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Phillip Island swimmer Bowen Gough narrowly missed out on a medal, coming fourth in the Commonwealth Games Men's 200m Butterfly earlier this week, with a time of 1:56.840, just fractions of a second behind English swimmer James Guy. The former Newhaven College student swam and trained at Wonthaggi and Leongatha with Wonthaggi and South Gippsland Bass Swim Club, before moving to Nunawading Swim club to assess better aquatic facilities and coaches. In 2021, Bowen won gold in the 200m Butterfly event at the Australian Championships.

Boat ramp carpark cost blowout

Another cost blowout has hit Bass Coast Shire coffers, with the proposed Anderson Road boat ramp carpark upgrade almost doubling its budget.

The eastern carpark upgrade was originally set to cost \$360,000, but after being "impacted by global material cost escalations" the budget will now be \$676,000.

However because the shire successfully applied for a grant of \$338,000 from the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), the actual cost to council has been reduced by \$22,000 to \$338,000.

"In addition to a better understanding of the project needs, material costs have escalated significantly since 2020," shire officers said to explain the

cost blowout.

More recently the current construction of the PICAL building on Warley Avenue was hit with a cost blow out.

Cr Ronnie Bauer unsuccessfully attempted to move a motion to defer voting on the boat ramp budget increase.

Cr Bauer reiterated previous concerns about the loss of three gum trees from the site to make way for the carpark, describing it as "environment vandalism".

"We have an opportunity here. We can right a wrong. This project should not be built in its current form," Cr Bauer said.

"Let's be brave and defer this project. Let's redesign the carpark, taking into account the community

concerns and the welfare of the (trees)."

He said the three gums would "under normal circumstances" have been protected under the shire's proposed significant tree register.

Opposition

As detailed previously in the Advertiser, surrounding residents have criticised the plans for the new eastern car park - which will formalise the current casual small carpark.

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

In addition, he said the new eastern car park and turning bay was set to be

raised 700mm.

"With the new car park set to be higher and closer we will have cars turning facing into our property, including our dining room and balcony," he said.

Cr Bauer unsuccessfully moved a motion at a council meeting earlier in the year, calling for the redevelopment to be stopped and plans be redesigned to stop the lopping of three gum trees.

Shire officers said following the initial design, a portion of the carpark plan was rotated to the north to increase the tree offset and they had used an "avoid and minimise" process to reduce vegetation removal.

They said the project was tender ready with all permits approved.

Why bulldoze ahead with carpark?

Doubt has been cast on the need for an expanded Anderson Road boat ramp carpark in a submission to Bass Coast Shire.

The Phillip Island Conservation Society has questioned why the shire is forging ahead with the eastern carpark expansion, which will see the removal of three large gum trees and has been criticised by local residents and one councillor (see separate story).

"We question the strategic need for significant car park works and the need to remove a large amount of vegetation," the PICS submission states.

"A car park of this scale appears to have limited strategic support. Under the proposal there would be an unfortunate loss of habitat and only limited replanting."

The submission states consultants GHD wrote a plan for council in 2009, which suggested "a modest improvement in the east car park could occur at a cost of \$50,000".

"The cost of the current proposal is in the vicinity of \$675,000," the submission states.

"The current proposal appears to be vastly more significant than the GHD proposal and the proposal is not recognised by the state as a project requiring funding."

"On this basis the need for a fully sealed and extensive parking area, as proposed by council has not been identified by boaters or the state as necessary."

PICS says if the project goes ahead, there should be significant replanting and removal of weeds in sand dunes.

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Correction

The replacement of power poles last week in Bonwick Avenue was carried out by the developer of the new Westernport Views Estate, and not by AusNet Services, as reported on the front page of last week's edition.

AusNet Services is not responsible for the works which form part of the Westernport Views Estate.

The works were designed and constructed by the developer for the estate and their contractors.

The work referred to in our front page story, which saw existing power poles replaced with three metre higher installations, to carry high voltage wires along Bonwick Street into the new estate, was designed, financed and undertaken by the developer of the Westernport Views Estate.

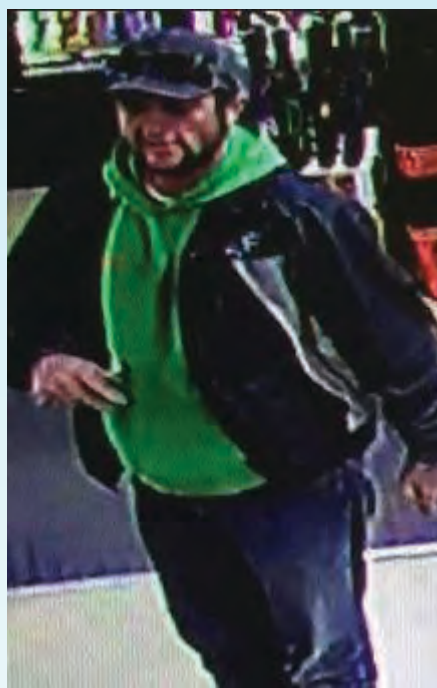


POLICE BRIEFS

Do you know this man?

Police wish to speak with this person (pictured) regarding an investigation relating to the alleged theft at Liquor Land and IGA in Cowes on July 9, 2022.

If you have any information that can assist in their identification, please contact Leading Senior Constable Wagner at the Cowes Police Station on 5952 2037 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.



The overall height of the proposed development at 125 Marine Parade is 13.20 metres, above the preferred three-storeys for San Remo, but comes in the wake of another already approved four-storey development at 131-133 Marine Parade.

Another multi-storey proposal for San Remo

San Remo's skyline continues to grow, with another four-storey retail and apartment development proposed for Marine Parade.

The planning permit for 125 Marine Parade is currently out for public comment, proposing a \$4.2 million building with two retail shops on the ground floor and 14 apartments on the upper levels.

The overall height is 13.20 metres, above the preferred three-storeys for San Remo, but comes in the wake of another already approved four-storey development at 131-133 Marine Parade.

Locals battled the plans for 131-133 in 2019, with Bass Coast Shire councillors rejecting the proposal because of concerns about parking, car stackers and height, but with VCAT overturning council and approving plans in 2020.

"The proposed maximum height is considered acceptable by virtue of the all the re-

cessed upper floor levels, which will not result in the building being visually dominant over the streetscape and foreshore area," the permit states.

"The proposal is consistent with the development patterns of the local area. This includes the recently approved development for land at 131 Marine Parade."

Parking

However, unlike many other large developments in San Remo and Cowes, this proposal for 125 Marine Parade provides the required number of car parks, with no plans for car stackers.

The permit allows for 26 car parks which will "accommodate the needs of future residents, visitors, and retail staff".

Rear vehicle and pedestrian access to the building is also provided from Dickie Lane, with

a traffic report stating the lane should be upgraded and paved, but current width acceptable.

"The anticipated traffic volumes generated by the development are considered to be very low, and are expected to be easily absorbed into the surrounding road network."

The land is currently vacant and totals 1333m².

There are no trees on the site.

There is a current planning application, yet to be advertised, for construction of a three-storey building and a reduction in car parking spaces, at 151 Marine Parade San Remo.

Last year San Remo residents urged councillors to reject amendments to the already approved \$6 million complex at 131-133 Marine Parade, which is yet to be approved and seeks to add a fifth storey, 151m² "penthouse" comprised of a living room and deck area on the roof of the building.



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Nature Parks snags a top London caterer

Nature Parks' new caterer is planning to open a day-time restaurant at the Penguin Parade and produce artisan products such as Churchill Island honey, anticipating the food income could be doubled.

Anthony Whitehouse and his company, Create Catering, will offer catering services at all four Phillip Island Nature Parks attractions – the Penguin Parade, Churchill Island, The Nobbies Centre and Koala Conservation Reserve – from this week.

Speaking to the Advertiser on the phone from the UK, where he grew up and cut his teeth in the industry, Anthony described Nature Parks' food offering as a "sleeping giant".

"The Penguin Parade is a world-class venue, it's known around the world, but the food can be better," said the 54-year-old who came to Australia a decade ago.

"I see that Churchill Island can be a really good café for the locals and I'm keen to make a Phillip Island lavender honey there. Home-made and local as much as possible and we'd like to make a smoker.

"So far I've visited about six times this year and watched what people eat. At the Penguin Parade I think there's a great opportunity to pre-order a two-course meal for visitors who come at night.

"We'll do more events, weddings at Churchill Island and corporate events at the parade. We have a Ferrari event already planned for November."

He said the Nobbies' food area would benefit from a renovation.

"When you buy a house you don't knock it down straight away, you figure out what works and what doesn't and then fix it."

Princess Di

A "veteran" of the catering industry in the UK, Anthony has managed and run top eateries, functions and retail businesses from London's Blues Bistro and Bar to Sydney's Taronga Zoo and the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

He has catered for the Monaco Grand Prix, Royal Ascot and prepared meals for Sir David Attenborough and numerous presidents and prime ministers.

"I once turned away Princess Diana for a table. I thought a friend was winding me up



Create Catering founding director and manager Anthony Whitehouse is the Nature Parks' new caterer: "When the G20 summit was in Australia we catered for the UK PM's state banquet, as well as the French president and Indian prime minister."

but it turned out it actually was Kensington Palace calling for a booking.

"When the G20 summit was in Australia we catered for the UK PM's state banquet, as well as the French president and Indian prime minister."

Create Catering was founded in 2014 with one venue and 20 staff and now has 14 venues and 200 staff, including Cricket Victoria, the Australian Museum, Powerhouse Museum and Sydney Observatory.

In the big picture he said it's more important to spend about 80 per cent of a budget on chefs and 20 per cent on product, which

ensures high-quality, homemade meals.

"Most caterers spend vice versa – 20 per cent on chefs – but they buy food and drop it in the fryer.

"The ratio we follow is a bigger risk and you don't get the reward straight away, but the quality of food is much better."

He urged anyone wanting a job – "front of house, chefs, barista, artisan producer – to apply to Create Catering.

Anthony lives in Sydney but will spend three months at Nature Parks to refine the catering model, after that commuting to Phillip Island from NSW.

"I used to commute between Sydney and London every fortnight so coming to the island will be easy.

"I'm very hands on and like to be involved. I will do anything for the client. You'll see me in the kitchen, washing up, cleaning tables."

Anthony said he'd already fallen for Phillip Island.

"I think there's something really mysterious. I can't explain it. I learnt to surf during Covid and found it just cleared my mind.

"Being on the island is the same. I can be super-stressed and wound up but I arrive there and it goes. I just chill."

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Rhyll, San Remo funding sought

Further construction budget blowouts have forced Bass Coast Shire to seek government support to finish major projects, including Rhyll's new playground.

The shire is applying for a grant of \$235,000 to finish Rhyll's playground and heritage walk, as well as a grant of \$517,000 for San Remo's Anderson Street Reserve master plan, which are two applications among five across the shire.

The Rhyll Playspace and Heritage Walk will cost a total \$295,000 with council contributing \$60,000.

"The project budget in this application is more than what is in the adopted budget as the contingency allocation has been increased from 10 per cent to 20 per cent due

to ongoing price increases being experienced on capital projects," shire officers explained.

The Anderson Street Reserve master plan follows community consultation to develop a reserve including universal fitness area, rotunda, plantings for shade, accessible parking and pathways.

The estimated budget is \$617,000 which includes 15 per cent contingency and a council contribution of \$100,000.

If successful the project would be finished by 2023/24 financial years.

"Should council's grant application not be successful, this project will proceed to design stage only as budgeted. Future budget and/or grants will need to be sourced to deliver this project," officers stated.

Petition opposes proposed trails

A petition signed by about 900 people - calling for the Cowes foreshore to be protected from the Bass Coast Shire's proposed walking tracks - has been lodged with council.

The shire's draft tracks and trails strategy identifies 38 new shire trails to expand the existing network, with a foreshore trail from Cowes to Ventnor one of four high priority projects listed in the strategy.

Heather Liney, Cowes Coastcare co-ordinator, launched the petition requesting the shire remove the proposed track along the foreshore between Cowes and Ventnor.

"Please sign to protect the home of wallabies, echidnas, native bush and our fragile dunes from any more human intervention through building tracks, trails, and paths for people to access," the petition stated.

Those who signed agreed with comments including "do not destroy what makes us so special", and "this unique snippet of land provides a crucial reminder of and connection to an Australia prior to colonisation".

In May an online petition calling for a path between Cowes and Ventnor - signed by more than 400 people - was lodged with council.



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"Disgust" at library costs

A Bass Coast Shire councillor has blasted successive state governments for forcing local councils to shoulder the cost of libraries.

Cr Rochelle Halstead expressed her "disgust" at the reduction in local government funding for libraries from state governments, which she said pre-1980 was 80 per cent from the state.

She said consecutive state governments had reduced funding so now local councils provided 80 per cent to the bottom line of library services, with Bass Coast providing 85 per cent or \$1.94 million in the 2022/23 budget.

