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Last week, Stephen Fullarton reunited with the paramedics and local surfer who saved his life last year, after he suffered a stroke while on his stand-up paddle board. The four got together as part of Stroke Week, hoping to raise awareness of the signs of stroke. Read more on page 8. From left: Immogen Nolan, Stephen Fullarton, Daniel Seale and Dean Schenk.

A happy reunion

Boys home: new plans to be lodged

In a surprise twist to Newhaven's old boys' home development, the developer now hopes to lodge updated plans that will retain and restore the majority of heritage buildings.

And the developer Brian Amatruda – who wants to live in a section of the property – has promised a community meeting to keep residents informed of the proposal.

Last week the Advertiser reported Bass Coast Shire had endorsed the updated plans for 54-61 Forrest Avenue, which are based on a 2010 VCAT resolution, including: 21 lot subdivision, 10 dwellings, part de-

molition and alteration of an existing heritage building, including conversion of the heritage building into six residential apartments with ancillary garages, and vegetation removal.

But developer Mr Amatruda, who owns Omni Property Group, said now those updated plans had been endorsed he would be lodging a new proposal that would retain the entire main building, as well as the 1930s cottage facing Boys Home Road, and all outbuildings including the cell blocks.

The only element to be retained from the 2010 permit will be the re-

moval of the recreation hall in the top north-east corner, which will make way for six two-storey townhouses.

"We inherited that 2010 planning permit and rather than go back to the drawing board the first step was to endorse those plans, which has taken us about eight months and thousands of hours," Mr Amatruda said.

"Now, following that approval, we will go back to the shire in the next eight weeks or so with an amended permit that is more sympathetic to the heritage buildings.

"If the shire doesn't like what we

suggest then we'll go back to the 2010 plans. But I believe what we will present will be a lot better."

Mr Amatruda would not detail any further plans except to say once the building was restored he planned to live in a section of it, adding the whole aim was to be "less intrusive" and not destroy the heritage.

"We want to make it beautiful again, like it was in the 1920s. This is now a passion project for me, a legacy project, something the whole island can be proud of.

"This is not about making money. If I wanted that I would have stayed

with the original 2010 permit and walked away. A money grab is to chop it up.

"This is too good a building for that."

Grant

Mr Amatruda said Tourism Victoria had given the project a \$500,000 grant for a feasibility study to restore the building.

He said sadly the previous owners had destroyed windows and gutted much of the building, while vandals had destroyed what remained, including walls with "obscene" graffiti.

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The property is part of the unique, richly biodiverse Rhyll Inlet—one of the most significant sites for migratory birds in Australia and recognised as a globally significant wetland under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

Rhyll property to be returned to Traditional Owners

The first land handback to Bunurong Traditional Owners in 180 years is on track to happen at Rhyll.

According to a Trust for Nature statement, the 8ha property – originally owned by comedian John Clarke and his wife Helen McDonald – will be transferred to the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the registered local Aboriginal party.

However the transfer last week became embroiled in a legal battle, with the Boonwurrung people – who are seeking native title over an area that includes Phillip Island via the Federal court – arguing the land transfer should be postponed until the court process has finished (more details in next week’s paper).

An agreement between the Bunurong Land Council and Trust for Nature includes 12 months access and management rights followed by a title transfer in 2023.

Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation’s Board of Directors Chair, Kelly Lehmann said, “This is an amazing opportunity for Bunurong people. Through this land we can further support our future generations in learning culture and Caring for Country.”

The land was donated to Trust for Nature in 2020, by the family of satirist and comedian, the late John Clarke.

The land was bought by John and his wife Helen in 1999, with the couple – up until John’s death in 2017 – working hard to revegetate it, planting 2000 indigenous plants.

After donating the site to Trust for Nature, Helen said the property would continue to hold a special place in the family’s hearts.

“This is very much about leaving a legacy,” she said.

“John would have loved to know this land is going to Trust for Nature. It’s the natural choice for me. It really is my heart’s desire.”

Last year, Helen told the Advertiser it seemed “absolutely right for the traditional owners to use it for cultural activities”.

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sites for migratory birds in Australia and recognised as a globally significant wetland under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

“The Bunurong Land Council is proud to be able to support Bunurong people now and into the future, so we can thrive to establish a better future including opportunities like this for our mob,” said Kelly Lehmann.

The property also has a conservation covenant on it which ensures that, no matter who owns the land, the plants and animals on the property are protected forever.

Trust for Nature Chair, Gayle Austen said the transfer helps to deliver on land justice, which goes hand in hand with reconciliation.

“Trust for Nature is committed to contributing to a just, equitable and reconciled Australia,” Ms Austen said.

“This property is not large, but it is a gem, rich with birdlife and with cultural significance for Traditional Owners.

“We are proud to be working alongside the Bunurong people, including both elders and young Bunurong environmental land managers, to complete the 12-month transition and return this important piece of Rhyll Inlet to its Traditional Owners.”

Trust for Nature Port Phillip Manager Ben Cullen said this moment has been a long time coming.

“With a close partnership with the Bunurong People, we have been able to create an opportunity that will give title back to Traditional Owners and protect the site forever,” he said.

“It’s so clear that strong connections with Traditional Owners can lead to strong outcomes for everyone. We have already seen that in our work on the property and I encourage others to seek out First Nations voices in your own work.”

Trust for Nature is one of Australia’s oldest conservation organisations, established to protect habitat on private land. 2022 marks its 50th year. It is a non-profit organisation that relies on the generosity of supporters to help protect Victoria’s biodiversity.

Solution to red bin woes at today’s council meeting

A pragmatic solution to the seasonal red bin crisis has been found by Bass Coast Shire councillor Ronnie Bauer.

Cr Bauer will make an announcement in his councillor report at the August council meeting (today Wednesday) declaring “after two years of negotiations” and two notices of motion, “a compromise has been reached” on the fortnightly landfill red bin collection over the summer.

“Everybody agrees the main culprits of the unsightly waste are the tenants of short-term accommodation

properties,” Cr Bauer will tell the meeting.

He said a second red bin will be made available to these businesses at a reduced cost of \$98 per year to upsize their existing 120L bin to 240L.

“With up to two red bins it is most likely the landfill bins will not overflow and the lids will remain shut,” Cr Bauer said, adding residents can also buy a second bin.

“Both red bins will be put out on the same day and picked up using the existing waste calendar. This will enable the property owners to cope with the crossover week when there is no landfill collection.”

Under the shire’s new local laws, a property registered for short term accommodation must have a waste management plan approved by council.

Last year Cr Bauer unsuccessfully proposed a motion that residents shire-wide could upsize for free their 120L red bin to a 240L red bin – which normally costs \$59.

Full details in next week’s paper.



The paw-fect tenant?

We’ve all heard about the current housing shortage, so perhaps this little puss decided to take matters into its own paws.

Former Phillip Islander Ray McCasker now works in Darwin, but still has a house in Sunset Strip.

He was in Darwin when he got a call from a Bass Coast Shire Council ranger about a cat locked in his house.

A neighbour had spotted it meowing in the window and trying to get out.

The only problem was ... Ray doesn’t own a cat.

Ray told the Advertiser he’d been on the island about two weeks ago, so the cat must have snuck in then, and made itself at home.

“Someone from Sunset Strip was missing their cat,” he said.

As it had probably been locked in without food and water for a fortnight, Ray told the council ranger where to find the spare key.

The ranger let himself in and when the cat was discovered, it bolted out the open back door to freedom.

Ray hopes the mystery visitor is now safely back at its own house.

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Grim bandicoot toll

Ventnor resident Helen Grimaux made this grim discovery of a dead bandicoot on Ventnor Beach Road last week.

She moved the carcass of the endangered creature to the side of the road and called Parks Victoria, who wanted to carry out an autopsy, finding a second dead bandicoot in the same area a few days later.

“There have been more and more sightings of bandicoots apparently, around Pyramid Rock and further,” Helen said.

“I have seen at least two darting around the Ventnor Beach Road common. Like wallabies

they come out right on dusk, and they have no road sense.

“The roadkill is constant for birds and wallabies on the stretch to the dog beach, as it has become, even with the limit at 60km/hr now.”

At the same time Martin Heine posted a photo of a bird on social media, which he said had inadvertently eaten rat poison, which had been consumed by its prey.

“Try not use the stuff, there are new things available like mint-based deterrents or live trap-and-dispose,” Martin wrote.

Ventnor resident Helen Grimaux made this grim discovery of a dead bandicoot on Ventnor Beach Road earlier this month.

Martin Heine said this bird had died after inadvertently eating rat poison, which had been consumed by its prey.

Mooted plan “written by developers for developers”?

Phillip Island would be changed forever, losing large chunks of its wildlife and natural environment, if a proposed Bass Coast Shire planning strategy goes ahead.

The stark warning is in a submission to the shire’s Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism Draft Strategy 2022 (BURT) by the Phillip Island Conservation Society.

The submission gives a damning assessment of BURT, saying it ignores years of community campaigning, is in “direct conflict” with the state government’s recent protection of coastal areas, and cynically re-writes Phillip Island’s environmental history.

PICS president Jeff Nottle said the strategy was a “land grab for massive developments” that would “significantly” change the island.

“The strategy seems determined to milk every last drop out of Phillip Island’s natural environment, transforming it into a floating commodity,” Jeff said.

“It is purely commercial and directed at incentivising investors with very little reference to negative impacts that large-scale developments have on the natural environment.

“It’s a cynical exercise in planning that appears to have been written for large scale developers by a panel of developers.”

Community feedback on the draft BURT closed at the end of July, with the shire awarded a grant from the Victorian Planning Authority to prepare the strategy.

BURT stated a five-star coastal accommodation resort, wellness retreats, and a new golf course were needed on Phillip Island and San Remo to meet future tourism demand.

The strategy said current planning policies “restricted investment”, with current controls in the planning scheme insufficient to manage tourism proposals.



While Bass Coast Shire’s draft Unlocking Rural Tourism Draft Strategy 2022 cites this 2019 proposed hotel development at Coronet Bay as a good example of large-scale rural development, the strategy fails to acknowledge it was overturned because of significant local resident opposition.

“Local planning policy often prescribes location-specific tourism land uses without consideration to current market demand – which is crucial factor for successful investment attraction,” it states.

BURT advocated re-zoning land for mid to large scale development with the ability to “deliver significant economic and employment outcomes”.

PICS

PICS says BURT’s suggestion large-scale development could occur in areas such as Kitty Miller Bay is “unfathomable”.

“(The strategy) fails in not emphasising the importance of the native fauna that would be affected by the introduction of large-scale tourism development,” PICS says.

The society’s submission highlights that BURT’s recommendations for large-scale developments on Phillip Island are in direct con-

flict with the state government’s Distinctive Areas and Landscapes legislation, which aims to protect sensitive coastal areas.

“It appears that the authors have failed to understand the significance of the effects and constraints that the DAL controls will have in controlling development of all types along the southern coastline.”

The PICS submission says BURT claims tourism development has been a key driver for positive conservation outcomes yet “no examples are put forward”.

In contrast, BURT recommends large-scale developments, such as the current wellness spa at Newhaven’s Cape Kitchen, which PICS says have demonstrably had negative conservation outcomes.

“PICS is of the opinion this project is inappropriate for the sensitive natural coast dunes system site ... This project will be massive and yet it immediately adjoins the

shearwater breeding and nesting sites in the sand dune system of the south coast.

“This project is an example of the type of inappropriate development that should not and need not be built close to an environmentally sensitive part of the coastline. This example should not have been used in the draft strategy.”

The submission says a hotel development at Coronet Bay failed not because of planning constraints but because it was inappropriate – “too large, too remote, too disruptive to the natural coastal environment”.

Failure

BURT said from 2014 to 2021, there were 68 tourism planning applications, with 44 granted a permit, because the majority of tourism proposals were on land zoned farming and not in rural tourism precincts.

But PICS says the BURT authors fail to explain why permits were not issued, citing the refusal of the proposed caravan park at 1285 Phillip Island Road, Newhaven.

“The authors should give recognition to the fact some of the permits refused were of poor quality or failed to comply for reasons other than non-compliance.”

PICS says instead Phillip Island would be better served by small-scale high-end tourism development, while Bass Coast Shire should instead create a tourism policy to investigate “total number of visitors, seasonal fluctuations, attracting long stay visitors and developing sustainable tourism”.

“We urge the council to put this draft strategy aside and work on an unbiased, overarching and sustainable tourism policy for Bass Coast including Phillip Island.”

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Shire CEO's new role scrutinised

Bass Coast Shire's CEO will be the chair of the new Alpine Resorts Victoria board, the state government announced last week.

While it was good news for Ms Wastie's career, the announcement – made by Environment and Climate Action Minister Lily D'Ambrosio – had many questioning whether Ms Wastie was spread too thinly and could juggle the new role with her full-time job as CEO.

Ms Wastie is also a board member of South Gippsland Hospital, Destination Phillip Island, Destination Gippsland and Bass Coast Country University.

While it's not unusual for CEOs to hold board roles, sources told the Advertiser they were concerned the alpine board role – which will provide leadership to grow the \$1.1 billion alpine sector – was in competition for the tourist dollar with Phillip Island and Bass Coast.

The Alpine Resorts Victoria board will manage all six alpine resorts at Falls Creek, Mount Baw Baw, Mount Buller, Mount Hotham, Mount Stirling and Lake Mountain and support their response to the impacts of climate change.

Island Voice spokeswoman Linda Marston said she understood Ms Wastie's shire contract – that has a wage in the mid-\$300,000 bracket – was to be renewed today (Wednesday) at the August council meeting.

"While it sounds wonderful for her to be chair of a new board, I'm wondering how she will juggle her responsibilities to ensure the people of Bass Coast receive value for their rate money," Ms Marston said.

Controversy

Ms Wastie has been a controversial figure in her time as shire CEO, with a Melbourne publicist hired to promote Ms Wastie and the shire in Melbourne media for nearly a year.

Last December a heated council meeting saw councillors clash over concerns about the CEO's unilateral spending power, for Ms Wastie's \$1 million approval limit.

The limit – which was increased from \$250,000 in June 2020 – means Ms Wastie can singlehandedly spend \$1 million on shire projects, without the need to seek councillors' approval.

Last year the Advertiser reported that Ms Wastie earned more than the average rural wage for council chief executive officers.

While the average country Victorian CEO earned \$280,000 a year, Ms Wastie's annual salary was \$327,000, according to data in The Weekly Times.

Salaries for rural CEOs range from \$200,000 to \$440,000 across 47 regional councils' annual reports.

Boards

Like Ms Wastie, other local CEOs are members of multiple boards.

Westernport Water managing director Dona Tantir-

Grantville subdivision refused

A plan for a proposed new housing development in Grantville – which has raised several concerns with planners and objectors – has been rejected by Bass Coast Shire councillors.

Shire planners recommended councillors approve a development plan for the subdivision for about 20 lots - on 2.3 hectares zoned residential at 10-12 Grantville-Glen Alvie Rd – which would have required the removal of about 50 mature native trees.

However councillors at the July meeting rejected the plan for the subdivision, which sought the creation of several roads and a reserve.

Shire officers described the proposal as "acceptable but not ideal" and said because the subdivision was to have a private road, the shire could not provide waste collection services and all properties would need to have a contract with private waste collection.

Two objections were received, with one concerned the development's proposed small housing blocks would impact Grantville's rural town character, with the submitter "distressed" by the large loss of trees.

Shire officers said while the loss of trees was "regretful", the property was close to Grantville town centre "and on balance the removal of these trees should be accepted to facilitate much-needed housing supply".

