfuture](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourfuture), or email [basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au) to be sent a copy.

### Draft Community Vision

- From its flowing hills to its wild unspoiled coastlines, the Bass Coast is a source of celebration for all who live in and visit the region.

- Our townships are vibrant, rich with culture and full of life, each with its own distinct character.

- Drawing on our creativity, innovation and resilience we've created a thriving and diverse economy that supports sustainable agriculture, industry and endeavour.

- As we live respectfully in harmony with our environment, we prepare for future challenges and changes.

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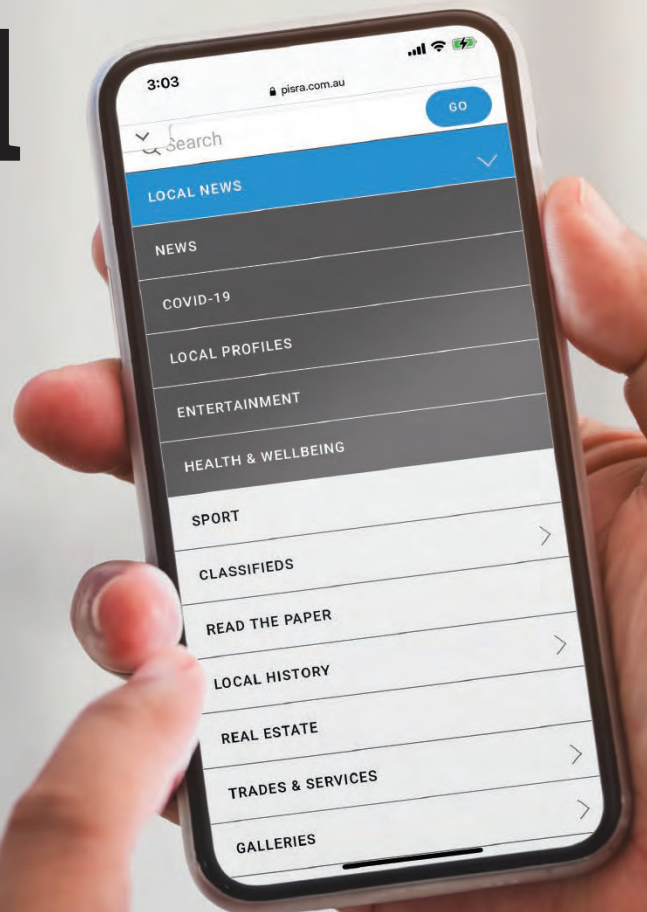
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# Congratulations to our local finalists.



Jo Viney of Brinnie T Design, being interviewed by WIN TV, after being named as one of five finalist in the Business and Professional Services category of the Gippsland Business Awards.

## Reward and recognition

Being nominated as a finalist in the Gippsland Business Awards is the silver lining of a difficult year for Jo Viney of Brinnie T Design.

"It's huge for the self-confidence," admitted Jo, who found out she was a finalist just as Victoria went into lockdown number five. "It was beautifully well timed."

Brinnie T Design is one of five finalists in the Business and Professional Services category of the awards. The design studio, which offers interior solutions and accessible design services is co-located with a retail store that stocks a curated selection of beautiful gifts, body products and homewares.

Making it to the finals validates the leap of faith and the hard work that has gone into setting up the Thompson Avenue store.

"When I was operating from home, no matter what advertising I did, a lot of people didn't know I was there."

"Part of bringing my business to the main street was to have that presence."

The awards entry almost didn't happen, after Jo heard some business submissions were professionally written.

"I said to myself the whole way along with this business, I will only ever be myself."

"So, I wrote it from the heart, rather than putting in a submission that was not necessarily true to who I was."

The decision paid off, with the judges clearly impressed by Jo's passion for what she does.

Her submission highlighted all aspects of the business, as well as explaining her focus on access and inclusion and initiatives to

support other women, particularly women in business.

All the awards finalists are personally interviewed by a member of the awards judging panel, a nerve-wracking experience.

Then there's the media interviews, including a spot on the local TV news and the upcoming gala presentation night on August 27.

"It is a bigger deal than I thought it was," Jo said.

"It's exciting. Even if I don't win, just being part of this is huge."

She's looking forward to celebrating the big night with her team – Suzie, Kelly and Nadine – and said the recognition from the awards has been a huge bonus.

She is also grateful for the support and encouragement she received from her fellow traders.

"I really want to thank Lois from Turn the Page, Nic from Sarsparilla, Mandy from Front Room, Deb from Deborucci and Leonie from Hair Dwyer."

"That first lockdown was really hard."

"I hadn't done retail before and I had no background to understand the implications that the pandemic was having in terms of tourism and customers."

Like all business owners, Jo continues to grapple with the challenges of Covid – "it's not like it's going to stop and we're going to go back to how we were" – but for now she's enjoying the silver lining of her nomination.

"Part of me would love to win, but I don't want to think about it too much. I'm happy and proud of myself just being a finalist."

## Restaurant in running for top gong

The Cape Kitchen is one of five restaurants vying for the Hospitality award at this year's Gippsland Business Awards.

It is also in the running for the newly created Business Agility award.

Perched on the Phillip Island clifftops overlooking the ocean, The Cape Kitchen prides itself as a "destination restaurant", showcasing local produce, with a passion for quality Gippsland produce.

The restaurant is part of a larger vision anchored by a new hot springs development.

"We are honoured to be nominated for this award and were excited to see so many other Gippsland businesses participating in the awards too," said Samantha from The Cape Kitchen.

In the submission, Samantha said the focus was on the challenges of the past 12-18 months.

"Out of this extraordinary situation grew an opportunity to embrace a new way of gathering and to create new experiences," she said.

She said recognition of what they do was important.

"As a business, we have a strong affinity and commitment to the Gippsland region and to be recognised for it through the awards makes all the challenges and hard work worth it."

"Personally, it feels really special and heart-warming to be recognised within your



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own community."

She described the nomination as a "thank you" from the local business community.

"It proves our dedication to our guests is all worth it."

"We couldn't have got through the difficulties without the love and support of our loyal guests."

"There have been challenges, but we're looking forward to another bumper summer season and the opening of Saltwater Hot Springs – Phillip Island next year," she said.

Up against a field of some outstanding Gippsland restaurants, Samantha couldn't rate The Cape Kitchen's chances.

"I am just thrilled to have been nominated," she said.

"All the finalists are outstanding in their own right. I think we all are worthy competition."

### Agility

Unlike the other award categories, the new Business Agility Award is one selected by the judging panel.

"Being the only restaurant in this category is humbling and very exciting for our team," Samantha said.

"The past 18 months have brought challenges we had never faced before. There was no proven strategy for success and the only way to face the challenges was to work together to find new solutions."

"We had to make changes – and continue to make changes – to the way we operated."

"Out of this extraordinary situation grew an opportunity to embrace a new way of gathering and to create exciting new experiences. This way of thinking and facing challenges – being adaptable and innovative – we believe demonstrated our agility."

## Climbing to the top!

Congratulations to Clip 'n Climb Phillip Island, a finalist in the Tourism Activities and Attractions Award category at the Gippsland Business Awards.

Clip 'n Climb Phillip Island brings the outdoors inside with the newest concept in indoor climbing.

It's a chance to get active and get healthy in a safe, fun and family friendly environment, providing vertical chal-



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lenges varying in difficulty and design to keep everyone engaged from beginners to experienced climbers.

In addition to the unique and colourful climbing walls, fully immersive virtual reality experiences are also available. Get ready for an awesome full on adrenaline experience, at this amazing indoor venue the whole family can enjoy.

### Interior Design & Decoration Homewares & Gifts

Shop 6, 34 Thompson Ave Cowes. [btdesign.com.au](http://btdesign.com.au)

### THE CAPE KITCHEN

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# New vaccine appointments available

The state government is calling on all eligible Victorians to book in for their vaccine.

Across the state, thousands of appointments for the COVID-19 Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines are available over the coming month, with further appointments set aside for priority health care workers and aged care and disability workers yet to be vaccinated.

The government said almost 60,000 Pfizer appointments and thousands for AstraZeneca were now open.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) encouraged any locals eligible to receive their vaccination to book into the community clinic at the Wonthaggi Town Hall, noting there were people in the area eligible

to receive the vaccine that hadn't done so yet.

While the centre does accept walk-ins for AstraZeneca shots and is currently not operating at capacity, people are encouraged to book in, to help BCH allocate the appropriate number of staff.

Anyone without a booking is advised to come during the middle of the day, with the busiest periods in the mornings, before 11am and after 3pm.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said BCH's vaccine roll out is reliant on receiving adequate supply.

"Our community should be aware that supply may change depending on where vaccines are diverted according to areas where Covid is posing the greatest risk at the time."