Cr Halstead added this had seen a reduction in services, such as the Grantville mobile library.

However Cr Leticia Laing, a council library representative, responded saying there had not been a reduction in services, with recent new services including \$900,000 to the Cowes Cultural Centre library, new San Remo and Grantville libraries serviced more regularly with growing members.

Cr Laing acknowledged they needed to "strongly" advocate for ongoing funding.

Cr Halstead was talking during a vote on a new funding formula for local libraries, which are part of the former West Gippsland Library Corporation, now known as the non-profit MYLI (My community Library).



The Newhaven Primary School boys soccer team, with two sets of twins in it, were runners up in the Gippsland State Schools Regional Soccer grand final last week. Team members, who played brilliantly against schools double and twice their size are: Front from left Kaylan Cunariun, Jarvis McDonald, Kavish Cuniarun, Denver Predus and Loklan Newstead. Back from left Kyan Braid, Roy Paterson, Riley Goodwin, Cobie Milner, Jay Barlow and Harvey Paterson.

Regional soccer tournament grand final

The boys from Newhaven Primary School did fantastically and finished runners up in the finals of the Gippsland State Schools regional soccer final last week.

Their first game saw the boys beat Gippsland Grammar School 3-0. In the second round it was a 0-0 draw with Eagle Point Primary in a well fought contest.

The third round saw a loss to St Gabriel's PS from Traralgon of 0-3. St Gabriel's were the eventual winners of the final, but the Newhaven boys played extremely well.

In the school's final match Newhaven beat St Paul's PS from Warragul 3-0.

Coach and teacher at Newhaven Primary, Liam Jury said that he could not be prouder of the boys, who competed against much larger schools.

"We couldn't be prouder of our boys competing against bigger schools and doing so well to finish in second place," Liam said.

"The new soccer kit looked fabulous and everyone enjoyed the sunshine on a glorious winters day."

Public question time green light

Public question time must be held at each council meeting, according to last minute changes to Bass Coast Shire's Governance Rules.

The rules were released for community feedback in April and May, receiving 10 submissions, including five from one individual.

A range of changes have now been included in the final Governance Rules, including changes to gendered language, as well as allowing online attendance by councillors at meetings where legislation allows.

A motion that is lost cannot come before council again for three months.

The rules also state any public question disallowed by the chair will not be read at council meetings.

Public question time must be held at each council meeting, with questions lodged 48 hours prior to the meeting, while no person may submit more than two questions at any one meeting.

Submitters requested the 50-word limit of

questions be expanded, but this was rejected.

"Shire officers do not recommend an increase to four questions per person or an increase in the word limit, this would have a considerable impact on the length of the meeting," officers said.

Cr Ronnie Bauer also failed in a move to raise the public question time word limit from 50 words to 200 words, saying he would even like the public to be able to submit questions by video.

He was also unsuccessful in his bid for the minutes to record the names of any councillors who abstain from voting on a motion.

Cr Bauer said he could in coming months move a motion against governance rules that state any candidate in local, state or federal elections need a planning permit to erect signs.

"The community has the right to know who is standing for election. By being forced to apply for a permit during an election period gives council the power to censor a candidate's freedom of expression."

Reassurance on foot and mouth concerns

Landcare has reassured farmers they are "taking seriously" the threat of foot and mouth disease, with protocols in place.

Bass Coast Landcare's acting executive general manager Robbie Grey issued a statement saying that following concerns from landholders, local Landcare staff were

closely following the advice and direction from relevant authorities on the potential spread of foot and mouth disease from Indonesia.

"We currently have protocols in place, in line with government guidelines, to ensure staff returning from Indonesia do not visit farms for at least one week period after arrival," Robbie said.

"We are already washing down cars between attending properties, and are prepared to implement further measures including sterilising

vehicles between attending properties and footbaths for volunteers or staff entering properties."

He said concerned landholders should implement their own farm biosecurity measures if they haven't already.

Details: www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/animal-diseases/foot-and-mouth-disease/practical-biosecurity-steps-on-your-farm

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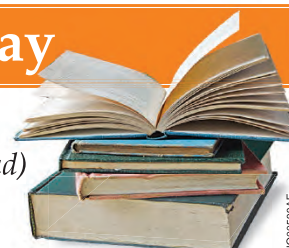
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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Cr Michael Whelan

I note with sadness the passing of Archie Roach. I was a fan of his album 'Charcoal Lane' but reading his book 'Tell me why' gave me much greater insight into Archie's life, a member of the stolen generation who rose to become an icon in Australian music and Australian leader. He told his story through song and rallied his generation with songs like 'Took the Children Away', giving voice to the victims of that shameful episode in our country's history. A wonderful man with an incredible voice, a brilliant songwriter and a great loss.

Bass Coast Shire Council's Business Awards are back for 2022 – and I encourage all local businesses to get involved.

There are six categories for the judged awards, including Access, Equity and Inclusion, Business Innovation, Environmental Sustainability, Leadership, Marketing and Communications and Resilience. The Business of the Year Award will be presented to the highest scoring application across all judged categories.

The awards also have a People's Choice category, which provides the community with a great way to show support for their favourite local businesses.

It's been a challenging time for businesses and these Awards provide an excellent opportunity to reflect on recent achievements and to showcase your business to the community. They also give Council an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful work of our business community.

Nominate your business or vote for your favourite businesses at www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/business-awards before Sunday, August 28 at 5pm.

If your sporting club or community group needs a bit of extra funding to complete a project, host an event or improve your facilities, there is still time to get your application in for Round 2 of our 2022 Community Grants Program.

You can apply for funding of up to \$5000 in the general, festivals, celebrations and events, minor capital works and climate action categories.

If you need a bit more funding, we also offer grants of up to \$10,000 in each round, for up to three major projects and one climate action project. Visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/grants for more information or to apply.

We know that coastal erosion is having a huge impact across Bass Coast's shoreline – but it doesn't stop there. Other coastal shires, including Mornington Peninsula Shire and East Gippsland Shire are also battling to protect their beaches and infrastructure from the ongoing impacts of erosion.

We have been working together with both of these councils and alongside the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance to advocate to the State and Federal Governments for more support when it comes to this important and environmentally significant work.

Mornington, East Gippsland and us all rely on tourism to support our economy and our beaches are a huge part of our appeal.

New fees for hall hire

Hire fees for 10 community halls will start from September 1 after Bass Coast Shire councillors voted to approve new charges.

Under the new fee schedule, Newhaven and Rhyll halls will both cost \$150 to hire commercially for a full day or \$60 for a subsidised community rate at Newhaven (a larger, tier two hall) or \$45 at Rhyll, which is considered a small tier one hall.

Previously where facilities were managed by community committees, hire fees were a committee responsibility and were not monitored by council, who did not charge fees.

"Hire fees and processes have not been consistent across facilities," shire officers explained.

So the council reviewed fees, "benchmarking against other councils" and have now introduced a series of new charges.

Krowera, Kernot, Coronet Bay and Corinella halls will now also have set fees, with most starting at \$15/hour.

"A centralised, online booking system is being explored that could apply to all council venues available for hire," officers added.

Cr Rooks seeks to cancel question time

An Island Ward councillor has failed in his bid to remove the long-standing democratic tradition of allowing the community to ask questions in council meetings.

Cr David Rooks at the July meeting moved a motion to remove public question time from the shire's governance rules.

He was supported in the push by Cr Leticia Laing, but other councillors quashed the move, describing it as anti-democratic.

Cr Rooks reasoned that with the advent of technology – phones, emails, social media – question time was "inefficient" and was used by only a handful of people, who were wedded to an outdated concept.

"Historically public question time at meetings was an important occasion for the community to ask questions," Cr Rooks said.

He said in the last two months shire officers had dealt with 5500 requests via the likes of phone, Facebook and email, "efficiently managing customer contacts", with 77 per cent resolution in first contact.

By contrast he said questions to council had an "unwarranted level of status" and wasted a "disproportionate amount of time".

He compared council question time to a milk bar and other shire contact - through social media platforms, committees and meetings - as a supermarket.

"In the old days the milk bar was fantastic. But as times changed the milk bar disappeared ... and supermarkets superseded milk bars.

"A shrinking audience still use the old system ... everyone else has moved on."

Cr Rooks said 0.27 per cent of questions came through question time and of those a small handful - 45 per cent – of questions were asked by the same six people.

"I think our community would like council to be as efficient as possible."

Cr Laing said councillors "bent over backwards" to meet with the public and "a lot of times our phones run off the hook".

"I think the analogy to a milk bar and supermarket is a good one," Cr Laing said.

Push back

Remaining councillors voted against the motion, with many agreeing question time had been abused by a handful of individuals, but that didn't mean the whole concept should be thrown out.

Cr Ronnie Bauer successfully voted against Cr Rooks motion, arguing it was "an attack on one of the fundamental tenets of our democratic system going back to the Grecian days".

"It goes to the core values of accountability and transparency," Cr Bauer said.

"We are the elected representatives of the ratepayers, and we are answerable to them.

"To suggest the same six people always ask the questions is irrelevant. There are many examples where an issue incites many in the community to write questions for the monthly council meeting. Let us not forget the outcry over the wind turbine or the car ferry.

"There are certain tasks that just need to be factored into the costs of being a shire council."

Cr Bauer said using the same logic, "why are we meeting at all?"

"The monthly council meeting could be truncated to a series of flying minutes. The CEO just emails the items requiring a council decision and councillors email back yes or no. That would be a preposterous situation.

"Question time is a must, not a maybe."

Cr Bruce Kent agreed, adding some public questions at council could be "answered by alternative means".

"I support the community's right to ask questions," Cr Kent said.

Cr Les Larke said it was a question of transparency and choice.

"I like the choice of the milk bar and supermarket. Choice for me is a community asset."

Cr Rochelle Halstead highlighted that council question time was not a money-making business but a public service, saying while supermarkets were faster, the loss of milk bars had also seen the loss of personal service.

"People have a right to ask questions to their councillors," she said.



The two businesses gutted by fire in March last year are now set to be rebuilt.

After fire, bakery rebuild planned

More than a year after fire gutted a Cowes bakery, new plans have been lodged with Bass Coast Shire for a rebuild.

The plans for 28-32 Thompson Avenue – the former site of Kim's Bakehouse and Riley's Fish n' Chips – essentially replaces the building that was destroyed by a blaze in March 2021.

The plans are out for public feedback and include an \$800,000 single storey construction of a bakery and office/shops on the 553m² site.

"The previous building on the subject site was destroyed by fire, and the owners are currently without an income," the planning permit states.

"Kim's Bakery had been operated very successfully by the Tran family for many years. The proposal seeks to rebuild as soon as possible to have the business operating again.

"While the building is only single storey, this does not preclude development of upper levels

in later years when the time is right."

The permit also seeks a reduction in car parking requirements.

While 12 spaces are required, there will be a reduction of nine to just three parks at the rear, with the permit concluding "the proposed development is considered to be appropriate from a parking and access viewpoint".

There is a single gum tree on the site, which does not require a permit for removal.

"The tree does not need to be removed at this stage, but the owner wishes to retain the right to remove it if necessary."

In March last year, fire ripped through the two shops, between the Esplanade and Chapel St, with about 60 firefighters and 17 fire fighting appliances battling the flames for two hours.

The blaze gutted the two buildings with customers from far afield mourning the loss of the much-loved businesses.



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Where are they now?

In this second part of our occasional series, we speak to three locals who grew up on the island, moved away and have now returned. Social researcher Bernard Salt recently told a local conference it was important to attract young residents back to Phillip Island to stop the brain drain, ensuring we keep highly trained workers on our shores.

So here the Advertiser speaks to local kids who are now all grown up.

We ask them about their childhoods, why they left, what made them boomerang home and whether establishing their careers here has been easy. While some say the lifestyle made them return, others say it was housing affordability, being close to family or wanting to give back to the community.

Kara Cassells

Physiotherapist

If you've got a pet, chances are you know the Cassells family name.

David Cassells has run the Cowes Vet Surgery for about 40 years and his daughter Kara remembers helping out as a kid.

"I would have been about nine when I'd help with paper work, in the days there was paper, and I'd even help him with basic things in surgery," recalls Kara who was born on the island.

But animals were not to be her chosen career.

Instead after attending Cowes Primary School and Newhaven College (which her grandparents Norma and Alex Cassells helped found), Kara studied physiotherapy at Melbourne University.

She graduated in 2005 and worked around Melbourne and New Zealand, before making the decision to return home, with the main consideration housing affordability.

"There was nowhere in Melbourne that was affordable and the aim was to buy a house, not rent and I had two small dogs so needed a backyard," the 39-year-old recalls.

So she bought in Cowes and has



Balance Health Phillip Island in Warley Avenue, Cowes, has three staff members who all grew up in the area, moved away and have now returned, from left: Casey Cleeland, Kara Cassells, and Kristine Miles.

not regretted it since.

"I was not expecting or planning anything and it has exceeded any

expectations.

