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Passing with flying colours

Newhaven College held a colour explosion run at the school's oval last week. Students from prep to year 12 got into the spirit of the event, running through an obstacle course, while parents and student volunteers ensured they exploded with colour. Pictured getting into the spirit are junior school year 2 students, from left, Makayla Keene, Millie Van, Adelyn Warkotsch, Zeke Hindle, Mila Potter and Bridget Doig.

Nature Parks: recovery will take years

TOURISM

For the first time since the start of the pandemic, Phillip Island Nature Parks will be weaned off state government financial support.

While post-Covid recovery is strong – “with every month better than the last over the past financial year” – PINP’s CEO said the pandemic had “permanently changed” the business and there was still a long road to full financial recovery.

Speaking to the Advertiser last week, in the lead up to the two-year anniversary of the end of Covid restrictions, CEO Catherine Basterfield said visitor numbers had now rebounded 80 per cent to pre-pandemic revenue.

The state government had provided \$10.3 million in support since 2020, with that finan-

cial safety net now stopping in November.

Ms Basterfield said PINP was currently in discussions with government to plan future support, but it would no longer be funding operations, instead subsidising big picture infrastructure.

“In the peak summer we have strong cash reserves but minimum reserves through winter. We will have to trade profitably for a couple of years before we can (independently) respond to issues like infrastructure failures or storm damage.

“We are past the point of needing government support for operations. But only just past that point.

“I don’t yet know what the arrangement with government will look like beyond November, we’re working with government on that.

“It’s the big infrastructure things that we will need their support, like asset management of the Nobbies, which is in a salted, wind-swept location.”

Permanently changed

Ms Basterfield said it was only about 18 months ago since “we were operating partly or not at all under Covid restrictions”, and Nature Parks was optimistic.

“I don’t know whether we will ever go back to the way it was (pre-Covid).

“I think a lot of things have changed in the way we operate. I don’t think the visitor market mix will be the same.

“Before Covid we had capacity for 3800 at the Penguin Parade and now it’s capped at 2500, which is a much more sensible and nicer experience. I don’t think domestic visitors

would tolerate that previous number.

“The coming financial year the business will be strong, but different.

“We made some brave decisions because of Covid.”

The Victorian Government boosted Nature Parks’ coffers, with \$1.5 million funding support the past year, following \$4.4 million for each of the previous two years.

Staffing boost

Staff on short-term contracts were let go at the outset of the pandemic, and PINP only had one round of redundancies for 10 staff in June 2022, with two staff taking on other roles in the organisation.

Nature Parks in 2021-22 had 170 staff, compared to 260 in 2017 (184 in ‘19-20).

Ms Basterfield said the or-

ganisation now had 206 employees, with hiring increased during summer.

“We were nervous we wouldn’t get enough people support summer growth but we managed to get there.

“We are now about to go through another round of recruitment for onsite work.”

Visitors


Ms Basterfield said pre-Covid about 75 per cent of visitors were international and 25 per cent domestic. But now that had flipped, with Australians making up about three-quarters of visitor numbers.

“Because our business had a high proportion of international visitors we always predicted a slower return.... over the past financial year every month was better than the last.

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Kent resigns; Ellis to return?

COUNCIL

Western Port Ward councillor Bruce Kent this week has resigned his council position after almost seven years in the role. The surprise announcement may see former councillor Geoff Ellis reinstated.

Cr Kent said he had recently returned to full-time work and “regretfully” found it difficult to commit as much time to council “as the role and the community deserved”.

Council has notified the Victorian Electoral Commission and the Minister for Local Government of Cr Kent’s resignation.

Council must now wait to be officially notified by the VEC whether a countback or by-election is required to fill the vacancy. According to the VEC website, former councillor Geoff Ellis placed fourth in the October 2020 council elections.

Cr Kent received 3428 first preference votes (31.5 per cent), followed by Cr Rochelle Halstead with 2872 votes (26 per cent). Cr Clare Le Serve had 22.8 per cent and Geoff Ellis sat at 2072 or 19 per cent.

The VEC states a by-election is held if there are no remaining eligible candidates and there are more than six months before the next general council election, which is due in November 2024.

A countback is held when a vacating councillor was elected by proportional



With Cr Bruce Kent’s resignation, former councillor Geoff Ellis – who lost the 2020 council election – has a high chance of being reinstated.

representation.

All candidates who were not elected at the original election, and who are still eligible to be a councillor, are automatically participants in the countback.

All votes from the original election are included in the countback.

New councillor

Geoff Ellis yesterday told the Advertiser he was still eligible to stand with the two criteria being: he continued to own property in the shire and had not been declared a bankrupt.