Ms Child also called on members of the public to be patient and kind and respect staff at the vaccination clinic, who are simply following the rules.

"Our Vaccination team is here to implement the rules of the day. We are also required to ensure members of the public are safe and we are required therefore to comply with QR code scanning and screening requirements to minimise the Covid risk to our staff and the general public," she said.

"I am saddened by some members of the public who are clearly frustrated and take it out on our staff. We can assure you that we are working to get as many people vaccinated as possible. "We are all committed to

providing a great service for our health service and community and we ask that you be patient and kind as we manage the changing landscape."

## Supply, demand and effectiveness

The state government has stressed that both COVID-19 Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines are safe and effective.

A recent analysis shows that none of the locally acquired COVID-19 cases hospitalised during the July outbreak were fully vaccinated, which further highlights the importance of getting a vaccine as soon as you're eligible.

To help address vaccine hesitancy, the Department of Health will also publish graphs and tables every week online showing age and gender of vaccine recipients at Victoria's vaccination centres, as well as the type of vaccine administered.

The 60,000 new Pfizer appointments were added to the system following Victoria's decision to revise the recommended Pfizer second dose interval to six weeks.

This has freed up supply

available for first dose appointments now, because the demand for subsequent second dose appointments can be met with September's projected increase in supply.

In a statement Gippsland Region Public Health Unit said the decision to extend the period between Pfizer doses would "help give more Gippslanders some level of protection against the virus, allowing more people to receive their first doses in the coming weeks."

It said the change is consistent with Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) guidelines.

There is no change for people who already had their second Pfizer dose booked and they should attend their appointment as planned.

There is no change to the interval for the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Victorians currently eligible for the vaccine under the Commonwealth's COVID-19 vaccination program include everyone aged 40 and over, and large numbers of people under 40 such as health care workers and people with specified un-

derlying medical conditions.

The government announced last week that 18-39-year-olds will be able to receive an AstraZeneca vaccination, with informed consent, at state-run vaccinations centres, including Wonthaggi.

Gippsland Region Public Health Unit said bookings could be made for anyone aged 18-39 years, to receive the AstraZeneca vaccine.

The GRPHU also advised young people between 12-15 years who are at a higher risk of severe illness if they contracted Covid, are eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine, with parent consent.

This includes children with specific medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes, obesity, cardiac and circulatory congenital anomalies, epilepsy and those who are immuno-compromised.

Bookings can be made through the normal channels and children must attend the clinic with a parent or guardian.

Book online at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine) or call 1800 675 398 to secure your COVID-19 vaccine appointment.



A spokesperson for Bass Coast Health has urged people to book in for a vaccination, stressing the clinic at the Wonthaggi Town Hall was not operating at capacity and there were more bookings available.

# Lockdown lifted

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Venues smaller than 100 square metres can have up to 25 people before density requirements apply.

Shops and personal services such as hairdressers, beauty therapists and tattooing are also back and face masks can be removed where required for the service to be performed.

The Premier stressed that people from Melbourne are not to travel to the regions and regional businesses had to ensure they only served local customers.

"Businesses that are open in regional Victoria but closed in Melbourne – restaurants for dine-in service or beauty for example – must check the IDs of everyone they serve."

"While stay at home orders remain in metropolitan Melbourne, we need to ensure the virus does not travel into regional Victoria," the Premier said.

Although density requirements apply, religious gatherings and ceremonies, weddings and funerals are again allowed.

And community sport is back for all ages, including training and matches.

Unfortunately though, games will be without spectators, and only essential par-

ticipants – players, coaches, referees, officials and carers or parents – are able to attend.

Entertainment venues have reopened, with caps on crowd sizes and density requirements, and they're required to have a Covid Check-in Marshal to monitor patrons checking-in with the Service Victoria app.

The announcement of the lockdown lifting came as the government faced a barrage of criticism from the opposition and regional officials.

Last week, The National's leader, Peter Walsh said the decision to shut down the entire state "smacks of hypocrisy."

"Another blanket lockdown – even in parts of the state with no active cases or local exposure sites – will be the nail in the coffin for small businesses and communities," he said.

"Statewide lockdowns should be a last resort – not a first response. It's killing our communities."

Craig Edmonds, the president of the San Remo District Tourism and Business Association, expressed similar sentiments, saying locking down the entire state seemed to be "an overkill reaction, when other states have successfully just locked down areas".

However many local residents reported an influx of visitors to the island when last Thursday's snap lockdown was announced.

"I always go with live and let live, but the number of people in their holiday houses on my street this weekend is really disappointing," posted one local resident on Facebook.

One holiday homeowner responded saying, "those of us with holiday houses we don't go to are equally furious with those who feel the rules don't apply to them."

The Premier said all regional Victorians need to continue with their Covid-Safe behaviours – most importantly to get tested immediately if they have any symptoms at all and get vaccinated if eligible.

For more information call the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 or visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au).

To book a vaccination at one of Victoria's state-run clinics visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment](https://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment).

Breaches of Covid restrictions can be reported to the Police Assistance Line on 133 444 or submit a report online [www.police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting](https://www.police.vic.gov.au/police-assistance-line-and-online-reporting).

## Council Update



### Have your say: draft Dinosaurs Trail Masterplan

Council is calling on the community to provide their feedback on the draft Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail Masterplan. The Masterplan, as well as a link to the survey, can be found at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail](https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail). Hardcopies of the Masterplan are also available to access at Council's Customer Service Centres, in Wonthaggi, Cowes, Grantville and Inverloch.

Drop in sessions will be held at:

- Online: Wednesday, 18 August, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Registration is essential by email to [dinosaurtrail@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:dinosaurtrail@basscoast.vic.gov.au)
- Inverloch (Rainbow Park): Saturday 21 August – 9.00am to 11.00am
- Kilcunda (foreshore car park): Saturday, 21 August – 12.00pm to 2.00pm
- Wonthaggi (76 McBride Ave, Wonthaggi): Sunday, 22 August – 9.00am to 11.00am
- San Remo (Lions Park): Sunday, 22 August – 12.00pm to 2.00pm

For more information about this project, visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail](https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail), email [dinosaurtrail@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:dinosaurtrail@basscoast.vic.gov.au) or contact our Project team on the numbers below.

### Have your say: Bass Coast Community Vision 2041

Council is calling on the community to provide feedback on its draft Bass Coast Community Vision 2041. The draft Community Vision has been developed by a community panel, made up of over 40 people representative of the Shire, who have worked together to write the vision statement, aspirations and priorities for Bass Coast, for the next 20 years. The draft Vision, along with the future aspirations and priorities and a survey can be found online at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourfuture](https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourfuture), or email [basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au) to request a copy in the post or via email. Feedback is open until Wednesday, 8 September.

### Have your say: draft Smiths Beach Town Plan

Due to latest State Government restrictions, all three community drop-in sessions for the draft Smiths Beach Town Plan have been cancelled until further notice. In lieu, Council officers are offering the opportunity for you to have a conversation about the project, answer any questions you have and assist you in providing formal feedback on the Plan. Please contact Council's Strategic Planning Team to set up an appointment on the numbers below or email [strategicplanningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:strategicplanningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au). The draft Plan and survey is available at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smithsbeach](https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smithsbeach). The consultation period has been extended until 30 September 2021.

### Council Meeting 18 August

Council's next meeting will be livestreamed at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 18 August 2021. Join us on the livestream link at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2021meetings](https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2021meetings).

The proposed items Council may consider:

- Planning Application 200113 334-336 White Rd North Wonthaggi use and development of land for restricted retail premises, removal of native vegetation, alteration of an access to a Road Zone Category 1, reduction in car parking and to construct and display business identification signage.
- Planning Application 200437 34 Bayview Avenue Inverloch Development of a dwelling in the Design and Development Overlay Schedule 1
- Planning Application 210021 119 Silverleaves Avenue, Silverleaves Development of the land for a dwelling and removal of vegetation
- Planning Application 210118 1 The Anchorage Corinella Development of a dwelling exceeding 7 metres in the DDO1
- Planning Application 210204 45 Penniwells Drive San Remo Development of a dwelling exceeding 7 metres in the DDO1
- Memorandum of Understanding between Bass Coast Landcare Network and Bass Coast Shire Council, 2021
- Guide Park Redevelopment Project and Thompson Reserve Vehicle Access Driveway Project
- Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve Power Upgrade and Consolidation Project
- Memorandum of Understanding Bass Coast Community Foundation
- Australian First Peoples Advisory Committee
- Review Community Grants Program
- Reappointment of Audit and Risk Committee Chair
- Review of Instrument of Delegation – Council to Staff
- Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation - Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation - Environment Protection Act 2017
- Bass Coast Financial Hardship Policy

The agenda is released on Council's website on Friday, 13 August at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2021meetings](https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2021meetings). There is an opportunity in the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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# Classical music maestros coming to Foster

Two of Australia's finest classical musicians, Sharon and Slava Grigoryan are bringing their formidable talents to Foster in December.