"I love the freedom. Covid especially has taught me to appreciate

the small things and I really appreciate going for a walk on the beach and watching the sunset."

While the lifestyle has ticked boxes, her work has been more of a challenge, thanks in large part to Covid.

Initially Kara worked for Gippsland Physiotherapy Group and Bass Coast Health and then set up her own business, Coastal Health with a business partner, which then led her to open Balance Health Phillip Island in Warley Avenue.

Her opening date was March 2020 on the first day of lockdowns.

"It has been emotionally challenging. Every step of the way it has been hard, mainly because of the changing rules and making sure we abide by the guidelines."

She started with three practitioners and now there are 15 staff working at the clinic, offering physio, osteo, myotherapy, pilates and massage.

"Ultimately my goal was to create a work place where everyone feels emotionally empowered to achieve their own goals and that's been achieved so it's satisfying and rewarding."

Such is the appeal of working in the place you grew up that three other staff also returned to the island: Christine Miles, Casey Cleeland and Kirsti Hayward.

Adam Mitchell

Engineer

Growing up in Silverleaves, the son of one of Phillip Island's well-known builders, Adam Mitchell's earliest memories is of his father's big shed full of tools.

"It definitely gave me an understanding of making things," the 40-year-old says.

"But my academic background lent me to pen and paper rather than hands-on building."

Rather than following in the footsteps of his grandfather (builder Jim) and father (builder and engineer Adrian), Adam became a structural and mechanical engineer.

After attending school at Cowes Primary and Newhaven College, Adam studied and gained degrees in engineering and computer science at the University of NSW and went on to work overseas and around Australia, with stints working for Australia's largest construction companies, including Grocon, Lamborghini and Audi, as well as making F35 jet fighters.

He also specialised in public art with composites (carbon fibre and glass fibre), using engineering techniques he learnt whilst working in Germany and the UK automotive industry.

But in 2016 he and his wife Ruth decided to settle down in Cowes with their two sons - Tommy, 10 and Austin, 7 - where Adam started his business AM-A Consulting Engineers, specialising in structural engineering design.

"We really came here to be back with family, to be close to mum, dad and nan."

"Also we didn't want our boys to grow up in the city playing computer games all day. Here they are safe to ride their bikes on the streets with people we know."

Adam, a keen surfer and angler, also shares his hobby with the family, even Ruth learning to surf in the last few years.

Adam says initially moving to Cowes was difficult for Ruth.

"She found it a bit quiet at the start because she'd been in Melbourne since she was 18."

"At times we thought maybe it would be nice to have a few more restaurants, for example, to eat at but even that has improved lately."



Engineer Adam Mitchell has worked around the world and Australia, including at Lamborghini and Audi, as well as making F35 jet fighters. But he chose his boyhood home as his new office.

As for his profession, moving to Phillip Island "is not a career move".

He advises anyone considering making a return to a childhood home to have established a solid network base before making the move.

Even now about 40 per cent of his work is local residential building, with the remainder clients along the eastern seaboard, thanks to his previous job contacts.

Adam's office is directly opposite the Cowes post office, which is Phillip Island's NBN HQ, so he has no problems with uploads.

Equally he says his generation feels comfortable with email and phone calls, rather than face-to-face meetings.

His best advice for anyone contemplating a move home?

"Have a plan b if your business idea doesn't work out to save you uprooting again."

"Although having said that, for everyone I know who has relocated it has worked out. No one I know who has come home hasn't been able to make a go of it financially."



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Rebecca Naughtin Architect

Like most teenagers, Rebecca Naughtin was impatient to leave home.

"I couldn't wait to get away and broaden my horizons," says Rebecca, who attended Newhaven College.

But after studying architecture for nine years, travelling and working around the world – including in Spain and the USA – then having two children, she admits her priorities flipped.

"I'd visit mum and dad in Cowes and every time I'd drive back to Melbourne I'd feel sick. I didn't want to leave."

So at the very start of 2020 she moved to live in Cape Woolamai, with her husband, stay-at-home dad Andrew Werner, and her two kids, aged five and seven.

The 42-year-old says the decision was largely a lifestyle one: to give the children an upbringing on the island and an education at Newhaven College.

But it didn't come without risk.

Having established her own boutique architecture business in the trendy Melbourne suburb of Northcote – specialising in heritage buildings, additions and alterations – Rebecca was aware the move could go belly up.

"In architecture it's all about branding and I didn't know how my branding would sit down here.

"The move was 100 per cent risky. I thought the business might fail and I'd work on tiny, minor alterations and my Melbourne network would lose faith in my ability to deliver projects for them.

"But I was prepared to fail."

Then Covid struck and in a twist of fate Rebecca – who had discovered Zoom ahead of everyone else – benefitted.



Cape Woolamai architect Rebecca Naughtin took the risky step of working remotely two months before Covid hit in January 2020, working from Zoom before any of us had heard of the online platform.

"Covid meant my clients became more open-minded about me working remotely. Everyone's perception changed. That shift in mind set to remote work needed to happen more broadly.

"I have never lost a job because I've moved here. No doors have closed, only doors have opened."

Moving to the island has also delivered a wider spectrum of work, now taking on local projects such as urban planning, single residential developments and even an ecotourism project in Gippsland.

She struggles to name a disadvantage of working remotely but says she has to travel more, about every fortnight to Melbourne to visit building sites and work at her North-

cote office alongside her team of eight staff.

"But I think that's the best of both worlds. I get to eat in Melbourne, take my team out, and stay with old friends."

Rebecca was school captain at Newhaven College and recently returned to her alma mater to speak at the school's foundation day, explaining in coming back to the island she wants to advocate for a work/play balance.

"People, especially in architecture, burn out and work excessive hours for very little pay.

"Moving here has exceeded my expectations on so many levels. It's a far healthier lifestyle.

"There are so many like-minded people – families who come here for the environment."

Meet the Chair of Newhaven College Board – David Jobe

Newhaven College is proud this week to introduce its Board Chair, David Jobe.

Newhaven College's Board of Directors is responsible for the College's governance.

The role of Chair takes a special person. One who is passionate about excellence in teaching and learning, is encouraging and respectful of ideas, and represents the school in our community with dignity and enthusiasm.

David Jobe joined the Newhaven Board in 2015 and in 2021 took on the role of Chair. Greg Price, who had been Chair for 10 years left big shoes to fill. David has embraced the role with both energy and a sense of responsibility.

"Newhaven has given so much to me. It allowed me to be the first in my family to attend university. It has educated my sons. It remains an integral part of our community," he says.

David reflects on his time at Newhaven College at the original Boys Home Road campus.

"It was a close-run thing that the school even got off the ground in the early days. It was running on a shoestring," he said.

Some of his memories of those early days are priceless. "On hot days, our teacher would pile us all into the back of his station wagon and we would go down to Cape Woolamai back beach for a swim at lunch times.

"Of course, there is no way the board would sign off on that now, but on reflection, that same sort of spirit that was created during the school's founding is still here today. The sense of community created by the student's different backgrounds produces a sense of empathy and understanding that helps define us as a school."

David was a Papworth Prize recipient and dux of the school in 1987. He went on to serve as a Pilot Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force and was manager of The Continental Phillip Island before founding Southern Sustainable Developments, a locally-based company developing residential land projects with a focus on envi-



ronmental sustainability.

"In my experience, in three very different careers so far, the things that have helped me the most have been curiosity, passion, critical honest thinking, a sense of humour, and persistence. These were all part of Newhaven values forty years ago, and they remain part of Newhaven's values today," David said.

Looking to the future for Newhaven College, David is optimistic. "We are fortunate to have an energetic and capable principal with a strong background in best-practice education, and a board of highly professional people who each bring important perspectives. My role is to bring out those perspectives to inform our decision-making for the long-term benefit of our students, the College as a whole, and our community."

When addressing Newhaven College students David's message is clear: "To students, particularly in senior years who may be wondering about your futures, which path to choose and what skills you will need, be quietly confident that the values you learn and the character you develop at Newhaven will help you make the most of whatever challenges, surprises and opportunities your future holds because sometimes life doesn't work out exactly as you plan. It's much better."

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TUESDAY AUGUST 9 at 9:30am
PLEASE MEET SARAH TYRRELL OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

New hospital has wow factor!

Construction of the new Bass Coast Health hospital in Wonthaggi is nearing completion. The \$115 million four storey facility is nothing short of magnificent, featuring state of the art design and the very latest in technological advances. The hospital has been carefully planned to anticipate and cater for the future needs of the Bass Coast region. Provision for expansion for the projected population boom set to occur over the next ten years has been a focus in the design, with Bass Coast now recognised as one of the fastest growing areas in regional Victoria. The Advertiser was given a tour of the facility last week and can report that residents will be stunned by the sheer scale and size of the new facility, in stark contrast to what has gone before. The design has focussed on the streamlined delivery of a wide range of health services, many of which will be available in the Bass Coast for the first time. A nod to the district's history is given in splendid entranceway, with a three storey window shaped as a poppet head, and a spectacular 12 metre wall featuring an indigenous work of art, specially designed for this space, currently being created. Historic paintings and friezes will also be installed.

The \$115 million Wonthaggi Hospital is fast taking shape, with handover date by Kane constructions scheduled for November 9. Plans are for the Emergency Department to move in on the second week of December and the inpatient area will follow soon after, so that there is increased capacity before the peak Christmas season. Theatres will move in early January during the quieter operating time and a pre-Christmas opening is planned with opportunity for the community to see through the facility before it opens.

Facilities

Ground floor facilities include an 18 cubicle Emergency Department (ED) complete with an additional eight short stay beds, with convenience of access through a drive through drop off. A separate six bay ambulance complex is connected with a separate entrance for patients being brought in by ambulance and by police. The ED has specially designed rooms for mental health patients, and separate areas for paediatrics and there's a playground for kids adjacent to a comfortable waiting area for both children and adults. Three options present for patients arriving in the ED. A fast track service for patients who present with low acuity emergencies such as football injuries and minor lacerations; a short stay unit for those patients who are not being admitted, but who need monitoring, and triage rooms for assessment that flow people through to resuscitation and acute cubicles. The emergency department is ten times larger than the existing Wonthaggi Hospital facility. With the recent pandemic identifying many different ways the staff need to manage and isolate patients, four isolation rooms are included in the downstairs design. At the push of a button they can be completely sealed with an air filtration system separating them from the rest of the building.

In fact, the whole of emergency



Brendan De Neef – Project Manager, Kane constructions, Kerryn Griffiths – Director, Service Development, Bass Coast Health, Josh Benigno – Contracts Administrator, Kane constructions, Wimal Kirinde – Director of Infrastructure, Bass Coast Health, and Antonio Fazio – Site Manager, Kane Constructions outside the new BCH Wonthaggi Hospital last week.

and the fast track rooms can be isolated at a touch of a button, if necessary. Audio visual facilities are installed in various downstairs location to telehealth to external services if need be. These enable instant access by staff to specialist advice

from elsewhere if needed.

The radiology department is fitted with X Ray, CT Scan, two Ultrasound units, and Fluoroscopy room. Provision has been made downstairs for a Stage 2 extension of the Radiology Department. The huge space is currently being put to

good use, as a tea room for the 200 or so construction workers who are on site every day. The space will be used to accommodate Allied Health and Specialist staff when the construction workers move out. Upstairs on the second floor sees three state of the art operating

suites with digital capacity, and a procedure room that will be used to provide additional day surgery such as endoscopy, ophthalmology and diagnostic capacity. The Day Surgery area that will do the endoscopy/colonoscopy work will be up and running in February along with



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operating theatres and the extensive Central Sterilising service.

The operating theatres feature audio visual screens, with the capacity to livestream from the operating table into a lecture hall and with the reverse opportunity of seeking advice during an operation from an outside health provider. A twelve bed and six chair recovery area is located nearby to enable people to receive immediate post-operative care.

The third floor is home to 32 surgical beds, provided in one and two bedroom wards with a separate six bed paediatric area nearby. The patient lounge area overlooks the township of Wonthaggi and the internal courtyard provides a restful area to get some fresh air. The fourth floor contains much of the new plant and infrastructure required to run this new building, with a new plant area also established outside the front of Armitage House.

Other plans

As soon as the ED moves from Armitage to the new space, the 18 bed sub-acute service will relocate back to the newly refurbished Armitage House from Sleeman ward.

Across the rest of the Wonthaggi site, there are plans ready to refurbish the soon to be vacated areas and create an expanded Pharmacy Department in the old Emergency Department to cater for the increased patient numbers.

An expanded maternity service with neonatal cot capacity is planned so that the 200 plus women who currently have to birth outside the catchment every year, can birth locally. This will be developed in the old theatre space and will aim to be operational in late 2023.

The current medical ward also needs to have its refurbishment completed. Over half the rooms were renovated prior to Covid and there are plans ready to complete the rest of the renovations so that the ward is ready for next winter's peak demand. The nine new chemotherapy and seven current haemodialysis chairs will expand to six days a week in the future, which will be welcomed by Bass Coast residents who used to travel long distances to access these services.