Another objector said the density of housing would impact their privacy.

Rejection

Cr Clare Le Serve successfully moved a motion to refuse the development plan because the private waste contract would "burden" future residents and the loss of trees was unacceptable.

Cr Bruce Kent said he was concerned if councillors had approved the plan, the development would have been subdivided and exempt from the normal notification and appeal processes, with no opportunity for objectors to appeal.

"With regard to the small block sizes (about 300m²) we need low cost housing but I have concerns," he said.

Cr Rochelle Halstead agreed.

"Unfortunately for the proponent I think we can do better. I would like to see a proposal with a more integrated outcome with waste and more vegetation ... I'd encourage the applicant to revisit the plan," Cr Halstead said.

Cr Brett Tessari said he was concerned that given waste trucks couldn't access the road, emergency services such as fire trucks would not be able to either.

The development plan includes: a road down the centre of 10-12 Grantville-Glen Alvie Road; a second road between 14-16 and 18-20 Grantville-Glen Alvie Road; and a three metre wide reserve.

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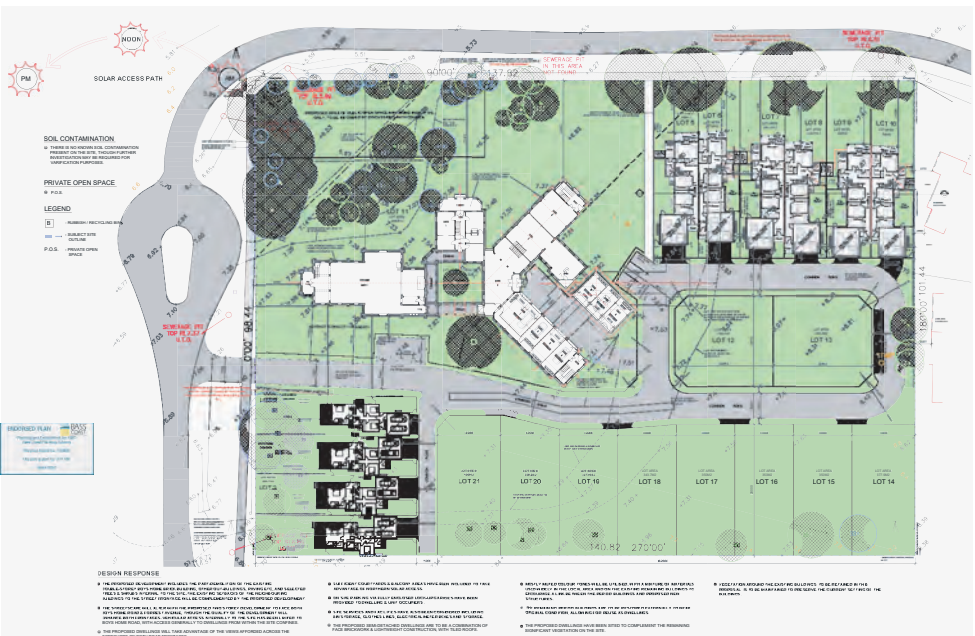
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The currently endorsed plan for the old boys' home site in Newhaven shows: demolition of surrounding outbuildings to allow a subdivision of 21 lots to the north and south, with 10 two-story units; partial demolition of the main building to make way for the construction of garages and six dwellings; construction of a road and removal of vegetation. However this week the owner of the property says they have no plans to follow all these plans.

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But with his team of heritage specialists, he had used old photos to source original and matching ceiling roses, window frames, doors, cornices and leadlight to restore the buildings to their former glory.

"Once it's restored then we'll make a decision on the rest of the project. It changes all the time.

"I like Newhaven. I want to live in one of the townhouses.

"If I was a greedy developer then I would have just gone with the original permit. But that wasn't a great result for everyone and we can make a better result."

The father of three and grandfather of two, who is a boxing promoter and well known in Melbourne's development circles, promised to hold a community meeting and a "walk through" once plans were more concrete.

"If people aren't happy with all that they won't be happy with anything.

"Given the condition it was when we bought it, it could have burnt down. It's a major job to restore it."

Since buying the property about 18 months ago he has boarded up all windows, installed security cameras and alarms and employed a 24/7 caretaker.

Permit

According to shire CEO Ali Wastie, the permit will expire if the development is not started before October 14, this year and completed by October 14, 2025.

"The subdivision needs to be certified by October 14, 2023 and registered with the Titles Office five years from certification," said Ms Wastie.

She said the landowner could act on the current permit or apply for a new permit at any time.

In addition to the old boys' home, Mr Amatruda has also recently purchased the Ellis Arcade in Cowes.

"It was bought because of its prime location, so at this stage the plan is to just park it for future development or even leave it as it is with a refurbishment," Mr Amatruda said.

He added Phillip Island did not have enough infrastructure and he was contemplating turning the arcade into high end dining.

Omni Property Group also owns the Hollywood Hotel on Church Street, which is currently seeking a permit for an expanded 40-rooms.

Community anticipate consultation on boys' home plans

Newhaven residents and heritage groups have welcomed the news heritage buildings at the boys' home will be retained, also welcoming the owner's offer to hold community consultation.

The National Trust's Bass Coast branch president Ross Lloyd – who was a party to the 2010 VCAT case – said while he looked forward to seeing the updated plans in the future, it was good news owner Brian Amatruda was restoring the heritage buildings (see separate story).

Ross said the planning permit granted in 2011 allowed for the demolition of the eastern leg of the main heritage building, as well as a conversion of the lower level of the southern residential wing to car garages.

"This would be disappointing if this happened, as at the 2021 VCAT hearing the shire's heritage expert stated it would be preferable to retain this area," Ross said.

He said demolition of the teacher's cottage on Boy's Home Road was also permitted in 2010.

"It is good news the developer has seen fit to retain this building."

The Newhaven Residents Association president Jeannie Chapman said members were planning to hold their own meeting in coming weeks to discuss the boys' home updates.

"Residents have previously made enquiries and remain anxious to be informed," Jeannie said.

She said improvements to the property were welcomed, "nevertheless there are vital issues yet to be discussed", including vegetation removal, traffic management, historical significance, "and retention of the ambience of Newhaven neighbourhood as a coastal village".

"With development the property is no longer subjected to vandalism or decay and residents expect that the updated plans ensure the integrity of the site and of the neighbourhood."

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Red letter day for some postal delivery

Phillip Island households frustrated by second-rate postal delivery have been given hope with upgrades and a poll currently underway.

At Sunset Strip, residents who have vented anger at a battered old communal postal delivery box were last week victorious after a new box was erected.

And at Wimbledon Heights a poll is underway until August 31 of 370 households asking whether they want to switch from post boxes to mailbox deliveries via postie.

With mail delivery varying across the island, an Australia Post spokeswoman told the Advertiser mail collection and delivery arrangements varied depending on the size, access, and needs of each community.

"We recognise that existing mail delivery arrangements may no longer suit a community and where there's widespread support for a change, they can submit a written request and we'll run a mail poll where the community can have their say."

The spokeswoman said Wimbledon Heights households had been hand-delivered forms to allow them to indicate whether they were in favour of a change to deliveries.

If more than 50 per cent vote in favour, mail will be changed to postie delivery as opposed to current post boxes; and any forms not sent in will be counted as a vote to stay with the current system.

"Old relics"

Earlier this year Sunset Strip resident Pam Maag took to social media to highlight the poor state of their rusted communal mailbox, which "has no roof on it after a wind storm a few months ago".

"I was unable to open my mailbox as it has rusted shut from rain over the weekend," Pam said.

"I am sure it will not be the only one. We have no other means of receiving mail and the situation is not acceptable."

Pam added it seemed an "island wide problem" and it was time for Australia Post to "pull their finger out".

Rhonda Sonogan agreed.

"What an eyesore, like I've said before it looks like a rusted old relic you see in the bush."

Samantha Sharp called for mail delivery to Sunset Strip, saying she had



Wimbledon Heights residents are taking part in an Australia Post poll to see whether they want mail delivery rather than this post box.

to drive to Cowes regularly for collection and in peak summer period wait in long queues at the post office.

Smiths Beach residents wrote their communal box wasn't any better, adding they often couldn't be opened.

Wimbledon Heights resident Mary O'Brien said their mailbox had a roof but no back, and "therefore no service for the three months it took to repair it".

"We had to drive to Cowes post office for our mail. Ours also gets no maintenance to the doors and locks either with most of the locks and doors sticking due to corrosion," Mary said.

"We did have a posting mailbox at our mailbox bank when I moved to

Wimbledon Heights 10 years ago, but that disappeared and never got replaced. So we need to drive to Cowes to post a letter."

Several people commented they had made requests to Australia Post for upgrades.

Strangely Lesley Meadowcroft said they received street postal service at Berrys Beach.

"There are only four permanent residents and we have postal delivery, two that didn't want it are now charged \$50 more per year," Lesley said.

Yet in Rhyll residents have no mail delivery, with "a lot of permanent residents", with mail collected from the general store.

Help to pay rates

Bass Coast Shire Council has announced additional help for residents and landholders to pay their rates, following the completion of annual property assessments.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said there was no doubt that many residents were feeling the pressure of cost of living increases as a result of higher interest rates, as well as power bills, petrol and food prices going up.

"Bass Coast Shire Council is determined to work hard to keep costs down which is why Council has announced that the annual waste charge will be reduced by \$10 per property this year," he said.

"We recognise that some people are doing it tough, so we have special assistance measures to help people pay their rates."

These assistance measures include reduced interest for ratepayers who find themselves in financial hardship and whose property in Bass Coast is their principal place of residence. There are also flexible payment options for ratepayers who are struggling financially and find it easier to make weekly or fortnightly payments.

Cr Whelan said many property values on the Bass Coast had increased substantially over the past 12 months due to COVID-19 restrictions being a catalyst for migration from Melbourne to the regions, plus remote work arrangements making regional and country lifestyles practical and appealing.

The state government has approved a rate cap of 1.75 per cent.

Annual property valuations are determined by the Victorian Valuer-General and form the basis of the local government rating system. Unlike land tax which is based on a fixed percentage of value, property valuation increases do not allow Council to raise additional rates.

Valuation changes are used for the purpose of distributing rates between properties within the Shire. This results in different rating outcomes which are based on different revaluation experiences for properties within the Shire.

Council has maintained average rates increases at the 1.75 per cent cap set by the Minister. This means that some rates will increase by less than 1.75 per cent and some will increase by more than the cap. Of all the properties in Bass Coast Shire, 14,984 properties will receive a rates increase either in line with the rate cap or below it. 18,178 ratepayers will pay more than the rate cap.

Property values were assessed on January 1, 2022 by the Valuer-General and are largely based upon research and analysis of property sales and leasing transactions that took place throughout 2021.

If any ratepayer has an objection to their rates notice they can lodge an objection to the state government within two months of receiving the Notice of Valuation. Ratepayers/landowners are encouraged to lodge objections electronically via the online Rating Valuation Objections Portal at ratingvaluation-objections.vic.gov.au.



Drop by for dinner with a local

Keen for some dinner company on a cold winter's night? Finding the family food budget tough?

Then why not pop down to the weekly Monday Cowes Community Meal at St John's Uniting Church on Chapel Street, Cowes. The two-course menu starts at 5.30pm and includes groceries to take home provided by local shops including Aldi, Bakers Delight and Coles. The idea for the community meal came in 2016 through a bequest, following the death of local resident and member of the congregation Vi Marshman in 2014. Preparing last week's meal are volunteers (from left), Neroli Raff, Jenny Ward, Michele Hynes and Glen Davidson.

Peer-led disability support group proposed

Brianna Matthews, from Gippsland Disability Advocacy met recently with a number of community members to discuss establishing a Peer Led Support Group for people with disability across Gippsland, including one on Phillip Island.

The aim of such groups is to increase the capacity, rights, confidence, sharing of information by people with disability; and to support members to become confident to voice their concerns.

"We really want the groups to be meaningful to the participants," she said.

An initial meeting will be held on September 6 at 10am at the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL).

Morning tea will be provided, and transport can be arranged if needed. It's a cost-free event for anyone over 18 years old who is living in the Phillip Island community and surrounds with disability.

Brianna is currently seeking expressions of interest from anyone who would like to join the peer support group or would like more information.

"We would really love to hear from you," she said.

Brianna can be contacted on 0447 033 967. Please RSVP for the meeting by August 30.

At the recent meeting with the



Brianna Matthews, from Gippsland Disability Advocacy hopes to establish a Peer Led Support Group for people with disability on Phillip Island. Brianna (second left) at the meeting with Graham Cock (PIMHAG), Peter Paul (PIMHAG), Gabby Forsythe, Amanda Drennan and Bruce Procter.

representative community members in Cowes, major challenges and inequities in the delivery of health and mental health services for people living with disability on Phillip Island were discussed.

Community members identified the lack of representation from disability providers, services and government funding on Phillip Island as of major concern.

"How do we get support to the island, to get support for people on NDIS, and those who have been rejected by NDIS," was a question posed by PIMHAG president Peter Paul.

"They need access to an advocate.

"The government says people have a right to be treated locally, but this not happening," he commented.

"We don't have anything in this entire area."

Council applauds as government ditches gas mandate

Bass Coast Shire Council has welcomed the state government's decision to remove the mandate requiring gas connections for new housing developments, saying the move will help empower Victorian households and businesses to embrace sustainable alternatives to gas.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said that this decision is a positive step in the move towards renewable energy solutions.

"More than two million Victorian households rely on gas for heating, hot water and cooking – more than any other state or territory," Cr Whelan said.

"In Victoria, the gas sector contributes around 17 per cent of Victoria's total emissions, while households remain the biggest

producers of greenhouse gas in the state."

Cr Whelan said the move to reduce reliance on gas will not only help improve environmental outcomes, but it could also save households hundreds each year.

"Running your home on electricity will save you money and reduce your carbon emissions," Cr Whelan said.

"The decision to reduce gas use in the state aligns with Council's Climate Change Action Plan and our goal to reach net zero emissions by 2030.

"Our diverse natural world is our most precious asset, and we need to continue to look for ways to make our homes, buildings and infrastructure more efficient, so we can become more resilient to the impacts of climate change."



The Cowes CWA branch is running a fantastic book stall this Saturday (August 20), outside their shop at 94 Thompson Avenue, from 10am – 12noon.

Cowes CWA holding children's book sale

To celebrate the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week, the Cowes CWA branch is running a fantastic book stall this Saturday (August 20).

The stall will be outside the CWA shop at 94 Thompson Avenue in Cowes, and will run from 10am – 12pm.

With the Cowes Library currently closed the CWA said it wanted to bring a focus on books and literacy during Book Week.

"The stall will have lots of picture books for pre-schoolers and we hope that this will go some way to making up for the lack of story time and Book Week celebration as the new Cultural Centre is built," said CWA member Julie Pearce.

Julie is also a committee member for the Children's Book Council of Australia (Vic) and said the stall was also a way to celebrate literacy.

Make sure you get down there to snap up a bargain, with the book selection including picture, chapter and board books, new and second hand books, as well as library bags and reading buddies – cute toys to sit on your lap while you read!

Proceeds from the sale will go to Breakfast Clubs in local schools supported by the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo.

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Sixteen-year-old Gabe Smith from Phillip Island is fundraising to support his equestrian dreams, holding a sausage sizzle this Saturday, August 20, at PETstock in Cowes., between 10am – 2pm.

Helping hand for Gabe as he heads to national equestrian comps

Sixteen-year-old Gabe Smith from Phillip Island is fundraising to support his equestrian dreams.

