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Smiths Beach set for major overhaul

Paid parking permits for tourists – and designated parking permits for residents – could be one way to manage the “crazy” influx of visitors and cars to Smiths Beach in peak periods.

This is just one of the many suggestions mooted in the Draft Smiths Beach Town Plan, released by Bass Coast Shire, and currently open for community consultation, with drop-in sessions through August (see separate story), and feedback closing on August 31.

The plan is touted as a “once in a generation plan” focusing on such issues as the environment, traffic, development and services and – once finished – will be used to determine major projects and planning.

The Smiths Beachcombers As-

sociation has been lobbying for a masterplan since 2006 and last year the shire began the process, with an online survey, Zoom meetings and creating a reference group of stakeholders and a community panel.

Association president Phil Dressing said the plan was needed to address the impact of the growing number of visitors to the hamlet.

“If there are more people coming to the island, including to Smiths Beach, how will we manage them in terms of infrastructure and the environment?” he said.

“Tourists use resources but aren’t contributing to them.”

Among the many suggestions detailed in the draft are:

- four “gamechanger” projects, including a potential South Coast

Route: a link between YCW and Smiths Beach;

- expanding the spread of Surf Lifesaving patrolled beaches across Phillip Island to the likes of Summerland Beach and YCW to ease over-crowding at Smiths Beach and the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club;

- a shuttle bus service to transport people from a carpark to the beach;

- a user pays model for funding initiatives, such as a service fee or special charge scheme to improve the town’s infrastructure, for residents or businesses to pay in addition to rates;

- a town square;
- upgrades to the Smiths Beach and YCW Beach car parks.

Traffic

In creating the draft plan, the shire commissioned a car parking and traffic assessment in January this year.

Based on a 28°C Saturday, Smiths Beach car park was at 100 per cent capacity by 11am (and anecdotally 100 per cent full by 9am), with the majority of cars parked for more than four hours.

YCW Beach car park was 80 per cent full by 11am and remained so for most of the day, while parking also spilt into neighbouring streets including Marlin Street, Barramundi Avenue, and Hollywood Crescent.

The community panel – formed to give input into the draft plan – agreed traffic was a problem, describing it as “crazy” in summer,

and suggesting such solutions as restrictions, parking fees, clearways, patrols and bus turnarounds.

“This tranquil town is completely transformed during the summer months and school holidays where holiday makers descend on Smiths Beach in their droves with the streets dominated by cars,” the plan states.

Traffic solutions suggestions included:

- Introduction of parking permits for residents linked to number plates and paid visitor permits to manage tourists, or seasonal parking restrictions (timed, permit);

- Potential shuttle buses or seasonal public buses to take people from a remote carpark to the beach and town areas to reduce congestion;

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Celebrate our native species



The orange bellied parrot along with a Bush Stone Curlew and a koala, is featured on the new mural at the Koala Conservation Centre.

Renowned contemporary artist Jimmy Dvate returned to Phillip Island last month, to create a stunning new mural at the Koala Conservation Centre.

Jimmy has previously completed

a series of beautiful and very popular murals for the Nature Parks including one on the Nobbies visitor centre, and two that adorn the shearing shed at Churchill Island.

Adorning the walls of the old

Chisholm centre, this latest project took around 10 days to complete and celebrates native species, including a koala, honeyeater and a curlew.

Jimmy is best known for his silo

artwork in Victoria and Australia, including works commissioned by the Melbourne and Adelaide Zoos.

His other murals on Phillip Island feature the Eastern Barred Bandicoot, fur seals, little pen-

guins, hooded plovers and a portrait of Rip the kelpie, a working dog on the Churchill Island Heritage Farm.

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The bells are back

The Harmony Bells stolen last month from the Cowes Town Square are back home.

The four bells are now safely in storage at the Bass Coast Shire Council depot.

Senior Sergeant Andy O'Brien from Cowes police said the four bronze bells were found in a shipping container bound for China, after being sold as scrap metal.

"They went through the hands of several scrap metal dealers," he said.

"One Harmony Bell ended up at a scrap metal dealer north of Melbourne, while three were in a shipping container headed for China.

"Due to the co-operation of the dealer, the bells were retrieved and brought back."

The bells were stolen on the weekend of July 11 and 12, although the exact time of the theft is unknown, with thieves using an angle grinder to remove them.

Police said an investigation is ongoing and advised a 39-year-old man from Lang Lang was arrested on July 22, and has been released pending further enquiries.

The theft of the bells coincided with several break-ins at the Cowes Industrial Estate, while the bell at the Kilcunda Community Hall was also stolen.

It has also now been recovered. Snr Sergeant O'Brien said investigations into whether the theft of the Harmony Bells is linked to the burglaries at the Industrial Estate are ongoing.



The stolen Harmony Bells were found in a shipping container bound for China and have now been returned to Bass Coast Shire Council, who said they will need to be repaired before they can be re-installed.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Repair

The Harmony Bells were created by renowned sculptor Dr Anton Hassell, who is reportedly "very happy" to hear they've been recovered

The ornamental figurines on the top of the bells – which depicted a surfer on a wave – are still missing.

Bass Coast Shire Council advised the bells will need to be restored and there is no date yet for when they will return to the Town Square.

Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said: "We're thankful the Harmony Bells have been returned to Council. Again we owe much thanks to Victoria Police.

"Currently the bells are being assessed, as they were damaged when they were removed. We have been in contact with the artist who is looking to give us some options to consider.

"Once Council has done the assessment work, we'll have a better idea of when the bells can be reinstalled."

The four bells have been in the centre of Cowes since 2012.

They feature artwork that represents the sea, as well as the waves of people who come and go from Phillip Island and cost \$55,000 to create and install.

In 2012, a Bass Coast Shire Council report said the four "familiar and experimental bell shapes will allow visitors to experiment with and explore interesting sound relationships between and amongst the bells, singularly and in groups."

One bell was in a traditional ship bell style, while another was an Australian Bell's US patented, musically tuned, harmonic bell.

Each featured a clapper hanging inside, so the bells could be rung by passers-by.

The bells were popular with local and visiting children, while the local Rural Australians for Refugees group rang the bells each week, signifying their support for refugees.

If you have any information that could help with the investigation into the theft of the bells, please contact CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a report online at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au.

All clear from local exposure

Last week, the state government confirmed a Covid positive case on Phillip Island.

However it was not the result of exposure at any of the 30 plus sites listed across the island or in San Remo.

Gippsland Region Public Health Unit advised on July 29 the person was a Primary Close Contact of an exposure site outside the region.

"As a result, this case presents no risk to the community as the person has been isolating throughout their infectious period," the statement said.

There were no new local exposure sites listed as a result of the case.

The Department of Health confirmed the case was linked to the Trinity Grammar outbreak and the person was already in isolation at their holiday house on Phillip Island.

The confirmation of a positive case comes as viral fragments were again identified in the Cowes wastewater, on July 28 and 29.

There were no positive results from any of the listed exposure sites on Phillip Island and San Remo and all have now been removed from the state government public exposure site list.

However, Bass Coast Health advises if you experience any Covid symptoms (however minor), please get tested and stay home until you receive a negative result.

For the latest information on Coronavirus, go to www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au.

For wastewater testing results, go to www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/wastewater-testing-covid-19

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RSL drivers return

The Phillip Island RSL is pleased that their Medical and Welfare drives for members can recommence after lockdown.

In more good news, a new vehicle has been added to the fleet.

Cheryl Overton and Glenyce Paul, Committee members and volunteer drivers, are delighted with the addition of the new vehicle (in front) to assist members.



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POLICE BRIEFS

Lock up your vehicles

That's the message from local police, with a spate of thefts occurring across the wider Bass Coast region in recent weeks.

Senior Sergeant Andy O'Brien from Cowes Police said there had been a number of thefts of and from cars and trailers.

He said the majority of incidents had been in the Waterline area plus some in San Remo, but it was an issue right across the shire.

"Thieves are certainly active in the area," he advised.

"Please, don't leave the keys or any possessions in your car. Lock your cars and secure your trailers."

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Pool claims corrected: Otium responds

By Kate Maddock, Managing Director, Otium Planning Group Pty Ltd

The July 2, 2021 edition of the Phillip Island Advertiser included an article titled "Island Pool: Less Bang for Greater Buck". The article stated in its lead paragraph, "Phillip Island's proposed new pool will cost substantially more to build than pools built in other rural Victorian towns."

The article attempted to compare a range of different aquatic centre capital cost estimates, then incorrectly concluded that "the Island would receive less bang for greater buck".

The article used outdated costs and different construction year estimates in its facility comparisons. One of the facilities used for comparison, the proposed Torquay Aquatic Centre, has different building and activity areas, professional fees and contingency allowances to those proposed for the Phillip Island Aquatic Leisure Centre.

As a result, incorrect information and incomparable facilities have been used to conclude that the proposed Phillip Island Aquatic Leisure Centre would result in "less bang for greater buck".

The proposed Torquay Aquatic Centre was approved for development by the Surf Coast Shire Council last month. This facility has a smaller construction development area and different activity areas than those proposed for

the Phillip Island facility, which directly impacts the Torquay facility's lower estimated total cost.

In responding to the article, Otium Planning Group (OPG) notes it did not complete the capital cost advice but retained an experienced independent national and international quantity surveyor to provide cost estimates for the Phillip Island and Wonthaggi aquatic facility feasibility studies. It should also be noted that the independent cost plan is reviewed against industry benchmarked construction costs for recently developed aquatic and leisure facilities in regional areas.

It is noted that OPG was not contacted in relation to article or asked to respond to the article's questions, assumptions, and conclusions. If this had occurred, it would have shown the inferences drawn in the article were incorrect.

OPG notes that Bass Coast Aquatic Leisure Centre Feasibility Studies catchment analysis, concept plans and cost estimates have been completed to a high industry standard that will meet both State and Federal government requirements for future funding applications.

OPG looks forward to Council using these studies to guide and provide much needed high use, financially and environmentally sustainable aquatic facilities for all Shire residents and visitors to the area.

The Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser notes the professional research, plans and cost advice completed by Otium Planning Group and its specialist support companies meets industry standards and is therefore able to be used by Council to support future funding applications and project guidance.

Police target scooter abuse

Recently local police and residents raised their concerns about scooters being ridden at high speed on footpaths, with riders not wearing helmets.

However, Phillip Island is not the only area grappling with dangerous scooter drivers.

An e-scooter escapade in Nunawading recently made the news, with Channel 10 reporting a rider "allegedly refused to stop at a stop sign in front of police, before travelling over 40 km/h on a footpath".

The police took off in pursuit, eventually catching the 36-year-old male driver, who was then charged and will now have to appear in court.

On the Whitehorse Police Eyewatch Facebook page, police made a plea for e-scooter riders to obey the rules.