According to Jan Child CEO, all of these infrastructure improvements are important to ensure the sub-region has access to safe, high quality care locally.

"We are making the appropriate applications to receive funding for these renovations so that we can cater for the coming few years of increased demand. We also receive enormous support from our amazing auxiliaries, individual community donors and community groups who are actively fundraising to make sure we can get these services in place. All of our current planning will hold us in good stead until the next stages of the Wonthaggi Expansion (Stages 2 and 3) are funded and built."

Stages 2 and 3 include two new 32 bed wards, a new Outpatient, Allied Health and Community health area, a new and expanded Dialysis and Day Treatment area, new Pathol-

ogy and expanded Radiology precincts, and areas to accommodate the back of house services such as food services, linen and waste. And of course, more car parking!

Future plans

"We have been extremely fortunate to receive extraordinary support from our community, the Department of Health and Government to help Bass Coast Health grow its services over the past six years," Ms Child said.

"Whilst all of these improvements have made it easier for people to get care locally, we are still a long way from finished."

"Over the coming years, as well as planning the next stages for Wonthaggi, we need to plan for a new and much expanded Griffiths Point Lodge service to meet the needs of our older community. Over the coming months we will focus on starting construction for the new Community Hospital at Phillip Island, with November our planned kick off date."

"We will be actively engaging with our partners to improve Mental Health service provision locally; we will expand our Better at Home services (Covid at Home, Hospital in the Home, GEM at Home), to care for more people in their own home environment; we will expand our public Cancer, Cardiology and Urology services and commence a public respiratory service and we will continue to care for the many people who become very unwell with Covid."

"This pandemic is not going away and we will be caring for people for many more months and as always, we know the best way to stay out of our care, is to be vaccinated."

Ms Child paid tribute to the dedication of BCH



Kerryn Griffiths BCH Director Service Development and Wimal Kirinde BCH Director of Infrastructure, stand in the splendid entranceway under construction. When finished it will feature a three storey window shaped as a poppet head, and a spectacular 12 metre wall featuring an indigenous work of art.

staff over what has been a hugely busy time.

"Our staff are doing a fabulous job juggling Covid and all of the service growth. Our biggest challenge, like all health services, continues to be workforce. We have a strong focus on supporting and developing our current staff who continue to go above and beyond every day."

"We are also working with the CUC, University and TAFE groups to grow our future workforce so that we are well placed for future decades."

"We have the best staff group I have ever had the privilege to work with but we need more people who want to make a difference!"

If we can build both our infrastructure and our people, we will be in a very good place going forward."

If anyone wants to be part of BCH's exciting future, please contact the Human Resources team on hr@basscoasthealth.org.au.

Wimal Kirinde was appointed Director of Infrastructure of Bass Coast Health back in 2017, before funding was announced, and has been at the helm of all the building improvements since, including WHE.

Kerryn Griffiths is the Director of Service Development.

Construction on the new hospital began in 2020.

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BASS COAST COLLEGE

SENIOR PROGRAMS INFORMATION SESSIONS

These information sessions are essential for students and their parents to attend in order to gain insight into the programs available at the Wonthaggi Campus and the process of selecting subjects for the 2023 school year. In particular, with the phase out of VCAL across Victoria at the end of 2022, these sessions will be critical for students and their parents to gain an understanding of VCE and the VCE Vocational Major options for their Year 11 & 12 years.

Year 9 into Year 10 Information Sessions
Monday 1st August (7:00pm) @ San Remo Campus (Specialist Building – Library) of Bass Coast College
Tuesday 2nd August (7:00pm) @ Wonthaggi (Senior) Campus (Library) of Bass Coast College

Year 10 into Year 11 (Senior Programs) Information Session
Thursday 4th August (7:00pm) @ Wonthaggi Arts Centre (Graham St)

These sessions are open to current BCC students and prospective students for the 2023 school year. Please note that students who attend an information session may be given preference to access programs and subjects.



Aaron and his wife Sari – who is an environmental engineer – have two children, an eight-month-old and a three-year-old.

Liberal candidate continues dynasty

Some of Aaron Brown's earliest childhood memories are of his father Alan as a member of the Victorian Parliament.

Aaron, who is now the Liberal candidate for Bass in the upcoming state election, was not even born when his dad became the Liberal candidate for Westernport in 1979, later holding various roles including Transport Minister and Opposition leader to 1991.

"I remember it was definitely a busy time and we didn't see him much during the week," recalls Aaron.

"Dad would take us to parliament and it was definitely an exciting place to be. But at that age I didn't understand what was going on."

The experience was clearly formative and at the age of 23 Aaron joined the Liberals, unsuccessfully standing for preselection in 2014, then two years later becoming a South Gippsland councillor for a term.

So given his childhood experience, has Alan been a strong influence in Aaron's desire to enter politics?

"I saw early on when I was a kid there are roles where you have a chance of being able to help people in the community and while council is definitely important, there is more you can achieve and that's why I was drawn to standing (for this election)," the 35-year-old says.

"My dad is a great resource to have because he's done a lot of interesting things in public life but ultimately people will vote for me based on what I have done and the policies we have as a party."

Farming

Aaron, one of four Brown children, says he was 10 when Alan was sent

by then premier Jeff Kennett to the UK as Agent General for Victoria, where they lived for three years.

He returned to live with his parents on their 500ha farm at Wattle Bank near Wonthaggi, initially attending Newhaven College for two years, before finishing schooling as a boarder at Scotch College.

He studied veterinary science but pulled out after three years and instead finished a Bachelor of Agriculture at Melbourne University, at 22 returning to the family farm where he now runs and leases a section of the property with 300-head of Angus cows.

"I enjoy working with livestock and using my hands," he says.

He was 23 when he joined the Wonthaggi branch of the Liberals, frustrated by the cost of the then Brumby Government's desalination project.

"I was concerned about it and it was a good chance to get involved in the local debate."

After losing preselection to successful candidate Brian Paynter, who went on to become Liberal MP for Bass (who then lost to current Labor MP Jordan Crugnale), in 2016 Aaron opted to stand for South Gippsland council.

It was the same time his brother Julian decided to stand for Bass Coast Shire.

South Gippsland proved to be a tough gig, with Aaron resigning in 2019 after the council was sacked and put into administration.

"I had raised issues of governance and certain poor behaviours and poor decision making of some councillors, that was my contribution to the commission of inquiry."

"Maybe some people think I was

tarnished, but most people understand it was a unique set of circumstances and I did all I could to improve things."

Policies

As Liberal candidate for Bass – which runs from Pakenham to Inverloch, Aaron has already promised sweeteners to Phillip Island voters.

This includes \$42 million for the construction of a new Phillip Island pool, and \$350,000 to upgrade the Phillip Island Football Netball Club if they win the state election in November.

More broadly he says services and infrastructure for the area's growing population is vital, particularly health and education: "I strongly support the community hospital (in Cowes)".

The Liberals, he says, have no plans to expand town boundaries.

Fixing crumbling coastlines and erosion is another key platform, adding the party's shadow environment minister has released policies on solar panels and batteries to tackle climate change, including an emission reduction target of 50 per cent by 2030 and solar rebates up to \$4400.

He says his biggest strength is being able to listen to people, adding that "doesn't mean I'll be able to resolve everyone's issues".

He adds he's not concerned by the local popularity of Bass Coast Shire councillor and Nationals' election candidate Brett Tessari: "I'm not getting focused on other candidates. I'm focused on the community".

Aaron and his wife Sari – who is an environmental engineer – have two children, an eight-month-old and three-year-old.

"I wouldn't have considered running for Parliament without the support of my wife."

"We want our children to have a stable, well-represented local seat."

"Dad was able to do that and help a lot of people and I too want a better future for kids."

Steph's style guide

When Steph Thornborrow styles a home, people fall in love with it.

Through her Pint Size Property Styling business, which has been operating on Phillip Island for three years, Steph takes a blank canvas – houses to be put on the market for sale – and turns them into a must-have home for would-be buyers.

"I take an empty house and from scratch provide an aspirational lifestyle through interior styling," says the Cowes mother-of-three.

"People want to see the potential in a home they're going to buy. Research shows homes that are staged sell faster and also sell for more."

"You only get one go at making a first impression and so if you want people to fall in love with a space, it's a good idea to style it."

Given she lives and works on the island, Steph describes her staging style as "contemporary, relaxed coastal", able to make homes "lighter, brighter and larger".

"I use lots of natural textures and neutral colours to appeal to a broad audience, also working around the style of the house."

"What you're trying to do is de-personalise it, even though it's tailored and not a one-size-fits-all approach. It's about showcasing a space to the best of its ability."

For 26 years Steph worked in TV production, especially commercials such as ANZ Bank, and Gazman, with a general love of all things creative.

Most recently her creative eye was showcased in the coffee table cookbook, *Over the Bridge*, capturing beautiful images of farms and restaurants across Phillip Island.

She spends hours pouring over interior magazines, Pinterest and Instagram.

Steph says staging homes is a concept that has been popular in Melbourne for years, and while there are

local interior designers, there was a gap in the market for real estate staging on the island.

Coastal chic

At the rear of her home she has a shed brimming with furniture, in addition to three storage units, the result of constantly collecting targeted items.

She has about 10 sofas, 20 beds, artworks, rugs and a beautiful array of pure linen bedding because "I love dressing beds".

As such she can only stage about four homes per month, also working in with her part-time role as Newhaven College's marketing and communications manager, as well as her charity work with St Vincent de Paul.

Steph will initially visit a home, take photos and send through a proposal to a vendor before taking a day to move in furniture and style, working with both real estate agents and sellers.

A sale campaign lasts for six weeks and starts at about \$3000.

Steph has completed a floristry course and is a big believer in using botanicals to bring a styling project to life. She offers a free service to update foliage every two weeks as part of the package.

Ray White Phillip Island agent Bec Anderson agreed styling increases a property's saleability and helps photography.

"Steph's eye for detail has helped transformed many of my listings, and I believe has assisted in better sale prices for the property owners," Bec says.

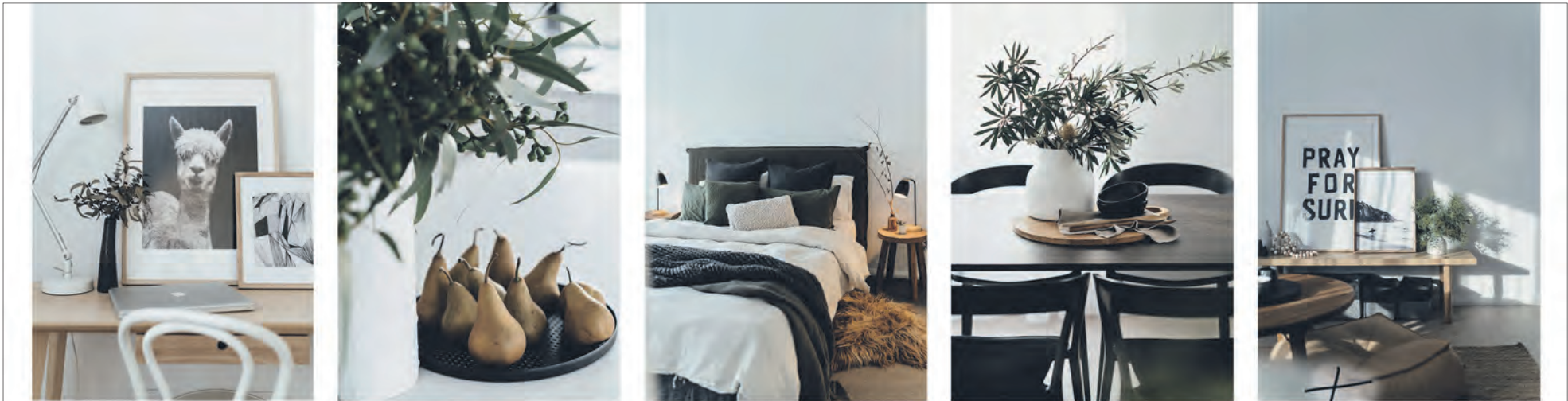
Steph added staging now was paramount, giving an advantage over homes that aren't styled.

"Given the real estate market has slowed down it's more important than ever for more than one buyer to fall in love with your property."

Details: www.pintsize.com.au



Steph Thornborrow's Pint Size Property Styling business stages Phillip Island homes on the market for sale, with research showing staging helps a home sell faster and for more. Pic: Claire Davie.



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PICAL trivia night

Last Friday night's PICAL trivia night was a huge success, with a large section of the community turning out in force to support the PICAL organisation's trivia fundraiser.

PICAL President Jeff Floyd described the event, held at the Phillip Island Golf Club, as not just a fundraiser but a community celebration of everything that PICAL stands for.

"It was just wonderful to see the community turn out for PICAL," Mr Floyd said.