The 16-year-old from Phillip Island has been selected represent Victorian in the National Interschol Competition in September, in Sydney, and the National Mounted Game Championships in Canberra in October.

To help fund the trips, and realise his dream of competing in the 2023 World Championships, Gabe is holding a sausage sizzle this Saturday, August 20, at PETstock in Cowes, between 10am – 2pm.

He's also running a raffle – thanks to generous donations from local businesses – which will be drawn on September 16.

Gabe's mum Natasha Robinson said attending the different events was a costly process and Gabe is hoping the fundraiser will help cover the costs of entry fees and travel.

Riding to success

Gabe has been a member of the Phillip Island Pony Club for 10 years and has been selected to represent Victoria in both Show Jumping and Mounted Games.

He qualified in Show Jumping to enter the VEIS - National Interschol Competition to be held in September at the International Equestrian Centre, Sydney. He'll be riding Sweetwood Valley Firefly, his Clydesdale/thoroughbred gelding.

Natasha said Gabe enjoys show jumping but his passion is Mounted Games.

"Mounted Games is like no other equestrian event, it is a fast-paced and adrenaline packed," she explained.

"Riders need to be fit, they need to have the ability to reach down and collect an item from the ground from a fast moving pony; they need to put a sword through a 2-inch hole while riding one handed at a gallop; or vault onto their pony often crossing the line without stirrups.

"There are a magnitude of events and skills needed for this discipline."

Gabe, along with his sister Gisele, will be competing at The Australia Mounted Games Individual Championships in Gunning, New South Wales, in October, in the U18 and U15 respectively. Gabe rides his Games Pony, his Cremello Quarter Horse, Baloo and Gisele her Riding

Pony, Sweet as Honey.

Finally later in October, Gabe will be representing Pony Club Victoria with his team at the Prince Phillip National Mounted Games Championships in Canberra.

For this event all states fly into Canberra and compete on borrowed ponies, so it is a real test of their ability.

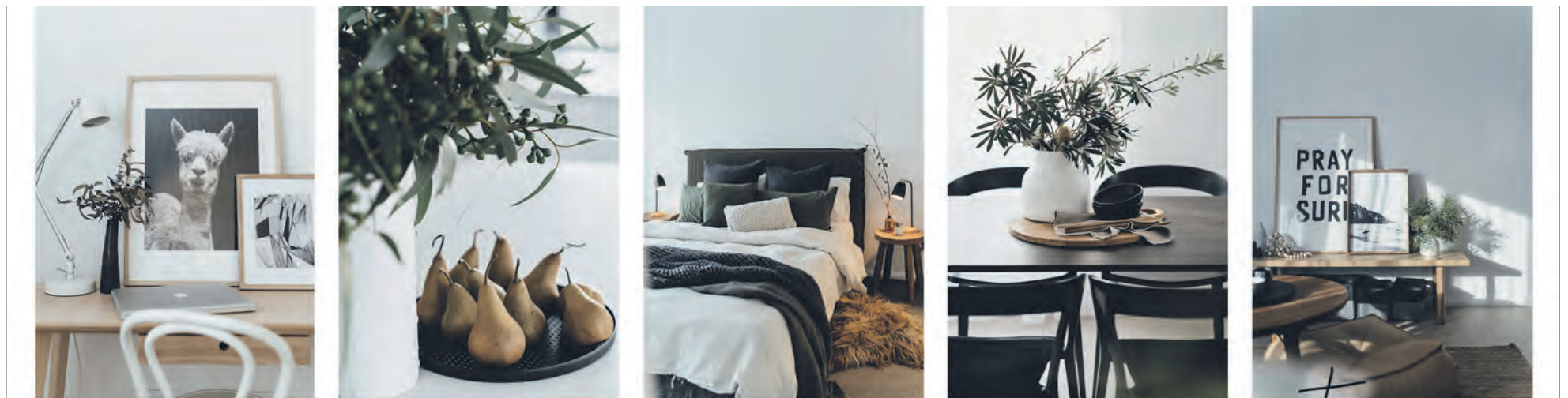
"Gabe's goal is to be selected for the 2023 World Championships to be held here in Australia next year," Natasha said.

"Only one rider from each state will be selected. This is most probably the only time this event will be held in Australia while Gabe is a competitive rider."

Natasha said Gabe was extremely grateful to Peter and Leanne at PETstock in Cowes, and Lynda and Troy from Phillip Island Equipment Hire, for their generosity and sponsorship.

Support Gabe to achieve his equestrian dream by heading down to the sausage sizzle on August 20, between 10am and 2pm, at PETstock, 149 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

Raffle tickets will be available on the day and can also be purchased at PETstock and Phillip Island Equipment hire.



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Green energy proposed off Phillip Island

Tourism operators and commercial and recreational fishermen are among those urged to join online information sessions about offshore wind farms proposed for the Phillip Island and Gippsland coast.

Climate Change and Energy Minister Chris Bowen last week proposed a range of areas in Commonwealth waters for renewable energy projects, including off Gippsland, which is now open for community feedback until October 7.

There are currently five projects in various stages being investigated off Gippsland, with the Bass Strait zone declared suitable by Mr Bowen stretching 5.5km (or 3 nautical miles) off the coastline from Phillip Island to East Gippsland.

"The Australian government wants to manage the offshore marine environment in a way that recognises all users and balances competing interests," the Federal government said in its announcement.

Online information sessions will be held for commercial fishing tomorrow night, August 18, 7pm-8.30pm (www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=942835&).

On August 23 there will be a tourism session (www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=942838&), followed on August 24 by a session for community groups, and on August 25 for recreational fishing (www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=942841&).

Bass Coast Shire mayor Michael Whelan said feedback from users was critical.

"This proposal creates an incredible opportunity for our region, both through positive environmental impacts and the opportunity generated through economic activity," Cr Whelan said.

"But it will not come without impacts, which is why it is so important for the community to provide feedback to the Federal government."

Feedback, including submissions, will inform the Minister's decision as to whether the area is suitable for offshore energy developments.

The turbines expected to be installed off Gippsland will have blades longer than 100-metres, and will be 260-metres above the water. While once the deep undersea drop-off would have precluded wind farms, new technology allows for turbines to be floated and moored to the sea floor.

Tourism, fishing

According to government documents, United States research found tourism was not impacted by offshore renewables projects.

"The research suggested people were curious about the project especially since it was the first one in the USA and that it helped attract sightseers and recreational fishers to the area," the documents state.

"Overall, the researchers found little evidence the project had adversely affected participation in tourism and recreation in the area."

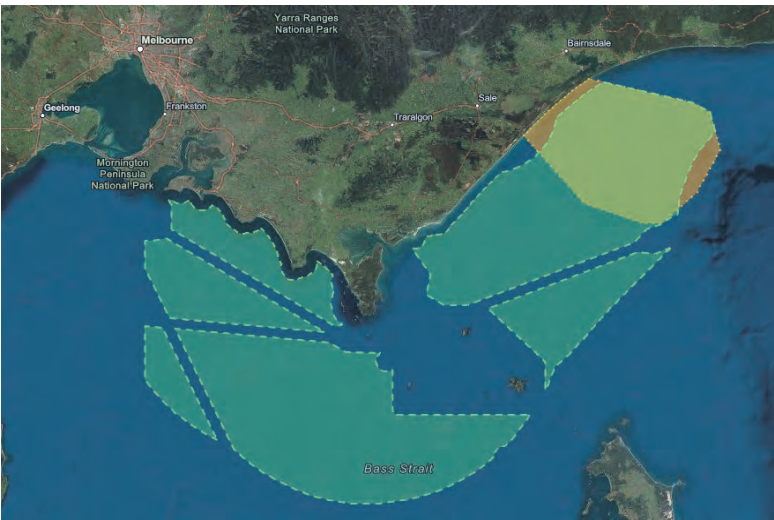
The documents state commercial fishers in Gippsland hold licences to fish in several fisheries managed by state and/or Commonwealth authorities, including shark and scallop fishing at the San Remo Fishermen's Co-op.

"In most cases, commercial fishing activities will be able to share the space with future offshore renewable energy projects," the documents state.

"However, the construction and operation of renewable energy projects in the ocean is a relatively new concept in Australia and there is further work required to understand what arrangements may be needed for fishing activities and these projects to share the same areas."

The documents state in most cases, recreational anglers will also be able to share the space with future offshore renewable energy projects.

The government said this was the



The Bass Strait zone being investigated for offshore renewables projects stretches 5.5km (or 3 nautical miles) off the coastline from Phillip Island to East Gippsland.

first stage of community consultation, with any developer required to seek further feedback on their projects and "must demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Offshore Infrastructure Regulator, how they will share the area with existing users".

If the Minister declares the area, and feasibility licences are granted, developers then plan their project.

During the feasibility licence period, which is up to seven years, developers must develop a management plan. Licence holders will also need to have a plan for gathering and responding to ongoing feedback from stakeholders throughout the life of the project.

In addition, developers will need to seek environmental approvals for impacts on nationally significant species including Orange Bellied Parrot, Southern Right Whale, and migratory birds.

Renewables

The Australian government has set a target of net zero emissions by 2050 and is looking to reduce emis-

sions by 43 per cent, and reach 82 per cent of Australia's electricity generated from renewable sources, by 2030.

The government said Gippsland was chosen because it has strong, consistent winds and was close to electricity markets and existing connections to the grid.

According to industry experts, wind over water is more consistent than that found on land, while wind is stronger over water at night and over land during the day, and wind is stronger and more consistent in Australia's south-east.

In NSW, there been some community opposition about wind farm's visual pollution, impact on shipping lanes and whale migrations, but developers said these would be addressed as the projects develop, while various councils have said the majority understand the need for clean, green renewables.

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

Details: www.energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/offshore-wind

What wind farm is planned for Bass Coast?

The Victorian government has already pledged about \$40 million for feasibility studies for three major offshore wind proposals, including the \$16.1 million Great Southern Offshore Wind Farm off Bass Coast by Corio Generation.

"We have identified an area off the Bass Coast Shire in Gippsland, Victoria, and are currently undertaking preliminary development works for an up to 1.5 GW offshore wind farm," according to Corio Generation.

"The project boundary will be further refined through ongoing feasibility studies and consultation with local stakeholders."

If constructed the project could result in \$4 billion investment and about 1500 jobs.

The other two major offshore wind proposals to undergo feasibility studies, according to the Victoria government, are Seadragon and Star of the South.

Mr Bowen confirmed the first project seeking approval would be the Star of South, which proponents hope to build off Gippsland, off Woodside Beach and Port Albert.

However, Scotland-based Flotation Energy said it had determined its 1.5-gigawatt Seadragon wind project off Sale may be able to start supplying clean power sooner than the 2030 start date it had originally targeted.

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Stephen Fullarton and Daniel Seale, the surfer who dragged him from the water when he suffered a stroke while on his SUP at Crazy Birds in June last year.

A happy reunion

A surf at Crazy Birds turned out to be a life-changer for local identity Stephen Fullarton.

Last June, Stephen suffered a haemorrhagic stroke while on his stand-up paddle board. Thanks to quick thinking from local surfers and a rapid response from local paramedics, Stephen survived the potentially life-threatening incident.

Last Thursday, coinciding with Stroke Week, Stephen was reunited with the paramedics and local surfer who saved his life.

Now well enough to joke about the events of June 2 last year – “it ruined my day, I was liking it out there” he quipped, Stephen said he was extremely grateful to local surfer Daniel Seale and paramedics Dean Schenk and Immogen Nolan.

“The main factor in my survival was I was able to be treated as quickly as I was. I was just lucky someone saw me collapse on my board and the paramedics came so quickly. They saved me.”

With very little memory of the day’s events, Stephen heard details he was previously unaware of, as his rescuers recounted their experience.

Something serious

On June 2 last year, in conditions that surfers described as near perfect, Stephen went out on his SUP at Crazy Birds.

Local surfer Daniel Seale was also heading for a surf when he noticed Stephen in the water next to his board.

“I thought something serious is going on here, so I paddled pretty quick out there.”

Before he could reach the board, he said a wave swamped Stephen.

“I realised he must have been completely spent if his head went under the water from that.”

“He didn’t really resurface, but his arm stayed on the board. I managed to skip over the top of his board and pin his hand to the board as it was slipping off.”

“I never forget looking down, he’s got these blue eyes looking straight at me, but his face was all grey and his lips were purple, and I thought, whoa, this bloke’s in trouble.”

Daniel managed to pull Stephen from the water and slid him over his SUP.

“I thought he was having a heart attack ... I said you’re having a heart attack, I’m going to get you to the beach.”

Trying to negotiate a rip and wrangle both his own board and hold Stephen on the SUP, Daniel said he wasn’t sure how they were going to make it to shore.

Thankfully a wave broke over them and pushed them about 15 metres towards the rocks.

“I got him under his arms and started dragging him across the rocks,” Daniel said.

But both men had leg ropes attached, and the waves started suck-



Last week, Stephen Fullarton reunited with the paramedics and local surfer who saved his life last year, after he suffered a stroke while on his stand-up paddle board. From left: Dean Schenk Stephen Fullarton, Immogen Nolan and Daniel Seale.

ing the boards back out.

“I was at a loss about what I was going to do ... and that’s when Larson (another local surfer) came.

“I looked back in desperation hoping someone would come and help and he was Baywatching it through the water!”

Taking off the leg ropes (the boards floated back out but were later retrieved by other surfers), Daniel and Larson carried Stephen over the rocks.

“We got him to the beach. There was a nurse and then, thank god, the ambos came running down.”

Daniel shrugs off being described as a hero.

“I am just grateful I had the opportunity to do it.

“He’s a much-loved person on the island. I had people stopping me in the supermarket and shaking my hand.”

Although the two men didn’t know each other prior, they’ve since caught up several times, including when Stephen first came home from hospital.

Triple O call

Advanced Life Support Paramedics Dean Schenk and Immogen Nolan also have vivid memories of the day.

“About 4pm we got a call to go to Surf Beach, that there was a male in the water,” said Dean.

“When we arrived, he was there with a lot of surfers, who had pulled him out.”

The surfers helped the paramedics carry Stephen in a vacmat (vacuum mattress) up the stairs to where the ambulance was waiting.

“We knew it was a serious stroke and we needed to get him to the hospital quickly.

“I saw him at the hospital a few hours later, and he had deteriorated,” said Dean.

“Knowing what has occurred since that time, it’s really good to see his improvement.”

Dean said the quick response and Stephen’s fitness all contributed to his recovery.

Immogen Nolan remembered the flights of stairs and worrying about

how long it took them to reach the beach.

“I just kept thinking we had to get there urgently.”

Immogen said acting quickly when someone has a stroke is vital and recognising the five key signs of a stroke was important. She encouraged everyone to learn the FAST signs of stroke:

- Face – Facial droop
- Arms – inability to lift the arms or legs
- Speech – slurred speech
- Time – making sure to call Triple 0 immediately if you notice any of those signs.

Life after stroke

Despite the serious incident that brought them together, there were plenty of smiles and laughter when the four caught up last week.

Still suffering weakness in his right leg, Stephen said he was determined to get back on his board and be able to drive again.

He said he hopes his story shows that there is life after stroke.

“I want to give people confidence to continue with their rehab.

“It takes time and it’s frustrating that you seem to not be progressing as you wish but when you look back you realise you’ve achieved quite a bit, it’s just perseverance.”

He also praised the work of the Stroke Foundation, which he described as “sensational”, saying “the rehab has been very proactive” and the “incredible work” of Ambulance Victoria and The Alfred.