The concert for guitar and cello includes with works by Vivaldi, Granados, as well as a selection from their ARIA nominated debut album.

Sharon and Slava Grigoryan's repertoire spans cultures, generations, and genres – from standard works for guitar and cello (Vivaldi, Granados, Piazzolla) – to creations by contemporary composers, their own compositions and arrangements which shine a new light on familiar favourites.

Slava Grigoryan is an acknowledged guitar master on the world stage. Sharon Grigoryan has forged a formidable career throughout Australia performing with all

major symphony orchestras and chamber ensembles, including her recent seven-year tenure with the Australian String Quartet.

Their debut album "Our Place" was nominated for Best Classical Album at the 2020 ARIA Awards.

The concert on December 5, will be held at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre, with doors opening at 1.30pm, for a performance at 2.30pm.

The concert is presented by Prom Recitals, a group of South Gippsland locals sharing their love of music with the community and with visitors to prom country alike, through the presentation of classical music recitals.

Tickets for Sharon and Slava Grigoryan are \$55 and available online at [www.trybooking.com/BTEZM](http://www.trybooking.com/BTEZM).



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## \$10,000 in prizes for Gippsland writers

Entries are open for the 2021 Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction, one of the richest competitions for non-fiction in Australia, with a total of \$10,000 in prize money.

The prize is open to writers living, working or studying in Gippsland, or who have a strong connection with the Gippsland region.

Entries can be in the form of prose or poetry but must pertain to the Gippsland region, issues or people and be between 4000 and 10,000 words.

The entries will be judged by Bass Coast writers and editors Geoff Ellis, Anne Heath Mennell and Karen Bateman.

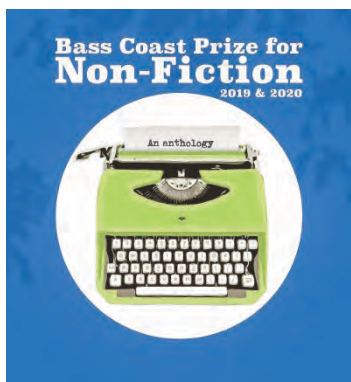
The prize was founded in 2019 by Phillip Island writer Phyllis Papps to encourage and support

local writers of non-fiction. Ms Papps sponsored the prize in 2019 and 2020.

This year's prize is sponsored by the Bass Coast Shire Council, the West Gippsland Regional Library and ArtSpace Wonthaggi, which also auspices the prize.

The first prize winner will receive \$5000, second \$3000 and third \$2000. Judge Geoff Ellis said that while the generous prize money was important, most important to many writers was a deadline and a guarantee that their work will be read.

The two first years of the competition attracted 85 entries from throughout Gippsland, ranging from personal memoir and true adventure through to biography,



Entries are now open for the Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction. An anthology of prize-winning and commended entries from the 2019 and 2020 prizes is also on sale.

natural history and local history.

An anthology of prize-winning and commended entries from the 2019 and 2020 prizes was launched recently at ArtSpace Wonthaggi. The book, which includes matching works by Gippsland artists, is on sale for \$25 at ArtSpace.

Entries for this year's competition close on September 14 and prize winners will be announced in November 2021.

The winning entries will be published in the Bass Coast Post and may be republished as an e-book or hard copy following consultation with the writers.

For more information and entry criteria, visit [basscoastprizefor-nonfiction.weebly.com/](http://basscoastprizefor-nonfiction.weebly.com/)

## Robert Smith Collection on show for first time

The inaugural exhibition featuring artworks from the Robert Smith Collection is on show in the foyer of the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

The exhibition "Noel Counihan, Robert Smith and Wonthaggi", will feature 26 works drawn from the Collection by curator Ken Scarlett OAM, an expert in Australian art and sculpture.

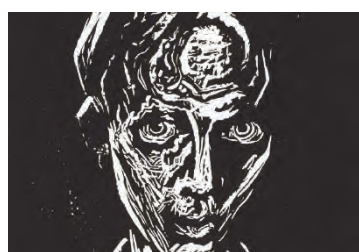
The exhibition will be on display until November 19. The foyer is open Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 4pm. Please remember to wear a mask and check in with the QR code, when attending. Density limits will be in place.

Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie said the exhibition focuses on the work of Noel Counihan, which reflects the impact of spending time in the mines of Wonthaggi during World War II.

"It also explores some of the ongoing continuity of content that manifests in subsequent works," Ms Wastie said.

"Expanding the research into the artistic lineage of Counihan's work, the exhibition presents some significant works from renowned international artists such as Francisco Goya, Käthe Kollwitz and Honore Daumier, whose style and interests would have influenced Counihan.

"Through this research, the exhibition reveals the core humanist values present in the Robert Smith Collection, and its direct relevance



An exhibition featuring artworks from the Robert Smith Collection is on show at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre from now until November 19.

to the history of Wonthaggi," Ms Wastie concluded.

The exhibition is accompanied by an illustrated catalogue containing commissioned essays from Ken Scarlett and Professor Ken Wach, with extracts from the writings of Bernard Smith and Robert Smith, as well as a summary of Robert's career by Ron Wilkes.

The Robert Smith Collection was gifted to Council by Mr Smith in 2017. It is made up of around 600 works, including limited edition prints, works on paper, paintings, sculptures, ceramics and photographs. The works are by Australian and International artists spanning from the sixteenth century up to the millennium. The collection also includes a vast collection of books, magazines and periodicals.

More of the collection can be seen online via [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/robertsmith](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/robertsmith).



Dorothy and Graeme Brown have been missing their island home, after moving to Surrey Hills about six months ago. Former neighbours decided to help them stay in touch, buying Graeme a subscription to the Advertiser for his birthday.

## Keeping in touch with the island

A special birthday gift will have more than one surprise for former island resident Graeme Brown.

Graeme and his wife Dorothy, long term island residents, moved to Surrey Hills about six months ago.

The couple have told friends they miss the island and love to hear news about what's happening.

Their former neighbours from Red Rocks hit upon the solution – giving Graeme a mailout subscription to the Advertiser for his

92nd birthday.

And as an extra surprise when they open their first edition, Dorothy and Graeme are in it!

Congratulations too, from all their Island friends on the spectacular achievement of their recent 65th wedding anniversary.

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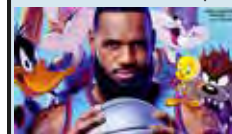


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Buckley's Chance [PG]

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Space Jam [PG]



In The Heights [PG]

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Black Widow [M]



Martin Eden [M]

Sat 14	4:00pm	Sun 15	10:30am
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Fast and Furious 9 [M]



Gunpowder Milkshake [MA15+]