He made special mention to the army of wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to put this very successful event together.

He also gave special thanks to the many businesses and individuals across the island and Bass Coast that contributed so generously with items for the charity auction.

The night is expected to have raised in excess of \$10,000, which will assist PICAL with its operation.



Christine Ash, Sally Tennant, Lorraine Thompson and Lynda and Per Clark at last Friday night's trivia fundraiser.



Steve Harvey (centre) from Ray White Phillip Island, kindly donated his time to call the auction items at the PICAL trivia fundraising event on Friday night. He is pictured with his "spot-ter" Jeff Floyd, Chair of the PICAL committee (left) and incoming treasurer Graeme Turner.



Enjoying Friday night's trivia night are Lorraine and Greg Thompson, Glenyce and Peter Paul, and Anita and Paige Andrew



John and Trish Cerini, Nancie Robinson and Cr Ronnie Bauer, look like they were having a lot of fun.



Lynne Thomas, Brian and Fran Mandergenddes, Christine Robertson, Nikki Kelly, Michelle McKenzie and Ian Hope enjoy the trivia festivities on Friday night.



Stuart Wardle, Libby Diprose, Graeme Turner (front) with Peter Hartley, Tim Mullen and Bill Young at the PICAL trivia night.



Winners are grinners! Winners of the PICAL trivia night were The Elder Milleniels Plus Tovah team. Pictured celebrating they are Bella Pruyzers, Fybian Chakaodza, Lea Kelly, Tovah Mutukura, Laura Brown, Tracey Bell and Jill Sands. Team member Dave Pruyzers is not pictured.)



Pam Spencer, pictured with PICAL committee member Denise Gill during the festivities at the PICAL trivia night.



Family day care children on an excursion to the Bass Coast Health Dental Clinic, being seen by a Dental Therapist.

Love your teeth this Dental Health Week

Children, families and staff at early childhood services across Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire are getting excited about Dental Health Week, with this year's theme being 'Love your teeth'.

Dental Health Services Victoria (DHSV) supports the Australian Dental Association's campaign, which runs from August 1 – 7.

This year's campaign focuses on the importance of taking steps to care for your teeth and gums.

Through DHSV's Smiles 4 Miles program, early childhood services are spreading the message about the importance of good oral health habits for the whole family.

The Smiles 4 Miles program is an initiative of DHSV and is implemented locally by Bass Coast Health. It aims to improve the oral health of Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire preschool aged children and their fami-

lies by encouraging healthy eating, healthy drinking, good oral hygiene and regular dental visits.

Smiles 4 Miles coordinator Beth says: "There are 30 kindergartens, long day care centres and family day care providers participating in Smiles 4 Miles this year. This means Smiles 4 Miles is working to improve the oral health of 2025 of our youngest community members and their families!"

During Dental Health Week, early childhood services will be teaching children about brushing their teeth twice a day, the importance of regular dental visits and engaging families on the importance of limiting sugary foods and drinks through 'sometimes and everyday foods' displays in their centres.

For more information on Dental Health Week visit www.teeth.org.au/dental-health-week



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From left, Marianne Brennan, president of the Phillip Island/San Remo Legacy Widows' Club, with secretary Maureen Matthews and Treasurer Dianne Holtrop ready to cut the cake at the club's recent 36th anniversary celebrations. Nearly 50 people from as far away as Foster and Hastings enjoyed lunch at the Palms on Phillip Island.



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It's party time at the Senior Cits Club

August 12 next week at the Senior Citizens Club in Lion's Court in Cowes is set to be a red letter day for members, with the much anticipated 50th birthday celebrations planned twelve months ago, now able to go ahead.

Hopes were dashed this time last year when the Club's major milestone party had to be cancelled because of lockdowns.

But it's all smoothing sailing now, with an extra special celebration planned next week for birthday number fifty one.

Highlights of the day include entertainment by the 10 piece Police Scottish Highland Band, and the cutting of a huge cake which is being specially made for the Club by the Phillip Island Bakery.

Club secretary Liza Lee is busy with the Lion's Club committee planning lots of fun activities, and local businesses, says Liza, have been very generous with donations of goods and vouchers as prizes to be won throughout the afternoon.

Liza said a new committee has just been elected, and the day will also be a chance for members to meet them.

After 11 years at the helm, Alan Droscher has stepped down as president, handing the baton on to Teena Burns.

Alan has done an outstanding job as president over this period, taking the Club forward and opening up the very comfortable and spacious clubrooms for community use, among other things.

He has also been a strong advocate out in the community for a number of causes that affect the seniors population, and in particular since 2011, lobbying strongly for 24/7 emergency



The Senior Cits Club is turning 51 next week, and everyone is invited! Committee members from left Diane Barker, Suzanne Anderson, Heather McRae, Marlene Droscher, Terri Moore and Allan Droscher are busy preparing for the big event.

care and a community hospital to be established on Phillip Island.

Liza said that the Club is always delighted to welcome new members, and there are a wide range of activities to take part in.

As well as the social activities of indoor bowls, snooker, billiards, and cards, bingo is now played at the Clubrooms on the first Thursday of

each month. Ball room dancing is great fun on Monday nights. Carpet bowls is played weekly. A model train club runs on Sunday afternoon, with train club enthusiasts currently preparing for a September exhibition.

And the Club's craft and sewing ladies do a great job, turning out wonderful items for sale. The Mecwcare Group now run the Planned Activi-

ties Group (PAG) sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the frail and older members of the community

A monthly delicious roast lunch is held on the first Friday of the month for everyone to enjoy together, and Mecwcare provides use of their bus to the Club to ensure those without transport can be picked up and dropped off, and join in the fun.

Liza said that everyone at the Club is looking forward to the August 12 celebration, and that anyone who would like to come is welcome.

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Helen Excell was recognised at an event hosted by the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal team on Phillip Island last week, for 25 years of distinguished service co-ordinating the Cowes appeal annually. Over that time approximately \$650,000 was raised. Unfortunately, Helen was unable to attend the presentation, but she is pictured here with husband Reg Excell on the job back in 2018.

Royal Children's Hospital says thank you

The Good Friday Appeal team were on Phillip Island last week, to say thank you to the Appeal's co-ordinators from throughout South Gippsland over a long period of time. The thank you event was held in the theatre at the Penguin Parade, and attended by appeal co-ordinators and volunteers from across our region. Executive Director of the annual appeal, Rebecca Cowan, described those present as "the backbone of our appeal." Cowes resident Helen Excell was recognised at the presentation for 35 consecutive years of fundraising for the annual Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Helen hit the milestone in 2020, with well

over \$600,000 being raised in Cowes over that period. Helen, with the help of her husband Reg and volunteers, worked tirelessly throughout those years to make sure that the whole community came together to support this important fundraiser annually. The team from Woolworths was also recognised and thanked for their support of the Appeal over a long period. Woolworths has been a major sponsor of the Good Friday Appeal over the last 25 years and the Good Friday Appeal team recognised that support and thanked them for their work ongoing commitment and contribution. More photos at pisra.com.au.



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Name change for ASPI

ASPIRE is "to yearn for something" or "to hope to do or be something" and that is the new name that the Artists Society of Phillip Island have adopted at their recent annual general meeting.

The Artists' Society of Phillip Island or ASPI as it has been called, has existed for 27 years.

Life Member Josie Kent has been there from the beginning and recalls it began as a very traditional Art Society which included the Gallery Shop.

ASPI had a home in Cowes and was inclusive of all Arts and included music, sculpture, metal works along with visual art.

However after the amalgamation of Phillip Island into Bass Coast Shire the large space that was shared was lost.

The Society has a history of encouragement, support, and welcoming many. There have been two exhibitions each year.

The exhibitions give members the opportunity to display and sell their work.

The support of a great team of committee and members and the continuing contribution of sponsors allow the celebration of very successful exhibitions each year.

Regular workshops allow members to meet, share ideas, and as a result enduring wonderful friendships and social occasions occur.

In the long years since, ASPI has grown and there has been a longstanding struggle by many to have a

home again.

The vision has been to have a place where artists of every bent could work together, meet, share ideas and be creative.

As a result of the persistent work of committees and volunteers, the Bass Coast Shire Council has announced ASPI is to share a space in the old CFA building in Settlement Road.

"We await the refurbishment and then we will excitedly celebrate a home. May it be a happy, inclusive, innovating, encouraging home to all," an ASPIR spokesperson said.

This year after Covid and lockdown cancelled events, the current committee agreed that the "Old Girl" needed a facelift, a new look to go with its new home and so a new name.

"We needed to be more inclusive of all arts and new talents and to stretch our borders outside the island."

So began the journey. A Special General Meeting was held in March and members were encouraged to vote, the numbers ensured there would be a name change.

The new name will not abandon the history of the Society and recognises the wonderful work that has gone before.

But will now be named ASPIR pronounced as "aspire". In the coming months the website and all other areas will be updated to include the new name.

"Hopefully we can aspire to do this for another 27 years."



Di Bannister (ASPI life member)



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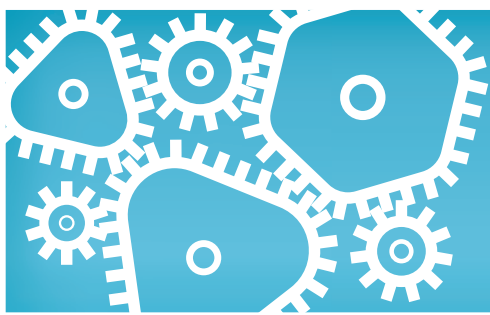
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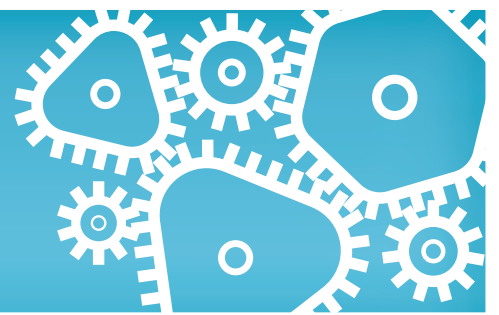
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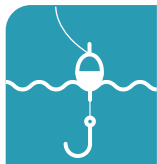
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AROUND THE BAY

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE

Another tough few weeks for getting reports with only a handful of people actually fishing but very few reporting catches, telling us they only got a handful so not a lot to report.

What some people forget sometimes is any catch is a good catch and always better than someone else that has been out.

I think over the last few years, pre covid, we had been spoilt with excellent whiting and calamari throughout the winter.

We forget that not all that many years ago even less people fished the winter and 40cm whiting were the exception not the normal.

Numbers were ok while nothing special and people were happy with half a dozen.

Calamari fishing is relatively new and for the first few years we were in the shop hardly saw any at any time of the year.

We kept about 10 different colours of squid jigs, and nobody had heard of dedicated Egi rods and if you caught a calamari, it was almost considered a by-catch.

How different things are now, 40cm whiting are expected and even 1kg whiting are not too surprising, calamari are a targeted species and have created a whole new generation of fishermen who just target them.

Fishing changes and everything comes and goes over the years with a perfect example of this being the tuna that were a by-catch for the couta fishermen many years ago then disappeared only to come back over the last 5 years or so.

There are plenty concentrating on bait collection now we are slowly seeing a bit more daylight after work.

Most of it is chasing calamari for the snapper season, which is just around the corner, and it makes sense to put the time in now so as when the snapper does show you don't need to waste time chasing bait then.

Most of the reports over the last couple of weeks has been from those using baited jigs, especially from the land with those in boats using a mixture of baited and artificial.

From the reports the best time has been that hour before and after high tide from everywhere.

Even the boats have found that to be the best time with the odd one reported from outside that time of the tide.

Nowhere has stood out more than the other and most of the usual calamari areas have been producing.

The only other land-based reports we have had were from the surf beaches with several salmon reported.

Woolamai at Anzacs the better, I think because it's usually the cleanest when we have a bit of rough weather.

Kilcunda beaches produced less but bigger salmon, cemetery being the best beach but still difficult between the drifts of kelp.

There was a couple of reports also from the other Island beaches at the Colonnades and Smiths and a handful from Inverloch.

The reports were a mixture of bait, blue bait and pilchards, and lures, 40g the best in a blue or white.

One or two reports of whiting from the last fortnight with only a handful of people having the opportunity when the weather was favourable.

The whiting numbers were as expected but the average size probably a little better.

As has been the case over the winter the reports came from areas close to the ramps as people not wanting to travel too far in case the weather picked up.

While it doesn't sound all that good, opportunities to chase them has been minimal with plenty of wind holding you side onto the tide or just too strong to even think about fishing the whiting areas.

Once we get a change in the weather and boats can get out consistently, I think we will see a lot more reports coming in.

One thing I think you need to keep in mind with the reports over the last few months and over the coming months is everything is a lot more expensive, and people are watching their dollars.

This has been obvious by the phone calls we are getting with people almost wanting a guarantee they will catch fish if they spend the money on fuel.