“And I do want to do the job,” confirmed Geoff, who was a councillor for four years prior to 2020.

Geoff said Cr Kent had called him upon resigning and he understood the VEC now had 14 days to make contact. The process would then see a councillor sworn in and inducted.

“I’m very enthusiastic to get back on council but it’s not yet a done deal.

“I’m sad for Bruce because it was such a big decision to make because the work/life balance is extraordinarily hard if you want to be a good councillor.”

If reinstated, Geoff said he would push for more library services in the Waterline, more coastal erosion protection and oversight of budgets to ensure “ratepayer money is not being squandered”.

Mayor Michael Whelan thanked Cr Kent for his hard work and dedication.

“I know this has been a challenging decision for Bruce and on behalf of the council I wish him the best with his future work,” Cr Whelan said.

“Bruce can be extremely proud of the contribution he has made.”



Girls On Board’s Jess Laing speaks with Good Morning America’s Maggi Rulli on Phillip Island, a TV segment viewed on the weekend by about 10 million Americans.

Phillip Island stars on US TV

COMMUNITY

Phillip Island’s surf and koalas were seen by millions of American TV viewers on the weekend.

ABC USA’s Good Morning America program featured a five-minute segment that included a surf lesson with Girls On Board’s Jess Laing, and a tour of the Koala Conser-

vation Centre with Nature Parks’ senior ranger Daniel Kallstrom.

ABC News’ Maggie Rulli travelled to the island on the back of the Women’s World Cup, taking the surf lesson despite the cold.

“Back in the day there weren’t really women learning to surf down here but now the majority of

people I’m teaching are women,” Jess told Maggie.

At the KCC Maggie asked Daniel whether koalas were endangered?

Daniel said they weren’t in Victoria but up north in eastern states they were.

Details: www.good-morningamerica.com/Culture/video/kicking-team-usa-good-morning-australia-102041893.

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Bonnie’s bonny 104th

San Remo’s Bonnie Castle celebrated her 104th birthday this week at Bass Coast Health’s Griffiths Point Lodge residential care facility. The lodge team are helping residents fulfill dreams from their bucket lists and Bonnie had always wanted to go to Paris, but never had the opportunity. So staff brought Paris to Bonnie, throwing her a French-themed birthday party.

Bonnie found it difficult to talk through her tears.

“I can’t believe you went to all this trouble for me,” she said.

Full story: pisra.com.au

Bonnie Castle with Griffiths Point Lodge’s Lifestyle Team members Donna Dalton and Natasha Stapleton, who helped bring a taste of Paris to Bonnie for her 104th birthday celebration.

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A rooftop terrace on top of the four-storey development at 131-133 Marine Parade has been refused by VCAT because it would be "visible from the public realm".

VCAT refuses Marine Parade "penthouse"

PLANNING

A fifth storey rooftop "penthouse" proposed for a retail and apartment complex on Marine Parade, San Remo, has been refused by VCAT because of height concerns.

Water's Edge, at 131-133 Marine Parade, already has apartments on sale, and was given approval by VCAT in 2020 for a 22-apartment complex, with four retail shops, at four-storeys high, above San Remo's three-storey preferred height limit.

VCAT gave approval even though the community at the time battled the proposal and Bass Coast Shire councillors rejected it because of concerns about parking, car stackers and height.

The developer then lodged an amendment in early 2021, seeking to add a fifth storey "penthouse" comprised of a living room and deck area on the roof of the building.

Underneath the retail area, the developer sought approval to add a 345sqm basement for storage as well as car stacker pits.

At the time San Remo residents described the proposed amendment as a "blight" and "outrageous", vowing to fight it.

Council rejected the amendment, with the developer then taking it to VCAT.

In a hearing last month, VCAT member Megan

Carew – who originally approved the development in 2020 – refused consent for the rooftop terrace amendment.

Ms Carew said she originally gave approval in McKenzie v Bass Coast SC for a four-storey building, which included a condition that "the development as shown on the endorsed plans must not be altered without the written consent of the responsible authority".

Height

Ms Carew explained in Waters Edge San Remo Pty Ltd v Bass Coast SC, the developer was now seeking a secondary consent on the original permit.

"Council submitted the proposed changes could not be considered by secondary consent because it would add an additional storey to the building," Ms Carew said, adding council said any addition would be above the preferred three-storey height limit.

"Council says the rooftop terrace constitutes an additional storey over the current four storeys allowed in the permit resulting in a transformation."

She said the developer argued it wasn't an additional storey and no amendment to the permit was required.

Ms Carew refused the terrace based on height,

even though she said it wasn't an additional storey.