"There are certain rules surrounding these scooters that must be followed or they actually become a motor vehicle," the post stated.

"One of those rules is that they cannot exceed 200 watts and it is not able to be travel faster than 10km/h when ridden on level ground."

The Eyewatch post revealed the runaway e-scooter abuser was finally caught, "tested positive to drugs" and the scooter was "found to be 2400 watts of power, just a teeny bit over the allowable 200 watts". "His scooter was impounded and Naughty Neville (name changed to protect the innocents, apologies to all the Nevilles out there) will have a date with a Magistrate to look forward to," the post said.

Last month, Senior Sergeant Andy O'Brien from Cowes police told the Advertiser there were no issues with the popular vehicles, if they were used appropriately.

But he agreed with the concerns raised by one older resident.

"The last thing we need is a serious incident involving persons getting injured or worse."



Phillip Island is not the only area grappling with dangerous scooter drivers. An e-scooter escapade in Nunawading ended with the scooter being impounded and the rider charged. Photo courtesy of Eyewatch-Whitehorse Police Service Area.

He said parents and anyone using e-bikes or scooters had to ensure all safety and legislative requirements were being met.

He said the key issues included people over the age of 12 riding on the footpaths, too many passengers, high speeds, not wearing helmets and no operable pedals on the bikes. Without these, Snr Sergeant

O'Brien said the vehicle was considered a motorcycle, which means the driver must have a licence.

"If it travels more than 10km/h and its motor capacity is over 200W, it is a motor vehicle, and all applicable legislation applies," he warned.

"Again, pedals must be operable and seen to be being used to propel the vehicle."

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PICAL parking problem

PICAL's new education centre in Cowes could lead to carparking gridlock, say surrounding businesses.

A planning permit is currently on display for community feedback for the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre's long-awaited new headquarters, at a 1017m² site at 16 Warley Avenue in Cowes, formerly the Warley hospital.

The permit is for a single storey building to be built in two stages, including multipurpose classrooms, a computer lab, meeting rooms, storage areas, an office and reception.

The building will operate between 8am and 10pm with a maximum number of 94 students on site and 60 patrons; the permit does not mention staff numbers.

However the permit, which includes a traffic study, states the building is legally



An artist's impression of the new PICAL facility on Warley Avenue.

required to provide 58 car spaces, but will only provide four.

Surrounding businesses told the Advertiser they have "major concerns" about the waiver of 54 car parks.

The permit is written by Tract urban designers, on behalf of Bass Coast Shire, who are acting on behalf of PICAL.

In 2019, the state government announced it would buy PICAL's existing Church Street site to allow for the construction of the new community hospital.

Last year the shire confirmed they had purchased the Warley Avenue site, allocating almost \$1.3 million for construction of 550 square metres of floor space. The building is due to be completed by Christmas or early in 2022.

Parking

The shire employed consultants Traffix Group to undertake a traffic and car parking survey on Wednesday April 8, 2020 between 10am and 2pm.

Because car parking demands were "lower than usual" due to Covid-19 restrictions, additional car parking occupancy surveys were conducted using aerial photos from October 23, 2019 at 1pm, December 6, 2018 at noon, and November 25, 2017 at 3pm.

Traffix Group said 244 suitable public car parking spaces were included in the survey area along Warley Avenue, Genesta Street and Chapel Street, adding there was little public transport in Cowes.

They concluded the peak off-site car parking demand was "expected to be lower than the statutory car parking shortfall of 54 spaces".

"In any case, there is sufficient car parking available in the nearby area as demonstrated by the car parking surveys to accommodate the peak off-site car parking demand," Traffic Group said.

"Accordingly, we are satisfied that sufficient justification has been presented to warrant the issue of a permit for a reduction in the statutory car parking requirement."

The planning permit agrees stating "it is unlikely the centre will be operating at 100 per cent capacity therefore there will likely be considerably less demand for car parking."

Owner of Balance Health on Warley Avenue Kara Cassells said while she was "highly supportive" of new developments and the PICAL facility would be "fantastic", she had major concerns about the parking waiver.

"The majority of our clients are elderly and we want to make sure they – and PICAL clientele – have easy access to both centres," Kara said, adding Genesta Street should not be considered as it was so narrow.

"It's a lot of people to fit into a small area and I'm surprised such a big car parking requirement is being waived. It needs to be well thought through."

Cobi Franklin-Foley from Shima Salon on Warley Avenue said she also supported the PICAL facility, adding that it was a welcome addition to the street.

"But I don't like the idea they're not supplying sufficient car parks," Cobi said.

"Because I'll be losing them for my business – and other businesses in the area – which doesn't seem fair."

Plans

The permit states the PICAL building will include stage one of classrooms, meeting rooms, reception and landscaping, while stage two will include an extension of rooms for sewing, multi-purpose, storage and meetings, as well as an outdoor vegetable garden.

Veggies will be used in the PICAL pantry and for cooking demonstrations.

The building will be L-shaped, with the front stepped to avoid the root zone of the large spotted gum.

A Norfolk Island pine on the front nature strip will not be impacted.

The permit states PICAL would like to be off-grid with the use of solar panels and battery storage.

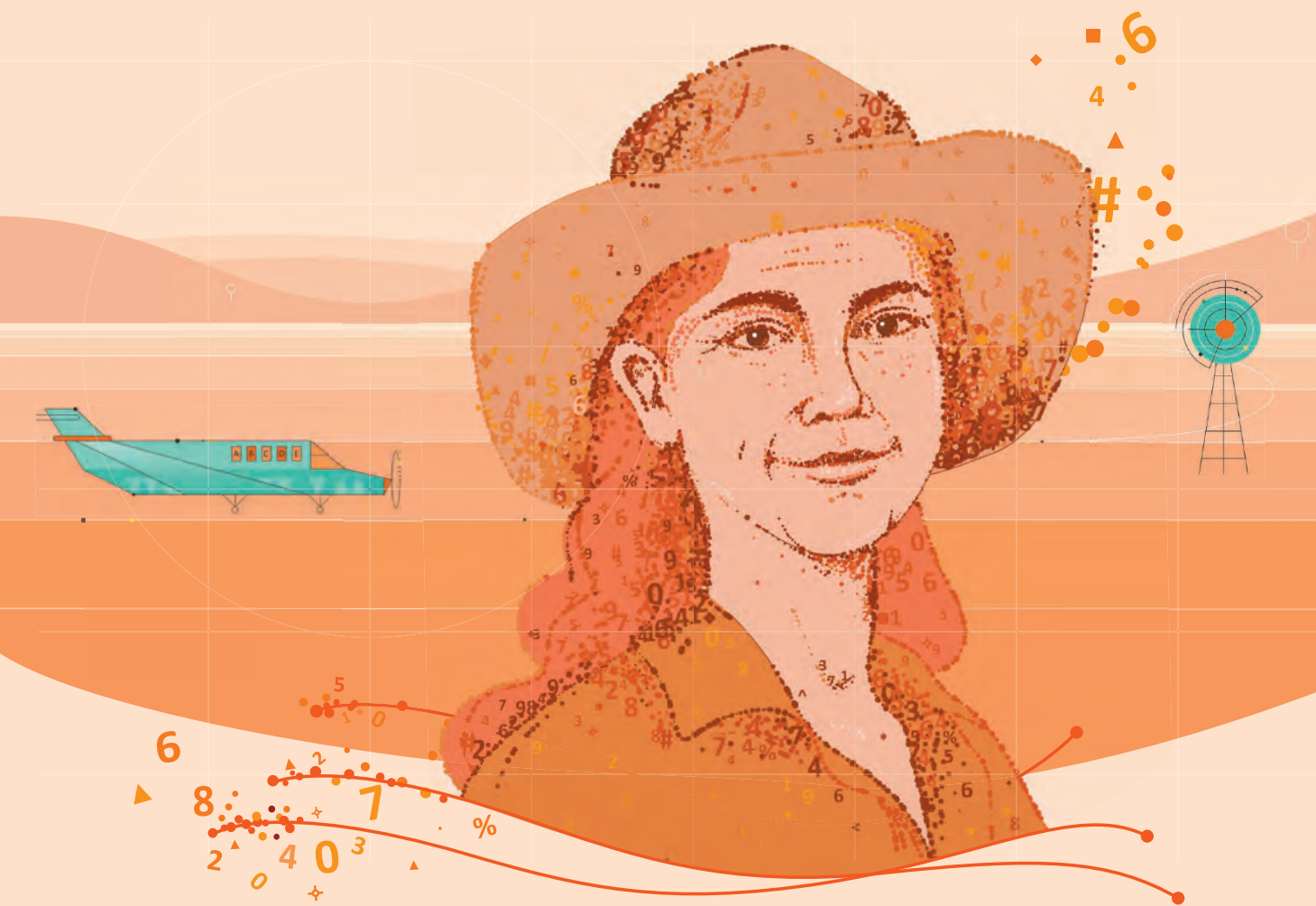
The Warley Avenue site is about a quarter of the size of the space PICAL currently occupies and cannot accommodate all the current services so the shire has "approved in principle" to give PICAL a small parcel of land at Blue Gum Reserve behind the CFA station for their community garden and Boomerang Bags operation.

PICAL is the largest emergency food relief outlet in South Gippsland, regularly feeding more than 500 people each month and started in 1980.



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BBV said it has asked the council to realign the new signage, currently at the exit to the car park and remove outdated signage detailing fees which no longer apply.

To pay or not to pay?

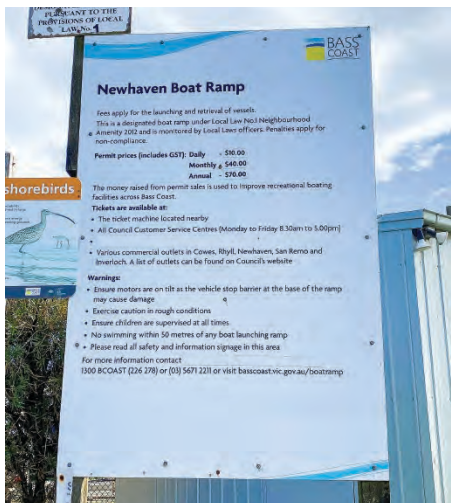
Local boaters say out of date signage is causing confusion at the Newhaven boat ramp.

Dean Thompson said a new sign in the carpark says the ramp is now free to use, while an old sign at the ramp lists the fees.

To add to the confusion, the fee signage is installed right at the ramp, while the new signage heralding the free use is best seen as vehicles exit the carpark.

The council confirmed the old sign outlining the fees would be removed shortly, but told the Advertiser “Better Boating Victoria (BBN) can be contacted regarding the siting of their new sign.”

A spokesperson for BBV confirmed it had been free to park and launch at boat ramps managed by Bass Coast Shire Council, including Newhaven, since September 2019.