While it's impossible to give any type of guarantee and isn't us keeping secrets from those out of town, it's just a sign of the times and you will find most will wait until the season gets going before they put the boat in the water for the first time.

It's a great time to come into the shop with our new seasons stock turning up over August.

We are slowly filling up the shelves with our normal stock lines but with plenty of new products as well.

It's also the time to bring in all those reels you need servicing or re-spooling and that rod that needs a repair.

Maybe you are hanging off because money is a little tight which is understandable but, bring them in, leave them with us and pay it off or pick it up when you are ready.

This way it's done and ready, especially with repairs as we can do them while we have time, it gets difficult when the season starts to do anything quickly.

You can also come in and shop for your new rods, reels or terminal and lay-by it is taking the strain off trying to pay for it all at once.



The Breakers wore their DonateLife jumpers to promote and encourage organ and tissue donation as part of DonateLife week.

Breakers go down fighting

The Breakers ventured to Karingal for a double header with the Karingal men's side as part of the WorkSafe Country Club Program.

With a large crowd behind them the home side got off to a better start kicking two goals in the first quarter.

This lead would prove to be match winning with the wet and boggy conditions making for a hard slog and low scoring contest.

The Breakers defence worked tirelessly all game and managed to stop Karingal scoring another goal after quarter time.

Stacey Poke, Hannah Mills and Chelsea Connell once again led the way with their fierce attack on the ball and ability to get in the right position.

Immy Bradford's pressure and multiple efforts were impressive in the midfield along with Tess Wing-



field who was strong at the clearances and a great target coming out of defence.

A late second quarter goal from Kate Caughey gave the Breakers a sniff going into the main break.

Going into the match under-

manned the Breakers were down to 16 players in the third quarter but battled hard until the end.

Coach Bianca Helmuth-Pask was happy with the team's endeavour and effort, highlighting players such as Georgia Sharp and Ella Cargill who stepped up in in different roles.

Final Score: Karingal 2.6-18 def Bass Coast 1.1-7.

Goals: K. Caughey

Best: S Poke, H Mills, T Wingfield, C Connell, G Sharp and I Bradford.

The Breakers are hosting a pride march for the last match of the home and away season, Sunday, August 7, 11am at Dalyston.

The Breakers welcome everyone to come along to celebrate diversity and inclusion in our community.

Guest speaker Lauren Foote - Change our game ambassador and Victorian Roller Derby captain will speak following the match.

Phillip Island golf results

Tuesday, July 26, Men's Stableford.

Winner was Ray Reid (17) with 36 points.

NTP: 5th 1st time Dan McConnen, 7th 1st time John Enbom, 7th 2nd time Ian Smith.

BDL to 29 points.

Nine Hole Stableford winner was Brian Carvell (27) with 20 points.

Wednesday, July 27, Ladies 4BBB Stableford.

The winners were Zoe Frost and Barb Hayden with 46 points from Karen Green and Mary Smith with 45 points 76.

NTP: 5th Vicki Roff-Smith/ Sue Brown and 7th Liz Gleeson/Lynore

Mercer.

Thursday, July 28, Open Par.

Wayne Morris (9) was the winner with +4 from Heath Grace (26) +3.

BDL to square on countback.

NTP: 5th Sean O'Brien/H Grace and 7th Tony Zoanetti/Dan McConnen.

Nine-hole competition winner was John Rodakis (35) with +2.

Saturday, July 23, 2 Men's Stableford.

A Grade winner was Ian Smith (10) with 33 points countback.

A Grade runner up was Mark Ritterman (2) with 33 points.

B Grade winner was Max Royal (13) with 39 points.

B Grade runner up was Leigh Hayhurst (13) with 37 points.

C Grade winner was Ken Wallace (24) with 38 points.

C Grade runner up was Ron Davies (20) with 36 points.

Ladies Stableford winner was Mary Taylor (28) with 35 points from Ada Anglin (13) 33 points.

NTP Men's: 5th Max Royal, 7th Paul Cochrane, 10th Chris Reynolds and 17th Brent White.

Ladies NTP: 7th Ros Reid and 17th Ada Anglin.

Nine-hole winner was Bill Bilson (25) with 21 points.

Sunday July 23, 9-hole winner was Graeme Robinson (36) with 17 points.

Phillip Island bowls

A very quiet week on the Island for bowls due to the weather not being the best.

Members squeezed in a roll up or two where they could, but Saturday was kind to us and we managed to

get in another round of the Audika competition in.

This week's winners were Peter Forrest, Marlene Puncher and Lou Bellino and the runners up were Alan Beddows, Bob Carter and Clive Smith.

Phillip Island Bridge

Monday, July 25 was a challenging day for the director with wrong boards being played at a table.

Eventually results were averaged out.

Clare and Jim Murphy came first with 57.29 per cent.

Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman came second with 53.12 per cent.

Moya Crowley and Michael Dooley and Bron Sund and Graham Mckergow tied for third place with 51.04 per cent.

A reminder to all to check the

bridge mate at each table before commencing play.

On Wednesday, July 27, Miranda Sage was a last-minute partner for Paul Waylen.

It proved a very successful partnership with them winning the day on a healthy 66.67 per cent.

Birthday boy Jim Murphy and his wife Clare had a good day in second place with 63.54 per cent.

Third place went to Bron Sund and Leng Haggith on 54.17 per cent.

Midweek Bowls

Winners of Midweek bowls were John Nicholson, Luke Monckton, Gwen Jeffrey and Bob Arnold.

Runners up were Mark Andreatta, Barry Johnson, Bill Williams and Chris Brooks.

One Game winners were Tony Heppleston, David Talbot, Sue Wright and Frank D'Unienville.

Midweek bowls was played at San Remo with 22 happy bowlers ready to do battle for a top spot, the day started out cold wet and windy.

Fortunately, the day improved, and we only had to stop twice for

five minutes or so to let the heavy showers pass.

It did not curb our enthusiasm and we played both our games although a little cold and weary.

The green was lighting fast but very well maintained and more than a few bowls went into the gutter.

As usual we could hear happy banter across the rinks.

At the end of the day, we were happy to have a hot drink or a few ales.

Despite the weather the day was a great success.

Our scores were as follows, winners 36 points, runners up 35 points and One Game winners 18 points.

Thank you to our members who helped in the bar Peter, Mike and Mark and a special thank you to Gwen Jeffrey who performed kitchen duty.

A big thank you to our members who brought items for our free raffle.

Next week we will play at Koo Wee Rup, 10am at the club for a 10.30am start, please be on time and BYO lunch.

Everyone welcome, for more information please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

See you on the green.



Island Youth girls had a great win against Drouin for their final game of the season.

Island Girls finish season with big win

Suiting up for their final game of the 2022 season, the Phillip Island girls were almost back to full strength.

It was to be the final game for the Island captains Millie and Poppy Marshall, who have been members of the team since 2017 and dual premiership players and top age player Sarah Eldridge.

With the coach tied up with other commitments in Melbourne before the game, and the team manager taken down with illness, it was up to powerhouse couple Andy and Sam

Walton to step up and get the girls prepared, fired up and on the field.

The girls came out of the blocks right from the word go.

Poppy Marshall relishing her new role in the ruck was again on fire, while Lexi Walton, Bella Gude and Maya Huther dominated the middle.

Brinn Hamley was really starting to find her feet just at the end of the season and opened her account at full forward with three goals in the first quarter.

With a bitterly cold wind blowing and not much action at the other

end of the field coach Andy started to rotate the girls from defence into attack to get them into the action.

Qiarshi Adams and Zoe Carr were lively on the wings, while final game players Sarah Eldridge, Poppy and Millie Marshall all managed to snag a goal or two in their final game.

As the game continued the girls didn't let up and held Drouin scoreless and many of the defenders such as Jade Ricardo, Kayla Carpi and Mackenzie Wain were also able to get goals on the board.

First year player Gisele Smith also snagged her first goal for the season.

The girls continued to rotate throughout various positions in an attempt to keep everyone warm and involved in the game and it was a fantastic team effort by all the girls to finish off a great season.

Special thanks to Cam Pederson who has umpired many of the Youth Girls games this season and to all the parents who have helped out throughout the season.

Also, to Ryan Hughes who filled in

as the runner and Ziggy Wagner and Bryce Lawrence who ran the boundary.

Final Score: Phillip Island 19.13.127 def Drouin 0.0.0.

Best: Lexi Walton, Poppy Marshall, Qiarshi Adams, Maya Huther, Brinn Hamley and Sarah Eldridge.

Goals: Brinn Hamley 3, Sarah Eldridge 2, Poppy Marshall 2, Maya Huther 2, Mia Boost, Bella Gude, Gisele Smith, Kayla Carpi, Lexi Walton, Millie Marshall, Mackenzie Wain, Alaska Dixon, Jade Ricardo and Jorja (Jorga) Newman.

Phillip Island soccer faced Korumburra

Under 14

A winning turn out for our Breakers under 14s game against Korumburra.

Coach Frank Licciardi was super proud with a winning score of 5-1.

Players Jasper Saunders, Oliver Koole and Joss Geronimo were awarded for their amazing efforts in defence, and commendable teamwork.

All in all, the whole team communicated and played extremely well together.

Goal scorers were Josh Poll 3, Jad Ellaz 2.

Under 12A

Under 12A team was defeated by Korumburra 5-0.

Under 12B

Under 12B team defeated Korumburra 6 - 2 with goals kicked by A Farman 3, H Hanson 2 and J Bland 1.

Under 17

The team travelled to Lang Lang's new pitch at Caldermeade with nine players to take on top of the ladder Drouin. Three points were on offer for the GSL cup. Drouin turned up with 16 players and offered two players to the Breakers to make a competitive game 11 v 11.

Thanks to Rowan and Drew for donning on bibs and helping from Drouin.

The Breakers got off to a great start scoring the first goal for the day with Tate Russell. Tate continued to show great speed receiving the ball from the midfielders to put another two past the Keeper.

Half time scores Phillip Island 3 to Drouin 1.

The second half Drouin continued rotating players on and off the bench, our tired legs just couldn't keep up. Jacob Liatos snagged a late goal to put

the breakers four goals on the team sheet, however Drouin put four goals in the back of the net to win 5 - 4.

Bailey Leed and Jack Middleton were strong in defence throughout the game, and Adam Dean, Xavier Godena and Jacob Liatos just kept running in the midfield with no reprieve. Hopefully when the team meets Drouin again in the finals there will be a full squad.

Goal scorers Phillip Island Tate Russell 3, Jacob Liatos 1, Drouin A Tabensky 3, J Clarke and A Mclean 1.

Best on ground for the Breakers were Bailey Leed, Tate Russell, Xavier Godena and Jack Middleton.

Men's Reserves

Phillip Island faced Korumburra at home on Sunday.

Korumburra had only 10 players so in a demonstration of sportsmanship Phillip Island agreed to play Korumburra 10 on 10 players instead of the full 11.

Phillip Island dominated the game from the start, however, couldn't convert their opportunities, unfortunately this is something that has plagued the team for the past few weeks.

After 20 minutes, Coach Callum Go-lightly subbed four players hoping to turn the tide before the half, unfortunately not a lot changed.

The majority of the game was played in the Island's attacking half with the midfield players Tate Russell and Adam Ubavin setting up the attacker's time after time, but they kept getting denied by the Korumburra Keeper or shanking them over the bar in frustration.

The Island's defence held strong as they defended off a couple of fast breaks, Jack Middleton doing a great job man marking the young Korumburra attacker as did Andrew Dean.

The Island's goalkeeper Tommy

only had to make the odd save thanks to the experienced defence.

Going into the half scores were tied at 0-0.

In the second half the Island played into the wind and confidently played out from the back creating plays down the wing through Jay Sunderland and Adam Dean who troubled the Korumburra defence, as balls were crossed in creating havoc.

As the game progressed, the Island team showed promise as they moved the ball around confidently and had seventy or more shots at goal but again could not convert.

With roughly 20 minutes to go, both Twoknee Santana and Frank Licciardi both missed one on ones with the keeper and become increasingly frustrated as several shots went wide of the target.

Late in the game, Tate Russell was taken down with a two footed tackle in the box and the referee denied a penalty, as did he not award three different hand balls in the 18-yard box throughout the game.

As with many things in soccer, there are a number of varying circumstances and exceptions to the hand ball rule that can be applied, and things did not go Phillip Island's way adding to the frustration of players who fought to convert before the 90-minute mark.

Disappointing for the Island, the game finished 0-0.

Senior Woman

The Breakers hosted Burra at Newhaven.

Burra had only ten players available, but they were a reasonably strong side.

Finely, Kit and Jess linked up well, to play the ball out of defence and send the ball through to the running forwards Grace and Abi.

Ailish was impressive again, using her body and being strong in defence. Abi was well composed at centre forward to score a nice goal, placing the ball past the keeper.

Abi laid off some lovely passes around the edge of the edge of the 18-yard box - one of which was hit with some real venom from Kit, which swerved, dipped and rattled into the cross bar.