Stroke Foundation Chief Executive Officer, Sharon McGowan, says Stephen’s story is an example of why acting quickly is crucial to recovery.

“Everyone’s stroke recovery journey is different and happens at a different rate but what we do know is the earlier you recognise a stroke and the sooner you seek specialist emergency treatment, the better your chance of recovery.

“Time is of the essence. When a stroke strikes, it attacks up to 1.9 million brain cells per minute so acting quickly is crucial and it starts with knowing the FAST signs.”



In 2019 the owner of this land (outlined in red) sought a planning amendment, requiring the state Planning Minister’s approval, to gift about 40ha to Nature Parks in exchange for planning approval for low-density homes on the remaining hectares, which already has three homes, with a promise never to further subdivide in future. The landowner is hoping the deal can still go ahead.

Landowner still can’t give his land away

A Cowes landowner who has “battled” for 15 years to donate a chunk of his land to the environment said he has renewed hope following conservationists’ push for the state government to buy a neighbouring property.

The owner of a 43ha property at 1-5 Settlement Road Rhyll and 2 Settlement Road Silverleaves has, since buying the land in 2007, sought to gift about 40ha to Nature Parks adjoining the Rhyll Inlet.

In exchange he hoped for planning approval for low-density homes on the remaining hectares, which already has three homes, with a promise never to further subdivide in future.

The issue came to a head in 2019 when the owner sought a planning amendment, requiring the state Planning Minister’s approval, because the land is environmentally sensitive and flood prone.

However while Bass Coast Shire planners recommended approval, councillors voted against the plans.

Now the owner, who is still in talks with the state government, says he is excited by a push by conservationists calling on the government to buy a private farm abutting the Rhyll Inlet for public ownership.

Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) president Jeff Nottle, in last week’s Advertiser, called for 32ha on the Cowes-Rhyll Road, which is currently on the market for sale, to be “strategically” acquired and then managed by the Phillip Island Nature Parks (PINP).

Mr Nottle compared the purchase of the Rhyll land to the buy-back of the Summerland Peninsula in the 1980s to protect the penguins.

“We believe that a unique opportunity exists for this land to be placed into government ownership

and returned to its pre-farming natural wetland condition as part of the Rhyll wetlands,” Mr Nottle said, adding the land should not be sold “simply as a limited development site subject to inundation”.

Win-win?

The owner of the neighbouring 1-5 Settlement Road land, which is also on the market, said it was the perfect opportunity to also include his property.

“While they want government to pay for the land, we’re offering it for nothing,” he said.

“We would love to see more land go to the Nature Parks. It’s what we have been fighting for for 15 years. We’re still keen to see it happen and we’ve never stopped talking with government.”

In 2019, the deal was supported by five councillors, with three voting against it.

Then councillor Stephen Fullarton said the deal offered by the landowner was “a legitimate solution”.

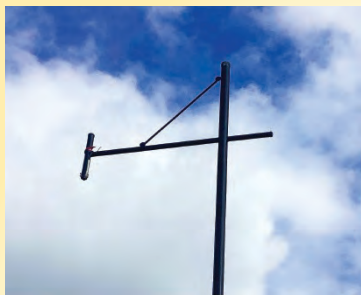
Cr Bruce Kent described the deal as a “pretty good outcome” and Cr Julian Brown said “on balance the application is positive”.

However, Cr Michael Whelan (now the mayor) successfully moved an alternative motion putting a halt to the deal.

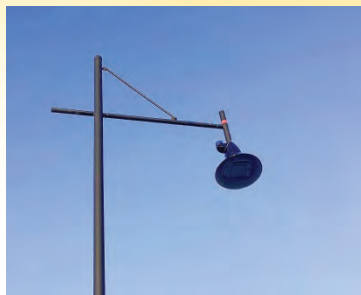
Cr Whelan said the whole site, which is to the west of the Rhyll Inlet, was subject to flooding and was outside the town boundaries.

“This is asking us to approve some bad for some good,” Cr Whelan said.

“There’s certainly some good that a big area of land is given to public management for conservation. This area represents extremely high conservation value, abutting a Ramsar site home to migratory birds.”



The broken streetlight on Shearwater Estate took 10 months to repair.



Finally, the lights are back on in front of Peter Pillar’s home, after AusNet and Council repaired the light fixture.

A green light for Shearwater Estate

After nearly a year of concerted lobbying, Cowes resident Peter Pillar has been victorious in his bid to have a streetlight outside his home repaired.

“A thank you to AusNet and Bass Coast Shire Council for fi-

nally putting their heads together and repairing our streetlight in the Shearwater Estate,” said Peter.

“Unfortunately it’s taken 10 long months of very dark nights to repair, but at least we now have our safety and security returned.”

Celebrating 100 days of learning

Cowes Primary Prep students celebrated 100 days of learning with a dress up day.

The Prep children and teachers dressed up as 100-year olds. The children showcased their outfits in the new school gym, accompanied by old fashioned music.

Parents, families and Cowes Primary students enjoyed the entertainment. The Prep children loved the parade and getting into character.

Principal Rod McKenzie made a grand appearance in a wheelchair, getting into the spirit of the dress up.

Throughout the day, the children were involved in many fun activities, and it was evident there are some budding actors and actresses who stayed in character all day.

The highlight for all was the parade held in the new gym. This was the first parade the school had in the gym and there was an absolute buzz that went along with it. The space, the sound system and the abundant room was very well received by the school community.

It was fantastic to see parents, teachers and students celebrate in style!

A good ol' time was enjoyed by all!



Staff get into the spirit of the dress up. Tori Cleeland, Tessa Jonston, Sarah Tyrell, Cath Huther, Adrienne Stephenson, Rush Jordan and Principal Rod McKenzie.



Preps Lizzie, Luca, Byron and Rusty celebrate their first 100 days at Cowes Primary School with a 100-year-old dress up.



Chloe, Ella-Rose and Jacob add a touch of glamour to the celebrations.



Celebratory hats for all, as Evelyn, Grace, Suzie and Emily declare they are 100 days smarter!



Preps Mayalu, Sam and Rose at the Cowes Primary 100 days of school dress up day.



Hazel Werner celebrates the first 100 days of school at Newhaven College with delicious fairy bread.



Celebrating 100 days of school, from left to right: Imogen Hilgart, Fletcher Rankins-Young, Casey Felstead and Ari Loizou.



Isla Johnson got creative with the 100 theme, wearing an outfit sporting 100 bows.



Benji Ellery was 100 days smarter and very hungry!

100 Days of Prep at Newhaven College

On August 5, Newhaven College Prep students celebrated 100 days of school.

Students and their teachers got into the spirit of the celebrations arriving at school in their '100' themed costumes.

Preps were given the task to decorate their clothes with 100 items. They really excelled in using their imaginations to create magnificent outfits and proudly paraded into school. Their clothes were adorned with 100 buttons, 100 ribbons, 100 eyes, 100 tags, 100 stars, 100 pom poms, 100 beads, 100 gemstones, 100 beetles and even 100 superheroes!

Dressed in their costumes, they proudly paraded through the Junior School high-fiving Year 1-4 students.

Following onto the Middle School, students were greeted by applause and cheers.

As the day progressed, students competed in a outdoor activities and literacy and numeracy activities involving the number 100. It was a wonderful way to recognise their achievements and make learning fun.

As part of the celebration, students enjoyed a dance party and indulged in some all-important fairy bread with 100's n 1000's.

A College spokesperson said the school was very proud of its Prep students.

"They have built strong foundations for their future learning, settled into the school routine extremely well and enjoyed making new friends. They are confident and active members of our Junior School and we trust they enjoyed this special day of celebration."



There was plenty of colour and fun as Newhaven College preps celebrated their first 100 days at school. From left: Imogen Hilgart, Sophie Clark, Isla Johnson and Meika Gale.



Celebrating the 100 days of school (from left): Jed Perry, Kiela Dennis, Sophie Phillips and Selina Chen.

Newhaven Primary celebrates 100 days

Last week, Newhaven Primary school held a 100 days of school party for its prep/one classroom.

The day started with a \$100 activity where students wrote and drew about what they would spend their \$100 on.

Bodhi wanted to buy an elephant, while Millie wanted to spend hers on getting a butler and Poppy wanted to get a sister!

Then students imagined what they would be like when they turned 100 years old.

Harry thinks he will live in a mansion and drive a Lamborghini and Tilly wants to sit by the fire. Teachers had created photos of each student using the ageing booth app and everyone had a laugh at how they looked.

Parents and caregivers were invited to school and students did rotational activities with their families before a celebratory party lunch was held in the classroom.

Activities included building a pyramid with 100 paper cups, dice games, counting collections of objects and 100 chart puzzles.

It was a great turn out with most students having a visitor from their family come along and students also invited their grade5/6 buddy if they didn't have a family visitor.



Louis (Prep) and Ryden (Grade 1) gave the 100 days of school activities of building a pyramid using 100 cups, the thumbs up, sharing the celebrations with Louis' dad.



Twins Ari and Poppy, with mum Kirsty, enjoying the 100 days of school celebrations at Newhaven Primary.



Teacher's aid Michelle, with grade 1 students Sailor and Jaime celebrated 100 days of school at Newhaven Primary.

Rabbit proof fence divides Surf Beach

Residents on Surf Beach's Esplanade say a new fence built to keep out rabbits is an "eyesore", and taller than previously promised.

In June Nature Parks announced they were working with Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Coastcare and Landcare to build a rabbit-exclusion fence to protect coastal vegetation.

Local residents at a community information meeting were told the wire fence was initially to be 600mm high, which later extended to 900mm, but was earlier this month erected at 1200mm.

Residents Lou and Maria Pecora said the fence was a dominate feature between Links Street and Surfies Point carpark.

"We were told the fence would be barely visible, but clearly that is not the case," Lou said.

"The visual impact is particularly intrusive where the bright galvanised end posts and bracing crosses the boardwalk at both ends."

Residents met with Nature Parks last week and Lou said they were told the fence's impact could be softened through painting, while officers would also investigate whether the fence's height could be reduced, while retaining its structural integrity.

"We believe it's a furphy the fence needs to be that high. It can be strong at 900mm."

Maria said the fence's construction had seen extensive vegetation destruction and had also cut off access to the boardwalk from Links Street.

"It's not even a totally rabbit-proof fence because the edges aren't finished," Maria added.

Carolene and Bernie Dodd said their property overlooked the fence and they believed it was to be discrete.

"Instead it is a complete eyesore which will detract considerably from the beauty of the area and the view of many," the couple said.

Resident Rod Chapman said his



Surf Beach residents say the new rabbit-proof fence should be discrete: "We were told the fence would be barely visible, but clearly that is not the case".

home also overlooked the fence and he was concerned about its visual impact.

"I attended the community information session held at Surfies Point carpark several weeks ago, and clearly remember Nature Parks saying the maximum height of the fence would be 900mm," Rod said.

"I am astounded to see that the fence under construction is significantly higher than stated, at almost 1200mm in height."

The fence this month received state government grant funding for community education and engagement.

Response

Phillip Island Nature Parks' conservation manager Jessica McKelson said the \$46,000 resident-led project would protect about three

hectares of coastal vegetation from Surfies Point Carpark to the end of Sunderland Bay Road steps.

She said there would be new planting as well as painting of exposed galvanised posts, bracing poles and star pickets to blend the fence into the landscape.

"Following feedback from residents, we are investigating brush being added to the fence ends and investigating options to improve the view from the existing seat," Jessica said.

She confirmed the height of the fence was 1150mm, including two straining wires at an addition 250mm "required for structural integrity".

"Following feedback from residents, we are investigating the height of the straining wires."

She said the fence would allow

movement of native wildlife, rabbit control and targeted revegetation programs.

"This will help restore and enhance local flora species including grass trigger plant, running postman, twiggly daisy bush, sun orchid, cranberry heath and showy podolepis," Jessica said.

"Without improved protection we may lose this biodiversity which can possibly lead to localised extinction."

"Restoration of vegetation will also help in reducing and slowing coastal erosion."

Jessica said the fence would allow wallabies to be able to move in and out, while rabbit access at either end would be monitored.

"This is the first stage of the trial, and these areas will be monitored to determine animal traffic and project effectiveness."

New bin calendars available now

Bass Coast Shire Council's 2022/23 kerbside bin calendars are now available.

The calendars, which take effect from September, can be downloaded at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/bincalendar, or picked up from any of Council's Customer and Visitor Service Centres.

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


Zone 1 includes 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 and Cowes.

Zone 2 includes Corinella, Coronet Bay, Tenby Point, Dalyston, Harmers Haven, Kilcunda, San Remo, Archies Creek, Cape Paterson, Inverloch, Wonthaggi, South Dudley and Wattle Bank.

Council's bin collection calendars make it easy to quickly find out which bins are collected on which days.

The calendars also have key dates listed, including additional recycling collections over the summer holiday period, the free green waste disposal period from October 29 to November 20, and the Detox Your Home event on Sunday, October 30.

Visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/bincalendar to download a new calendar, or to request a bin calendar in the post, please contact Council's Waste Team.




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By Phillip Island Nature Parks

Phillip Island's beaches and reserves are for everyone to enjoy. We are lucky to be able to visit many of these areas with our dogs and we thank you for sharing our shores with hooded plovers and short-tailed shearwaters. Look out for beach signage at the entry to your local beach or reserve. These signs tell you how to share our shores with important safety information and dog regulations.

You can help by:

- Keeping dogs on a leash in on-leash areas and under control on off-leash beaches.
- Keep to paths at all times.
- Read and observe all signage including temporary notices on the beaches and walk close to the water's edge where possible.
- Download the "Where Can I Walk My Dog" guide at www.penguins.org.au/about/local-community/news/walkingyourdog/

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Isabella and Scout, Ryan and Grouse love walking on the beach. Look out for beach signage at the entry of your local beach or reserve to find information about dog regulations.



Charles and Luna, love a walk at love Ventnor dog beach.



This is Brenda, trying to stowaway in our green bin, off on her next adventure! She's learning to fly, enjoys tightrope walking along the fence, and general trouble-making. Unfortunately, her chicken family, Donna and Kelly, are easily led and follow behind her without much thought. She produces magnificent eggs and her favourite foods are rocket, corn and sunflower seeds.



Marcus and Gus having some bubble fun.

For the love of Ivy

Maureen Mortlock of Cowes said it was love at first sight when she met English Cocker Spaniel Ivy about seven years ago. "She started life at a horrible puppy farm breeding and at five she was surrendered to a foster carer," explained Maureen.

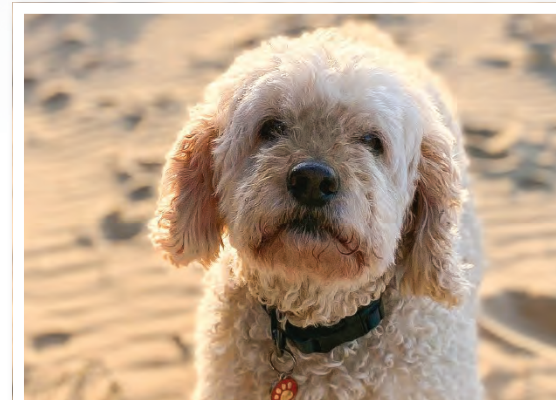
After dealing with a few medical issues, Ivy was put up for adoption and this is where her path crossed with Maureen. "It was love at first sight, and we have been constant companions since that first day I saw her. She even follows me to the toilet," Maureen laughed. Now aged 12, Ivy is a dignified senior, battling some issues of old age, but still loves to zoom around the back yard whenever Maureen comes home.