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## St Kilda Film Festival

Selection of Short Films



Saturday 21 August

Directors Choice 1:00pm

Winners Program 4:00pm

## EXHIBITONS

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# Brain Games

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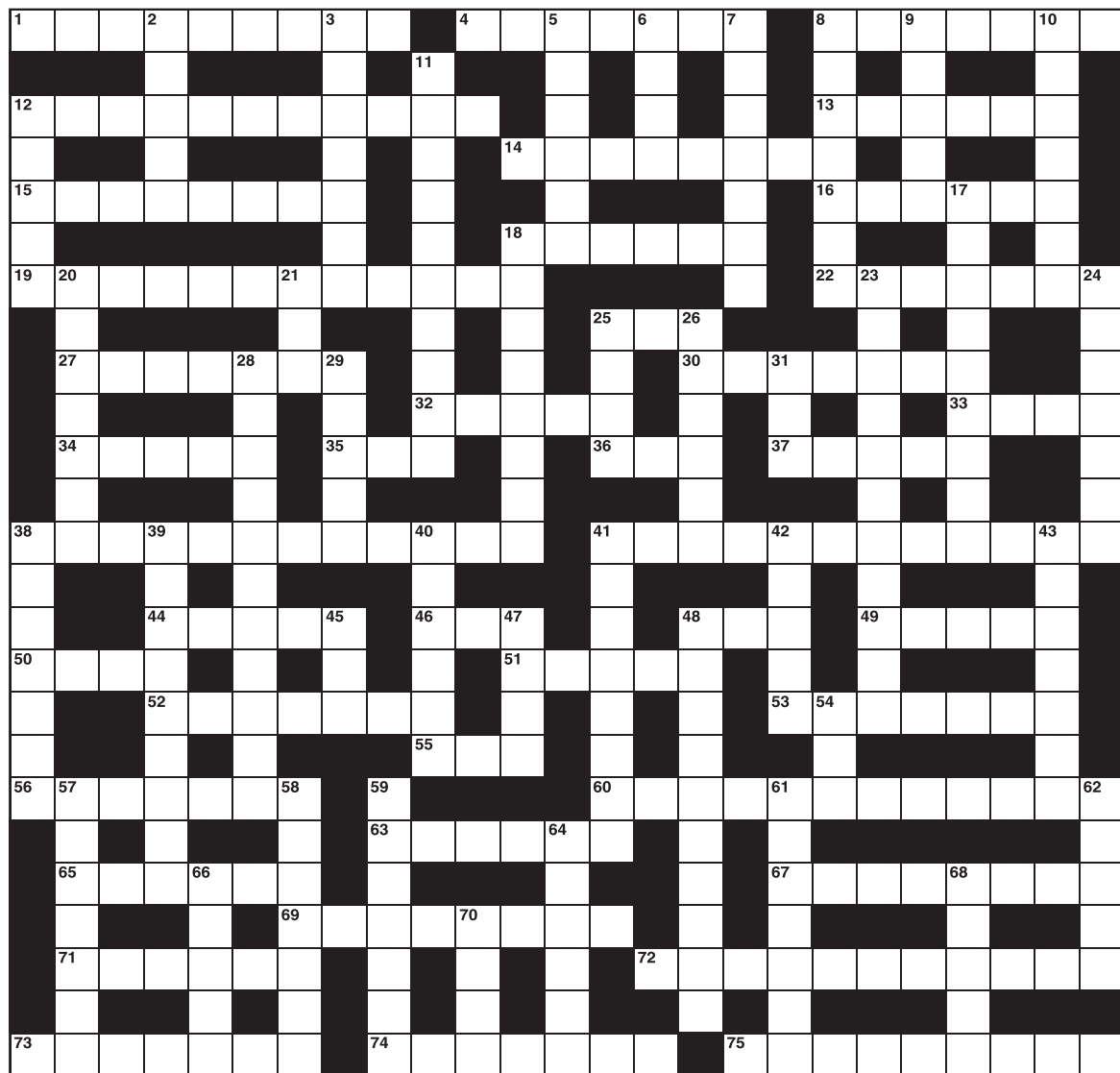
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**4** Imaginary (7)  
**8** Flagrant (7)  
**12** Unnecessary (11)  
**13** Undissolved material carried by the blood current (6)  
**14** Large coloured handkerchief (8)  
**15** Horrified, disgusted (8)  
**16** Japanese robe (6)  
**18** Money gained by work or investment (6)  
**19** Renounced (12)  
**22** Clairvoyant (7)  
**25** Thwack (3)  
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**30** Offense (7)  
**32** Boredom (5)  
**33** Yielding (4)  
**34** Serving implement (5)  
**35** Assist (3)  
**36** Wet dirt (3)  
**37** Go-between (5)  
**38** All the same (12)  
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**46** Honorarium (3)  
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**49** Excitement (5)  
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**51** A dance (5)  
**52** Pilot (7)  
**53** Municipality (7)  
**55** Chinese martial art, — chi (3)  
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- 60** Someone who works at the front desk of an office or hotel (12)  
**63** Informer (6)  
**65** Pantry (6)  
**67** Hold back (8)  
**69** Cute (8)  
**71** French author of *The Human Comedy* (6)  
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**3** Mistake (7)  
**5** Reach (6)  
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**7** Wander aimlessly (7)  
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**9** Collector's book (5)  
**10** The capital of Kenya (7)  
**11** Surpassed (10)  
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**17** Group of musicians (9)  
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**21** Stumble (3)  
**23** Someone with a stake in a company (11)  
**24** High fashion, haute — (7)  
**25** Lip (4)  
**26** Patch of water (6)  
**28** How most modern appliances are powered (11)  
**29** Vestige (5)



- 31** Serpent (3)  
**38** Transcendent state (7)  
**39** Strive (9)  
**40** Exertion (6)  
**41** Bind (8)  
**42** Pulsate (5)  
**43** Abhors (7)  
**45** Still (3)  
**47** Needle-case (4)

- 48** Science of poisons (10)  
**54** As opposed to in (3)  
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**59** Eight-legged sea creature (7)  
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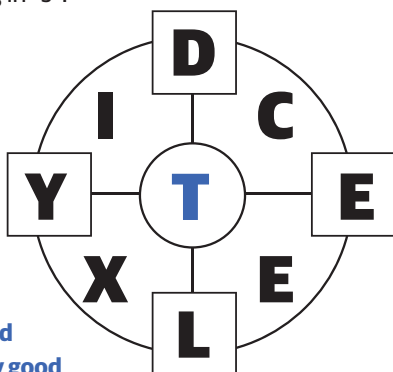
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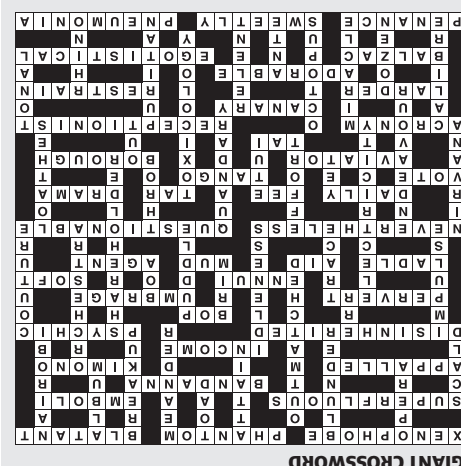
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14 words: **Good**  
21 words: **Very good**  
28 words: **Excellent**

## SOLUTIONS

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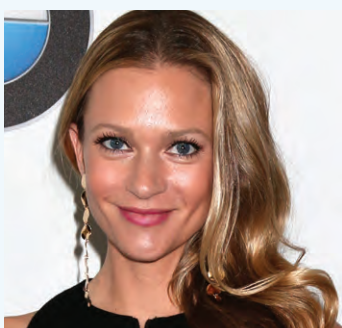
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## QUICK QUIZ

- The vanilla bean comes from which type of flower?
- Which Australian prime minister assumed office just two days before the crash of the New York Stock Exchange in 1929?
- What US state is the smallest?



- Which 2021 Netflix series was adapted from the series of novels written by Julia Quinn?
- A.J. Cook (pictured) plays Jennifer Jareau in which long-running TV series?
- Vinson Massif is a mountain on which continent?

- What famous building was once known as the Cappella Magna?
- What type of currency was used in Greece before the introduction of the Euro?
- In what year did ABBA win Eurovision?

- The Menz Chocolate factory has its two locations in which Australian state?

ANSWERS:  
1. Orchid 2. James Scullin 3. Rhode Island  
4. Bridgerton 5. Criminal Minds 6. Antarctica  
7. The Sistine Chapel 8. Drachma 9. 1974  
10. South Australia



# Roam with the Bass Coast dinosaurs

Bass Coast Shire Council is asking the community to provide feedback on the draft Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail Masterplan.

The draft Masterplan was developed by Council, in partnership with Parks Victoria, the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP), the Bunurong Land Council, the Science and Research Expertise Committee, along with tourism bodies and community organisations.

Council said the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail would be a new and unique tourism offering for Gippsland and Victoria more broadly. It would provide the region with a world-class visitor experience at six identified sites along the coast, from San Remo to Inverloch.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said that around 125 million years ago, the Bass Coast was home to a unique and diverse range of polar dinosaurs and prehistoric fauna.

"The Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail aims to amplify the region's heritage and elevate it as a unique and exciting visitor experience," Cr Tessari said.

"For more than 40 years, researchers, scientists and hundreds of volunteers have uncovered and researched polar dinosaurs along the Bass Coast. Their work makes the region one of the most significant places in Australia and the world for the discovery of dinosaur fossils."

Cr Tessari said that community feedback is an essential component for the development of the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail.

"The Trail will be an experience of dinosaur discovery, learning and creativity. A journey that links together history, community, culture and environment," Cr Tessari said.

"We want to hear from everyone to make sure that this very exciting project is on the right track."

Opportunities to provide feedback



The draft Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail Masterplan is open for comment, including an online survey and drop-in sessions this month.

include online and in-person drop in sessions, as well as an online survey.

The Masterplan, as well as a link to the survey, can be found at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail). Hardcopies of the Masterplan are also

available to access at Council's Customer Service Centres, in Wonthaggi, Cowes, Grantville and Inverloch.

For more information about this project, visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail), or contact council.

## Drop in sessions

Online: Wednesday, August 18, from 7pm to 8pm. Registration is essential by email to [dinosaurtrail@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:dinosaurtrail@basscoast.vic.gov.au)

Inverloch\* (Rainbow Park car park): Saturday, August 21 - 9am to 11am

Kilcunda\* (foreshore car park): Saturday, August 21 - 12pm to 2pm

Wonthaggi\* (76 McBride Avenue): Sunday, August 22 - 9am to 11am

San Remo\* (Lions Park, Back Beach Road): Sunday, August 22 - 12pm to 2pm

\*These sessions are subject to change, depending on COVID-19 restrictions in place at the scheduled times.