Almost two years after the fees were removed from boat ramps by the state government, signage outlining fees remains in place at the Newhaven boat ramp.

They also said the new signage in the carpark would be moved.

“Council installed the new signage on behalf of Better Boating Victoria (BBV). BBV has since asked the council to realign the new signage and remove outdated signage detailing fees which no longer apply,” the spokesperson said.

The fee removal was part of a 2018 election promise which the state government said would make recreational boating easier and cheaper.

The boat ramp at Newhaven is due to be upgraded shortly, with a \$252,000 grant for a new floating pontoon and improvements to the jetty.

BBV is also funding the construction at Rhyll and Cowes Jetty and last month released concept designs for a proposed upgrade of the Cowes boat ramp.

Swimming on the rise again

By Don Turner, President of the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund Inc.

Haven't our swimmers at the Tokyo Olympics given us something to cheer about! There has been so much shouting in support aimed at television sets all over Bass Coast and the rest of Australia.

But I do think our swimmers need our Dawn Fraser to teach them some sports-person-like language!

It seems that although Australia and the United States have both sent very strong teams, swimmers from all over the world have been getting into the finals and winning medals.

Swimming seems to be on the rise in many nations that are not renowned for their speed in the pool.

There is no better time than now for us to be building world-class aquatic facilities here in Bass Coast Shire.

Councillors and council staff have been beaver away for some time now to bring to fruition this long-held dream.

An Aquatic Strategy that includes two facilities, (a new one on Phillip Island and the total redevelopment of the Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Wonthaggi), was adopted in 2016.

The land on Phillip Island has been purchased for a sporting and recreation hub, and consultants have recommended the aquatic elements that may be included, then these planned elements have been independently costed.

Council will soon be developing a Funding Strategy to take to the state and Federal governments, as the total cost of the two Aquatic Centres is far greater than our rates alone can afford.

The recent Olympic Games trials in Adelaide reinforced the fact that some young swimmers over time have had their start here in Bass Coast.

The schools, swim schools and swim clubs have played a part in this early development.

They have been handicapped by travel distances to training, an ageing facility and limited access to training lane space.

Some of our world-class surfers have also developed their water skills partly in the local schools and swim clubs.

Who knows how many emerging Aussie swimmers may get their start here with new local facilities! The 2032 Brisbane Olympics are just around the corner.

But new aquatic facilities will not only benefit emerging elite athletes – they will be for the Bass Coast community residents.

From pre-schoolers to school-aged children, to people who swim for recreation, fitness and health and wellbeing, to people who need warm-water-exercise to alleviate aches and pains, we all can benefit from these proposed facilities.

Many people from my generation will remember lazy weekends and school holidays spent around the public pool, where we hoped to impress our mates and enjoy the company of our friends, both male and female.

And have I mentioned the visitors to Bass Coast?

We know there are lots of days where the weather is not suitable for the beach, and tourists look to alternatives to spend some time with their families.

Apart from tourists, there are school camps that have busloads of visitors every week (Covid willing), and world-class aquatic facilities will be a bonus for them.

Let's all get behind this and help make it happen.

You can see the concept plans as well as the Bass Coast Aquatics Strategy at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/projects/aquatics-in-bass-coast



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Smiths Beach set for major overhaul

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- Additional carparking at Mitchell Reserve;
- One way traffic restrictions during peak periods;
- Dedicated bike paths.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said the introduction of parking permits was “an example of what could occur”, with further work needed by the shire “to determine the best approach for changing parking restrictions”.

The draft plan says Smiths Beach has a number of hazardous intersections, especially Back Beach Road and Smiths Beach Road, which saw a fatality several years ago.

It states because Smiths Beach has few footpaths pedestrians use the road or grassy verges, making “potential pedestrian and cyclist/vehicle flashpoints”.

“Traffic and parking conditions are of key concern to the community, both in terms of car parking and interaction between pedestrians and cars and especially during peak periods,” the draft states.

Trail

The plan identifies a potential South Coast Route, which includes considering a link between YCW and Smiths Beach, extending through to Sunderland Bay.

This would require negotiation with St Bede's College – which owns a section of headland between the YCW and Smiths Beach.

According to the plan there is potential for an off-road trail route along the western edge of Smiths Beach, from Back Beach Road to YCW Beach and linking with existing routes to the north.

These trails were mooted by the Phillip Island Nature Parks several years ago, with the community panel supporting the idea of “reclaiming small sections of privately owned coastal land to develop a coastal walking track”.



The Draft Smiths Beach Town Plan said: “This tranquil town is completely transformed during the summer months and school holidays where holiday makers descend on Smiths Beach in their droves

Erosion

Coastal erosion is a growing problem in Smiths Beach, with the draft plan suggesting a number of solutions:

- No new infrastructure should be located at or forward of the present beach-slope interface;
- Local sand renourishment – bulldoze sand in front of the steps and also regrade the beach profile after storm events;
- Removal of structures such as steps where they have been undermined by erosion;
- In the longer term, create alternative beach access sites.

Too popular?

The community panel – which gave input into the draft – agreed Smiths Beach should maintain its “existing seaside character”.

Some in the panel raised concerns about development of farmland and overdevelopment, increased commercial activity and building heights.

Panel members wanted to “prevent” urban sprawl and maintain large allotment land sizes.

The draft plan states Smiths Beach has 548 homes on 49 hectares and is designated as a low growth settlement under the planning scheme. This discourages development beyond the town boundary, limits buildings to two storeys and encourages wildlife corridors through the town.

“There is strong strategic justification for keeping the township footprint as is,” the draft plan concludes.

The community panel also highlighted an increase in holiday rentals had potential to “negatively impact” the town.

“Behaviours experienced included increase in late night house parties, parties on the beach and in carpark areas,” the draft states, adding the balance of tourists needed to be sustainable and overcrowding managed.

“The tourism influx is causing damage to the dunes and beach environment.”

The draft states the number of visitors to Smiths Beach could be managed through increased or new Surf Life Saving patrols on other island beaches.

The panel highlighted the need to stop noise pollution from the Grand Prix track, with increased tree planting a solution to provide a buffer to the noise.

Town square

The need for a town square or community space for Smiths Beach – orig-

inally requested by the Smiths Beachcomber Association in 2009 – is a “live issue”, according to the draft plan, which aims to “resolve this issue”.

The association says vacant land at 218 Smiths Beach Road would be the preferred location ... creating a town square or town centre.

Other issues “both supported and not supported” by the community panel include the need for a barbecue and picnic facilities, new and upgraded public toilets at Smiths and YCW beach, outdoor gym and exercise equipment.

Further ideas floated included seasonal events and markets, encouraging local businesses to expand their offerings, such as take away food and grocery items and pop up surfboard hire on the beach.

There was a strong push to develop solar power including a “micro grid”, the conversion of street lighting to solar powered and solar power in community and commercial buildings.

The community panel also debated off-leash dog areas and times and ways where “both parties can be satisfied and an agreeable arrangement found”.

Smiths Beach: how to have your say

There are three drop-in sessions:

- Saturday, August 7: 11am-4pm, Smiths Beach Car Park**
- Thursday, August 12: 4pm-8pm, Phillip Island Information Centre, Newhaven
- Thursday, August 19: 11am-4pm at YCW Beach Car Park**

In the case of public health restrictions preventing in-person events, these drop-in sessions will be held virtually.

**In the event of bad weather sessions will be relocated to the Phillip Island Information Centre in Newhaven.

Feedback can also be provided via an online survey on council's website.

The closing date for consultation is Tuesday, August 31.

For information about the project or to fill in the survey, go to www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smithsbeach Or you can email: strategic.planningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

Following consultation, officers will review all submissions and incorporate community feedback into the plan.

It is expected that the final plan will be presented to council for consideration in late 2021.

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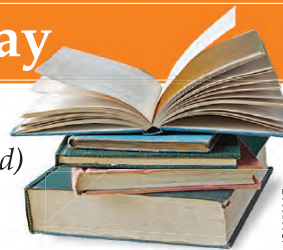
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Council Update



Draft Smiths Beach Town Plan

In 2020, we started a conversation about the future of Smiths Beach and invited the community to share their ideas. The Draft Smiths Beach Town Plan builds upon this community engagement and is being developed in collaboration with a panel of community members and a reference group of key organisations including the Smiths Beachcombers Association, Phillip Island Nature Parks and the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club. The Smiths Beach Town Plan presents a vision for Smith Beach's future across eight key dimensions and includes four “gamechanger” projects, including a new trail, upgrades to the Smiths Beach and YCW Beach Car Parks and a proposed shared zone on Smiths Beach Road among other actions and initiatives across the wider community.

To view the plan and to have your say online, please visit: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smithsbeach

We are also running three drop in sessions* at the following times:

- Saturday, 7 August 11.00am-4.00pm at Smiths Beach Car Park**
- Thursday, 12 August 4.00pm-8.00pm at Phillip Island Information Centre, Newhaven
- Thursday, 19 August 11.00am-4.00pm at YCW Beach Car Park**

* In the case of public health restrictions preventing in-person events, these drop-in sessions will be held virtually.

**In the event of bad weather sessions will be relocated to the Phillip Island Information Centre in Newhaven.

The closing date for consultation is Tuesday, 31 August 2021.

For any enquiries regarding this project, please contact Council's Strategic Planning Team the numbers below or email strategic.planningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au

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"No justice" against San Remo developer: residents

Residents of a San Remo unit block have failed in their bid to seek damages for flooding from the developer of a neighbouring housing estate.

However, adding to their woes, the residents failed only on a procedural technicality that absolves the developer of all responsibility.

Last year the Advertiser reported residents of a body corporate of 24 units on Genista Street had experienced months of "enormous stress" after runoff from Panorama estate flooded their properties.

The body corporate has been seeking damages from Panorama estate developer, TCG Doreen Pty Ltd, at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal for "unreasonable flow of water".

Body corporate spokesperson Trevor Fothergill explained flooding had not been a problem before the 95-lot estate was developed, but he said since it was built mud and water wash had flowed into body corporate properties, especially seven units immediately abutting the estate.

"Damage to our property has resulted, including the deterioration of our fence which has become mouldy and turning green from the constant soaking from the developer's side with stagnant water and a significant build-up of silt," Mr Fothergill said.

He said he believed the flooding problem had been caused by the developer changing the topography of the land by adding a layer of more than 20cm of soil, after the shire had issued a planning permit, with drainage pits higher than large sections of the development.

"Drainage cannot and will not function as intended. Stagnant water will not flow uphill into drainage pits."

VCAT failure

However, Mr Fothergill told the Advertiser the claim had been withdrawn last month, with the develop-

er to pay its own costs and no order for costs against the body corporate.

He said it had been withdrawn because all 95 Panorama lots were now not owned by the developer, but rather individual owners who would soon start construction, expected to move in by Christmas.