She said while it would generally be contained in the existing approved envelope, the relocation of the services on the rooftop – such as the lift overrun – would result in the total elements on the rooftop "increasing and will be visible from the public realm".

"The approved permit already allows building height that exceeds the above parameters including built form in the services zone for the lift overrun," she said.

"I find these changes are consequential to the purposes of the (preferred height limit) which include in the first instance consideration of the overall scale of development."

Next

According to information on the real estate agent's website, construction is due to begin in 2023 and completed by 2025.

Council advised the initial permit will expire if the development isn't started by February 7, 2024 and completed by February 1, 2026, however the developer may apply to extend these timeframes.

Signage selling units off the plan was recently removed ahead of the VCAT case, with Council believed to have requested the developer remove signage.

Construction set to start

HOSPITAL

Works will soon start on the construction of the Phillip Island Community Hospital in Cowes, with construction expected to be complete in late 2024.

Over the coming weeks, there will be more activity on the site, within the grounds of the Phillip Island Health Hub.

SJ Higgins have been awarded the building contract by the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA).

All construction activities will be undertaken during normal working hours - starting after 7am and conclude by 5pm Monday to Friday - and within Bass Coast Shire guidelines.

According to the VHBA "every effort will be made to minimise traffic impacts along Church St",

but in exceptional circumstances, some works may occur over the weekend.

The design of the hospital was informed by a community consultation committee, who worked on the project with the VHBA and BCH staff over the past two years.

Jordan Crugnale MP said while works were expected to generate some noise, "we are committed to minimising disruption to neighbours wherever possible".

"We will for example monitor noise and vibration in accordance with EPA and council imposed guidelines, undertake dust suppression measures and use clear construction signage," Ms Crugnale said.

"The island community is growing and there is high demand for health-care services and we are

so pleased to be able to deliver and grow services for residents and visitors alike."

BCH CEO Jan Child said once complete, the new community hospital would help take pressure off nearby hospitals and would enable more people to manage their health needs closer to home with links to specialists, community health providers and social support services.

"The local community is continuing its input into the project. The Phillip Island Conservation Society has offered input into the landscape design and a new rehabilitation garden will be built thanks to fundraising now underway by the Rotary Club of San Remo and Phillip Island."

Details: Victorian Health Building Authority at vhba@health.vic.gov.au



An artist's impression of the Phillip Island Community Hospital

Festival of Stories will headline new centre opening

CULTURE

The 2023 Festival of Stories – originally set to be held in early August – has been rescheduled to be held in the new Cowes Cultural Centre later this year.

Initially called the Literary Festival and started in 2017, the festival has had a forced hiatus thanks to the pandemic, with the last major festival in 2019 and small online events for the past three years.

This year's festival was initially set to run August 5, then pushed back to the 12th, but last week the festival committee confirmed that 2023 will be "coming to you from the new CCC", which is expected to be

open by November.

"Thank you for your patience and anticipation in the Festival of Stories," a statement by the committee said.

"We are pleased to be partnering with Bass Coast Council arts and culture team to bring you a unique offering later this year at the new centre."

"We are excited to offer the inspiring, uplifting, entertaining, challenging and thought-provoking content from previous festivals."

"In 2023, no topic is off limits as Phillip Island Festival of Stories empowers a diverse group of people to tell their tales in their favourite form."

According to the com-

mittee, speakers at the event will include: Daniel Church, Darug artist; Auntie Fay Stewart-Muir, Boonwurrung Elder, author, linguist and prison support worker; Lorin Clarke, writer, columnist, radio regular; Sam Drummond, discrimination lawyer and author; Uncle Steve Ulula Parker, artist, traditional Boonwurrung custodian, musician, youth mentor; and Sue Hines, publisher.

Previous speakers have included TV presenter Andrew Denton, indigenous Olympic medallist and former politician Nova Peris and Australian novelist Thomas Keneally.

Details: pifestivalofstories.com/

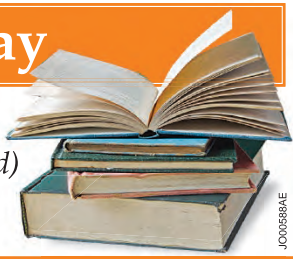
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We've forgotten about the pandemic. How about tourism businesses?

TOURISM

Pandemic restrictions seem like a distant memory for many, with the last lockdown ending in October 2021.

But some Phillip Island and San Remo food, hospitality and tourism businesses report they are still recovering, with others bouncing back but now being hit by the global economic downturn.

Phillip Island Nature Parks reported their post-Covid recovery was strong – “with every month better than the last over the past financial year” – but PINP’s CEO said the pandemic had “permanently changed” the business and there was still a long road to full financial recovery (see separate story). San Remo Fisherman’s Co-op manager Paul Mannix became one of the local faces of the pandemic, after appearing on TV news describing the impact of restrictions on the business.