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Starting upstairs with the all-electric kitchen, waterfall stone benchtops, beautiful floorboards throughout, which flows through stacker doors to a fabulous entertaining outdoor deck

providing protection and views.

A spacious living area provides sunset and ocean views. Also on this level is the master bedroom with ensuite, floor to ceiling built in wardrobes and of course, those views.

A powder room, reverse cycle air conditioning units in master, plus a wood combustion heater providing the warmth and ambience on a cold winter day.

Descending to the lavish ground level are two more bedrooms, family bathroom, a third bedroom with walk in robe and ensuite and air conditioner.

The lower living area provides an-

other air conditioning unit, a guest kitchenette, undercover outdoor area, lawn backyard, gates to enter the backyard with driveway on title plus hot/cold water outdoor shower.

Other features include:

- Ducted Vacuum
- Security system
- Separate laundry
- Double remote garage
- Double blinds throughout

This property needs to be seen to understand what it has to offer.

Contact: Jenni Kent, OBrien Real Estate, 0428 566 643

Address: 1/13 Langard Road, Cowes  
Price: \$1,300,000



The most amazing views await you from this fantastic family sized home located in the highly desirable Penniwells estate.

## I want a house with a view

This is the one! The most amazing views await you from this fantastic family sized home located in the highly desirable Penniwells estate.

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There are also two sunny, open plan living areas up and down stairs that open onto a choice of outdoor decking options that both enjoy the best of the views on offer.

The garden is fully landscaped with extensive exposed aggregate drives and paths, fire pit and even a cubby house.

There is also a double remote garage and access up the side of the house with plenty of parking for the boat or caravan.

Lastly from the path that leads down the side of the property the beach is only a short stroll away completing the perfect package.

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Contact: Greg Davis, OBrien Real Estate, 0488 279 740

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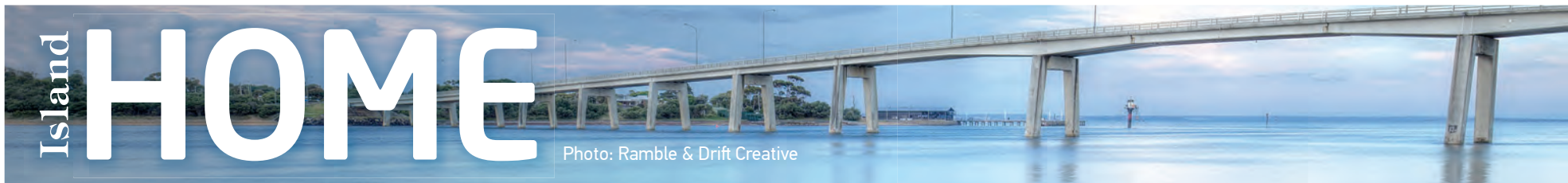
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# Incredible water views on over an acre of land

If you have been looking for a home with character and charm, look no further!

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The stained-glass double door entrance opens into two very large living spaces with a central hostess kitchen with quartz benches – twin drawer dishwasher and a 900mm gas cooktop with plenty of storage.

A real feature of this home is the large, double-glazed windows overlooking your own park-like setting with direct access to lower deck. The downstairs area offers a three-zoned heating and cooling system to keep you comfortable year-round.

As you walk upstairs you start to anticipate the water view and you will not be disappointed.

It is breathtaking!

The vast living lounge with cathedral ceilings and large double



Located at the top of a very private court in a secluded area, this completely unique property offers incredible water views, three large bedrooms, a park-like setting and enclosed walk-in orchard.

glazed picture windows has a large open, light and bright feeling with water views from every window.

A kitchenette is also located on this level with a separate powder room and a split system to keep you comfortable.

The upstairs deck is a great place to sit, relax and watch the ships come in and the whales breach.

An external staircase also allows access to the top deck.

Three large bedrooms (Master with a full ensuite and walk in robe) complement this home and a large family bathroom next to the large laundry.

“We enjoy some of the most beautiful sunrises and sunsets, we love the peace and serenity, we love the fact that we can lie in bed and see the water,” the owner said.

“We have been spoilt for a choice with the 180 degrees water views and it has entertained us for hours. If you are a bird enthusiast, you would be in heaven. With the outlook over all the trees, you never know what will fly over. We love the wildlife around – wallabies, rabbits, echidna and even the kookaburras have the occasional hand feed.”

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An enclosed walk-in orchard at the rear of the property is a great place to grow your own fruit and vegetables together with beautifully tended gardens to enjoy with private shady nooks to sit and ponder.

All of this on a child and pet friendly yard and just stroll to one of Phillip’s Islands northerly beaches where you can walk for hours and enjoy the fresh air.

**Contact: Alex Scott & Staff on 5952 2633. Price: \$1,750,000 - \$1,850,000.**



Investors take note – Freehold Title. Island Whole Foods is a takeaway and sit-down café with some whole food retail.

## High profile Cowes location

Investors take note – Freehold Title  
Island Whole Foods Cafe – Organic Foods

Situated in a central Cowes with the ALDI supermarket as your neighbour this well-established business is currently leased with excellent tenants and showing a great return.

The tenant, Island Whole Foods is a takeaway and sit-down café with some whole food retail. Great tenants, and a very popular café. If you’ve been looking for an affordable freehold title, don’t miss this.

This excellent freehold location will be auctioned on September 18 at 2pm on site (if not sold prior).

Call Alex Scott & Staff today on 5952 2633 to discuss this amazing opportunity further.



Situated in Central Cowes, this high-profile cafe is an excellent freehold location, up for auction on September 18 at 2pm onsite.



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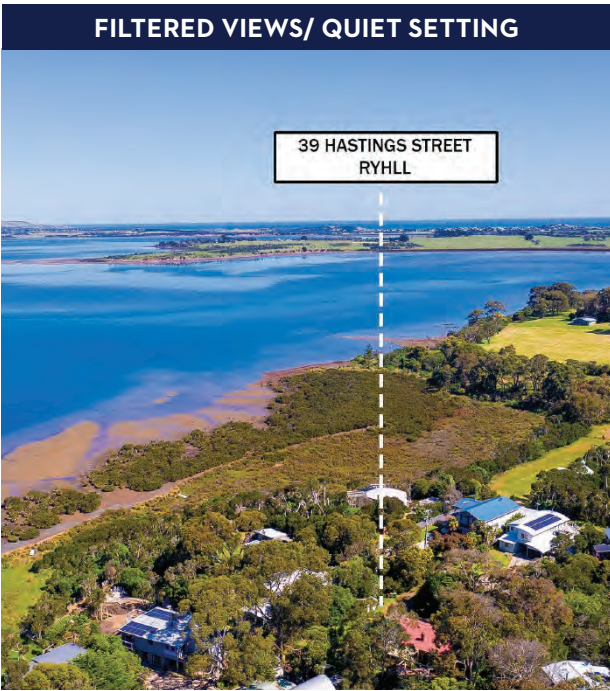
#### VIEW, LOW MAINTENANCE



**For Sale \$409,000**  
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The perfect location awaits, with views that can never be lost, nestled in The Waves complex on the Cowes foreshore. Let the stress from Melbourne wash away as the biggest choice will be a walk on the beach before breakfast, or just sleep in. There is opportunity to have holiday rent income or just use at your will. A secure car park is on title to add to the peace of mind.

#### FILTERED VIEWS/ QUIET SETTING



**For Sale \$359,000 - LAND**  
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#### ROOM TO MOVE



**For sale \$890,000**  
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This home is perfect for a large family wanting plenty of room to move. Complete with 4 bedrooms, ensuite & WIR to Main. The open plan living makes life a breeze and is ideal entertaining with the large alfresco area off the kitchen complete with built in BBQ. With an endless lists of features such as 6 star energy rating, double glazed windows, raised ceilings, ducted heating, outdoor shower, double garage and low maintenance yard with landscaped gardens.