"I was advised no claims could be made now or in future against the developer because it no longer owns any land adjoining our property," Mr Fothergill said.

Furthermore, in the contracts of sale, all homeowners were required to landscape their backyards to minimise water overflows in the future, "but there are not, of course, any guarantees".

Mr Fothergill added the body corporate could still challenge this at VCAT, with the earliest next available VCAT date mid-2022.

"At this time, we would need to make a claim against all of the new lot owners and proceed against them instead."

He said by mid-2022 all houses would be constructed and "the nature of the land would be altered".

This meant all the expert witness evidence the body corporate had so far gathered and paid for – such as engineers' advice – "would no longer be relevant".

"New expert evidence would be needed for each lot separately. Based on current costs, that would be about \$15,700 for each of our seven owners with adjoining properties to the development.

"With no prospect of obtaining any justice against the developer under this claim I felt I had no other practical choice today other than to negotiate a settlement of this claim."

Mr Fothergill, as the body corporate representative, said he felt he had "let everyone down", particularly by not pursuing a different – possibly more successful – claim, which he was not aware of at that time.



This photo shows lower lying water below a drainage grate at the Panorama Estate: "Stagnant water will not flow uphill into drainage pits." However a claim for damages by residents against the developer for this flooding problem has now failed.

"For that I apologise for not investigating further to find the best course of action," he told fellow residents.

"Our water flow claim evolved into being against a moving target."

Further legal action

Mr Fothergill said the body corporate could still pursue a claim for damages against Bass Coast Shire, because he believed they "unlawfully varied or changed" the estate's

permit conditions, which allowed the topography of the land to be changed.

He said a claim against the shire would be for "fixed events" at the time of the development and not subsequent developer activity.

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

"The evidence is compelling with two written admissions from council that they consented to construction other than in compliance with VCAT's permit conditions.

"Council's decisions have reduced the planning permit system to a total farce."

Shire CEO Ali Wastie previously told the Advertiser drainage of the development was working effectively and no rectification works were "anticipated".

She said the planning permit issued by VCAT in 2014 had been amended, but "drainage requirements directed by VCAT were not changed".

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

Ms Wastie last year acknowledged rainfall had "led to offsite impacts from the Panorama Drive subdivision site".

In March last year the shire confirmed to the Advertiser an infringement notice had been issued to the developer for a breach of the Environmental Management Plan, after silt run-off from the property washed into Western Port.

The Advertiser has also reported about an elderly pensioner on Back Beach Road, who had his house flooded twice in a month. The pensioner, Bill Wintle, also blamed blocked drains in the estate for his flooding.

A spokesman for the developer Dean Lovig last year told the Advertiser the flooding problem was "serious" and had been addressed following work by Telstra and the NBN on Back Beach Road.

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Islanders emerge from Lockdown #5

Bern Carroll, Janine Temme, Toni Tranchina, Marcelle Krieg and Brock Brocklesby enjoy a meal at Anerie in Cowes. "We were isolating for two weeks after coming back from Queensland and then the same day we were due to finish, Victoria went into lockdown #5 so it feels more like a month! We've been dying to come and try Anerie, so we're just so happy to be out of lockdown where we can catch up with friends and support our local businesses."



Phillip Island Ten Pin Bowling opened a day after most businesses last week. The bowling alley was a Tier1 exposure site, with four out of the six staff in quarantine. "We're super proud of our team for coming out the other side without any cases, which means they followed all procedures correctly, as did the Covid-positive case when he visited here," owners Jeremy Westaway and Craig Holmes said. While lockdowns hurt the business, the pandemic more broadly had seen business boom. "Because people can't travel there's more coming here to visit and moving to the island too," Jeremy said.



Jodie Doman was happy to be back out and about. "The fact that we didn't get any local cases following the COVID positive visitor to the island is evidence that the measures the government are taking are working."



Harry Schmidt (owner/chef of much loved island restaurant Harry's on the Esplanade) enjoyed a glass of wine post lockdown. "Thankfully we're out of lockdown no. 5. Let's hope we stay that way. And it's important that small business stay open - that's why we should all be vaccinated. In particular a business like this one (Anerie) who put in a lot of effort to produce good food and run a professional business."



Phillip Island Leisure Centre's Eddy Wallis gave gym junkies a warm reception last week. "It was a pleasant surprise to open because gyms are normally held back after coming out of lockdown," Eddy said. "Everyone was in such a slump during lockdown and some said they couldn't even be motivated to walk. So on day one, everyone is very happy to be back."

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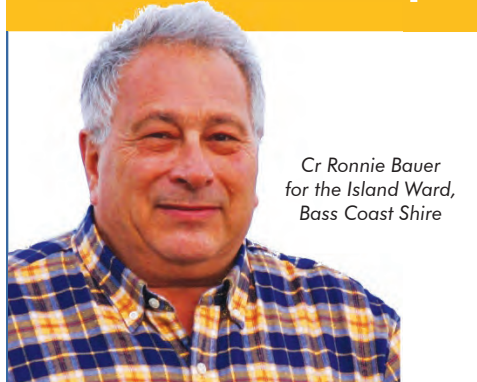
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Local surfer “poster boy” for Stroke awareness

After suffering a stroke while surfing in June, Phillip Island's Stephen Fullarton is part of a campaign to raise awareness of the signs of stroke.

Ambulance Victoria is calling on everyone to know the signs of stroke after a dramatic rise in patients being treated through its Victorian Stroke Telemedicine (VST) service.

Stephen was surfing at Crazy Birds when he suffered a massive stroke in June.

The 69-year-old was dragged to the shore by another surfer who recognised he was having stroke and called an ambulance.

The building designer was quickly taken to Wonthaggi Hospital where he underwent a VST consultation and was later flown to The Alfred Hospital to be treated for haemorrhagic stroke (bleeding into the brain).

Stephen described his experience as astonishing.

“Everything lined up for me, from being spotted in the water by the locals to how quickly paramedics got me up the cliffs and to hospital where I was connected through to the stroke specialists,” he said.

“I was on my way to the Alfred in what seemed like no time at all, it's just amazing.”

Stephen was able to walk within days of starting rehabilitation and has since regained his speech.

Ambulance Victoria Director Stroke Services, Professor Chris Bladin said Stephen's case demonstrates how VST is transforming stroke care for regional and rural Victorians, right across the state.

“The outcomes for patients treated through VST are equivalent to those achieved when patients present at hospital in metropolitan Melbourne,” Prof. Bladin said.

“It's central to our goal of providing equitable access to the right care, the best care, for all Victorians.”

In the last financial year, VST provided life-saving stroke care to 4205 patients, up 36 per cent on the previous year (3087).

June was VST's busiest month on record, with 419 consultations.

“Stroke is one of our biggest causes of death and disability and we're seeing more Victorians suffering strokes than ever before,” Prof. Bladin said.

“Through VST, we are giving stroke patients the best chance of making a good recovery by getting them the best care, faster, no matter



Stephen Fullarton had a stroke while surfing last month and was pulled from the water by local surfers. Photographer John Stapleton captured Stephen in action at Crazy Birds the day before his dramatic rescue.

where they live.”

Prof Bladin said all community members should learn the F.A.S.T. signs this National Stroke Week.

“Time is brain with stroke, so the quicker you recognise the signs and call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance, the better the person's chance is of survival,” Prof. Bladin said.

“Check the face, is the mouth drooped, is lifting one or both arms difficult, is the speech slurred? If so, pick up the phone and call paramedics straight away.”

Ambulance Victoria paramedics will be out in force throughout August educating their local communities about stroke as part of a new collaboration with the Stroke Foundation.

National Stroke Week runs from August 2-8. For more information visit strokefoundation.org.au.

About Stroke

- Stroke occurs every 19 minutes in Australia.
- In 2020, 27,428 Australians experienced a stroke for the first time.

• In 2020, more than 445,000 Australians are living with the effects of stroke, 65 per cent of whom live with an ongoing disability that impacts their day-to-day life.

• More than 80 per cent of strokes can be prevented by managing an individual's stroke risk and living a healthy lifestyle.

• Each year more people are having stroke at a younger age and more regional Australians are having a stroke than their city counterparts.

• Stroke can happen to anybody at any stage and is always a medical emergency.

• The longer a stroke remains untreated, the greater the chance of stroke-related brain damage.

• Getting FAST treatment for stroke can be the difference between death, disability, and a good recovery.

The F.A.S.T. Signs

- Face. Check their face. Has their mouth drooped?
- Arms. Can they lift both arms?
- Speech. Is their speech slurred? Do they understand you?
- Time Is critical. If you see any of these signs call 000 straight away.

About Victorian Stroke Telemedicine (VST)

• VST is available in 17 hospitals throughout regional Victoria and outer metropolitan Melbourne and two hospitals in northern Tasmania.

• A telemedicine cart, known as a “teledoc” is located at each participating hospital.

• When a suspected stroke case presents, the hospital contacts an on-call specialist. The specialist then has an audio-visual consultation with the patient, their family and treating clinicians via a secure video link.

• The consultant can review the patient's brain scan and provide diagnosis and advice.

• They may recommend the use of a thrombolytic drug to dissolve the clot in the patient's brain. There is a critical four-and-a-half-hour window for suspected stroke patients to receive clot-busting drugs.

• VST also recommends urgent transfer to tertiary centres for patients who are eligible for potentially life-saving surgery

• 22 consultants are part of VST with experts based in Perth, Launceston, Christchurch and Melbourne.

Vaccines available – so book your spot

Gippsland Region Public Health Unit has provided this summary of who is currently able to receive a vaccine at a Community Vaccination Clinic.

Pfizer eligibility:

- Phase 1a / Phase 1b Cohorts (under 60 years **)
- Pregnant woman
- General Population 40 years to 59 years

AstraZeneca eligibility:

- Phase 1a / Phase 1b cohorts who are 60 years and over
- General population 60 years and over

Please note:
**The following priority cohorts have additionally been granted access to Pfizer (irrespective of age);

- Healthcare workers
- aged care workers

- disability workers
- family of hotel quarantine workers
- border enforcement workers

Vaccine advice

Keen to get an AstraZeneca shot, but don't fit into any of the categories listed above?

In line with the current state program guidelines, the AstraZeneca vaccine is not administered to 18–39-year-olds through state run clinics.

However, under the Commonwealth vaccine roll out, anyone under 60 who is not in a priority cohort but would like to access AstraZeneca may be able to access it via a GP clinic., after speaking to a GP to weigh up the risk/benefits.

This week, the state government confirmed that state-run vaccination centres will now administer the second dose of Pfizer vaccine at least six weeks

after the first dose from Monday, August 2. There is no change to the AstraZeneca interval advice.

Community clinic

The Bass Coast Community Vaccination Clinic is in the Wonthaggi Town Hall. Current opening hours are 9am - 4pm Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and 10am - 6pm Wednesday.