While most readers sent in photos of their much-loved pooches, Ivy received special treatment!

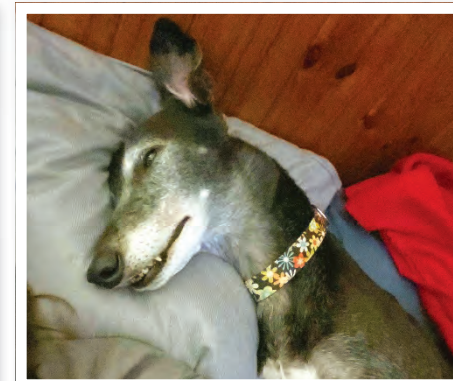
This beautiful portrait was painted by Maureen's grand-daughter Alison.



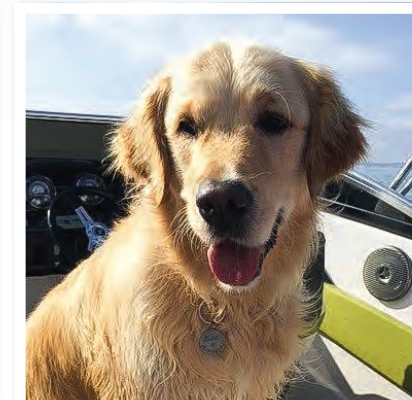
This portrait of Ivy, Maureen Mortlock's beloved English Cocker Spaniel was painted by her Grand-daughter Alison.



Harry, an 11 year old Labradoodle from Cowes loves running on the sand with the wind through his fur, says his owner Lucinda.



"This is my eight year old Greyhound Zowie, I adopted her when she was two," said Zowie's mum Tracey. "She's my best friend and they have such a gorgeous nature."



"We think our Zoe is the best. She loves us, food, boating, travelling and of course the beach," says the Cerini family.



Hello, my name is Pablo. My mum and dad have just brought a holiday house in San Remo. I can't wait to get to the beach, I am not a big swimmer, I'm more of a sinker.

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Here is one of our patients, Seeza, who has only three legs but still helps us out in reception.

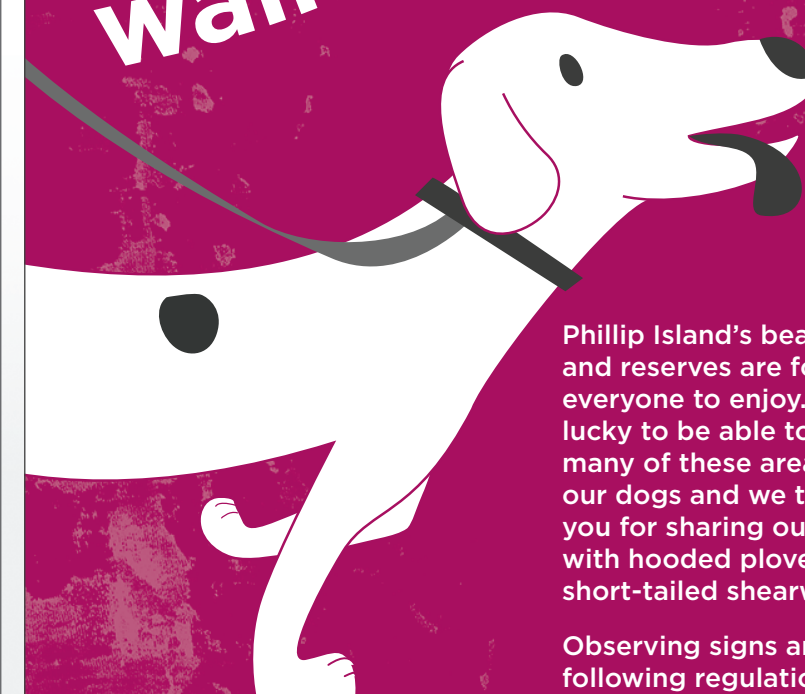


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Lost Dogs' Home Ambassador Sharnelle Vella, dog Theo and the Home's spokesperson Suzana Talevski are encouraging people to adopt a dog.

Urgent call for homes as capacity hits The Lost Dogs' Home

The Lost Dogs' Home is calling on people to open their hearts and homes to its dogs as it has hit capacity at its North Melbourne and Cranbourne shelters.

The Home's spokesperson Suzana Talevski said although winter was a traditionally slower time for adoptions, there appeared to be multiple factors resulting in more dogs being available for adoption this year.

"It appears it's a combination of the winter chill keeping people away, the rising cost of living and the owners no longer having the time to care for their animals. We currently have more than 50 dogs ready for adoption with more arriving every day," said Ms Talevski.

"While we are desperately trying to place as many of these beautiful animals in foster care while they wait for their perfect match, we would much prefer they were in a permanent and loving home."

Surrendered

The Home has this week released data citing the top five reasons Melburnians have listed for *surrendering their pets. They are:

1. No longer able or willing to care for this animal
2. Can no longer afford to care for the animal
3. Moving/no pets allowed

4. No time for animal anymore

5. Behaviour issues of animal

The Home has reduced its adoption fees for most dogs until August 20.

"With appointments no longer necessary across our two shelters, families and individuals are encouraged to pop down to adoption centres in North Melbourne and Cranbourne where our staff will be able to match you with one of our animals," said Ms Talevski.

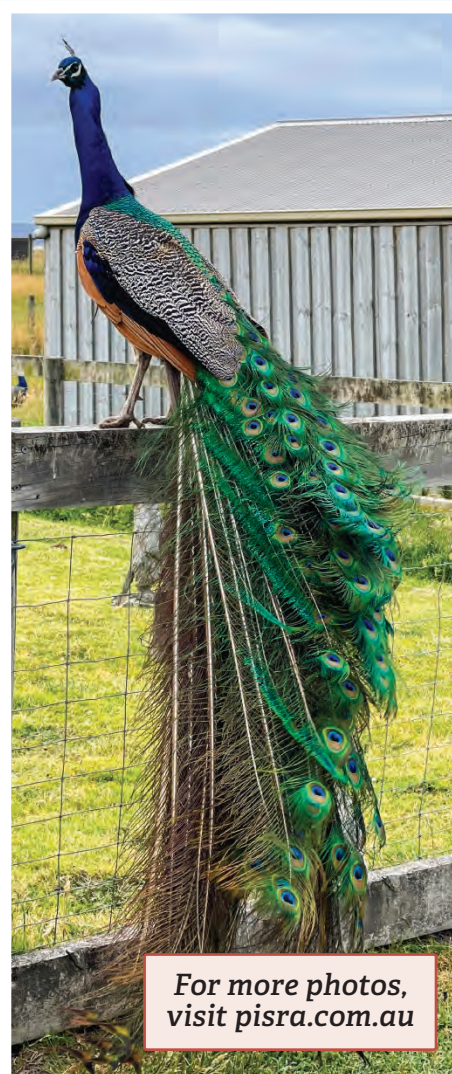
"We expect this week to be very popular and with that in mind we ask anyone visiting our shelters to have some patience when waiting to meet an animal."

The Home's Ambassador and Channel 7 personality Sharnelle Vella encouraged anyone looking to for a new family member to consider adopting a shelter pet.

"Dogs are just the best. They give us friendship, loyalty, and so much happiness. I'm thrilled to lend my support to help find these fur babies a forever home," said Sharnelle.

"The Lost Dogs' Home has been proudly helping reunite, rehome, and support animals for over a century. I'm proud to support the Dogs' Home in their campaign to help empty their shelter."

*Please note surrenders are not the same as returns.

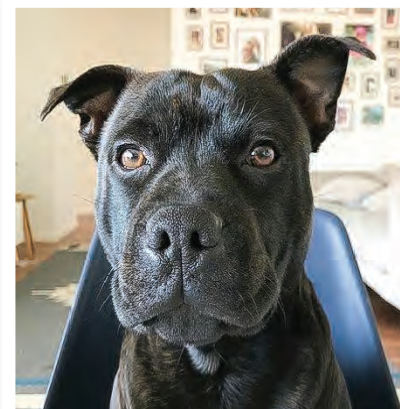


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"I just adore my beautiful boy Dash, he is free to roam but just stays around our house, in the warmer months he will sit by my office window keeping me company," says Aleta. "Whenever I go out of the house he comes and says Hello. It is amazing each day to see the beautiful courtship ritual, Dash with his spectacular fanned iridescent train impressing his girlfriend Bolly."



"This is my gorgeous Stella as graduated from Cowes Vet puppy school," says mum Susan Brand.



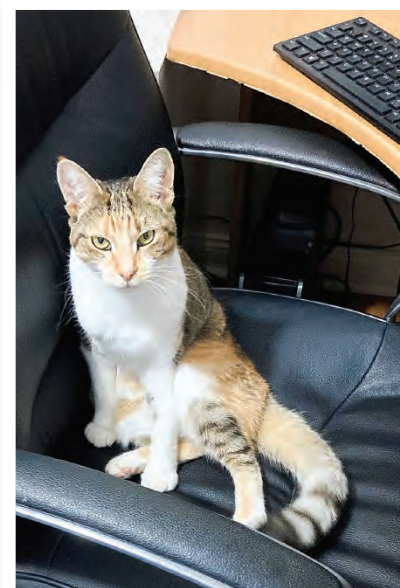
Owner Casey says, "Our Milo thinks he is one of the kids in our family. He is incredibly loyal and loving and a super important member of our family."



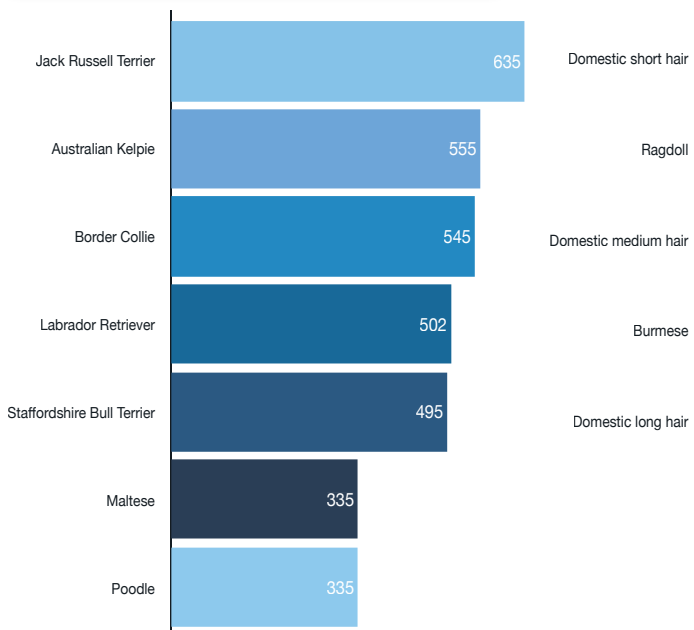
My name is Hirby. I am named after the great Essendon player James Hird. I love our island. I love walking on the west Cowes beach. I love food and sleeping on my human's bed. I am now 14.5 years old. I travel a lot with my "dad" as he goes about his business listening and greeting other islanders.



Annabel is a black Highland Cow with flowing black locks and amazing majestic horns, she is often seen cavorting with her best friend an obstinate, braying Mediterranean Micro Donkey Franki.



Tiga says to her Mum, Marion "It's MY turn for the computer!"



Our most popular pets

According to Bass Coast Shire Council, there are more Jack Russell Terriers than any other breed in Bass Coast. And on the cat side of things, Domestic Short Hair tops the list.

There are 9354 pets registered with Council and we're a canine-loving community, as 7446 of those are dogs!

Locations for dog poo dispensers

- Cowes West Beach (Yacht Club access track)
- Cleeland Bight Beach, Cape Woolamai (Palm Avenue entry)
- Ventnor Beach (Graydens Road)
- Ventnor Beach Road
- Kilcunda Main Beach
- Inverloch Beach (Wave Street entry)

In news that is sure to thrill dog owners there are now 13 dog poo dispensers across the shire, with four of those on Phillip Island and another in San Remo.

There is a QR code on the dispensers so you can simply scan the code to let council know if the dispenser is empty.

- Inverloch main beach (Cuttriss Street entry)
- Cape Paterson Beach (first surf beach entry)
- Foots Beach San Remo
- Coronet Bay Beach (Norsemen's Road entry)
- Corinella Beach (Beach Street entry)
- Grantville Beach (Swan Street entry)
- Tenby Point Beach (Marine Road entry)

World class dance and theatre workshops at The Nobbies

A series of workshops next month offer an extraordinary chance for local dance and music theatre students and enthusiasts to work with one of Australia's leading male performers.

Rohan Browne has over 25 years' experience and appeared in nearly 30 professional musical theatre productions around the world – including lead roles in *Boy from Oz*, *Singin' in the Rain* and *Brigadoon* – and he is coming to Phillip Island on September 10, to share his knowledge and expertise.

The Theatre House is presenting Rohan in a series of dance workshops at The Nobbies, as well as a Q&A session, providing a thrilling opportunity for anyone with a passion for dance, acting and performing.

Belinda Phillips, who runs Marrina Mouse's Theatre House describes the day as a "wonderful opportunity to come and take a class from one of Australia's best musical theatre performers in one of the most beautiful locations in the world".

"I am so thrilled the doors and connections for the Eastend Theatre expertise be opened to all in Phillip Island," Belinda said.

The workshops include Broadway Jazz, Broadway Tap and Acting for Stage, with the day culminating in a Q&A session. A \$100 day pass will allow you to attend all four sessions, or you can buy a ticket for an individual session for \$30.

"The workshops are geared for all (children and adults) that are passionate and eager to learn Jazz, Tap, and acting skills," Belinda said.

"Rohan will also be taking a Q & A class that will be a wonderful opportunity for participants to ask questions regarding anything from how to audition, to what shows he has been in, to when he began dancing.



Rohan Browne has over 25 years' experience and appeared in nearly 30 professional musical theatre productions around the world. He is coming to Phillip Island on September 10, to share his knowledge and expertise in a series of workshops.

"This opportunity will be you or your child's starting point, opening the door to your path in the theatre industry," Belinda said.

"To learn from a "triple threat" performer is invaluable. Not only has he starred in 30 musicals, and worked alongside of the likes of Hugh Jackman and Geoffrey Rush, Rohan has also successfully written and choreographed his own shows."

Belinda said students from Marrina Mouse's Theatre House were excited to be attending the workshops and she's urging other students (children and adults) to take up the opportunity.

"The workshops are open to all ages, and all levels of experience. In fact, you don't have to have done

dance before to take part."

Belinda said the workshops would be ideal for children aged nine and over, if parents are looking to sign their children up, but younger students were very welcome.

"I will be at the workshops on the day and will be able to give guidance and help to the younger participants.

"The sessions are suitable for anyone who is excited about the performing arts and wants to learn further from someone with a lot of experience.

"I highly encourage all dance, ballet, music and acting schools to get behind this event, to give the opportunity to their students as well," she said.

Belinda said if there is a good response to this first workshop, she hopes to run more with different presenters and open up doors between Phillip Island and the Eastend Theatre district (a collective of the Top five theatres in Melbourne).

"We want to offer advice, guidance and opportunities that will directly connect you with the Eastend Theatre District and will give you or your child the invaluable skills and connections for your path ahead in Australian theatre."

For more information or to book, please call Belinda on 0416 447 307 or email Belinda-phillips@hotmail.com.