He said the co-op had this year – including winter – experienced a “significant increase in sales” compared to last year.

“Initially we put it down to the fact people were still avoiding travelling overseas and favouring domestic tourist destinations instead,” Paul said.

“However, I feel the economy has become more of an influence now. People are cutting back on spending more and more, yet most people don’t want to totally give up on eating out.”

He suggested fast food was benefitting, with consumers spending on small indulgences such as “quality local seafood served with a smile”.

Paul said they had also taken on new staff “which we’ve never done before in mid-winter”, with 32 employees, more than a usual winter.

“Staff have been a little easier to find this year, thank goodness,” he said.

Upgrade

The Phillip Island RSL will get a \$5 million upgrade (see separate story), based on confidence



While some businesses are still recovering from the pandemic, others say the global economic downturn has hit them. Visitors may be spending on small indulgences such as “quality local seafood served with a smile”, at the San Remo Fisherman’s Co-op.

from increased growth since Covid restrictions eased.

RSL manager Chris Simpson said while they were “still battling out of Covid”, customer numbers had increased.

“We are not near pre-Covid numbers. With the economy now, people are being very cautious about what is around the corner, so the industry still has a way to go,” Chris said.

“But we’ve had good numbers over summer and winter, especially with coaches coming to the area.”

Chris said finding sufficient staff had been a barrier.

“Hospitality was one of the first industries to be closed and that has left the industry short on skilled staff,” Chris said.

“Last year post-pandemic was hit and miss because staffing for food and beverage was difficult, but we have now got that to a point of consistency.”

“We are looking at methods to upskill young staff to get the love back into the industry.”

Genesta House owner Simonne Liberman said their business had recovered to pre-pandemic levels.

“Summer was the best we’ve

ever had, but winter – mid-May to July – has been extremely quiet,” said Simonne, adding they opened in October 2019.

“We have found our domestic tourism market has been affected by the economic downturn, but it is complicated, as this market was always predicted to decrease post pandemic as overseas travel grows again for Australians.

“It does seem like a lot of Australians have travelled to Europe over the winter months this year.

“International visitation is growing consistently which is encouraging.”

A short-term holiday rental provider said there was a current downturn and they understood some providers had returned to full-time rental, with most owners using their residence as a holiday home and work-from-home.

A Cowes retailer said last winter had stronger sales than this winter.

“I think that’s because last year people weren’t travelling overseas, whereas this year there’s an influx who have headed offshore, so there’s less spending here.

“Also of course people are more aware or being hit by interest rates and inflation.”



Phillip Island holds a “deep significance for long-term residents, newer inhabitants, and long-time repeat visitors who take immense pride in their connection to this special place”, according to the survey

Protect Phillip Island’s landscapes: tourism survey

BUSINESS

There are “significant concerns” about safeguarding Phillip Island’s unique aspects and preserving its natural landscapes, according to survey respondents.

Destination Phillip Island (DPI) ran an online survey in June and July to gather feedback about the strengths, challenges, and opportunities of the island and to guide development.

There were more than 280 survey responses from industry, community and government stakeholders, as well as 27 one-on-one interviews and workshops with 60 people.

Results showed Phillip Island holds a “deep significance for long-term residents, newer inhabitants, and long-time repeat visitors who take immense pride in their connection to this

special place”.

“Various themes emerged throughout this first stage of research and discussions, including challenges in transportation, accommodation supply, infrastructure, and the seasonal nature of tourism in Phillip Island and San Remo,” a DPI spokesperson said.

Consultants The Tourism Collective is gathering all the data, now preparing a Destination Management Plan Discussion Paper.

This paper, to be released late this month, will include an analysis of the region’s current tourism landscape, explore future strategies and initiatives, and assess potential challenges and opportunities.

Once released, respondents can again share feedback via a survey, while there will be further stakeholder workshops.

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In response, local communities in Bass Coast and South Gippsland are leading their own renewable energy transitions and Mycelia Renewables is helping them do it.

Recognising the impact of climate change and questioning our current relationship with energy are big conversations, and the solutions are far from easy fixes.

But many communities across our region are leading the way and Mycelia is supporting communities as they set their own renewable energy goals, and creating community plans on how they'll get there.

Mycelia is a registered charity and social enterprise established to support communities leading change in renewable energy transitions.

Mycelia offers a range of services designed to help overcome the challenges confronting rural communities and First Nations groups as they embark on these big initiatives.

Mycelia's managing director, Dr Moragh Mackay said: "We started Mycelia because we want to reduce burnout in volunteers and over stretched and under-resourced community organisations."