# ZONE 1

Cape Woolamai, Wimbledon Heights, Ventnor, Newhaven, Rhyll, Smiths Beach, Sunderland Bay, Surf Beach, Sunset Strip, Bass, Grantville, Pioneer Bay, Jam Jerrup, The Gurdies, Lang Lang, Silverleaves, Cowes

## Bin Calendar - Zone 1



- Landfill and Organics
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  - No collection
- Free Green Waste disposal (30 Oct - 21 Nov)
- Organics Bins (green lid) are collected every week

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**Zone 1 collection days – Monday:** Cape Woolamai, Wimbledon Heights, Ventnor | **Tuesday:** Newhaven, Rhyll, Smiths Beach, Sunderland Bay, Surf Beach, Sunset Strip | **Wednesday:** Bass, Grantville, Pioneer Bay, Jam Jerrup, The Gurdies, Lang Lang | **Thursday:** Silverleaves, Cowes

# ZONE 2

Corinella, Coronet Bay, Tenby Point, Dalyston, Harmers Haven, Kilcunda, San Remo, Archies Creek, Cape Paterson, Inverloch, Wonthaggi, South Dudley, Wattle Bank

## Bin Calendar - Zone 2



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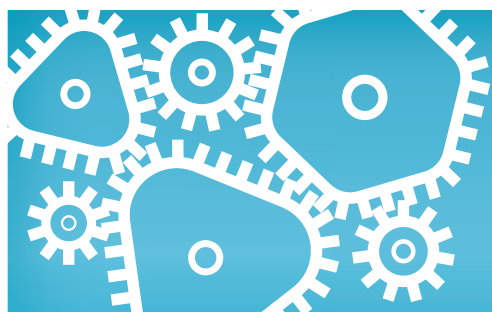
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**Zone 2 collection days – Monday:** Corinella, Coronet Bay, Tenby Point | **Tuesday:** Dalyston, Harmers Haven, Kilcunda, San Remo, Archies Creek, Cape Paterson | **Wednesday:** Inverloch | **Friday:** Wonthaggi, South Dudley, Wattle Bank





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## PUBLIC NOTICES



## Notice of the 2021 Island Voice Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Island Voice will be held on Aug 28th 2021 at 11am at the Cowes RSL ANZAC room with special guest speaker BCSC CEO Ali Wastie.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- 1) An update on the affairs of the group,
- 2) Conducting elections for committee,
- 3) Voting on special resolutions (if required).
- 4) Special guest speaker - Ali Wastie, CEO of BCSC, will provide an update on what is happening in council from 11.30am. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Coffee and lunch are available at the RSL. If you would like to have a meal, you will need to make a booking to avoid disappointment.

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*The on again, off again lockdown column of the McLure family is well and truly back on again. Here Lisa explains how the little things are getting her through the days, including a new puppy for kids Evie and Angus, as well as cat videos with Eric (pictured). Dad Tim may have a job too.*

“Here we go again ...

I feel like we are in a revolving door. Just when we thought the coast was clear, back in we go.

I must admit the last one really got to me, being here in our own hometown.

Like all of us, I went to work last Thursday blissfully unaware of what was to happen by that evening.

At the salon, we have been working our scissors to the bone playing catch up from the last one. Everyone has been so supportive this time. I am so thankful.

During the previous lockdown Angus kept saying how much he wanted to go back to school. Then when he went back to school he kept telling me he wanted to home school.

Well, well guess who got their wish buddy.

Given we’re back in lockdown, it only seemed right that Eric stepped out of his retirement to be back on the crazy cat videos.

It was so nice seeing people in our brief release from lockdown, telling me how happy the videos made them.

I’m endeavouring to get out and walk every day. Keep the brain snakes at bay.

I’ve also told myself that I don’t “need” wine every night. Let’s see how that plays out.

I’m not very good at listening to myself and can always come up with a solid excuse.

Speaking to a few parents last week the common thread was a lot of locking themselves in their bedrooms with a bottle of wine for some solitude at the end of each day.

If this keeps going on I may need to get Tim to build me a sound-proof bunker in the back yard.

Maybe build a wine cellar too.

We made the executive decision a while back to cancel putting in a pool. Financially it’s too big of a risk with everything happening at the moment.

The pool company was very understanding and said we were not the only ones.

It honestly felt like we were coming out of it all earlier in the year. I would never have imagined we would be where we are now. I don’t think any of us did.

Maybe we will pull out our old wad-

ing pool again. It was hilarious last summer having it set up and trying to make it look a bit fancy. Then we had a windy night and the fencing and shade blew over and broke. Which earned it its “bogan pool” tag.

It was a trainwreck.

But the kids didn’t care, Evie loved it.

Kids just want water to splash in. They are so easily pleased. Sometimes ...

My hometown of Newcastle has now been hit with lockdowns and massive line ups of traffic for testing.

It’s their first time experiencing it and there is a lot of fresh fear.

My parents are in their 70s and it’s a whole new set of things for my poor brain to stress about.

They are under strict instructions to look after themselves.

Dad said they booked in to get vaccinated, but it isn’t until October 26. Fingers crossed something comes up earlier.

They had been very hesitant to get the jab after all of the bad press about it, but they have consulted their doctor and will go with his recommendation.

In happier news, we are adding to our little family, no, not a baby, NO WAY, but a pug puppy.

We used to have two pugs and adored them.

She is a black pug and her name is Mavis.

We wanted to keep it a secret from the kids and surprise them.

But I’ve noticed how anxious they have been lately, so I gave in and told them this morning.

Evie has been running laps of the house ever since and is beside herself excited.

She just made up a little countdown chart so she can cross off the days until Mavis comes home.

So the challenge to all of you this week is to try and get some fresh air every day.

Even 20 minutes, go for a walk, get out of your own head for a bit.

Support your local cafe and grab a coffee.

In the meantime I need to go and find Eric.

He’s due for his latest daily crazy cat video. His fans are waiting ...”

# Help for local families

Together, Metricon Homes and the Gippsland community have raised more than \$50,000 for local not-for-profit organisation, Olivia’s Place, to help support new and expectant parents in need across the region as part of their Winter Appeal.

Metricon continued its partnership with the charity with a \$3000 donation to the Winter Appeal, helping Olivia’s Place reach its goal of \$50,000 to support young Gippsland families. Thanks to the generosity of the local community, the goal has been exceeded, ensuring Olivia’s Place can support these families.

“We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who joined us in helping Olivia’s Place, by making a donation during the Winter Appeal,” said Metricon’s Gippsland Manager, Jeff Telford.

“We are both proud to support Olivia’s Place and the difference the organisation makes in the lives of many young Gippsland families and to be a part of a community that rallies around each other in times of need.

“I would recommend anyone in the community who is able to be a part of this appeal to get involved.”

Being a mother or expectant mother whilst facing hardship is incredibly difficult.

Jeff said Olivia’s Place has helped people in serious need such as Tanya who faced family violence whilst unexpectedly pregnant; Jessica who experienced the pain and loss of a miscarriage and Kristy who was hit with extreme financial hardship just one month before giving birth.

He said helping these people isn’t possible without the support of the community, so the Winter Appeal has been a “truly amazing and vital success”.

The work of Olivia’s Place has supported 187 families this financial year with almost 1500 appointments and over \$105,000 in material goods and is so important to the wellbeing of these people.

Olivia’s Place co-founder Kirsten



*Olivia’s Place Material Aid Program Coordinator Heather Kane(left) with Kirsten Finger on the right and Nate Finger. So far the Winter Appeal has raised more than \$50,000 to support new and expectant parents in need.*

Finger said: “We are incredibly grateful to everyone who made a donation, no matter how big or small.

“Without the generosity of the local community and local businesses like Metricon we would not be able to do what we do, so thank you for supporting us to help more local parents give their babies the best possible start to life.”

If you would like to donate to the Winter Appeal, go to [oliviasplace.org.au/donate](http://oliviasplace.org.au/donate).

For every additional \$1000 raised, another Gippsland family will be

directly supported by Olivia Place every week for an entire year.

For those unable to make a monetary donation but who would still like to contribute in some way, Olivia’s Place is always in need of volunteers and pre-loved baby items they can re-home such as clothes, cots, prams, car seats, high chairs, bottles, change tables and more.

To find out more about volunteering opportunities and what pre-loved baby items you can donate, please contact the Olivia’s Place team. [www.oliviasplace.org.au](http://www.oliviasplace.org.au).



## SHORT STACK

### A QUICK ROUNDUP OF NEWS, VIEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

#### Are you eligible for a \$250 rebate?

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus is a one-off rebate for Victorian electricity account holders who hold a Department of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or receive payments under Centrelink pensioner concession, JobSeeker, Youth Allowance, Austudy or Abstudy and Department of Veterans Affairs pensioner concession.

Anyone without internet, or who needed help to complete their application, can get help through the Brotherhood of St Laurence by calling 1800 830 029.

Find more information about the Power Saving Bonus, including how to apply, by visiting the Victorian Energy Compare website at [www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au](http://www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au).

#### Marine and Coastal Strategy feedback

Give your feedback on the state government’s draft Marine and Coastal Strategy, which will guide how the state’s marine and coastal environments are managed into the future.

The government said the strategy aims to improve coastal habitats and help coastal communities prepare and adapt to the impacts of climate change, guide sustainable use and development and help identify the resources and funding needed to sustainably manage the environment.