Anyone eligible for a Pfizer vaccine (including a second dose) is urged to make an appointment.

Walk in appointments are available for AstraZeneca shots for people over 60.

For the most up-to-date opening times, visit www.covidbasscoasthealth.org.au/covid-19updates.

To book an appointment, go to www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment or call 1800 675 398.



Trent Westaway and Millie Sadler of Inverloch at the front desk of the Community Vaccination Clinic at the Town Hall in Wonthaggi.



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Winnie Trehern won gold in the Banfields Olympic shooting.



Dot and Lance Reid enjoyed the Olympic events – at Tokyo and at home – with Lance scoring several medals



Lisa Pratt, seen here with team leader Robyn Montague, was the mastermind behind the Banfields Olympic program.



Margaret Sullivan celebrating her bronze medal.

Banfields goes for gold

Olympic fever was in the air at Banfields Aged Care last week, as residents got into the Olympic spirit.

But they weren't just glued to the big screen, watching the athletes complete in Tokyo.

In an inventive twist on the normal activities schedule, Robyn Montague, the Lifestyle Team Leader said

her team put together a full Olympic program to help keep residents active.

Just like at the regular games, there was a range of different events and with 45 plus in the Banfield Olympic Squad, it's been a busy week for the Lifestyle team.

"We've had nine different events – discus, shot put, javelin, shooting (with Nerf

guns), ten pin bowling, soccer, bocce, darts and putt putt," Robyn explained.

"For warmups, we've done armchair exercises, and held health and harmony meditations for cool downs."

She said residents have embraced the Olympic theme, with throats sore from singing the National Anthem.

"Everyone got into the

Olympic spirit.

"I think the shooting was their favourite event (using Nerf guns to shoot at plastic ducks), and it did get a bit competitive, but they all cheered each other on.

"Everyone has lived through so many Olympics, so it's something they've all got in common.

"There was a lot of reminiscing and it brought out some stories of past glories," Robyn said.

"It's good for mental health and wellbeing doing something together and it makes them laugh – at each other and themselves."

Even residents not well enough to join in on the activities got to enjoy Olympic-themed brain games and word search from the comfort of their beds.

The week was topped off with a special Olympic-themed lunch. Tables were set with Olympic rings placemats and decorated with kolas, flags and other Aussie merchandise.

It even included a green and gold dessert.

"To see their expressions when they came out and saw how good the tables looked, it made our day."

The week ended with a special medal presentation, with gold awarded to Winnie Trehern (shooting), June Durzak (discus), Bill Waters (ten pin bowling, shot put, darts), Lance Reid (putt putt) and Bob Peterson (javelin).

While the Olympics-theme provided additional colour and fun, Banfields has a regular program of activities designed to keep residents

active, healthy and happy.

"We run a really good program and I've got the best team I could have, so we're very lucky," Robyn said, making special mention of her team of Lisa, Samantha, Sarah, Kaylene and Sonia.

"And we couldn't do it without the support of our director of care, Lara Basso."

A recent visit from the assessment team of the Australian Healthcare Associates, confirmed just how special the program is.

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Bruce Procter (left) and Peter Paul (right) from the Bendigo Community banks presenting a defib to John Batty of Melaleuca Suites.

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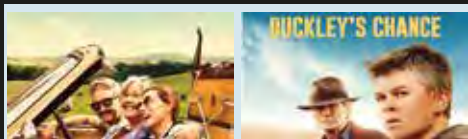
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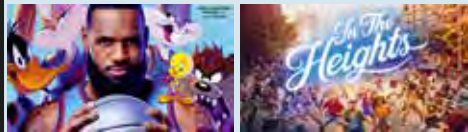
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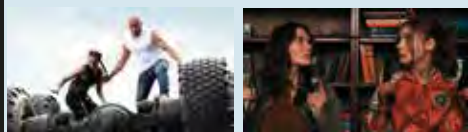
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Lesley Hughes (front row) and Trevor Hughes (second from right) in a familiar Lions pose. The Lions Club stalwarts are moving to Coffs Harbour to be closer to family.

Leading Lions head north

By the Phillip Island Lions Club

After serving the Phillip Island community for eighteen years, Trevor and Lesley Hughes have decided to head north to Coffs Harbour to be closer to family.

For eighteen years Lesley and Trevor have been stalwarts of the Lions Club of Phillip Island.

Since joining in 2003 Trevor and Lesley have each held multiple positions on the Lions Club executive.

Currently Lesley is the Club President. Under her presidency in 2020/21 Lions donated over \$23,000 to Island causes and other charities, all funded by the operations of the Lion's Steptoe's Emporium in Dunsmore Road Cowes in which they were active participants.

Lesley's priority in serv-

ing the community has been to assist young people and families on the Island. The Lions Club has regularly funded the school breakfast program at Cowes Primary School, has paid for some students to attend adventure camps at Licola, and has funded vouchers to assist school families in need.

Lesley has repeatedly advised Lions Club members that, "targeted and timely assistance can turn around young lives."

Trevor and Lesley are heading to Coffs Harbour. Two daughters, sons-in-law, and a number of grandkids live in or near Coffs Harbour and are eagerly awaiting their move north.

Phillip Island Lions will greatly miss Lesley and Trevor's presence and their contribution to the club and its community service projects.

One of the projects initiated and managed by Trevor and Lesley was the world record attempt for the greatest number of people dressed as penguins gathered in one place.

Nine hundred happy islanders and visitors gathered at the penguin centre car park in March 2015. The project generated a \$13,000 donation to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

For many years, Lesley and Trevor also ran their interior design company Interiors Unlimited and many Islanders will miss their friendly and professional services.

Farewell to a terrific island couple.

Lions and many other Islanders wish Trevor and Lesley many happy years enjoying their family and the warmer weather of Coffs Harbour.

New President for Bass Coast Toastmasters

Bass Coast Toastmasters welcomed a new president at its annual changeover dinner last month.

Patricia Jamieson from Newhaven has taken over as club president in what is shaping up to be an exciting time for the local public speaking group.

Already this year the club has changed its name from South Coast Speakers Toastmasters to Bass Coast Toastmasters and has updated its format to allow people to attend the meeting either in-person or online via Zoom. The hybrid format provided added flexibility during COVID-19 restrictions and is likely to be continued on an ongoing basis.

Bass Coast Toastmasters helps people to develop their public speaking skills within a supportive and friendly environment.

Members are set a pathway based on what goals they would like to achieve and are provided with a structured way to develop their speaking abilities and leadership qualities.

Through ongoing practice and constructive feedback, speaking skills are improved, resulting in better communication.



Patricia Jamieson from Newhaven has taken over as club president of the Bass Coast Toastmasters in what is shaping up to be an exciting time for the local public speaking group.

In accepting her role as club president Ms Jamieson thanked outgoing president Richard Stuteley for his leadership and spoke about the year ahead.

"Richard Stuteley - Stutz - helped to guide Bass Coast Toastmasters through a difficult time for the club.

"Like many other organisations we had to learn alternative ways to meet and to function and we managed to do this well, even if it was a learning process for many of us. We would like to thank Stutz for his good humour

and dedication.

"Bass Coast Toastmasters is a small but convivial club. We pride ourselves on delivering the aims of Toastmasters International in a relaxed way," Ms Jamieson said.

"This year we look forward to welcoming new members to our club and helping them reach their public speaking goals."

After club positions were filled, the 2021 'Toastmaster of the Year' trophy was awarded. This year's winner was Catherine Styles who was presented with the award for her speaking professionalism, her commitment to the club and her continuous improvement.

Bass Coast Toastmasters meets at 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the San Remo Hotel or online via Zoom.

You are welcome to attend a meal beforehand - own cost.

To find out more please phone Patricia Jamieson on 0412 339 795 or email basscoasttoastmasters@gmail.com or find us on Facebook or Instagram.

New members are always welcome.



Assistant District Governor Graeme Sprague was on hand to pass the baton of President on to Judy Lawrence.

Rotary celebrates changeover

A report from the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo

The Rotary Club recently celebrated their Changeover, managing to hold the night in between lockdowns!

The meeting was held at the new Rotary Headquarters (RHQ) and members and guests were treated to curries and Chinese food as well as fun and camaraderie.

Assistant District Governor Graeme Sprague was on hand to pass the baton of President on to Judy Lawrence, who then inducted the Rotary Board and other committee members.

Much to his surprise, John Tennant then received a special presentation from Immediate Past President, Keith Gregory.

A Paul Harris Fellowship with Sapphire Pin was awarded to John in recognition of the work he has done in getting not only the (now not so) new Op Shop but also Rotary RHQ up and running.

John, together with a small but dedicated team of members, has ensured that the RHQ is comfortable, welcoming and warm whilst also being a valuable storage and sorting area for the Op Shop.

Members now have their very own meeting hub which they alternate with local venues.

Like other organisations and clubs, 2020 and the beginning of 2021 have been difficult for the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo.

Unable to participate in community events, programmes and fundraising activities, the Op Shop has provided a valuable source of income to the club.

This meant that, among other things, they were able to provide some funds towards new playground equipment at Newhaven Primary School as well as participating with other clubs to provide a water filtration unit, called a Sky Hydrant, to communities in Timor Leste.

This is a major project for the International Committee and working with other clubs means more communities can be supported.

We continue to enjoy the friendship of members, partners and guests at our meetings and look forward to being able to provide assistance within our local community and beyond as well as returning to being engaged in community activities.

Bridge Walk on hold

A Bridge Walk scheduled for this week has been cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Last week, the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network released a statement saying it "regretfully advises that the Bridge Walk planned for 11am on Wednesday, August 4 has been cancelled to align with guidelines to keep our community safe".

The August 4 date was chosen to coincide with National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day.

"Despite not being able to be together on this day, we acknowledge its importance and that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and communities have provided love and care for their children, growing them up strong and safe in their cultural traditions, for thousands of generations," the Network stated.

"The day is an opportunity for us to show our support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, as well as learn about the crucial impact that culture, family and community play in the life of every child.

"We encourage everyone to visit aboriginalchildrens-day.com.au/ and learn more and share with their networks.

"Thanks to everyone for your support and we look forward to gathering again when safe to do so, until then take care and please reach out if you need support or assistance."

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network has members from Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Network and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.

Keep in touch on event updates at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation

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Ode to Covid

Time has stopped, the World has changed,
The normal order re-arranged,
The ordinary becomes a crime, an echo of a former time. A hug, a touch, a laugh

out loud,

The comradeship amongst a crowd.

What can we do? What can we say? To just exist another day?

Socially distance, wear a mask, (It really isn't much to

ask), just wash your hands,
And most of all, just keep in mind, just make an effort to be kind. For if anything can see us through, it is the link from me to you.

For if we just help one another, there is a truth that we discover,

Together, we can see it through,

If you care for me, and I care for you.