People without solar are disproportionately bearing the increased costs of electricity, according to Mycelia's managing director, Dr Moragh Mackay. "If we're going to make this energy transition work, we need to make it work for everyone," she says.

"We do this by creating an ecosystem of support around these initiatives that may involve access to expertise, data, facilitated co-design or resourcing."

"Progress of community-driven initiatives is most frequently constrained by system and institutional failures, not a lack of community understanding of the change that is needed or the willingness to lead this change."

To address these system failures, you need community

designed and led systemic solutions, Dr Mackay said.

Action

The Mycelia Energy Collective was launched in May this year to contribute to these solutions.

The Collective: enables sharing of renewable energy among households and businesses that do and don't (or can't) have rooftop solar; is increasing the amount of locally owned renewable energy generation; is improving household and business energy efficiency; and is establishing a community benefit-sharing fund to resource this and other community initiatives.

In July, we saw the commencement of Energy Circles - a new series of community-led events delivered in partnership by Totally Renewable Tenby and Mycelia Renewables.

Focussed on energy-related themes, these events are bringing people together and sparking conversations mainly on energy efficiency, electrification and making informed choices on renewable energy systems.

"Change needs to be designed by the people most impacted, so we're enabling communities to do just that," Dr Mackay said.

"This may be through facilitating community-led design, sharing knowledge and experiences, bringing in people with appropriate expertise or helping secure funding".

"Collaboration is key. Being in this space is inspiring as you see people and communities working together, doing the

thinking, the planning and becoming empowered and enabled to implement the solutions they have designed.

"We need to shift the conversation from being just about energy to being about equity."

Change

Dr Mackay said the renewable energy transition was happening, and many people were benefitting.

"But others are being left behind. People who can't install or afford solar, batteries and electric vehicles are not able to realise the value of reduced energy or fuel bills."

"And what's actually happening is that people without solar are disproportionately bearing the increased costs of electricity and becoming more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change."

"If we're going to make this energy transition work, we need to make it work for everyone."

"The communities we are already working with are addressing this inequality, and together we can do more. The flip side of vulnerability is resilience. People are ready for change."

Anyone in Victoria can join the Mycelia Energy Collective and contribute to the work of Mycelia Renewables and the communities they support.

Details: mycelia.org.au or thepeoplesgrid.com/collectives/mycelia-energy-collective

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RSL planning \$5 million upgrade

PLANNING

The Phillip Island RSL will get a \$5 million upgrade that will expand the bistro, double the size of the kids' area and lead to a boost in hospitality employment.

The plans, currently out for public comment, will see the bistro, which currently seats 350 expanded with about 100 extra seats.

The current 40-seat terrace at the rear of the current RSL will be pulled down to make the north side an enclosed, carpeted seated bistro area.

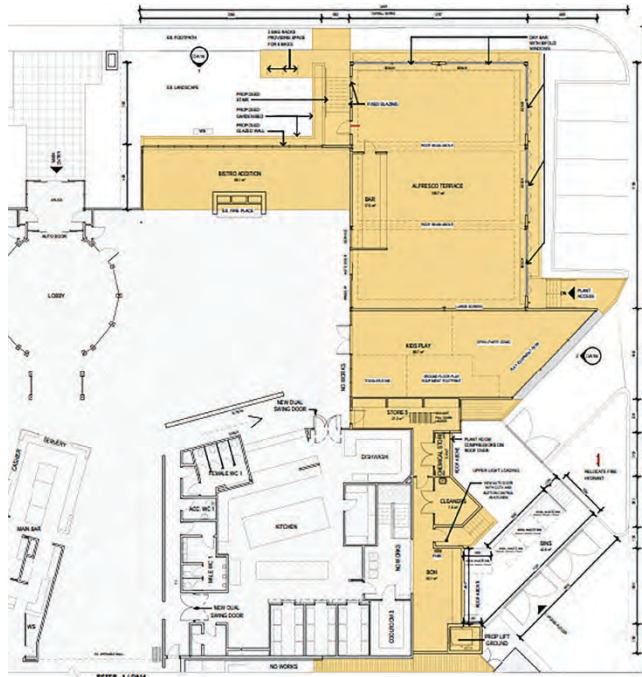
The more eastern side – adjacent to the car park – will be extended out with a retractable roof so it can be used year round and for functions.

The current kids area will be doubled, with Phillip Island RSL general manager Chris Simpson explaining while the internal design had yet to be finalised, it will cater for infants to 10-year-olds with new play equipment and toys.

He said in addition the loading dock and storage would also be expanded and modernised.