Moments later, Kit didn't know whether to laugh or cry, as she again struck the cross bar from another thunderous, long-range strike, and then not long after striking the upright.

Abi caused more problems for the Burra defence, coming towards the ball to receive, and dribbling into the box and drawing a penalty, which she calmly converted leaving the keeper with no chance.

Elladie won some tough contests and made life difficult for her Burra opponents.

Burra applied some good pressure of their own and Gloria made some great saves.

Kiera did a great job to mark and stay goal side off her dangerous opponent.

Alyssa looked dangerous on the wing.

The Breakers kept excellent shape individually and as a team unit particularly when defending and could not be broken down by Burra. Island went into the half time leading 2-0.

Pauleen was very strong in centre back and showed the Breakers' young girls how to get your body behind long balls, with a couple of fantastic defensive headers, rebounding the ball back into the Island's forward half.

Pauleen had great vision on a forward run to lay the ball off wide with her left foot to Ailish who made a good run forward.

Jess was solid in midfield all game.

Coco on the last line of outfield defence, refused to let the Burra get a shot on and showed great judgement on when to sit off and when to attack,

laying many strong challenges in defence.

Abi scored another well composed finish with her left foot to send the Breakers up 3-0.

Burra then scored a goal, 3-1.

Kelly came off the bench with 20 minutes remaining and with the ball at her feet, dribbled her way through the Burra defence for a nice goal, shortly followed by another.

Ailish presented herself in space, out wide and up-front in the second half, demanding the ball, providing an excellent option and creating space for the Island.

Another hard fought and good win by the Breakers who are a young team building confidence individually and as a team unit.

Breakers defeated Burra: 5-1.

Goals: Abi-3 and Kelly-2 and best on went to Abi, Ailish and Kit, Pauleen.

Senior Men

It was a bad game for the senior men, having a player sent off the pitch 15 minutes (red carded).

The Breakers were up against it, with a player down for the rest of the match, after a pretty even first half and it was Burra that went into the break 1 - 0 up.

The Breakers had a few bad injuries in the second half and having to change the team around they lost their shape, along with the way the team play and getting sucked into playing the man not the ball.

This resulted in the senior's worst performance for the year losing 5 - 0.

Wishing the players with the bad head knocks a speedy recovery, as they head towards the finals.

This Sunday the breakers are hosting Lang Lang. Come along to the Newhaven Recreation Reserve (Boys Home Road), and support your local soccer club.

Admission is free and hot food and drinks can be purchased from the canteen.

Last home game of the season for Island netballers

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Under 13 netball team – Won their match against Tooradin 28 to 16. Best Players were awarded to Ava Blake and Molly McIntyre. L to R: Coach Anna Close-Mewett, Mia Hughes, Ava Blake, Ellie Hennessy, Piper O'Brien, Pepper Burke, Molly McIntyre, Anna Dixon, Aisha Hibbert, Team Manager Carly O'Brien and absent Olivia Holmes.



A grade was defeated by Tooradin 45 to 67. Best player awards went to Lexi Walton and Anthea Bennett. Pictured is Zoe O'Garey, Charlie Ross, Lexi Walton, Anthea Bennet, Amelia Wragg, Ella Duggan, Hayley Roberts and Lily Mewett.



Under 17s defeated Tooradin 50 to 27. Best Players awarded to Isla Cousins and Lexi Walton. U17s team: L to R: Isla Cousins, Daisy Fusinato, Ahlee Penry, Shanae Riley, Ella Duggan, Lily Mewett, Zoe O'Garey, Ruby Bond, Lexi Walton, Coach Abbey and Team Manager Anna.



D Grade were defeated by Tooradin 11 to 43. Best on awards were Shanae Riley and Teash Atkinson. D Grade team: Kylie Hammond Team Manager, Grace Morris, Tailyn Payne, Hayley Ellery, Shanae Riley , Abby Clarke , Coach Loz Lees. Front row: Kerina Reynard, Teash Atkinson, Casey Bartlett and absent Lily Wookey.



Under 11s were defeated by Tooradin 14/24, Best Players were awarded to Frankie Jess and Jorgie Callis. U11s team pictured: Ciara Santorini, Tiffany Clarke, Frankie Jess, Abby Swann, Georgie Callis, Evie Hollings, Asha Payne and Pippa Kyle.



C Grade had a great win 40 to 32. Best on awards went to Stef Kranner and Chloe Kallis. Pictured is Rose Van-Roooy, Katie Jones , Isabella Santorini, Steph Krainer, Meika White, Chloe Moxey, Ruby Formosa and Chloe Kalis. Front row: Maya Huther and Coach Jodie Ross.



Top of the ladder clash B Grade between top placed Tooradin and second placed Phillip Island, unfortunately Tooradin took the win 31 to 55. Best on awards were Nell Chaston, Sophie Gysbet and Tessa Johnston. Pictured is L-R: Tessa Johnston, Maddison Taylor, Kylie Hammond, Lily Huther and Sophie Gysberts. Front L-R: Amber Formosa, Jarah White, Nell Chaston and absent is Janelle Smyth.



Under15s had another solid win against Tooradin 34 to 16. Best players were awarded to Hazel Burke and Isabella Santorini. Pictured from L to R: Amber Ross Team Manager, Aisha Hibbert, Sophia Hungerford, Grace Morris, Abby Clarke, Isabella Santorini and Cath Huther Coach. Front row: Hazel Burke, Meika White (vice captain), Matilda Feehan, Maya Huther (captain) and (absent Olivia Holmes).

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 3 AUG	THU 4 AUG	FRI 5 AUG	SAT 6 AUG	SUN 7 AUG	MON 8 AUG	TUE 9 AUG
HIGH 4:14 am 2.66 m	HIGH 4:57 am 2.69 m	HIGH 5:41 am 2.73 m	HIGH 6:27 am 2.74 m	LOW 12:21 am 0.60 m	LOW 1:01 am 0.54 m	LOW 1:47 am 0.51 m
LOW 9:54 am 0.78 m	LOW 10:34 am 0.83 m	LOW 11:15 am 0.91 m	LOW 11:58 am 1.01 m	HIGH 7:16 am 2.75 m	HIGH 8:11 am 2.74 m	HIGH 9:11 am 2.73 m
HIGH 4:43 pm 2.94 m	HIGH 5:12 pm 2.91 m	HIGH 5:42 pm 2.87 m	HIGH 6:15 pm 2.81 m	LOW 12:41 pm 1.13 m	LOW 1:29 pm 1.26 m	LOW 2:23 pm 1.38 m
LOW 10:33 pm 0.87 m	LOW 11:08 pm 0.76 m	LOW 11:44 pm 0.67 m		HIGH 6:49 pm 2.75 m	HIGH 7:30 pm 2.67 m	HIGH 8:23 pm 2.60 m

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Juniors' last game before finals

U14s Blues

The Phillip Island Bulldogs U14s Blues played their last game of the home and away season at their home ground on Sunday. The boys defeated Leongatha Parrots 66 to 6. The team has remained undefeated for the season. Bring on the finals! In the rooms after the game, coach Dan Larsson, talked about the incredible teamwork and support by the team throughout the season, as well as their handball and run ability. Best mentions to Ayden Fawaz, Jeremy Kelly, Harrison Carlon and Xavier Williams. Goals to: Heath Bowan (4), Jeremy Kelly (2), Xavier Williams (2), Felix Bathgate (2), Jack Larsson (2), Ayden Fawaz, Seth McBean, Duke Lawrence and Charlie Fischer.

U12 Blue

Round 14 saw the Phillip Island Blues up against a formidable opponent in the Leongatha Parrots. The Parrots who have yet to be defeated this season, have held the top spot on the ladder by securing devastating leads in all their matches, rarely having less than a 40-point lead. The last time the Blue Pups played them back in round 3, they didn't manage to get any points on the board at all, but this time, with the possibility of a place in the finals at stake, the Doggies fought the hard fight. The team never gave up. Caleb Cantwell kicked an amazing goal in the third quarter. The blue pups showed no fear with some strong tackling, even if their opponent was bigger. Although they didn't take the win, their efforts earned them a spot in the finals and a seat at fourth place on the ladder. Coach Tarryn Allen said that his awards went to four players who gave 110 per cent effort in the backline, and with their hard tack-



Duke Lawrence has his eyes firmly on the ball.

ling and big kick outs, managed to stop the Parrots from scoring any goals at all in the second and third quarters: Zane Matthews, Jem Hennekam, Dustin Naismith and Kolby Carton. Those players were also awarded best on ground points along with Jackson Allen and Archie Williams. The final score was 1-2-8 to 5-7-37. U10 Blue The Blue pups had a plan to outperform the Parrots and make an improvement on the last time they played them, and they really did succeed in every way. The Doggies were fast and first to the ball in almost every contest. The pup's tackling was such that the Parrots found it difficult to move the ball forward. The Blue pups managed to keep control and stay composed the entire match. The brilliant performance warranted a very boisterous team anthem to be sung while in keeping up this team's "tradition" of soaking the captain with the remaining con-

tents of their water bottles. The match was an example of how far the team has come this season. The Doggies family are so proud of their progress, not just in the way of skill performance but also, and more importantly, in confidence, mental toughness, and resilience. Thank you to team manager Mel Naismith for all her hard work, and Coach Luke Marshal who makes a point of mentioning each and every team member after every game to let them know that he noticed their efforts and gives them the recognition and encouragement to keep pushing themselves week after week. The indomitable spirit that comes from being part of a team and striving to achieve your goals is what Under 10s is really all about. And what a great season it has been. Coaches Awards: William Patton, Flynn Riley, Co-Captain Ari DeFazio, Zac Ivey, Oskar James, Jett Fawaz, Co-Captain Reece King, and Jaxen Summerfield. More pictures on pisra.com.au



The Phillip Island Football Netball Club's Veterans team won their way through into the grand final in a hard-fought nail-biting match played out against Tooradin on Sunday.

Bulldog's veterans' triumph over Seagulls for Grand Final Berth!

On a cold and windy Sunday afternoon, the Bulldogs newest oldest team made the trip down to Tooradin to take on the Seagulls for a spot in the Veterans Grand Final. Could the Seagulls extract revenge for their loss in the seniors the day before? The conditions were heavy with a strong cross wind and gathering clouds as the boys took to the field against some strong opposition. From the first bounce the tone was set and it served as a reminder to all that this is finals footy! It was Tooradin who scored first blood, one goal to zip in the first quarter in what could only be described as a bruising encounter. Both teams were fighting hard for the ball, and it was hotly contested with constant stoppages around the ground. Andy Austin was dominant in the backline deflecting every approach, with Ryan van Berlo and Nick Russo feeding the ball forward with every opportunity. It was in the second quarter where the Bulldogs finally put some pressure on the scoreboard, with our only two goalkickers of the day Dale 'Chicken' Larkin (4) and Captain Joel 'Sticks' Goodall (2) opening their accounts. A four-point margin at the half time break in favour of the dogs. The third quarter was a see-sawing affair with Phillip Island kicking the first two goals and moving to what looked like a match-winning three goal lead. Just when the locals looked gone, a steely commitment from the gulls reeled the dogs back with two quick Tooradin goals right before the end of the term, and a six-point margin. The final quarter was watched with

great trepidation by the strong crowd. The Bulldogs quickly scored the first goal of the quarter, but Tooradin were pushing hard with constant forward plays. The defence was stretched thin with Nathan Hollings fighting hard and seemingly getting to every contest. Jeremy (Rej) Van Strijp was having a truly inspiring game, playing a hard lock down role and not giving his opponent an inch. The dying minutes were hard fought, the ball spending an eternity in Tooradin's forward line. With a final play they sent the ball in deep to a large pack, only to see Toddy Cleeland jump higher than he had in 10 years to punch it away and watch Anthony 'Remo' Hancock cleverly run down those last seconds on the wing. A nail-biting two-point win to the Bulldogs, and now they head to the big dance in two weeks' time. The gnashing of teeth from the gulls could still be heard late into the evening! Scores: Phillip Island: 0.3.3, 3.4.22, 5.8.38, 6.8.44. Tooradin-Dalmore: 1.2.8, 2.6.18, 4.8.32, 5.12.42. Goals: Phillip Island: Dale Larkin 4, Joel Goodall 2. Tooradin-Dalmore: Wayne Man-nix 4, Shannon Campbell. Best Players: Phillip Island: Jeremy van Strijp, Leigh Woolford, Andy Austin, Nicholas Russo, Ryan Van Berlo, Dale Larkin. Tooradin-Dalmore: Wayne Man-nix, Domenic Fazzino, Shannon Fazzino, Damon Jones, Jason Neville, Jason Lakatos.

Bulldog's nets catch Seagulls!