Session times: Broadway Tap 11am – 12.15pm; Broadway Jazz 12.30pm – 1.45pm. Acting for Stage 2.15pm – 3.15pm and Q&A 3.15 – 4pm.

Day pass \$100. Individual classes \$30. Bookings are essential.

Participants should wear comfortable clothes (eg dance), ballet shoes are recommended, tap shoes recommended in the tap dancing workshop. If staying for the whole day, BYO lunch or a snack bar is located in the venue.



The Ventnor School opening, September 1922. As part of the 100 year celebrations, former students and their descendants will pose for a photo with the original school sign, in the same position as this original opening photo.

Ventnor school celebrates 100th anniversary

In September, the Ventnor State School 3895 celebrates its 100th anniversary, and planning is well underway for a special occasion.

The celebration will be held on Sunday, September 11 at the school, at 2pm.

Organiser Julie Box said the present owners, the Syme Family, have kindly invited the community to meet for a photo with the original school sign ... and in the same position as the original opening photograph.

"We shall go inside for afternoon tea and the sharing of some school stories and maybe a few concert items from long ago," Julie said.

"I hope former students of Ventnor and their descendants can join us on this special day."

100 years ago

In November 1920, it was proposed a deputation of Mrs Sarah Harris, Mr P G Dixon, A K T Sambell and Mr George Jeffery visit the Minister for Education for the purpose of getting a school built on land owned by Mr Tom Jones, on the corner of Ventnor Road and Ventnor Beach Road.

After much hard work and negotiations, a school was erected in 1922 on the three-acre corner site purchased from Mr Jones.

The new school was opened on September 5, 1922, after functioning in the Ventnor hall across the road for seven years.

The opening was the largest gathering Ventnor had ever seen.

Past Continuous at Phillip Island jazz

On Sunday, August 21, Past Continuous (Ron Anderson and friends) are appearing at the Phillip Island Bowling Club from 2pm – 4.30pm.

The name Past Continuous identifies the band's dedication to emphasising continuity in jazz: the era and style are irrelevant, as long as the music swings and is melodic.

Ron Anderson leader of the band is one of the most talented reeds players in the country, but also one of the most underrated. His flute playing is best described as magical.

He is joined by some of the finest musos going around each acknowledged for their individual musical skills. The band comprises Ron Anderson on reeds and flute, Vince Hopkins on guitar, Rory Clarke on piano, Larry Keane on drums and vocals and David Galea on bass.

Its repertoire thus covers material that is traditional, modern, mainstream, latin, funk and even popular.

Jazz piano prodigy Rory Clarke grew up in a musical family and showed considerable promise from a very early age. Gifted with a great sense of harmony, incredible technique and innate creativity, Rory captivates an audience. Rory began piano when he was eleven years old.

David Galea real musical love lies at the heart of improvised music. Over time he has been able to carve out a home in the Australian jazz scene, where he continues to hone his skills as a jazz bassist and composer. David has been composing since 2007.

Vince Hopkins is both an acoustic and electric guitarist playing with Melbourne Symphony Orchestra,



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Bruce Clarke Quartet, Australian Showband, Radio Rhythm Orchestra. Vince also has his own trio and also performed as a solo guitarist.

Larry Keane in his younger years was to the movie *The Gene Krupa Story* and it was this that influenced his decision to play drums. He also played saxophone, clarinet and piano. In his teens he made the decision to seriously study drums with the percussionist from the Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra. Larry joined the Victoria Police Showband in 1991.

Experience Past Continuous at the Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road in Cowes, from 2pm. Entry is \$15 for members and \$20 for visitors.

For more information please contact Robin Blackman 0432 814 407 or Jill Boyce on 0417 416 300.



This month's Movie Club screening is "Red Joan", starring Judi Dench, on Tuesday, August 23 at St Philip's Church Hall. Doors open at 7.30pm.

Movie club returns to St Philip's

The Phillip Island Movie Club was able to secure the St Philip's Church Hall for its next screening on Tuesday, August 23.

The film is "Red Joan" (2019) a UK drama film, directed by Trevor Nunn with Judi Dench playing the aged Red Joan. The doors will open at 7.30pm and the film starts at 8.00pm. It's rated M and runs for 97 mins.

Last month's film "Promising Young Woman" was rated 4.3 by the members. At the end of that film the audience needed a minute to digest and compose before continuing into reality. "Red Joan" by contrast will not invoke the same response. This movie was very loosely based on Melita Norwood (the real Red Joan), who

was the Soviet Union's longest-serving British spy, having done so for nearly four decades. As a long-time member of the Communist party and a secretary for the Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association in London (which was actually part of a secret nuclear weapons research project with the US called "Tube Alloy"), Norwood copied nuclear secrets from her bosses' office and transmitted them to Moscow.

Although the film is based on a true spy, Nunn has chosen to depict Red Joan in a romantic way, not highlighting that she was involved in developing the first Atomic Bomb. Interestingly enough, it was the 77th year anniversary of the Hiroshima

bombing only last Saturday!

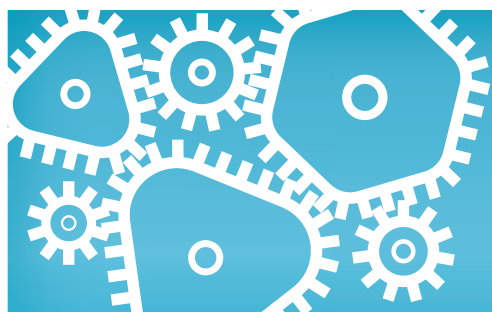
Unlike movie implied, Melita Norwood was a spy from World War II through the Cold War, retiring in the early 1970s, and in 1979 she travelled to Moscow to receive the Soviet Union's Order of the Red Banner.

It is an interesting story albeit being told in a nostalgic manner without invoking any of the true feelings we would expect to have for someone who was a traitor, despite her ideals.

There will be tea and coffee but members are requested to bring their own cup.

Entrance is by membership only. Look forward to seeing you there.

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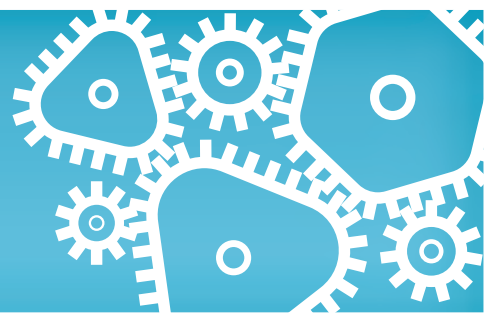
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Young squad dive into final short course championships

South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimming club finished the competitive Short Course season with the Victorian Open Short Course Championships at MSAC.

The event included the 11- and 12-year-olds as well as Open aged swimmers.

Several swimmers from SGB qualified in a range of events over the two days.

Rebecca Barclay, Rex Brocklesby, Tomei Dal Pozzo, Cormac Flynn, Sienna Hunt, Holly Hurst, Mostyn Lumsden, Miah Roberts and Archie Smyth all raced in the purple state cap, many for the first time, watched on by family in the stands and club members at home on swim TV.

For several swimmers, the inclusion of the 11- and 12-year-olds, allowed them to race at the Championships for the first time and gain valuable racing experience.

This was their first time to race

against the Metro based peers and they relished the chance – you couldn't wipe the smiles off their faces.

With limited facilities at home to practise racing starts, the chance to use the blocks and backstroke ledges and increase their familiarity with it, will help reduce anxieties at future meets.

Despite frequent racing recently, there were a number of personals bests recorded which really pleased their coaches.

Mostyn and Tomei were the only swimmers in the open section, the others in the team were part of the 11- and 12-year-old age groups.

There were no finals for the 11-year-olds, but Miah Roberts made the finals for 200m backstroke, placing 6th.

Coach Dylan was pleased with the results.

"The club finished 20th at the Victorian Short course championships, the best result ever and 80 per cent of our

12 and unders got a PB."

"I was so pleased to see that our club captain got into a state final at the age of 17, showing that you should never give up on your dreams."



Miah celebrates making the finals.



Tomei, Bec, Holly, Miah, Archie and Rex prepare for their warmup swim.

Pony Club monthly Rally

Phillip Island Pony Club had our monthly Rally on Sunday, August 7 and woke to a beautiful winter's morning to get out and about.

This Rally everyone was excited to hook up the floats and get on the road to Tatoka Lodge which is in Devon Meadows.

It was planned just in case it was rainy as it has a massive Indoor arena, however we were fortunate enough to have a great day and were able to utilise all their wonderful facilities.

The first hour all riders were together for a groundwork session with Amy Smith – it was great to introduce the ponies this way into a new environment that no-one had been to before.

Once everyone was settled some poles were introduced with our president Flick taking charge as well as a big inflatable ball.

The kids had fun with the horses kicking the ball around and coach Amy said there was some real soccer ponies.

After morning tea, the riders were split into two groups with coach Kate taking charge of dressage in the outdoor arena and coach Amy show jumping in the indoor arena.

All children learnt a lot in both sessions, and it was great to see all the improvement and confidence the kids have gained throughout the year.

Big thank you to both coaches.

It was a great day out for all with all ponies behaving exceptionally well, as well as the children, who ganged

up on coach Amy Smith for a well fought battle of Connect Four in the lunch break.

Shout out to Island Equipment Hire who sponsored the Rally Day and we will definitely be coming back to the wonderful Tatoka Lodge.

If you have ever wondered what Pony Club is about our next Rally is on Saturday, September 3 and will be at home.

All welcome to come and have a look with it starting from 10am.

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

If you are interested in joining/sponsoring Phillip Island Pony Club or have any queries you can look us up on Facebook or email picsecretary1@gmail.com.



Lucy on her horse Samson.



Ruby Carrol on her horse Willow.

PIPC – Member of the month

Name: Kyra Carton.

Age: 12.

Horse name: Arty and he is a Standardbred.

Horse age and height: 9 and 15.2

How old were you when you started riding? 10.

How long have you had your horse? In November I will have had him for a year.

When did you start at PIPC? This year.

What's your favourite discipline and why? Cross Country, because I like riding out in the open and doing jumps.

What's the best thing about PIPC? All the new friends I have made and learning all about horses.



PIBC has chalked up another win to diversity and representation with the election of this year's committee. The committee features eight women and nine men, and members as young as 14.

Boardriders get the balance right

Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) has chalked up another win to diversity and representation with the election of this year's committee.

The committee features eight women and nine men, a stark contrast to previous years in the club's history where committees often only had one or two female members.

Early this year, the club elected Hannah Eisen as its president, only the second time a woman has held the role in the club's 59-year history.

At the time, Hannah told the Advertiser she was passionate about gender equality in sport and was proud that the World Surfing League had closed the pay gap between men and women's prize money in 2019.

She said she was determined to make a difference for the next generation of female surfers.

That determination is showing concrete results now with the new committee and a growing female membership.

Not only is there almost equal representation between men and women on the committee, members range from 14 years up.

"So many people stepped up to help as a result of the successful previous season – I am humbled by the support," Hannah said, adding it was important for the club to have diversity in its members and its committee.

"Diversity and inclusion is more than policies, programs or headcounts," she said.

"PIBC is extremely serious about respecting the unique needs, perspectives and potential of all club members.

"We have two Aboriginal cadets in the club, a large portion of female



PIBC President Hannah Eisen and Vice President Geoff Russell.

surfers signing up, a big seniors division (over 60s).

"We want to support anyone willing to give surfing a go, without judgement on looks, background, ability, gender or race.

"This has changed a lot since the 70s. PIBC is making progress having a better ratio of male to female surfers on our committee and in our membership base."

Hannah applauded the courage of two juniors who have put their hands up to help on the committee – Poppy Corbet and Tate Russell.

She said the future of the club was looking bright and it was set to celebrate its 60th birthday in 2023.

"It is awesome to be part of the story."

The 2022/23 PIBC committee: Hannah Eisen (President), Geoff Russell (Vice), Jo Stubbs (Treasurer – to be confirmed at first meeting), Emily Scott (Secretary). General committee: Matt Krumins, Poppy Corbett, Sarah Hain, Nic Huigsloot, Keith Vincent, Ash Easton, Andy McHenry, Nat Van De Heyden, Deb Leonard, Tim Agonousto, Jake Eisen, Kirra Marlborough. Junior Rep: Tate Russell.

Phillip Island bowls

Winter Triples

Thirty members took to the green on what was a gorgeous sunny winter's day on the island.

With 2 game wins and a +5, the winners from the island this week were Michael Cozgrue, Laurie Gabell and Marty Hannaford.

Audika competition

Forty bowlers took to the green in overcast conditions on Saturday, however the rain managed to hold off.

Runners up with 2 game wins and a +8 were: Lance Wearne, Max Opitz, John Kappler and Chris Fricke.

The winners snatching victory with 2 game wins and a + 10 were Clive Smith, Michael Haack, Bob Carter and Graeme Cornell.

Well done everyone and thank you to all the volunteers on the day, love your work!



Winter Triples bowls winners this week were from the island (L – R) Michael Cozgrue, Laurie Gabell and Marty Hannaford.



The winners of the Audika competition were (L-R) Clive Smith, Michael Haack, Bob Carter and Graeme Cornell.

Shipping News

Ships in Western Port this week

The Maritime Glory, a Crude Oil Carrier departed Melbourne on August 15 and arrives in Bass Strait on

August 18.

The Patagonian Mystic, a ULP Carrier departs Onsan on August 16 and arrives at Bell Bay on August 19.

The Arago, a LPG Carrier departed Dunedin on August 19 and returns to Lyttelton on August 21.

Grand opening of the new soccer change rooms

It was a wet and freezing cold day at the Phillip Island Soccer Club on Sunday, as we hosted Drouin Dragons for the grand opening of the new change rooms.

Jordan Crugnale MP (Member for Bass) and Cr Bruce Kenny attended the grand opening. We'd like to thank the state government, and Jordan for their contribution through the community sports infrastructure stimulus program and the female friendly facilities funding program and thank the world game facilities fund for the soccer club to be able to deliver this major upgrade of the pavilion for our community.

The community will benefit from the new fit for purpose change rooms, showers, toilets and storage areas, which are used by the Phillip Island Soccer club along with other local sporting clubs and schools who also use the facilities.

There are now dedicated toilets for spectators and casual hirers of the reserve.

Under 12A

It was a wet and windy game for the under 12A team that hosted Drouin. In a tight contest it was Drouin that kicked the only goal for the game. The 12A team finished fifth on the ladder therefore just missed out on playing finals.

Under 12B

Sunday, August 14 was a cold and wet home game for the Under 12B team who played against the Drouin Dragons Yellow team in a special Cup Round.

Drouin scored two goals quickly in the first half of the game with both teams playing excellent soccer.

In the second half, Drouin scored a further three goals.

By this time visibility was low with sleeting rain and strong winds lashing the game.

All the players were soaked through and did incredibly well to put forward a strong contest in difficult conditions and always with a smile on their faces!

The Breakers lost to Drouin 5-0.

The team now has one last chance to face up to the Drouin Dragons Yellow team in the Cup final, scheduled for Saturday, August 27 in Trafalgar.

The Under 12B team is also sitting first on the ladder for the season, having won seven out of eight games played, therefore are straight into finals in September.

Under 14s

As the weather turned from bad to worse, the Under 14s knew this was a must win game to make finals. Coach Frank Licciardi had his team all fired up. It was a close game with the Phillip Island Breakers having their chances to score several times throughout the game.



Coach Calum Farman talking to the rain soaked 12B team after their soccer game.

However, it was Drouin that managed to win the game 3-0.

At the end of the game Frank asked each player if they put in 100 per cent, which they all did. You can't ask for more than that.