Janet Cram, Cowes

After 30+ years, it's time to retire

Some time ago on holiday in the "Red Centre" I suggested to my family it was time to consider retiring and start visiting

the wonderful places within our great country. My husband and I realised Covid has put a stop to overseas travel and the "time-share" we bought won't be fully utilised, so why not pack up the "furry" children, hitch up the caravan and follow the road around Australia. The concept sounded great, but it required one thing, my resignation!

I've had the total enjoyment of working in both pharmacies in Cowes continually for over 30 years. During that time, I have seen young couples move to the Island and now I serve their children and grandchildren. Every customer I've helped and served has been wonderful and has given me

more in respect and kindness than I could have given them, and I was only doing my job.

Do I give it all up start a new adventure or do I keep doing the same thing? When we arrived at Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) in the NT, the decision was made for me.

The sight of the red sand was like Homer's "Song of the Sirens". Once I walked amongst the rock formation in the red sand I knew it was time to leave my comfort zone and see Australia.

My husband and I both said to one another: "it was time for the adventure to begin".

I have tendered my resignation, had my last day full of fond farewells, and it's time

for me to say thank you and farewell.

I wish to thank my employers, Andrew, Trish and Rob at the Phillip Island Pharmacy and all the wonderful staff I've had the pleasure to work with, as I can confidently say I never had a bad day at work.

But, most of all, I want to thank my wonderful customers for all their support and wishes extended to me and my family over the past weeks and years.

I will cherish the past years as they have been so important to me. Everyone has given me wonderful memories that I am so thankful for.

Love to you all.

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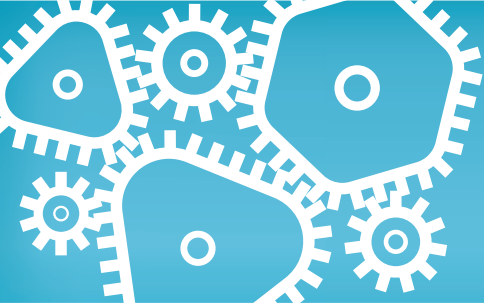
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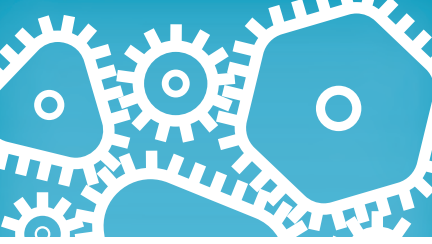
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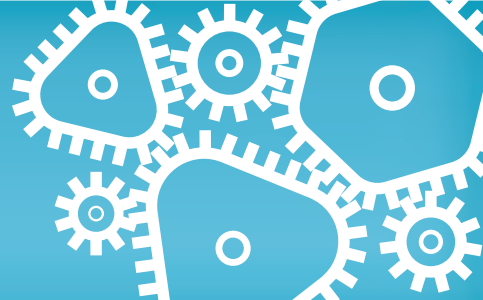
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SITUATIONS VACANT

Lisa McLure emerges from lockdown to write a personal account of how she changed her whole outlook on life.

"It is nice to be coming out the other side of recent events. I am sitting here typing away with my new friend Arya.

She is a gorgeous four-month-old golden retriever puppy.

I look after her every Wednesday for a friend of mine while he's at work. I'm a glutton for punishment but she makes up for it with cuteness.

This week I want to talk about body image, body confidence, and accepting yourself.

I've worked in the hairdressing industry for 28 years, and the fitness industry for more than eight years.

Times are definitely changing for the better – slowly-slowly.

The fitness and fashion industries are getting the memo that we are not just bodies, we have a brain in there too: feelings, emotions, and it's not all about being perfect.

We are seeing a way better representation of all body shapes, disabilities, personal choices.

Think back to the '90s when the only way to be perceived as successful as a woman was to be painfully thin.

Back then the champagne and cigarette diet was the in-thing.

It was atrocious.

Trouble is, women – especially around my age (43) – have grown up with this in our psyche and it's tough to bend your head around not thinking this way anymore.

As a personal trainer and hairdresser, I constantly hear self-deprecating comments and I am certainly not immune to this.

I have spent many years begrudging that bit of fat, cellulite, wrinkle.

Why did I eat that? Why don't I look as good as that person? Why though?



Arya, the puppy, kept Lisa company while writing this column.

Why do we do it to ourselves, especially when the truth is that person you admire also thinks they haven't got it right either.

I recently found a photo of myself from four years ago.

I distinctly remember taking it as a reminder to myself to do better.

Yet I was 20kg lighter, super fit and an absolute fox. But back then, in my head, nope, still not perfect! Ugh.

Most of you know my struggles: with surgery, a nasty little stomach parasite and so on. Working in two careers that focus on body image, it has been a huge mental battle to finally step out of the body bashing chasm of doom and instead jump on to the fun train, which is loving oneself.

I can tell you right now, it's a way funner place to hang out. (Yes funner is a word, I just invented it, and you're welcome).

I stopped begrudging myself for not being Lisa from four years ago and started loving the red-hot fox in

the mirror that I see these days.

I'm still the same person, but I'm choosing to love her, not loathe her for a certain body composition.

Fat is not a swear word, fat is part of all of us. Cellulite, yep, she has moved in and who cares?

It is time to stop being our own mortal enemy. If someone gives you a compliment, do not make your first response "oh I would look better if I lost some weight" or "oh I'm having a fat day today".

A compliment is a gift, the giver of a compliment has chosen to gift you with something lovely.

Do not throw it on the ground and stomp on it.

Accept it with a thank you and watch their face light up.

Also start complimenting yourself.

Give it a red hot go. I'll wait ...

Would you speak to your best friend, your child, your partner the way we do in our heads in the mirror? Heck no!

Try this, next time you start being unkind to yourself in your head: try saying it out loud. I bet you can't. Why? Because it's confronting, bloomin' awful. Let us start a revolution, let's start championing ourselves first. Some days and weeks you just need to rest, give yourself permission to build a couch nest and binge some Netflix.

Other times you'll want to take on the universe. Awesome! Stop the comparison and the chasm of doom. It's no fun in there, trust me. Being healthy is not solely about a number on a scale or a pant size.

There is never a magic number. It starts in your head.

It starts with being your own best friend first. Give it a try.

In the meantime, I'm off to remove the 20th thing from the puppy that she has chosen to chew on ... lucky she's cute."



"Overall, the 2021 Regulations have been modernised and are more comprehensive than the 2010 regulations," said Nature Parks' Ranger-in-Charge Ben Thomas.

Nature Parks updates regulations

Regulations to protect the land managed by Phillip Island Nature Parks have been updated and come into effect in November.

The regulations are updated every 10 years.

Working in partnership with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, the Nature Parks said the updated regulations help to ensure the Crown Land it manages is protected and visitors are kept safe.

The regulations guide how the Nature Parks operates and details how it:

- Ensures the care, protection and management of flora and fauna.
- Preserves good order and decency.
- Specifies activities, issues permits and sets fees.
- Provides improvements and services.
- Ensures the safety of everyone within the Nature Parks.

"Overall, the 2021 Regulations have been modernised and are more comprehensive than the 2010 regulations," said Nature Parks' Ranger-in-Charge Ben Thomas.

"It is a privilege to manage the 1,805 hectares of land and we take our responsibility very seriously," Mr Thomas said.

The regulations are supported by 'set asides' which are additional directives tailored to the unique conditions of the Nature Parks.

The set asides provide an option for managing specific activities or access within a specified area by delineating the areas and the conditions under which the activity or access may take place.

Of note to the local community are two changes to dog walking within the Nature Parks.

Dogs will now be permitted to be walked on leash along the Nature Parks' managed foreshore of Scenic Estate.

"This change will align the regulations with the rest of the Bass Coast Shire Council managed reserve and allow locals, visitors and their dogs to walk across the whole area," Mr Thomas said.

At the same time a small section at the far eastern end of Smiths Beach will change from restricted dog access to no dog access to protect threatened wildlife, including Hooded Plovers.

Community consultation for this important change was included as part of the Bass Coast Shire Council's community engagement process in 2019 and will finally be enacted within these new regulations.

"This change affects a small section of beach that is frequently used by rare and threatened beach nesting birds. We sincerely appreciate the community's help because it is vital that we do all we can to protect these special birds," Mr Thomas said.

The updated regulations also cov-



The Eucalypt plantations and management areas of the Koala Conservation Reserve will become a prohibited area and the Nature Parks said the change is simply formalising an existing practice.

er reference to Traditional Owner Groups.

No smoking areas have been expanded to include all boardwalks and viewing platforms across the Nature Parks, not just those at paid attractions.

There is also an increase in the value of an infringement notice for relevant breaches of the regulations, making them consistent with other similar regulations enforced by Parks Victoria and/or Bass Coast Shire.

The Eucalypt plantations and management areas of the Koala Conservation Reserve will become a prohibited area for the purposes of public safety.

The Nature Parks said this change is simply formalising an existing practice, as the areas have never been accessible by the public due to frequent tree felling and regular movement and operation of management vehicles, plant and equipment in the area.

"The Draft Regulations and set asides, including a summary of what's changed are currently on our website for the community to view," Mr Thomas said.

"Comments, queries or feedback on the Draft Regulations and Set Asides are welcome and can be submitted via email community@penguins.org.au up until August 29.

"As Crown Land managers we legally need to enforce these regulations and we thank the community and visitors for assisting us in protecting the people, wildlife and environment of the Nature Parks. We can't do it without you."

The full set of the Draft Regulations and summary documents are now available on the Nature Parks' website at www.penguins.org.au/community.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Cape Woolamai permit discord

Two planning permits in the same Cape Woolamai housing subdivision had very different outcomes at the July Bass Coast Shire council meeting.

A building proposal for Homestead Mews Cape Woolamai was refused by shire planners as well as councillors because it would change the character of the neighbourhood.

This application received 10 objections, with objectors concerned the building would set a precedent, with surrounding neighbours losing their views.

Cr Bruce Kent objected to the proposal because it would impact surrounding neighbours.

However councillors agreed to grant a permit to a proposed building at Bunya Drive Cape Woolamai, which will exceed seven metres in height and attracted seven objections.

Objectors were concerned the Bunya Drive proposal would overlook their homes and fail to adhere to Woolamai House Estate guidelines.

Shire planners said the applicant had obtained approval from the Woolamai Design Assessment Panel after objections were made.

Cr Kent said "I personally think it fits in and I don't see a reason to object".

Rhyll trail, Corinella boat grants

The shire will apply for government grants to fund the Cowes to Rhyll trail and the Corinella Boating and Angling Club pavilion project.

Councillors voted in support of the application to apply through the Regional Infrastructure Fund for partial funding of the \$262,500 Cowes to Rhyll Trail, \$110,000 for the Corinella Boating and Angling

Club, as well as \$100,00 funding for the Bass Coast Dinosaur Trail creative concepts design (total cost \$500,000).