From page 24 Tooradin-Dalmore: Anthony Mिराута 4, Darcy Wright 2, Charlie Shinnners, Jordyn Boyd, Tadhig O'Riordan, Panos Papas, Ben Sellings. Best Players: Phillip Island: Jack Papas, Hunter Clarke, Yianni Caffieri, Thomas Niven, Ben Taylor, Kohen Beaumont. Tooradin-Dalmore: Anthony Mi-

rauta, Jack Hamilton, Cooper Bassett, Panos Papas, Xavier Shinnners, Darcy Wright. Under 16s Scores: Phillip Island: 4.2.26, 6.3.39, 10.8.68, 15.12.102. Tooradin-Dalmore: 0.0.0, 0.1.1, 0.1.1, 0.2.2. Goals: Phillip Island: Jack Huther 3, Zac

Walker 3, Benjamin Chihotski 2, Daniel Caffieri 2, Finn O'Brien 2, Charlie O'Garey, Max Taylor, Noah Muller. Best Players: Phillip Island: Daniel Caffieri, Jack Huther, Zac Walker, Noah Muller, Leo Savona, Max Arceo. Tooradin-Dalmore: Kasy Deren, Shannon Wakefield, Vasili Papas, Chayse Campbell, Jaxon Dowel, Aaron Knight.

THIS WEEKEND DRAWS

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Bunyip v Phillip Island
Saturday August 6

SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Junior Football
Sunday August 7
Phillip Island Blue v Phillip Island Red

YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

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SENIOR FOOTBALL					RESERVES FOOTBALL					THIRDS FOOTBALL					FOURTHS FOOTBALL				
TEAM	PTS	%	W	L	TEAM	PTS	%	W	L	TEAM	PTS	%	W	L	TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
Tooradin-Dalmore	60	290.11	15	1	Tooradin-Dalmore	64	869.52	16	0	Inverloch-Kongwak	44	488.11	11	2	Inverloch-Kongwak	60	586.67	15	0
Phillip Island	56	206.17	14	2	Nar Nar Goon	56	228.62	14	2	Tooradin-Dalmore	44	268.45	11	2	Phillip Island	52	534.80	13	1
Inverloch-Kongwak	52	192.17	13	3	Phillip Island	48	252.57	12	4	Cora Lynn	40	186.27	10	3	Warragul Industrials	48	336.18	12	3
Nar Nar Goon	48	188.38	12	4	Koo Wee Rup	44	230.48	11	5	Garfield	36	235.57	9	4	Korumburra-Bena	40	171.12	10	5
Cora Lynn	40	135.77	10	6	Cora Lynn	44	216.67	11	5	Phillip Island	36	173.81	9	4	Garfield	32	100.15	8	6
Warragul Industrials	40	131.74	10	6	Bunyip	40	203.95	10	6	Nar Nar Goon	20	89.30	5	8	Bunyip	28	119.72	7	7
Bunyip	28	98.35	7	9	Inverloch-Kongwak	36	146.67	9	7	Korumburra-Bena	16	46.46	4	9	Koo Wee Rup	24	68.36	6	9
Koo Wee Rup	28	91.54	7	9	Warragul Industrials	20	68.49	5	11	Koo Wee Rup	12	80.68	3	10	Kilcunda Bass	16	38.90	4	10
Kilcunda Bass	20	58.86	5	11	Dalyston	16	43.93	4	12	Bunyip	12	43.01	3	10	Nar Nar Goon	12	37.75	3	12
Dalyston	8	42.43	2	14	Garfield	8	45.50	2	14	Dalyston	0	6.63	0	11	Dalyston	8	39.45	2	11
Korumburra-Bena	4	31.65	1	15	Kilcunda Bass	4	13.43	1	15	Kilcunda Bass	0	0	0	0	Tooradin-Dalmore	0	10.43	0	15
Garfield	0	33.46	0	16	Korumburra-Bena	4	10.55	1	14	Warragul Industrials	0	0	0	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0	0

	A-GRADE		B-GRADE		C-GRADE		17 & Under		D-GRADE			
	PTS	GA	PTS	GA	PTS	GA	PTS	GA	PTS	GA		
	Inverloch-Kongwak	60	219.24%	Tooradin-Dalmore	60	164.66%	Bunyip	64	316.02%	Dalyston	64	268.97%
	Bunyip	52	177.54%	Bunyip	52	164.64%	Dalyston	52	157.37%	Korumburra Bena	60	216.78%
	Dalyston	52	140.61%	Phillip Island	52	129.52%	Inverloch-Kongwak	50	204.62%	Phillip Island	52	193.40%
	Tooradin-Dalmore	52	129.80%	Nar Nar Goon	48	173.29%	Nar Nar Goon	46	141.64%	Inverloch-Kongwak	48	182.88%
	Nar Nar Goon	48	128.17%	Inverloch-Kongwak	46	137.29%	Garfield	44	136.10%	Bunyip	32	106.25%
	Phillip Island	32	114.76%	Dalyston	40	113.68%	Cora Lynn	36	106.48%	Tooradin-Dalmore	32	104.29%
	Cora Lynn	24	97.09%	Kilcunda Bass	22	93.86%	Phillip Island	32	104.22%	Cora Lynn	32	96.10%
	Korumburra Bena	24	89.41%	Garfield	22	76.65%	Tooradin-Dalmore	20	78.66%	Koo Wee Rup	28	90.05%
Garfield	20	79.04%	Koo Wee Rup	18	69.68%	Koo Wee Rup	20	70.61%	Nar Nar Goon	16	70.19%	
Warragul Industrials	16	63.59%	Cora Lynn	14	70.00%	Korumburra Bena	12	64.60%	Kilcunda Bass	12	59.90%	
Koo Wee Rup	4	41.10%	Korumburra Bena	10	65.53%	Kilcunda Bass	8	42.64%	Warragul Industrials	8	39.09%	
Kilcunda Bass	0	0.00%	Warragul Industrials	0	43.39%	Warragul Industrials	0	29.61%	Garfield	0	19.68%	

FIRST A GRADE GAME

Zoe O'Garey



Billy Taylor always amongst the pack in the senior's game against Tooradin.



Reserves player Marco Rocker gets the hand pass away in the nick of time.

Bulldogs' nets catch Seagulls!

A beautiful, clear, and crisp (well downright freezing) morning greeted all at the Kennel, with ice on the windscreens, and a balmy 1C on the weather station.

No wind, but of course that was bound to change (and it did).

As the faithful began arriving for the return bout against the other WGFNC heavyweights – the undefeated Tooradin-Dalmore Seagulls – all marvelled at the sight of the brand new sherrin-catching nets behind each goal.

Standing tall, strong, and resplendent in the crisp morning air, the regular chasing of footies from the trees was to be a thing of the past. At least football operations dreamed such wonderful thoughts!

Seniors

With returning players Holmes, Blake and Jackson added to the last week's winning side providing added confidence, the day started with a wonderful, animated intro by coach Vernon using a footy-ground layout with witches-caps for players! Just as well it was indoors as the wind sure had arrived, that wonderful northerly straight of the bay. Hmmm, toasty!

The Bulldogs started brilliantly, with quick goals straight up.

With the second goal, the footy cleared the wonderful new nets and lodged permanently in the Cyprus trees at the scoreboard end. Dreams of no more missing person reports for Sherrins immediately dashed, and police reluctantly called again!

Focusing on the game, a complete reversal of form from game one at Tooradin was evident.

The Bulldogs dominated the first and headed into quarter time with a 20-point lead which should have been 26 but for an on-the-siren goal to the Seagulls.

The Taylors Jack and Billy, the Patullo-2, Cam Pedersen, and Max Blake fired, and the boys were away. Stout defence led by Matt Jackson, Sauce Tomada and Levi Robinson had the gulls on the back foot.

The second continued as the first, with a couple of early goals, and a 32-point lead. But good sides fight back, and the Seagulls lifted their intensity and fought their way back into the contest.

Replies from Stewie Scanlon and Liam Adams reduced the margin, and another after-the-siren goal to Julian Suarez cut the margin back to 10 points at the major interval.

With the intensity so high it was giving the stats man writer's cramp from recording tackles and pressure acts, the third was intense.

When Scanlon struck again, with



Tom Niven breaks free in the action packed U18s game against Tooradin.

a brilliant set shot from the forward pocket at the four-minute mark of the third, the Seagulls were back within four points and appeared to have all the momentum.

The dogs steadied with huge goals to Max Blake and Noosh Kane Gillard giving the Bulldogs a 17-point advantage. 45+ tackles by three quarter time also helped!

Brady Egan from the gulls closed the gap to 11 points just a minute into the final term.

A comical mix up between Sauce Tomada and Cam Pedersen in the centre (although it wasn't comical at the time) resulted in a turnover goal to Liam Adams, and the gulls had closed to two points at the 16-minute mark.

An intense period was relieved with Zak Vernon finding Zach (Dr Evil) Wagner free inside 50 (although Evil would tell you it was at least 80 metres!), who duly converted. Max Blake booted a long goal which opened a 14-point margin.

The icing on the cake with a centre clearance ending with Noosh Kane Gillard, who kicked a 40-metre (or was it 60!) goal on the run – directly in front of the Phillip Island faithful – to begin some joyous celebrations.

So life-giving breath returns to the league competition with the gulls first loss for the year, whilst the search continues for that missing sherrin!

Scores:
Phillip Island: 4.4.28, 6.5.41, 8.8.56, 11.8.74.
Tooradin-Dalmore: 1.2.8, 4.7.31, 5.9.39, 7.12.54.

Goals:
Phillip Island: Max Blake 3, Orlando Kane-Gillard 2, Cameron Brown, Jordy Patullo, Zach Wagner, Harry O'Brien, Eli Richards,

Jack Taylor.

Tooradin-Dalmore: Stewart Scanlon 2, Julian Suarez, Liam Adams, Blake Grewar, Brady Egan, Trent Adams.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Jason Tomada, Cameron Pedersen, Eli Richards, Jack Taylor, Max Blake, Cameron Brown.

Tooradin-Dalmore: Brent Macaffer, Liam Adams, Dylan Paarlberg, Cooper Shipp, Steven Robb, Brady Egan.

Reserves

The undefeated Tooradin travelled to Cowes to keep their unblemished record intact.

The intensity of Phillip Island around the contest early was terrific and although leading to scoring opportunities didn't convert to scoreboard pressure.

Will Taylor Eagles, Jack Opitz and Cooper Logan were leading from the front in the middle part of the ground and taking it to the fancied Seagulls.

The back brigade were holding firm and repelling each Tooradin attack. Led by Arie Cook, a slender 20-point lead is all that separated the two sides at three quarter time.

A huge last quarter was required and despite the best efforts of Robbie Linford and Blake Christopher, a final margin of 28 points gave Tooradin the victory.

Scores:
Phillip Island: 0.2.2, 1.2.8, 3.4.22, 4.5.29.

Tooradin-Dalmore: 1.4.10, 3.10.28, 5.12.42, 7.15.57.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Blake Christopher, Harry Anderson, Liam Dayson, Connor Thompson.

Tooradin-Dalmore: Dylan Wilson, Bailey Webb, Corey Provan,

Timothy Lenders, Matthew O'Day, Jordan Jones, Joshua Trezise.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Arie Cook, Jack Opitz, Cooper Logan, Will Taylor-Eagles, Rob Linford, Blake Christopher.

Tooradin-Dalmore: Mathew O'Day, Bailey Webb, Dylan Wilson, Corey Provan, Toby Weinzierl, Michael Hobbs.

Under 18s

It was billed as an Under 18 showdown, and so it was.

The match started at a frenetic pace with both sides knowing the importance of the game.

It was Tooradin who opened the scoring with a goal and followed up with a nice mark and goal not long after, but a free kick to Sunny Mattock brought up the first major for the Bulldogs. It was hard and tough footy.

From the outset of the second quarter, it was all out attack by the Bulldogs, and it was Brady Ross who got the ball to Sunny Mattock who marked and kicked his second goal followed up by a great goal to Ben Taylor.

Not to be outdone, Tooradin kicked four unanswered and it wasn't until Jack Papas got the ball to Brayden Kleverkamp that the Bulldogs brought up their third for the quarter.

A downfield free to Finn Cashman who kicked truly then a great mark and goal to Dylan Susic put the Bulldogs ahead for the first time in the match.

From a goal line scrimmage, Tooradin brought up their only major for the term, but this was answered by the Bulldogs with a mark and goal to Tyce Kleverkamp. WOW!! What a game of footy!

It was game on!
Tooradin opened with a quick goal which took back the lead and from that point kicking another three and prevented the Bulldogs from scoring.

Although disappointing for the Islanders, their endeavour could not be questioned.

The club is proud of the sportsmanship and behaviour of our young men, something that some other clubs should emulate.

Scores:
Phillip Island: 1.2.8, 4.4.28, 7.7.49, 7.8.50.

Tooradin-Dalmore: 2.1.13, 6.1.37, 7.2.44, 11.3.69.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Sunny Mattock 2, Dylan Susic, Brayden Kleverkamp, Finn Cashman, Ben Taylor, Tyce Kleverkamp.

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