Although the planning permit states there will be a reduction in carparking, Chris said this was not the case.

He said the upgrade had been based on increased growth since Co-



Once the upgrade is complete the RSL will hire more staff, in the kitchen and bistro, at least another 15-20, which would double in summer.

vid restrictions eased.

"We've had good numbers over summer and winter, especially with coaches coming to the area," Chris said.

"Last year post-pandemic was hit and miss because staffing for food and beverage was difficult but we have now got that to a point of consistency. There are staff out there and they want to work.

"We think it will be a big summer and so it would be good to have another arm to the busi-

ness."

Chris said there was not a specific timetable for completion, but the kitchen would be upgraded first this year to cater for the increased number of customers.

"Once the upgrade is complete we will need a lot more staff, in the kitchen and bistro, at least another 15-20 and that would double in summer," he said, adding they currently have 80 staff.

The Phillip Island RSL has 4300 members.

Nature Parks: recovery will take years

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"We were not expecting such large domestic numbers. Growth in this area is better than expected and we didn't budget for that growth.

"The leisure traveller market is the slowest to recover, about 40 per cent of what it was pre-Covid. The first wave of travellers was those visiting international friends, students and backpackers.

"Potentially it's not a post-Covid issue now as much as the global downturn, with pricing to long haul destinations now a factor for international travellers."

She said Chinese visitors had been slow to recover – and would likely remain slow for some time – international tourists to visit Nature Parks were largely from India, Malaysia, Singapore and the USA.

Major projects

The Nature Parks recently revised its future directions strategy to reflect the recovery of the business for 2023-24.

Ms Basterfield said in the next year a major priority would be the future of the Nobbies and Antarctic Journey.

"We are just starting to look at planning. As a whole, how does the facility pay for itself? What is the right attraction for that area?"

"The Antarctic Journey is a technology-based attraction and that technology has reached the end of its life.

"The facility itself is in a salted, wind-swept location and the infrastructure struggles, so there is maintenance work."

She said viewing stands and boardwalks at the Penguin Parade were undergoing planned \$25 million upgrades, of which they had so far received \$5 million in funding, (adding that building costs



Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield: "We are past the point of needing government support for operations. But only just past that point."

had increased substantially since the initial price tag for the upgrade).

In the next year Nature Parks also planned to increase conferences and events, but Ms Basterfield said this would largely be driven through their catering partner.

The stalled 2016 Summerland Tracks and Trails Master Plan will be revived, proposing a network of eight bike and pedestrian paths around the peninsula.

When originally released, the plan proposed a 1km section of the scenic South Coast Road would be closed, overlooking the Penguin Parade, Summerland Bay and Phelan Bluff.

But last week Ms Basterfield confirmed the road would remain open.



Over the moon

Last week's full moon lit up the night sky across the world, with local photographer Michelle Diggins capturing this image across San Remo.

"The camera was set for 20 photos on an internal timer," Michelle ex-

plained. "Each image was four minutes apart. I didn't use all of them as the moon disappeared out of camera view."

According to stargazers the next supermoon will be on August 30.



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Continence Nurse Practitioner Dianne Jones consults Tyson Flocas at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Continence Service can ease your daily challenges

HEALTH

The Continence Service at Bass Coast Health (BCH) provides advice and education for people of all ages who suffer from bladder and/or bowel control issues.

Continence problems are often a symptom of another health problem and can almost always be treated, better managed or cured.

The first step is to speak to an appropriate health professional. BCH has a team of experienced Continence Nurse Advisors including a Nurse Practitioner who following assessment, will develop a management plan in conjunction with you and your carer (if required), and provide education for the problems identified. They offer information about appropriate aids and access to funding schemes if patients are eligible.

The service also caters for children, providing advice and management of bed-wetting, day

wetting, soiling and toilet training difficulties. Clients who have Urinary Catheters in place or are required to self-catheterise may access the Continence Service.

Often a multi-disciplinary approach is required for bladder/bowel incontinence following recent hospitalisation, gynaecological surgery, prostate surgery, pregnancy or a recent change in health status. The primary focus of the clinic is on rehabilitation and the program is usually conducted over 12 weeks.

At the Phillip Island Health Hub, our Nurse Practitioner leads the urodynamics service – a bladder functional test often requested by a specialist before urological or gynaecological surgery.

Clinicians involved in a multi-disciplinary approach to Continence care include a Continence Nurse Advisor, Nurse Practitioner, Pelvic Floor Rehabilitation Physiotherapist, Dietitian, Medical Specialist and allied health professionals.