In addition, they will apply for funding for the Wonthaggi to Inverloch Rail Trail bridge and the Wonthaggi Museum platform projects.

San Remo cemetery management

San Remo and Wonthaggi cemetery management may be handed to the community, after councillors voted to review the shire's management.

There are seven cemeteries in Bass Coast, with Wonthaggi and San Remo managed by the shire under a trust (like a body corporate), with the remaining five managed by the community.

"Wonthaggi Cemetery Trust and San Remo Cemetery Trust are increasingly reliant on Council to fund them," shire officers explained.

Over the past decade, Wonthaggi and San Remo cemeteries averaged 66 interments per year, and in 2020 there were 53 at Wonthaggi and seven at San Remo.

"With the current level of interments, it is inefficient for council to run and needs to be propped up by rates as full cost recovery is not available or realistic for the community," shire officers said.

Councillors voted to review the shire's role over the next eight months, with shire officers now set to produce a report "to determine the best option for management into the future".

"If after this time a recommendation was made to transfer management, a process would need to be followed with the Department of Health and Human Services that would involve community consultation."

Cr David Rooks said only about seven per cent of councils in Victoria managed their cemeteries.

"The management of cemeteries is not core council business," he said.

Libraries name change

West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation (WGRLC) will become a not-for-profit organisation and change its name to My Community Library.

The legally-required move – which impacts libraries from Phillip Island to Inverloch and Baw Baw to Mirboo North – comes after changes to the Local Government Act at the start of July.

"Some in the community over many years have indicated that a name change was necessary due to the geographical name not connecting with some parts of the region," Bass Coast Shire officers explained.

"A new name was required for the not-for-profit transition so that library services and partnerships can be provided beyond the existing region."

Cr Leticia Laing explained the change would not impact any library services.

Guy Road path green light

The successful tender for the Guy Road shared path project in Corinella was announced at the July council meeting.

SR Excavations Pty Ltd will now build the 6km pathway that will link Corinella to Bass Valley Primary School via Tenby Point.

The 2.5metre-wide path will include a boardwalk, driveway crossings and all other works.

The path received \$1.4 million in state government funding and aims to increase commuter safety among the shire's growing suburbs.



Glyndyn Ringrose (right) with Sam Smith, was part of a team of two jet ski drivers and two cameramen, who helped capture all the action from the water, during the Olympic surfing competition.

Glyndyn wraps up Olympic surf trip

With the inaugural Olympic Surfing competition done and dusted, Glyndyn Ringrose finally got to soak up the atmosphere. On July 19, Glyndyn flew to Japan as one of two jet ski drivers working at the new event. Last week, his Instagram page celebrated his time in Japan. “It’s been an awesome time over in Japan ... working with and enjoying this whole experience at the first ever time surfing has been held at the Olympics,” he posted. Although he said movement had been confined to a “bubble” of the competition site and the hotel, he thanked the jet ski team crew for “awesome times”.

Perfect position During the competition, the jet skis played an important water safety role, including picking up surfers and taking them back out, or patrolling the line-up and keeping an eye out for predators. However Glyndyn’s main role was to drive the cameramen and ensure they were in the perfect position to capture the surfing action.

“We have to drive into the impact zone and film the surfers coming towards us.” With no spectators allowed due to Covid, the footage from the cameras on the beach and in the water, was more important than ever. The job required concentration and skill. “We’re out there for every team, all day. It’s quite a job,” Glyndyn told the Advertiser before he left for Tokyo. “There’s a lot of skill involved in watching and reading the ocean and there’s no downtime, as we’re repositioning the ski all the time. “I have to analyse where the surfers are, what the waves are like and be in the right spot for the cameraman to capture the shot.” Carissa Moore of the United States won the gold medal in the women’s event, ahead of Bianca Buitendag (South Africa) and Amuro Tsuzuki of Japan. Italo Ferreira of Brazil won the men’s. Australia’s Owen Wright won the bronze medal in the men’s event, while Kanoa Igarashi of Japan took home the silver.

Phillip Island golf

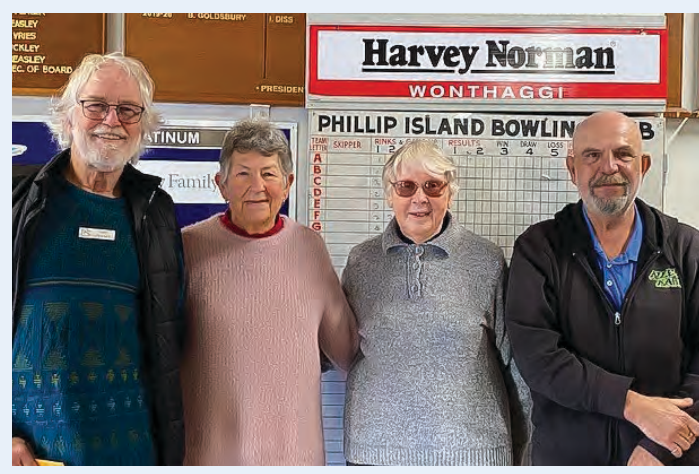
Tuesday, July 27 – No golf due to lockdown. Wednesday, July 28 – Ladies 4BBB: Winners were Jen Bilson H/c (25) and Jan Daff H/c (34) with 41 points from Rhonda Boyd H/c (20) and Judy Griffin H/c (32) with 40 points. Nearest The Pins: 5th Lesley Meadowcroft, 7th Jo Disher, 10th Anne Dunk, 12th (2nd Shot B and C Grades) Kim Rippon-King and 17th Lesley Meadowcroft. Thursday, July 29 – Men’s and Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Ian Young H/c (23) with 37 points from Stephen Mack H/c (16) with 36 points on a countback from Ray Jansson H/c (13) also with 36 points. Men’s and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Laurie Petrusch H/c (22) with 18 points from Ron Hateley H/c (33) with 17 points on a

countback from Len Fenton H/c (16) also with 17 points. Saturday, July 31 – Men’s 18 Hole Par: Winner was Mark Haringsma H/c (9) with +5 from John McKechnie H/c (16) with +4. NTP: 5th Carl Russo, 7th Ron Magill, 10th Reece Jamieson and 17th Matthew Goss. Ladies 18 Hole Par: Winner was Jan Daff H/c (34) with +3 from Jo Disher H/c (20) Square. NTP: 7th Mary Whelan, 10th Rhonda Boyd and 17th Helen Coghlan. Men’s and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Bob Pascoe H/c (12) with 18 points from Vicki Amato H/c (45) with 15 points on a countback from Laurie Petrusch H/c (22) also with 15 points. Next week’s game – Monthly Medial Stroke.

Bowling news

Social bowls Thursday’s social game of bowls was a superb afternoon on the island. The sun was shining, with a slight breeze and a temperature top of 15. Twenty keen social bowlers took to the green for their first game of bowls coming out of lockdown. There was a rink of 4’s and two rinks of triples. The winners were skip Lou Bellino, third: Tony Steward, second: Marlene Puncher and lead was Joan Farmer. Runners up: skip: Bruce Puncher, second: Glenda Grazules and lead was Eric Wild. Well done everyone. A big thank you to our sponsors for the day – Harvey Norman and the delightful Judy and Ray our volunteers and organisers and bar persons.

Saturday competition Another gorgeous day here on the island and our enthusiastic members took to the green for a game of 4’s competition after a two-week lockdown. Competition consisted of six teams. Mother Nature was kind to us, and the rain held off until the end of play. Winners for the day was the rink of Dave Hanlon, Clive Smith and two visitors from Numurkah Bowling Club – Jim and Lyn Cline. This four won the day with two game victories and 14 shots up. Well done everyone and thanks to our volunteers for the day. Also, a big thank you to our sponsors Audika the hearing specialists.



Winners of Social bowls game (left to right): Tony Steward, Marlene Puncher, Joan Farmer and Lou Bellino.



Left to right: Dave Hanlon, Clive Smith and lovely visitors from Numurkah Bowling Club Jim and Lyn Cline were all the winners of the Saturday bowling competition.

Midweek bowls

Winners of Midweek bowls this week were Tony Heppleston, Sheila Korda and Jenny Smith. Runners up were Peter McWilliams, Graham Mc Kergow and Pauline McWilliams. One Game winners were Bob Glogoski, Snow Lacco and Bev Elliott. Midweek bowls was played at San Remo with 25 bowlers. Sadly because of the Covid restrictions some of our members were reluctant to venture out as some rules are still in place. Nevertheless we had a happy crowd, happy to bowl and catch up with friends. The weather was cold with a slight wind but it did not deter our determination to have a good day. The green ran fast so many bowls were in the ditch, it made for some funny comments and a lot of laughter. Sadly we had two wrong Bias, Sue Wright and yet again Pauline McWilliams who contributed happily. Thank you to our members who brought items in for our free raffle table, we had a lovely arrangement of treasures. Thank you to Gwen Jeffery for taking care of the kitchen and Peter McWilliams for serving us our well-deserved drinks. Next week midweek bowls will be played at Koo Wee Rup, 10.30am at club for 11am start, BYO lunch. For more information or to register please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 the night before. Please be on time in order for the organisers to do their job. Everyone welcome, come and have a great day of bowling and friendship. See you on the green.



Winners of the midweek bowls were Jenny Smith (L), Sheila Korda (3) and Tony Heppleston (S).



Best One game bowlers were Bev Elliott (L), Bob Glogoski (S) and Snow Lacco (3).

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 4 AUG	THU 5 AUG	FRI 6 AUG	SAT 7 AUG	SUN 8 AUG	MON 9 AUG	TUE 10 AUG
LOW 1:47 am 0.74 m	LOW 2:29 am 0.78 m	LOW 3:18 am 0.81 m	LOW 4:15 am 0.83 m	LOW 5:17 am 0.80 m	HIGH 12:09 am 2.40 m	HIGH 1:13 am 2.49 m
HIGH 8:52 am 2.57 m	HIGH 9:45 am 2.56 m	HIGH 10:44 am 2.58 m	HIGH 11:45 am 2.64 m	HIGH 12:45 pm 2.73 m	LOW 6:16 am 0.75 m	LOW 7:11 am 0.69 m
LOW 2:12 pm 1.36 m	LOW 3:02 pm 1.47 m	LOW 4:03 pm 1.53 m	LOW 5:11 pm 1.53 m	LOW 6:16 pm 1.46 m	HIGH 1:38 pm 2.84 m	HIGH 2:26 pm 2.93 m
HIGH 8:08 pm 2.50 m	HIGH 8:54 pm 2.42 m	HIGH 9:51 pm 2.36 m	HIGH 10:59 pm 2.35 m		LOW 7:14 pm 1.34 m	LOW 8:03 pm 1.19 m

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Island girls wrap up season with a solid win

The Island girls were keen to get back on the field today after a break due to Covid lockdown.