Unfortunately, the Under 14s finished fifth on the ladder just missing out on finals.

Under 17 Girls

The girls played second on the ladder Drouin in what was a pretty evenly matched game with the scoreboard not really reflecting the match. Final scores Drouin 7 - Phillip Island 1.

The girls finished fourth on the ladder so will be playing top of the ladder Leongatha in the first semi-final.

Under 17s Mixed

The Breakers hosted top of the ladder Drouin Dragons and had a few players still out with injuries.

Therefore, the Under 17s called up two Under 14s players - Michaela Marr and Hamish Farman; Lara Smyth also helped to make up numbers.

Lewis McClaren went in goals and made some good saves, Jacob Liatos, Adam Dean, Jack Middleton and Solo Scarlett linked up well through the midfield.

The team had their chances to score, however Drouin with their bigger bodies were quick to shut down most of the advances.

Half time it was Drouin in the lead 2-0.

Some changes were made as Balian Prendergast donned on the gloves and went into goals, Michaela Marr and Jack Middleton were strong in

defence, Jacob Liatos continued to make good runs through the midfield with Adam Dean and Solo Scarlett putting pressure on the Drouin defence.

The Breakers were defeated by Drouin 8-0 in their worst loss for the season.

The team have managed to finish third on the ladder so will be playing Leongatha in the second semi-final, hopefully will get players back from injuries and meet them at full strength.

Best: Adam Dean, Solo Scarlett, Jacob Liatos and Jack Middleton.

Men's Reserves

With the rain not giving up all day the reserves played on a pitch that closely resembled an aquatic centre. There were a few players out, and young Jacob Liatos stepped up to help with numbers.

With extremely wet conditions the ball was not doing what it should have as passes pulled up short.

It was Drouin that played the conditions better, scoring two goals to zero in the first half, whilst the Breakers couldn't capitalise on shots taken. The play throughout the game was evenly matched, final scores Drouin 3 - Phillip Island 0.

With the Bye next week, Men's Reserves will finish second or third on the ladder, therefore will be playing the second semi-final.

Senior Women

Island hosted Drouin Dragons. The ladies needed to win to consolidate third spot on the ladder.

It was a waterlogged, heavy pitch,

quite unusual for Newhaven Park and a very wet, windy and cold day. There were lots of shivering and cold fingers.

Island keeper Gloria made some great saves to prevent Dragons from scoring.

Island scored first with a long and loping ball from Ailish getting over the top of the defence and Kelly ran on to strike it low and hard into the bottom left for a nice goal.

The girls celebrated in style; Dragons equalised not long after for 1-1.

Second half the Dragons got another goal to go up 2-1.

The Breakers worked hard to equalise, but the very physical Dragons were heavily fouling which kept stopping the Breakers momentum through midfield.

The Breakers did make some opportunities but couldn't find the back of the net again today.

Amanda refused to let her opponent - Drouin's centre forward - get a look at goals, marking her tightly all game, not letting her turn and winning the ball back for the island.

It was typical of Amanda's hard work and selfless effort for her team, applied all season long.

The Dragons were fiercely determined for the victory and held on for a strong win against the Breakers.

It was great contest, very hard work on the heavy pitch and against the very physical opposition and a brave effort from all of the Breaker girls to not give up.

This was the last game of the regular season for the Breaker girls who finished second on ladder earning a spot in the finals.

A great effort for a very young team also considering the difficulties earlier in the season with Covid causing player outages.

The Island will most likely play Drouin again in their next match - a semi-final to be held at Trafalgar on September 11.

This will be a massive game on a fantastic ground - not to be missed for spectators.

Final score: Dragons defeated Breakers 2-1.

Goals: Kelly-1. Best on: Amanda, Gloria, Coco and Alyssa.

Senior Men

The seniors took on Drouin and knew it was going to be a hard game with Drouin needing the three points, the rain was relentless and didn't give up all day.

This made the pitch very wet, so it was going to be a game of rolling up the sleeves and getting stuck into it, to get the win.

It was the Breakers that had the early chances with Nathan Clelland going close on two occasions.

Against the run of play it was Drouin that scored. After 20 minutes of play the Breakers started to get control of the game again, and after a nice through ball it was Callum Chisolm who as cool as a cucumber slotted the ball into the back of the net for 1-1 at half time.

The Breakers came out in the second half and controlled the game from there. After five minutes Matt Thornborrow ran towards goal giving the Keeper no chance making it 2-1.

After 30 minutes it was Drouin that had a great scoring chance with their Striker hitting the post and the Island Breakers clearing the ball.

The Breakers finally got another goal with a bad clearance, the ball fell to Cameron Boulton who hit it past the Keeper for a 3-1 score and to seal the game.

This was not the result Drouin wanted. Well done to every Island player putting in a brave performance in tough conditions.

This was their last fixtured game for the season, and if the ladder stays the same with one more round to go, the Phillip Island Breakers will finish on top, if not second leading into the finals.

Best on Ground - Cameron Boulton.

Finals are nearing and Phillip Island Breakers Soccer Club have six out of eight competitive teams through to finals.

1st semi-final 1 v 4 will be on Sunday, September 4 held at Trafalgar.

2nd semi-final 2 v 3 will be on Sunday, September 11 held at Drouin.

Grand Final will be on Sunday, September 18 held at Newhaven.

Newhaven soccer scores home ground advantage

The cold and wet conditions couldn't dampen the spirits of the local soccer fraternity, when the new pavilion and change rooms were opened at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale joined Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan and Phillip Island Breakers Soccer Club to officially open the new pavilion, made possible by a \$399,440 investment from the World Game Facilities Fund.

"Soccer is the number one, most popular team sport in Victoria and a massive contribution to this is a surge in women and girls' participation," Ms Crugnale said.

"The new pavilion is a game-changer for local football here on Phillip Island. The Breakers finally have the female friendly clubrooms they deserve to get active and play

the game they love. This means the club can continue to grow, run match days, training sessions and community events for all to enjoy."

Ms Crugnale thanks Phillip Island Soccer Club President Andrea Dempsey-Blair and the committee, as well as sponsors, players and supporters for their work.

"They are the heart of our community, know exactly what they need and work so hard to keep everyone active and supported," she said.

The new pavilion features four female friendly change rooms, two female friendly referee rooms, social room with kitchen/kiosk, first aid room and storage, providing players and referees with a suitable environment to conduct match and training day activities.

The new building is a welcome addition to the club's main training pitches at the reserve providing a

perfect base for local soccer to host more training and competition.

Nearby schools and community and sporting groups such as the Phillip Island and District Cricket Club will also be able to use the new pavilion.

Ms Crugnale acknowledged Bass Coast Shire Council for their contribution of \$300,000 to the project.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities available through the Victorian Government visit www.sport.vic.gov.au.

Kelly, Nathan, Amanda, Pauleen, Andrea Dempsey (PIBSC President), Mayor Cr Michael Whelan, Jordan Crugnale MP (Member for Bass), The Ellaz Family, Alyssa and Coco at the official opening of the new pavilion at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve.





U14 Red gave everything against Inverloch in extremely wet and unpleasant conditions and unfortunately missed out on the opportunity to play against Phillip Island Blue in the grand final.

Wet and windy to say the least

U14s Red were unfortunately defeated by Inverloch on Sunday in wet and wild conditions and that will be their last home and away game of the season. The U14 Red Phillip Island team gave 100 per cent effort but were outscored by a much bigger and stronger team on the day.

A big thank you to Coach Luke Davies and Team Manager Jackie Davies and all the other parent helpers throughout the year. Final score Phillip Island 20 to Inverloch 65. Best on were Thomas Macmillan, Sam O'Garey, Connor Macmillan, Harry Arceo, Parker Trappett and Harry Bentley. Congratulations to U12 Blue team who won a nail biting match against Inverloch and are now through to the grand final. We wish U12 Blue and U14 Blue all the best for the up coming grand final at Wonthaggi on Sunday, August 28.

What a match by the blue pups!

Rail, hail or shine, nothing was stopping our Under 12 Blue pups on Sunday morning. They were up for a fight against Inverloch for grand final place! Both teams coming in strong, but this week the pups were just a little bit stronger! The Islands final score of 1 goal – 4 points to Inverloch's 1 goal – 1 point, it was a little too close for comfort but had the crowd cheering with glee as our pups take in second place on the ladder.

Well done to our Under 12 Blue pups for getting through to the Grand Final. Grand Final will be held on August 28 in Wonthaggi against Leongatha. The emotion says it all, Zane Larson was very emotional hugging his dad after the amazing comeback and win in the U12 Blue final against Inverloch. The team have now secured a place in the finals.



Valiant Veterans in season's final game

In the final game of the year our valiant Senior Seniors made the trek down to Narre Warren to take on hot favourites Devon Meadows. The footy gods really messed up the weather with cold and miserable conditions that tried unsuccessfully to dampen the spirits of the large and vibrant crowd. It was Devon who came off the blocks hot in the first quarter, with constant forays forward putting the Phillip Island backline under immense pressure. Benny Hallas and Todd Cleeland were defending well but the amount of football coming in was telling, DM scoring 4.1.25 to PI 0.0 at the end of the first.

The second quarter was a reflection of the first with DM dominating the play. Rod 'Rocket' McKenzie was winning the ruck contest but DM were set up well to take advantage. Ryan van Berlo was running hard off the backline and Nick Russo was getting plenty of the ball on the wing, but were unable to break through DM's impenetrable wall, the half time score PI 0.1.1 to DM 8.2.50. It was the third quarter where PI showed their true spirit! 'Dangers' Mcginley and Timmy van Brummelen started hot with some superb clearance work, setting up goals for Lee 'Neubs' Neubauer and Dale 'Chicken' Larkin. Devon was starting to get nervous before a settling goal kept their scorecard ticking over. PI 3.3.21 DM 10.4.64. The final quarter of the season was hotly contested and our boys played out the game to the bitter end. David 'Poison' Ivey had a great last quarter and Mitch Dabb's tackling and pressure was fantastic. Unfortunately the damage had been done early, Devon Meadows 12.7.79 Defeating Phillip Island 4.3.27. It was a great inaugural season for the newest oldest team, every player and volunteer should be proud of their achievement this year, we look forward to trying to go one better in 2023!

Wood, sun and rain clouds from Southern California

From page 24

Scores:
Phillip Island: 7.8.50, 17.12.114, 22.21.153, 27.25.187.
Korumburra-Bena: 0.0.0, 0.2.2, 0.2.2, 0.3.3.
Goals:
Phillip Island: Jess Gisslingham 5, Alex Duyker 4, Dean Blake 4, Harry Anderson 3, Liam Dayson 2, Arie Cook 2, Marcus Wright 2, James Nicolaci, Marco Roker, Samuel McRae, Connor Thompson, Kurt Lane.
Best Players:
Phillip Island: Blake Christopher, Connor Thompson, Luke James, Dean Blake, Samuel McRae, Jess Gislingham.



Under 18s
In brilliant sunshine and a ground in great condition, the Bulldogs looked forward to a tough contest that Korumburra always provides. Early in the game, the home side registered two unanswered goals while the Bulldogs wasted many scoring opportunities. Dylan Susic opened the Bulldogs account, but this was quickly followed by a "kick off the ground" goal to the home side. Just before the first break Dylan snapped his second goal which made the scoreboard a little more respectable from a Bulldog point of view. The coaches made a lot of positional changes going into the second quarter and these had instant results. Jack Johnston went into the ruck and along with Hunter Clarke, and dominated proceedings, with Jack kicking our first goal for the quarter. James McKelvey chipped in for a major along with Jack Johnston and Dylan kicked another three. The Bulldogs lifted their intensity, and the Giants didn't have the answers to stop them. Three goals to Lucas Chihotski along with one each to Jack Papas and Dylan Susic in the third quarter and limiting the Giants to four behinds was an indication of the Bulldogs control of the game. Heading into the last quarter, Dylan needed two goals to bring up 50 for the year and he didn't let the team down, finishing the game with eight. A nice mark and goal from Noah Williams completed a comprehensive victory for the Phillip Island Bulldogs.

U18s player Dylan Susic needed two goals to bring up 50 for the year and he didn't let the team down, finishing the game with eight goals in total.

Goals:
Phillip Island: Dylan Susic 8, Lucas Chihotski 3, Jack Johnston 2, Jack Papas, James McKelvey, Tyce Kleverkamp.
Korumburra-Bena: Benjamin Fowler, Charlie Moller, Joel Cuman.
Best Players:
Phillip Island: Hunter Clarke, Dylan Susic, Brodie Gude, Finn Cashman, Tully Dickie, Lucas Chihotski
Korumburra-Bena: Luke Walker, William Croatto, Jack Donohue, Hayden Simcock, Oliver Barrett.

Under 16s
A close call for the Under 16s team. This one went down to the wire and the boys managed to take the win, a good close match for the team before the finals begin. Scores:
Phillip Island: 1.1.7, 2.3.15, 4.3.27, 4.3.27.
Korumburra-Bena: 0.1.1, 0.5.5, 0.8.8, 2.10.22.
Goals:
Phillip Island: Zac Walker, Oliver Duggan, Benjamin Chihotski, Noah Muller.
Korumburra-Bena: Max Donoghue, Ben Fort.
Best Players:
Phillip Island: Darcy Thompson, Yianni Caffieri, Leo Savona, Beau Davies, Isaac Savona, Benjamin Chihotski.
Korumburra-Bena: Max Donoghue, Charlie Carew, Zachary Barrett, Tarkyn Walker, Tadgh Ganon, Finn Donohue.

2022 FINALS SERIES		LADDERS																			
WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION		SENIOR FOOTBALL					RESERVES FOOTBALL					THIRDS FOOTBALL					FOURTHS FOOTBALL				
ELIMINATION FINALS		TEAM	PTS	%	W	L	TEAM	PTS	%	W	L	TEAM	PTS	%	W	L	TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
Phillip Island Reserves	Phillip Island U18's	Tooradin-Dalmore	68	266.75	17	1	Tooradin-Dalmore	72	754.79	18	0	Tooradin-Dalmore	52	285.62	13	2	Inverloch-Kongwak	68	561.00	17	0
v Koo Wee Rup	v Garfield	Phillip Island	64	221.60	16	2	Nar Nar Goon	60	207.45	15	3	Inverloch-Kongwak	48	479.76	12	2	Phillip Island	60	446.00	15	1
Saturday August 20	Sunday August 21	Inverloch-Kongwak	56	177.15	14	4	Phillip Island	52	257.12	13	5	Cora Lynn	44	200.64	11	3	Warragul Industrials	48	316.26	12	4
Kilcunda Recreation Reserve	Bunyip Recreation Reserve	Nar Nar Goon	52	174.27	13	5	Cora Lynn	52	205.37	13	5	Phillip Island	44	213.04	11	4	Korumburra-Bena	44	170.73	11	6
		Cora Lynn	48	141.83	12	6	Bunyip	48	206.72	12	6	Garfield	40	271.31	10	4	Garfield	40	106.36	10	6
		Warragul Industrials	40	122.79	10	8	Koo Wee Rup	44	195.51	11	7	Nar Nar Goon	20	77.78	5	10	Bunyip	32	113.47	8	8
		Bunyip	32	93.11	8	10	Inverloch-Kongwak	36	137.11	9	9	Korumburra-Bena	16	45.70	4	10	Koo Wee Rup	28	72.46	7	9
		Koo Wee Rup	28	82.72	7	11	Warragul Industrials	24	69.29	6	12	Bunyip	16	44.19	4	11	Kilcunda Bass	16	39.26	4	12
		Kilcunda Bass	28	63.73	7	11	Dalyston	20	47.18	5	13	Koo Wee Rup	12	64.62	3	12	Nar Nar Goon	16	39.19	4	13
		Dalyston	8	42.92	2	16	Garfield	12	50.37	3	15	Dalyston	0	9.72	0	13	Dalyston	8	38.97	2	13
		Garfield	4	40.05	1	17	Korumburra-Bena	8	12.33	2	15	Kilcunda Bass	0	0	0	0	Tooradin-Dalmore	0	13.98	0	17
		Korumburra-Bena	4	32.85	1	17	Kilcunda Bass	4	15.90	1	17	Warragul Industrials	0	0	0	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0	0
SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION																					
U12 Blue v Leongatha	U14 'sBlue v Inverloch																				
Sunday August 28	Sunday August 28																				
Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve	Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve																				
NETBALL																					
U17's v Cora Lynn - B Grade v Dalyston																					
A Grade v Tooradin																					
Saturday August 20																					
Kilcunda Recreation Reserve																					
U11's v Tooradin																					
Sunday August 21																					
Bunyip Recreation Reserve																					

Last round of the season for our C Graders

C Grade

With a disrupted start to the season, the C grade superstars' fun squad eventually found their mojo to play some very solid, if not entertaining at times netball.