Men and women can self-refer but a doctor's referral is preferred. My Aged Care Referrals are required for clients over the age of 65 to access a consultation funded through the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

Clients with NDIS funding require a service agreement with BCH. The Continence Nurse will assess your continence needs relating to your disability, and provide a letter of support and recommendations.

The Continence Service is available at Wonthaggi Hospital and Phillip Island Health Hub from Monday to Friday, 8am to 4.30pm. To book, phone 5671 3353. BCH provides this service for people aged under 65 (under 50 years for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders) through the Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP). BCH also provides this service for people aged over 65.

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Bass Coast Health honours aged care employees

HEALTH

Bass Coast Health (BCH) celebrated staff who work in aged care on Monday.

Aged Care Employee Day acknowledges the more than 360,000 people who care for and support around 1.3 million older Australians who receive aged care services.

BCH operates two residential care facilities, Kirrak House at Wonthaggi and Griffiths Point Lodge at San Remo.

As the sub-regional health service for the Bass Coast and South Gippsland shires, BCH's aged care services also include Flexihealth, Transitional Care, Residential In-Reach and Sub-Acute services.

"Working in aged care is often perceived as difficult, but it isn't difficult – it's a privilege,"

BCH CEO Jan Child said.

"It is a specialty that requires specialist skills and expertise, and enormous kindness and compassion.

"Being able to support older community members is enriching. Our staff hear the rich wisdom of our older community members, they become part of an extended family, and they are able to support older people and families during some of their most vulnerable and frail times."

Ms Child said working in aged care could bring opportunities for growth and personal and professional development.

"And it can bring everlasting friendships."

Anyone interested in being part of the team in this specialist area, contact human resources hr@basscoasthealth.org.au



Staff and residents at Griffiths Point Lodge residential care facility at San Remo consider themselves to be like a big family.



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Grantville to get second new supermarket



The location of the proposed second new supermarket at Grantville, on the Bass Highway. The development will also include a bottle shop, shops and pharmacy, office and retail premises and a service station.

RETAIL

A second Grantville supermarket has been approved by Bass Coast Shire councillors, alongside retail shops, a service station, bottle shop and pharmacy. The massive \$9.5 million retail development is for 1.7 hectares at 1531 and 1545 Bass Highway. It comes just a fortnight after a Foodworks supermarket opened in the old Mitre 10 shop and after years of lobbying by residents for a local supermarket. Councillors at the July meet-

ing approved the development for a supermarket including bottle shop, shops and pharmacy, office (bank), retail premises (two food and drink premises and postal agency), and service station in a mixed use zone, with vegetation removal. The permit was exempt from public notification and approval came with more than 60 conditions. Shire planners said they had concerns about the design of the proposal and had requested the developer make changes so the building was consistent with

Grantville's "village style of architecture". "The proposal could be situated anywhere and does not respond to coastal village setting," planners said. "It is acknowledged the community's need for a supermarket is great, with locals commuting 30 plus minutes for groceries, however it is considered that at the same time the community deserves a well-considered and designed development to service their needs." Permit conditions include: more footpath trading; additional landscaping; changes to the proposed car parking to allow for an increase in outdoor dining areas, pedestrian movement; and changes to the proposed colour scheme. The total leasable retail area is 3524 square metres and the development will have 163 car spaces. Ritchies Stores said they had signed an MOU to design and construct a supermarket and liquor store in Grantville. "Although in the early stages, we intend to work with Leading Edge Property Group to obtain final council approval, and hope to commence construction in the latter half of 2023, subject to further due diligence on building quotes," a Ritchies corporate update stated. Cr Bruce Kent said after years of "no movement at all suddenly it rains down". Cr Rochelle Halstead welcomed the development, "stressing the importance of urban design". She said it was "critical" shire planners had referred the design of the development to the Victorian State Architecture Panel to improve the design.



The new Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park will include a new lookout at Punchbowl in San Remo.

Details on new Yallock-Bulluk park revealed

WALK

Construction of the proposed new Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park – stretching between San Remo and Inverloch – will begin next year. State Environment Minister Ingrid Stitt announced details of the \$8.33 million project, which will extend the George Bass Coastal Walk creating a 32km journey along the coastline, beaches and dunes. The minister said construction was expected to begin in

2024 and will include three new lookouts at Punchbowl, The Arch and Eagles Nest. Trail links will be added to connect the existing network so people can walk all the way from Punchbowl in San Remo to Cape Paterson, while car parking, signage and visitor information will also be upgraded. The state government is working with Parks Victoria, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and Bass Coast Shire to create the trail.

Ms Stitt said linking existing trails to create a new long-distance walk would bring more tourists to the region. "The trail will allow more people to enjoy this stunning coastal area through improved access, upgrades, new facilities and better links between coastal towns," she said. Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said: "Once delivered, this trail promises to be one of the most scenic trails in Victoria." Details: parks.vic.gov.au/projects.