With perfect conditions in Bunyip and all girls available to play it was always going to be a great day out.

The Island began the game exceptionally well.

Bella Ross was dominant in the truck giving the Island girls first use of the ball every time

Sunday Brisbane, Lexi Walton and Maya Huther showed some flashes of brilliance, while Imogen Bradford continued her domination of the wing.

Poppy Marshall was up and about early and scored three goals in the first quarter, while Ahlee Penry was getting plenty of the ball.

Amelie Wragg, Isla Cousins and Lily Huther were solid across half back and made it difficult for the Bunyip girls to get past them.

The second quarter was a little scrappy and the Island girls had plenty of attempts at goal but were unable to convert.

Kara Nasilasila continued her strong attack on the ball and managed to set up Mia Boost for the Island's only goal of the quarter.

Imogen Bradford moved forward in the third quarter and was lively, while Stevie Hower and Maya Huther provided great targets up forward, and Maya goaled from a great mark.



Island girls headed to Bunyip for their final game of the season before finals.

Alaska Dixon showed great dash on the wing, while Jade Ricardo and Zoe Carr worked hard in defence.

Brinn Hamley in only her third game laid a number of strong tackles and put plenty of pressure on the opposition.

The final quarter saw Poppy Marshall snag her fourth goal for the day, and sister Millie played her ever reliable game in defence.

Nikki Williams provided a great shepherd and strong defence throughout the quarter.

Final Score: Phillip Island

8.12.60 def Bunyip 2.1.13.

Goals: Poppy Marshall 4, Imogen Bradford 2, Mia Boost 1 and Maya Huther 1.

Best on: Imogen Bradford, Sunday Brisbane, Lexi Walton, Poppy Marshall, Amelie Wragg, Bella Ross and Sienna Steiner.

Footy star in the making

Young Tierlin Hamley, in Grade 5 at Cowes Primary School, has her eye on a football career.

That dream came one step closer when she was selected to play in the School Sport Vic U12 girls AFL team.

Her PE teacher at Cowes Primary Diddy Cuthbertson (who also coaches the Youth Girls footy team at the Phillip Island Football Netball Club), said being selected is an impressive achievement.

"The school state team is the highest level you can achieve at that age," Diddy said. "This is huge."

Normally selection in the School Sports team would see Tierlin competing against other state teams, but this year that's not possible due to Covid.

Instead, all the Victorian teams – boys and girls – will be playing showcase games on August 22 in Sandringham and Tierlin will be part of an U12 girls country verses metro showcase.

Tierlin is excited and proud to have been selected.

"I'm really glad to have the opportunity," she said.

One day, Tierlin would love to play in the AFLW and takes inspiration from her favourite player – Geelong captain Joel Selwood.

A naturally talented sportsperson, she could also have tried out for the School Sport Victoria basketball team, but decided to focus on football, as that's her passion.

Best of all, as she is only in Grade 5, the opportunity to be part of the

team will come around again next year.

Hopefully by then, Covid lockdowns will be a thing of the past and she will get to compete against teams from across the country.



Tierlin Hamley, in Grade 5 at Cowes Primary School proudly showing off her School Sport Vic uniform – after being selected for the U12 girls AFL team.

Bright future

The keen young footballer moved to Phillip Island with her family two years ago and still plays for the Montrose Football Club.

Coach Diddy is keen to recruit her for the Phillip Island club one day.

"There isn't a junior team here yet, but we'd love to recruit her across eventually."

Having the "natural all-rounder" play for the island would be ideal.

"Her skill is strong and she'd mix it here with the boys comfortably," said Diddy.

"She could easily play with the PIFNC Under 12s."

There are already four or five girls playing with the boys in the U12s side and Diddy said the club's vision is to expand to have a younger girls' team – at least an Under 14 girls.

Until then, Diddy will be keeping a close eye on the young footy protégé, including at the School State Team event on August 22, despite crowd restrictions due to Covid.

"I will be going up there with the U15 girls, so I will be able to watch her game," Diddy said.

More information about School Sport Victoria AFL teams at www.ssv.vic.edu.au/team-vic/Pages/australian-football.aspx



Seth McBean knows he's 'hot' as he gets the ball away, with Toby Davies looking on.

Final round for junior footy and finals begin!

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Our defence stayed strong and our work around the ground saw us finish the half with a goal from Lewis.

The third quarter was a bit scrappier with lots of back-and-forth contests.

Intercept marks from Bailey, tough tackles from Bryce and Duke, and Archer showed us his fend off skills after a chase down.

We put our foot back down in the fourth with a quick goal from Felix. Great teamwork with Shepard's and hard work on ground ball use.

We finished with a 45-14 win. Well done to the kids on a top-of-the-ladder finish to the season.

After so many interruptions they have all continued to show up every game with excitement and energy.

See you all in the first finals game - Sam O and Zack will be our finals captains.

Well done boys.

U14s Red v Dalyston

A beautiful sunny day welcomed the Phillip Island Bull-

dogs U14 Reds long awaited return to footy on Sunday.

The boys hosted Dalyston at home for their last game prior to finals.

It didn't take long for them to get back into the swing of things.

The team connected like there had been no break and read each other well, switching up their play.

Our backline was rock solid again and the defensive pressure was sensational.

Hitting their targets on the way out of the backline, got the ball quickly into our forward line, resulting in our high score.

Our Bulldogs took home a comfortable win: 62-0.

Best mentions to Bailey Anderson, Ayden Fawaz, Archie Ross and Cade Wragg.

Goals to Cooper Walton (7), Finn O'Brien (4), Charlie O'Garey (3), Archie Ross (3), Jake Hughes (2), Heath Womersley, Toby Davies, Lachie Eastwood, Ayden Fawaz, George McCausland, Isaac Savona and Chase Edwards.

THIS WEEKEND DRAWS

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Saturday August 7

U18's & U16's Football
& U17's, U15's, U13's, U11's Netball
Inverloch v Phillip Island
at Inverloch

SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Semi Final - Sunday August 8

Phillip Island 12's Blue v Korumburra
at Dalyston - 9:30am

Phillip Island 12's Red v Leongatha Green
at Phillip Island - 9:30am

Phillip Island 14's Red v Korumburra - Bena
at Dalyston - 12:10pm

Phillip Island 14's Blue v Inverloch - Kongwak
at Phillip Island - 12:10pm

YOUTH GIRLS

Phillip Island v Drouin YGS
at Phillip Island - 10:45am

SOUTHERN YOUTH COMPETITION LADDERS

Congratulations and good luck to all our junior teams playing in finals!

U12'S FOOTBALL

TEAM	W	L	%	PTS
Phillip Island Red	8	1	210.67	36
Leongatha Green	7	2	254.81	32
Phillip Island Blue	6	2	206.77	32
Korumburra-Bena	7	2	163.57	32
Wonthaggi	5	4	145.20	24
Inverloch-Kongwak	4	5	133.66	20
Dalyston-Inverloch	2	7	60.47	12
Kilcunda Bass	1	8	21.97	8
Corner Inlet	0	9	12.95	4

U14'S FOOTBALL

TEAM	W	L	%	PTS
Phillip Island Blue	8	0	954.90	40
Inverloch-Kongwak	8	1	308.55	36
Phillip Island Red	7	2	450.46	32
Korumburra-Bena	5	4	99.26	24
Leongatha Gold	4	5	97.10	20
Leongatha Green	3	5	69.78	16
Wonthaggi	3	6	62.87	16
Dalyston	1	8	21.03	8
Kilcunda Bass	0	8	3.35	4

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIOR FOOTBALL

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

NETBALL

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



U14s Red Bailey Anderson lays a great tackle.

Final round for junior footy and finals begin!

Under 10s Blue v Wonthaggi

In our final week of footy for the blue pups we were able to arrange one last game with a very good side in Wonthaggi played at Korumburra! (Long story).

A cold but beautiful morning greeted us, and all kids were ready to go and knew as a team we wanted to finish on a high.

Dual captains for the week Harv Paterson and Kai Sturt did a great job in getting the pups up and about from the first bounce, Kai going over and above dying his blonde hair half blue!

We had the wind in the first quarter and took full advantage with Arch Robbo and Taj Blundy hitting the score board, our back line in Kai Opitz, Roy Patto, Max Wain, Arch Dallo, Hugo Wright and Xavier Holmes were solid as a rock making it hard for the Wonny lads to score.

Our second quarter was even better than the first with the backline starring and not letting Wonthaggi get any goals for the quarter despite having the strong breeze in their favour.

With the wind again in the third quarter we kept the goal umpires busy with two great goals to captain Harv Patto, and one to one of our most consistent leaders in Angus Kennedy who was in everything all day.

Some great running play from Jax Marshall, Denver Firth, Liam Cleary and Brady Vanstensil were



Harrison Carlon gets away from his Dalyston opponent in the U14s Red game.

also highlights for the quarter.

With three great quarters played coach Marshy asked the pups to finish off the year with a four-quarter performance and that is exactly what we saw!

Young gun Flynn Riley kicked a great goal and some tackling from Bodhi Cooper, Ryder Vanstensil, Dexter Goodall and Zac Ivey were highlights of the day!

To finish the season in this fashion was so pleasing to see for all the mums and dads that have spent their Sunday morning heading off to the footy!

A massive shout out to all the helpers not only this week but all season. Stay tuned for a date for our presentation day!

U10s Red v Dalyston

The Red pups were keen to get on the ground for their last game of the season.

With AC/DC pumping up the boys in their warmup they charged out onto the field led out by this week's captain Archie Williams.

After winning the toss against Dalyston, Archie then cleared the ball and sent it straight into our forward and the tone was set for the day.

A great forward pressure tackle by Kolby Carton was rewarded with a free kick and the first goal of the day.

Even though the boys hadn't

played together for a few weeks their passion and hunger for the game was on display.

All kids played great football and showed great sportsmanship by helping out and filling in for Dalyston missing players.

Whilst the pups don't record scores, they certainly knew they held the opposition scoreless and there was a bag full of goals kicked by us.

A big thanks to all the coaches Boo Piera, Tony Hornsby and Jimmy Paton. Also, a big shout out to Emily Dickson who took on the manager's role.

Good luck to the rest of the Doggies in finals.

Woof!

U12s Red v Dalyston

After a few weeks off with Covid lockdowns, the under 12s Red were finally back. It was a perfect sunny day, and they were firing and rearing to go against Dalyston.

A firing start saw Flynn kick the starting goal. Great clearances out of the ruck and Sam O was able to score our second goal.

Great tackles shown by Zack and Jayden chasing down their opponents.

The second quarter started with a bang with a goal from Joe.

We saw tough bumps while attacking the ball from Jem allowing us to get the ball forward with another goal from Joe.

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