To view the draft Marine and Coastal Strategy or provide feedback visit [engage.vic.gov.au/draft-marine-and-coastal-strategy](http://engage.vic.gov.au/draft-marine-and-coastal-strategy).

For more information about the Marine and Coastal Council visit [marine-andcoastalcouncil.vic.gov.au](http://marine-andcoastalcouncil.vic.gov.au).

#### Community cricket grants

Applications are open for the Community Cricket Program, to develop and upgrade cricket facilities.

Grants are available to develop or redevelop local cricket infrastructure, from training nets through to female friendly and accessible change rooms.

For more information about the program, visit [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding](http://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding).

#### Heating rebates

Rebates of \$1000 are available to help low-income Victorians upgrade their heating and cooling systems, and replace their old heaters with energy-efficient reverse-cycle systems that can warm their home in winter and cool it in summer.

An additional \$200 rebate is available to cap old gas heaters, and households can get \$500 to upgrade their electrical switchboard.

More information, including instructions on how to apply is available at [heatingupgrades.vic.gov.au](http://heatingupgrades.vic.gov.au).

#### 2021 Trinity Families grants

Charities providing services for families in the Catholic Diocese of Sale are invited to apply to Catholic charity Trinity Families for 2021 project funding.

Deadline for submissions is September 30.

Applications must be from registered charities with deductible gift recipient status.

To be eligible to apply you must show:

- You are a registered charity with DGR status
- Funds will be used to support fam-

ilies which align with Catholic values and

- The project must be within the defined area of the municipalities of Cardinia, Casey, Baw Baw, Latrobe, Wellington, Bass Coast, South Gippsland and East Gippsland.

To apply, download the application form at [www.trinityfamilies.org.au/sale-diocese/application-form.html](http://www.trinityfamilies.org.au/sale-diocese/application-form.html).

#### Accessibility grants

Applications are now open for the latest round of grants for fully accessible public restrooms.

Grants of up to \$110,000 will build an extra 18 Changing Places facilities, which are larger than standard accessible toilets, providing accessible public restrooms that include adult change tables and hoists.

Local councils and not-for-profit community organisations across the state are encouraged to apply.

Grant applications close November 5. To find out more and apply, visit [providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/changing-places](http://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/changing-places).

#### Shop front funding

The Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale announced \$100,000 has been allocated for a joint application between Bass Coast Shire Council and East Gippsland Shire Council’s Shopfront and Visual Merchandising Project.

The project will assist businesses and service providers to improve the appearance of their shopfronts and building facades council-wide.

Ms Crugnale said the funding will help the region move beyond the challenges of the past year.





## Lockdown snack time

Local youngsters from the Phillip Under U14s footy team managed to fit in a snack at the Smiths Beach store af-

ter catching a few waves between lockdowns last week. With surfing allowed within five kilometres from home,

the boys decided since they can't play football during lockdown they would have a go at surfing for a change!



Winners of the Tuesday Triples bowls competition (left to right): John Routley, Robin Denis and Robbie Shaw.

## Phillip Island bowls

Well, here we are in lockdown number six, but we did manage to get a couple of days of play before the gates were slammed shut.

Work is continuing on the installation of our new green which hopefully isn't far off from completion.

Onto results from this week, first up was the Tuesday Triples. The weather was kind to us islanders for the start of the bowling week and 36 enthusiastic bowlers took to the green for three games of triples and thankfully the games were done and dusted, and bowlers were back in the clubhouse before the rain moved in.

The runners up were Giulio Marcolongo, Frank Climino and Martin Hannaford with a +11 and the winners with a +22 were John Routley, Robin Denis and Robbie Shaw – well done.

A big thank to our sponsors for the day, Bass Coast Mechanical and Towing Service and Ruth our goddess of the kitchen for another delicious lunch. Thanks also to bar guru for the day Greg and all our other volunteers for another successful day.

### Thursday social bowls

Under overcast skies and cool conditions 24 players took to the green for some social frivolity.

Runners up, only just, with two wins and a +30 were Lynne Thomas (lead), Reg Excell (second) and Bruce Puncher was the skip.

The winners who pipped them to the post also with two wins but with a +32 were Tony Steward (lead), Lynne Cline (second) and the skip was Barry Grazules.

Well done everyone and thank you to Jim and Lynne Cline from Numurka for visiting us today and thank you to all our volunteers. Stay safe and stay strong everyone.

## THIS WEEKEND DRAWS

### WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION TBA

For draw information visit:  
West Gippsland Football Netball Competition website.

### SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION TBA

For draw information visit:  
Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition website.

### YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION TBA

For draw information visit:  
Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition website.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

### SENIOR FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Phillip Island	10	1	302.99	40
Inverloch-Kongwak	9	2	156.80	36
Tooradin-Dalmore	8	3	154.31	32
Nar Nar Goon	8	3	129.14	32
Cora Lynn	8	3	123.17	32
Garfield	7	4	114.47	28
Warragul Industrials	5	6	111.62	20
Bunyip	4	7	75.33	16
Kilcunda Bass	3	8	73.80	12
Korumburra-Bena	2	9	54.10	8
Koo Wee Rup	1	10	48.00	4
Dalyston	1	10	33.44	4

### RESERVES FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Tooradin-Dalmore	10	1	384.56	40
Bunyip	9	2	343.87	36
Inverloch-Kongwak	8	3	172.86	32
Phillip Island	7	4	172.33	28
Nar Nar Goon	7	4	153.40	28
Cora Lynn	6	5	145.23	24
Koo Wee Rup	6	5	103.06	24
Warragul Industrials	6	5	90.42	24
Kilcunda Bass	3	8	51.24	12
Garfield	3	8	44.40	12
Korumburra-Bena	1	10	29.77	4
Dalyston	0	11	18.19	0

### THIRDS FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	% WON
Garfield	8	0	424.68	100.00
Inverloch-Kongwak	7	2	364.18	77.78
Nar Nar Goon	7	2	245.23	77.78
Phillip Island	6	3	319.58	66.67
Korumburra-Bena	6	3	181.10	66.67
Cora Lynn	4	5	82.45	44.44
Bunyip	2	6	45.10	25.00
Koo Wee Rup	2	7	66.93	22.22
Kilcunda Bass	1	6	17.29	14.29
Dalyston	0	9	10.04	0.00
Warragul Industrials	0	0	0.00	0.00
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	0	0.00	0.00

### FOURTHS FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	% WON
Tooradin-Dalmore	9	0	1029.36	95.00
Cora Lynn	8	1	377.35	85.00
Garfield	8	2	352.38	80.00
Inverloch-Kongwak	7	3	167.85	70.00
Phillip Island	6	4	202.83	60.00
Kilcunda Bass	6	4	200.00	60.00
Nar Nar Goon	4	6	58.99	40.00
Korumburra-Bena	3	7	35.64	30.00
Bunyip	2	8	30.70	20.00
Koo Wee Rup	1	9	21.37	10.00
Dalyston	0	10	10.67	0.00
Warragul Industrials	0	0	0.00	0.00

### NETBALL

A-GRADE	Pts	%	C-GRADE	Pts	%
Dalyston	44	180.99	Inv-Kongwak	42	176.25
Kor-Bena	36	176.68	Dalyston	40	132.29
Tooradin-Dal	36	137.53	Bunyip	36	146.44
Bunyip	34	170.61	Cora Lynn	32	133.09
Warragul Indus	30	139.89	Nar Nar Goon	24	136.16
Nar Nar Goon	20	78.65	Koo Wee Rup	24	117.86
Phillip Island	16	91.70	Warragul Indus	20	117.33
Inv-Kongwak	16	76.23	Tooradin-Dal	18	122.77
Koo Wee Rup	16	67.20	Phillip Island	16	112.26
Cora Lynn	12	76.20	Kor-Bena	8	88.15
Garfield	4	46.71	Kilcunda Bass	4	26.66
Kilcunda Bass	0	2.27	Garfield	0	34.74
B-GRADE	Pts	%	17 & UNDER	Pts	%
Phillip Island	40	187.79	Inv-Kongwak	40	217.51
Tooradin-Dal	40	152.62	Koo Wee Rup	36	212.87
Inv-Kongwak	36	117.38	Phillip Island	36	186.73
Warragul Indus	32	119.47	Cora Lynn	32	148.70
Bunyip	24	114.99	Kor-Bena	30	150.57
Kor-Bena	24	112.02	Warragul Indus	24	133.70
Koo Wee Rup	18	101.09	Tooradin-Dal	22	86.71
Cora Lynn	18	88.11	Dalyston	20	118.64
Garfield	16	80.12	Bunyip	12	70.25
Dalyston	8	83.17	Nar Nar Goon	8	78.84
Nar Nar Goon	8	55.44	Kilcunda Bass	4	43.27
Kilcunda Bass	0	58.89	Garfield	0	7.89

## Bass Coast Cycle Challenge cancelled

The annual Bass Coast Cycle Challenge scheduled for November this year has been cancelled.