Disappointed not to make finals by a very narrow margin but all was not lost as there were more positives than negatives during the season.

Drawing with Korumburra/Bena this week 34 all typified the season, so close!

The C Grade girls gave it everything all year, well done to the team.

Steph Kranner (captain) – Dynamic leader whose work rate was always 100 per cent all year.

Chloe Moxey (GD) – Was so solid always, rebounding intercepts moving forward, leading the defence.

Ruby Formosa (GK) – Stepped up big time, so calm with a great reach blocking many incoming goals.

Abby Mc Caughan (GK) – Early super star, out injured again!

Niki Williams (WD) – Great start to the season then packed her bags and van and off we go.

Rose Van Rooy (WD) – Our laughing blond bombshell is the happiest player in the league, and explosive defence pressure all game.

Chloe Kallis (WA) – Our voice, when she was on, so was the team, such a positive presence on and off the court.

Katie Jones (GA) – Pocket rocket who shot so well all season, always against much taller opponents, lightning fast.

Isabella Santorini (GS) – First Under 15 player, played the pressure spots in goals and defence when needed and played like a champion with the big girls.

Maya Huther (WA) – Second Under 15 player, up and coming super star, ball skills way above her age. Watch this space.

Mika White (GS) – Third Under 15 player teamed up beautifully with Maya to drop so many goals late in the season, deadly shot.

Tori Lee Cleeland (WD) – We are expecting big and beautiful things from Tori very soon!

Jodie Ross (super coach) – Coached the girls so well all year, at training or game day, keeping the positive vibe going, made the right moves (sometimes) and is the perfect mother hen to the super stars fun squad.

Pete Chaston – (manager of fruit and lollies, scissors, clippers or tape).

It was such a pleasure to hang out with this bunch of girls this year, everyone improved out of sight, and it was an absolute privilege to be involved.

Such a great positive season.

Go Doggies.

B Grade

And just like that, the home and away season comes to an end.

With a venture down to the land of the Giants, the Island girls were looking forward to having a positive and fun end to the season against friendly competition.

The girls needed to gain their mojo back and focus on what they do so well after a couple of challenging weeks.

Despite the score board going their way, the girls started flat and needed to find their voices, intensity and pressure if they were to prepare for the finals season ahead.



The C grade Superstars Fun squad, their last game ended with a nail-biting draw with Korumburra this week.

With some team challenges put to them at half time, the girls lifted and certainly started to see their mojo back in fine form.

As always, it was a cold and dreary day in The Burra but the girls were very happy to take a solid win in what was an enjoyable game with extra laughs.

The B Grade Babes are so proud of their season together so far and are excited for finals next week.

A tremendous effort in finishing third on the ladder, well done ladies! Final score: PI 54 def Korumburra-Bena 23.

Best on awards: Kylie Hammond and Lily Huther.

U17s

Our U17s girls were up against second placed on the ladder Korumburra.

Last time the teams met Korumburra had a convincing win against our Island team.

It looked like the game was going to go the same way in the first quarter as Korumburra took a quick seven straight goal lead.

However, the girls managed to calm the nerves and started the slow come back.

And come back they did!

The rest of the game was a hotly contested affair and all players on both teams gave everything.

Well done to the girls managed to take a massive confidence boosting win.

Final scores: Phillip Island 43 to Korumburra 41.

U15s

The sun was out, the court nearly dry under foot and the U15s came knowing they had to give it their all.

Burra matched the first quarter goal for goal, defenders Sophia and new to the role Abbey had their work cut out for them.

The mid court passes were direct with no fault only strong opposition.

First quarter the Island was down when the siren sounded.

Second quarter a change-up of positions that proved effective.

Meika and Aisha impressively smashed it at the attack end and out jumped the defence when the rebounds were needed.

It was at this time the game turned around; the Island girls scored double to Burra for the second quarter.

Bella and Sophia were outstanding with intercepts and defended well in the goal circle and often the ball was sent back up the court.

The third quarter decision to keep the girls in the same positions was a great call by coach Cath and helped to keep a strong lead.

Maya drove the team for a full game in centre dominating every third. Hazel, Matilda and Grace shared the wings throughout the game and the team drove it home to a much wanted, relaxed and happy win.

Great game girls.

Island 43 - Burra 31.

This win helped maintain a top two position on the ladder giving a great head start for finals.

Mid-week bowls results

South West Gippsland midweek bowls winners were Mark Andreatta, Luke Monckton, Pauline McWilliams and Bob Arnold.

Runners up were John Nicholson, Sue Stansfield, Vicky Barns and Peter Taylor.

One Game winners were Michael Dady, Frank D'Unienville, Jan Brown and Michael Saunders.

Midweek bowls was played at Lang Lang with 23 happy bowlers ready to have a great day of bowling and as always great company.

The day turned out cold with only a few drops of rain while we were playing, as soon as we finished our two games the heavens opened although we were cold, we managed

to have our day relatively unscathed.

The rink was in good condition although the wind played havoc with our bowls.

We could hear some funny comments about where our bowls ended up. As usual high scores were recorded – winners 36 points, runner up 25 points and One Game winners 24 points.

More than a few wrong biases were recorded but all the culprits wanted to remain anonymous, so the money just magically appeared in the RCH tin.

Thank you to Colin a member of Lang Lang for tending the bar for us and Vicky also a member of Lang Lang for tending to the kitchen.

Thank you to members who



The winners of Midweek bowls played at Lang Lang Luke Monckton (3), Bob Arnold (L), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Mark Andreatta (S) (Not Shown).

brought items for the free raffle table, please contribute to it as it makes for a lot of fun and some very nice items are donated.

Next week we will play at Corinel-

la, 10am at the club for a 10.30am start. BYO lunch, please be on time, everyone welcome. For more information, please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

Phillip Island Bridge

Monday, August 8 was the first week of the winter pairs red points event with five and a half tables competing.

Leaders to date are Maureen Stiles and Hannah Martin on 60.19 per cent.

Shirley Stewart and Greg Nicholson and Bron Sund and Graham Mckergow tied for second place on 57.29 per cent.

Third place went to Moya Crowley and Michael Dooley on 51.85 per cent.

Many thanks to Greg Nicholson for directing on the day.

On Wednesday, August 10 Ann Green and Phil Rinder came third with an even 50 per cent.

Phillip Chapman kindly agreed to come and fill in a last-minute gap and he and his partner Graham Mckergow took second place on 51.67 per cent.

Trish and Don Stewart-Uden returned from holidays refreshed and leapt to the lead with 66.67 per cent.

Euchre Results

Ladie's winner: Bet Steveson – 7 wins.

Men's winner: Ernie Baker – 6 wins.

Encouragement Award: Bob Hee. Great turn up this week.

Tell your friends to come along and have some fun.

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

Phillip Island golf results

Tue, August 9: Men's 4BBB

Winners were Dave Miers and Pete Gray with 47 points.

Runners up on countback were Shane Palmer and Ron Davies with 43 points.

NTP 5th Gino Manfredi, 7th Allan Schache, 10th Pete Gray and 17th Jeff Bennett.

BDL to 42 points.

Nine Hole Stableford winner was John Niven.

Wed, August 10: Ladies Monthly Medal Stroke

The winner was Robyn Docker (37) with nett 72 and runner up was Vicki Ramage with nett. 74.

Monthly Medal winner sponsored by EMG Consulting was Robyn Docker.

NTP: 5th Michelle Barker, 7th Judy Hendry and 10th Helen Coghlan.

Nine Hole Stroke winner was Robyn Cornell with nett 37. Winner of least Putts was Mary Taylor and best gross was Helen Coghlan 95.

Thu, August 11: Open Stableford

Rowan Wales (18) was the winner with 41 points from Matt Brown (8) with 35 points.

BDL to 32.

NTP 5th Allan Schache, 7th Ron Young, 10th John Maglica and 17th Steve Sloss.

Nine-hole competition winner was Clive Hill.

Sat, Aug 13: Men's Stableford

A Grade winner Adrian O'Gorman (9) with 37 points.

A Grade runner up Morgan Ward (9) with 33 points.

B Grade winner John McKechnie

(16) with 36 points.

B Grade runner up Tony Shannon (13) with 34 points.

C Grade winner Dave Ablett (20) with 38 points countback.

C Grade runner up Colin Morris (25) with 38 points.

Ladies Stableford winner Karen Green (11) with 34 points from Barb Haydon (35) with 32 points.

NTP Men's: 5th Mark Haringsma, 7th Morgan Ward, 10th Chris Sanderson and 17th Steve Mack.

NTP Ladies: 7th Karen Green, 7th Tracey Cuff and 17th Karen Green.

Nine-hole Stableford winner was Reg Browne (33) with 17 points.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 17 AUG	THU 18 AUG	FRI 19 AUG	SAT 20 AUG	SUN 21 AUG	MON 22 AUG	TUE 23 AUG
HIGH 4:39 am 2.92 m	HIGH 5:29 am 2.92 m	HIGH 6:14 am 2.89 m	LOW 12:01 am 0.48 m	LOW 12:37 am 0.53 m	LOW 1:14 am 0.60 m	LOW 1:52 am 0.69 m
LOW 10:15 am 0.65 m	LOW 11:00 am 0.76 m	LOW 11:41 am 0.89 m	HIGH 6:56 am 2.82 m	HIGH 7:37 am 2.74 m	HIGH 8:19 am 2.66 m	HIGH 9:04 am 2.59 m
HIGH 4:58 pm 3.03 m	HIGH 5:32 pm 2.96 m	HIGH 6:03 pm 2.86 m	LOW 12:20 pm 1.01 m	LOW 12:59 pm 1.25 m	LOW 1:38 pm 1.25 m	LOW 2:23 pm 1.36 m
LOW 10:45 pm 0.52 m	LOW 11:24 pm 0.48 m		HIGH 6:33 pm 2.76 m	HIGH 7:03 pm 2.65 m	HIGH 7:37 pm 2.54 m	HIGH 8:16 pm 2.43 m

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Jess Gisslingham played a ripper of a game in the Reserves match against Korumburra and celebrates one of his five goals that he kicked in the match.

Wood, sun and rain clouds from Southern California

Bright sunny skies welcomed all on Saturday morning for the final home and away round for the year, with the Bulldogs heading to Korumburra to take on the Giants.

Brought back memories of that great song 'It never rains in Southern Korumburra (perhaps California, but close), it pours, man it pours'.

With an interesting forecast, the song may turn out to be true!

As part of special fund-raising for the Korumburra club, a large trailer of wood was on offer for the club raffle.

The 'luck' of the Vernons continued, this time Bulldogs coach and leader Beau Vernon coming out the winner of the wood.

Hope Beau has an open fire, and a towbar on his van!

Seniors

With Cam Pedersen and Matt Jackson being 'managed' – with arm twisting to excruciating levels being reported – the Bulldogs headed in with a number of changes against Korumburra.

A difficult year for the opposition, with just one win, and bottom position all but locked in.

With the heavens most surely closing in after bright sunshine for the curtain raiser games, the game started in dreary, cold, and drizzling conditions.

The play matched the conditions, with constant forays into the forward line for the Bulldogs resulting in, well, not much.

Six straight points by the midway point had nightmares of games past coming back for the Bulldogs, but finally a goal and a 14-0 lead at quarter time.

Zac Vernon, and the Taylor two – this time Billy and Ben Taylor – leading the stats.

Q2 wasn't much better – Eli (Dr



Harry O'Brien had another great game in the seniors.

Evil) Richards was outstanding, with his on-ball colleague Zac Vernon everywhere.

Levi Robinson and Jason Tomada led the defence stout.

Tarquin McMillan matched his more experienced opponent in the ruck, whilst Matt Jones was having his best day for some time on the wing.

Unfortunately, the results were not on the board, as the points continued, and a 36-1 score line at half time.

The third continued the relatively uninspiring footy combined with drizzling rain – not quite pouring but making sure that song continued to ring true!

Max Blake took charge with three goals, with Brendan Kimber deciding enough was enough, destroying the opposition with bone crunching tackles combined with classy footy.

Harry O'Brien began making his presence felt in the forward line, as the Bulldogs kicked six goals eight to move to an 80-1 lead.

Three quarter time saw reports the Korumburra president offered suitable enticements for a goal – any goal – from his team.

All of a sudden, the game came alive with three goals to Korumburra, and eight (with only three points) for the Bulldogs in a quarter unrecognisable from first three.

Max Blake was supreme, the Evil twins Eli Richards and Zack Wagner on top, whilst the Taylors-two were strong.

On to the finals and a well-earned second place on the ladder, giving the team a well-earned break next weekend before heading to Inverloch to take on Tooradin in two weeks' time.

Scores:
Phillip Island: 1.8.14, 4.12.36, 10.20.80, 18.23.131.

Korumburra-Bena: 0.0.0, 0.1.1, 0.1.1, 3.6.24.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Max Blake 5, Zak Vernon 2, Harry O'Brien 2, Cameron Brown, Billy Taylor, Tarquin McMillan, Matthew Jones, Zach

Wagner, Eli Richards, Jack Taylor, Jesse Patullo.

Korumburra-Bena: Jay Walker, Darcy Hargrave, Matt Kennewell.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Eli Richards, Zak Vernon, Max Blake, Jason Tomada, Harry O'Brien, Billy Taylor.

Korumburra-Bena: Matthew Lello, Jay Walker, James Dunn, Josh Hargreaves, Liam Hall, Darcy Hargrave.

Reserves

In the final game of the home and away season the reserves needed a solid win against Korumburra to cement third spot.

Excitement in the room's pre-game, with the news that the magnificent duo Jess Gisslingham and James Stirton were kitted up to play their second games for the year!

Beware Korumburra, and that was to be very true.

A strong seven goal first quarter set up the game for the Bulldogs with an even spread of goal kickers.

Luke James was dominant in the ruck and Dean Blake and Blake Christopher were providing plenty of forward drive.

The Island continued in the second quarter with a big ten goal return, and it was club legend Jess Gisslingham who booted three majors to rapturous applause from the crowd.

Connor Thompson and Sam McRae continued their great form playing a solid four quarter game and with two more majors taking Gisslingham's total to five for the day, the game was safe.

The reserves secured third spot for the year with an elimination final awaiting against Koo Wee Rup next week.

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