Organised said it was a difficult decision to cancel the popular charity event.

"Despite hope that lockdowns are a thing of the past, the reality is they are here to stay for sometime yet, and the impacts continue to be felt by us all," the organising committee said, in a statement released last week.

"As we consider the current Covid environment, in which we've already commenced planning and outlaying working capital for the 2021 ride, we believe there are serious risks of last minute cancellations which are out of BCCC's control.

"It is critical for the future of the event, and support of our charities (which include

L2P and RYDA), to conserve our working capital, and the BCCC committee have made the very difficult decision to cancel the event for 2021."

The committee said it was planning a 10th anniversary ride for Saturday, November 5, 2022.

"Medical experts anticipate vaccination rates, as we move into 2022, will get to a point where lockdowns won't be necessary.

"BCCC can plan with confidence, and you can ride with certainty."

In lieu of an official BCCC this year, the committee issued a personal challenge to riders.

"Whether you are a Bass Coast local, or like to visit from other areas, we encourage you to get to beautiful Inverloch whenever you can, and ride one of our routes

with a few friends.

"You can connect to Strava (or an alternate ride timing app) and track your ride, clock your ride time, and also measure yourself against other riders who have ridden the route before you.

"Or you can just enjoy a cruisy pedal with a few friends surrounded by some of Victoria's most stunning scenery.

"While there won't be the scores of other riders, or our amazing volunteers, or the atmosphere that makes the BCCC such a great event, you will still get to enjoy this beautiful area by bike.

"Happy riding everyone and you shall hear from us again soon."

Information about BCCC as well as route maps available [www.basscoastcyclechallenge.com](http://www.basscoastcyclechallenge.com).

## Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, August 3 – Men's 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Phil Foster H/c (20) with 35 points from Jim Brown H/c (17) with 32 points on a countback from Ray Jansson H/c (14) also with 32 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Harold Jackson H/c (34) with 19 points from John Withington H/c (25) with 18 points.

Wednesday, August 4 – Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Anne Dunk H/c (35) with 34 points from Lesley Meadowcroft H/c (13) with 33 points on a countback from Vicki Roff-Smith H/c (21) also with 33 points.

Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Vicki Amato H/c (45) with 15 points from Jacqui Fenton H/c (37) with 14 points.

Thursday, August 5 – Men's and Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Robert Purcell H/c (24) with 36 points from Dave Miers H/c (22) with 35 points on a countback from Lawrence Ferrari H/c (9) also with 35 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Laurie Petrusch H/c (22) with 18 points from Ron Hateley H/c (33) with 17 points on a countback from Ien Fenton H/c (16) also with 17 points.

Saturday, August 7 – no golf due to Covid Lockdown.

## TIDE GUIDE

Tidal predictions for Stony Point, Cowes -0.09 Newhaven -0.31   HIGH TIDE IS MARKED IN BLACK						
WED 11 AUG	THU 12 AUG	FRI 13 AUG	SAT 14 AUG	SUN 15 AUG	MON 16 AUG	TUE 17 AUG
HIGH 2:11 am 2.59 m	HIGH 3:03 am 2.68 m	HIGH 3:53 am 2.76 m	HIGH 4:41 am 2.83 m	HIGH 5:30 am 2.86 m	HIGH 6:19 am 2.87 m	LOW 12:14 am 0.44 m
LOW 8:00 am 0.65 m	LOW 8:47 am 0.63 m	LOW 9:33 am 0.65 m	LOW 10:19 am 0.70 m	LOW 11:04 am 0.78 m	LOW 11:50 am 0.89 m	HIGH 7:11 am 2.85 m
HIGH 3:09 pm 2.99 m	HIGH 3:47 pm 3.01 m	HIGH 4:23 pm 3.00 m	HIGH 4:58 pm 2.98 m	HIGH 5:31 pm 2.93 m	HIGH 6:06 pm 2.87 m	LOW 12:35 pm 1.02 m
LOW 8:48 pm 1.04 m	LOW 9:30 pm 0.88 m	LOW 10:11 pm 0.73 m	LOW 10:52 pm 0.60 m	LOW 11:32 pm 0.50 m		HIGH 6:44 pm 2.79 m

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Supercars will be the headline act at the Bass Coast Festival of Motorsport, to be held on Phillip Island on October 22-24. The last time the Repco Supercars raced on the island was 2019. Photo: Russell Colvin.

# Supercars, Superbikes and Porsche Carrera Cup invade the Island in October

By Russell Colvin

It was officially announced last Thursday that the Repco Supercars Championship will return to the iconic Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit this year for the first time since 2019.

It will be the ninth stop on the Supercars tour, in what has been a rescheduled calendar after the recent COVID-19 outbreak in New South Wales which has put the championship on hold until the start of October.

Supercars Championship has confirmed it will head to the seaside circuit on October 22-24, the date originally held for the since cancelled Australian round of the MotoGP World Championship.

Named the Bunnings Trade Phillip Island SuperSprint, the

two-day event will be the headline act at the Bass Coast Festival of Motorsport.

The festival, which will commence on the Friday (22nd), will celebrate four-and two-wheel action with the Mi-Bike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship (ASBK) confirmed on the support card, which will be their seventh round (at the time of print).

This will be the second time this year that the ASBK championship will race alongside the Supercars series, having raced in conjunction at Hidden Valley Raceway in Darwin in mid-June.

Also on the event line-up will be the Porsche Carrera Cup, with more categories to be announced in the coming weeks.

The Bass Coast Festival of Motorsport is also being supported

by the Victorian Government and Australian Grand Prix Corporation.

Supercars CEO Sean Seamer said in an official statement that Supercars fans, and drivers absolutely love the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, so it's exciting to be getting back there for the first time in over two years.

"I want to thank the Victorian Government and the Australian Grand Prix Corporation for working with us to deliver what's sure to be an outstanding event in October," expressed Seamer.

Motorcycling Australia CEO Peter Doyle also expressed his enthusiasm by saying; "This is a fantastic initiative of AGPC and the Victorian Government to get this event off the ground. The cross-discipline event worked really well with Supercars in

Darwin recently and it's great to be able to race at Phillip Island on the traditional MotoGP weekend."

Destination Phillip Island General Manager Kim Storey explained that 44 per cent of the Phillip Island local economy is based on the tourism economy.

"We're ready to welcome event visitors and be back in the spotlight for our iconic motorsport venue – the event will deliver a vibrancy we have missed," said Storey in an official statement.

It will be the 31st time the Australian Touring Car Championship/Repco Australia Supercars Championship has visited the 4.445km anti-clockwise circuit. To date, the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit has staged 62 championship races in total since the first round was held there in 1976.

## Midweek bowls

South West Gippsland midweek bowls winners were Dennis Talbot, Bill Barnes and Michael Saunders.

Runners up were Bob Glogoski, Sheila Korda and Peter Thorley.

One game winners were Peter Gratton, Gwen Jeffrey, Bill Williams and Wayne Stevens.

Midweek bowls was played at Koo Wee Rup with 27 happy bowlers on a cold and windy day.

The sun appeared for only a few minutes, so we were all well wrapped up with coats and scarves.

The green ran slow so there were a few wayward bowls mainly short.

As always, we could here laughter and funny comments across the green where friends played friends with great camaraderie.

We had some wrong bias, too many to mention but the RCH donation tin did very well.



Midweek bowl winners: Michael Saunders (L), Dennis Talbot (S) and Bill Barnes (3).

Thank you to our members who brought items for our free raffle table.

As usual there are winners and losers.

High scores were once again recorded, winners 34 points, runners up 24 points and One Game winners 19 points.

Thank you to David Talbot for dealing with the kitchen and George who served us in the bar.

A happy birthday to our vice

president Laurie Bell who is a great support to midweek bowls and does many jobs behind the scenes.

Watch our site and we will endeavour to keep you up to date with what's going on with our bowls and I will put it in the local papers or ring Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

Hopefully we will be able to bowl soon. Stay safe and take care and please check on your elderly neighbours.

## Lifeline for community sports clubs

Sports and recreation clubs forced to cancel or postpone events due to the current lockdown will be able to apply for cash grants to defray costs.

The government has extended the application deadline for the Sporting Club Grants Program to August 27.

The current round of the program provides \$2000 grants for eligible clubs and community organisations impacted by the July lockdown or the current lockdown.

The grants are available to Victorian sport and active recreation organisations for irrecoverable costs due to cancelled events including cancellation fees for facilities and payments to coaches and officials, as well as the loss of perishable goods and booking fees.

For more information and to apply visit [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding](http://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding).

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