To address the growing gambling issues in the state, the state government has introduced a range of reforms, aimed at reducing gambling at venues with electronic gaming machines (EGMs). Photo: Unsplash.

Pokies losses continue to climb

GAMBLING

From July 2022 to May 2023, gamblers lost \$18.2 million dollars in electronic gaming machines across Bass Coast Shire. To address the growing gambling issues in the state, the state government has introduced a range of reforms, aimed at reducing gambling at venues with electronic gaming machines (EGMs). The reforms have been welcomed by Gippsland's peak gambling support organisation. In the past year, from July 2023 to May 2023, gamblers lost \$18.2 million in Bass Coast. And \$3.1 million of that was lost at the Phillip Island RSL, which has 58 licensed EGMs. There are currently 213 EGMs spread across five venues in the shire. When the government announced the new reforms, it said an estimated 330,000 Victorians experience harm as a result of gambling each year – costing Victoria around \$7 billion annually and leading to significant financial distress, mental health concerns and relationship issues. Under the changes, all EGMs in Victoria will require mandatory pre-commitment limits and carded play. The government said this is putting the power back into the hands of patrons while also ensuring that money is tracked – stopping money laundering through gaming venues. Load up limits – how much money an individual can put into an EGM at a time – will be capped at \$100, down from the current limit of \$1000. The changes will be phased in by the end of 2023. By mid-2024, mandatory closure periods will be enforced for all gaming machine areas in a venue, except the casino, between 4am and 10am. The Government will also make it mandatory for all new EGMs to spin at a rate of three seconds per game, slowing the pace of the game down and limiting the amount that can be lost. Community Clubs Victoria has criticised the new measures, saying smaller clubs don't need the same level of restrictions as bigger venues and casinos. It also claims the restrictions will drive more people to online gambling.

breakdowns, increased alcohol and drug use, and violence against loved ones," said Michelle Ravesi, Partnerships and Prevention Manager. "In 2021-22 (financial year) alone, people across Bass Coast lost over \$14.6 million on the pokies – worsened in 2022-23 when losses stretched north of \$18 million. "Latrobe Community Health Service welcomes any measures that minimise harm and keep players safe. "We applaud this package of government reforms to do just that – to slow down the pace of games and limit how much a player can lose," Ms Ravesi said. "We see first-hand how indiscriminate gambling harm can be and urge anyone who is feeling down – with gambling a potential cause – to speak to a loved one or seek free, confidential therapeutic and financial counselling from Gambler's Help Gippsland." Latrobe Community Health Services provide Gambler's Help services across Gippsland and can be reached on 1800 242 696 or via email on GamblingSupportServices@lchs.com.au.

Statistics

According to data provided by the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission (VGCCC), from July 2022 to May 2023, players on EGMs lost \$18.175 million in Bass Coast. Each month, players were losing between \$1.5 and \$1.6 million. The peak month was December 2022, with player losses of \$2.2 million. According to the data, there are seven EGMs for every 1000 adults in the shire, with the expenditure per adult at \$475. The Wonthaggi Club has the highest number of machines (68), followed by the Phillip Island RSL (58) and Wonthaggi Workmen's Club (56). In the past financial year, the highest expenditure was from the Wonthaggi Club at \$3.4 million, followed by the RSL at \$3.1 million. However the Phillip Island RSL holds the dubious record of the highest player loss per machine of any venue in the shire. Per machine, the RSL recorded the biggest expenditure – at \$53,658 compared to the Wonthaggi Club – \$49,858. While Bass Coast losses tipped past \$18 million, losses in South Gippsland were a fraction of that. By comparison, South Gippsland only has 105 machines, with a recorded expenditure of \$3.6 million.

Gambling help

Latrobe Community Health Service offers gambling support across Gippsland and has welcomed the announcement. "We know the harm that problem gambling can cause, from financial distress to relationship

Jasmine's got the girl power

EDUCATION

Year 9 student Jasmine Ruffin from Newhaven College spent part of the latest school holidays at Melbourne University's Girl Power program.

Designed for Year 9 female students and focused on engineering and IT, the program hopes to contribute to gender parity in these disciplines.

Girls from across Australia with an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics are the target audience.

"I was fortunate enough this year to be selected for the program, and attended a five-day camp during the July school holidays," said Jasmine.

Staying in a student dorm at a residential college at the university, Jasmine described the camp as an incredible opportunity to be around like-minded students.

"Key learning from the camp included learning about careers in engineering and IT, participating in hands-on interactive workshops, interacting with University of Melbourne engineering and IT students and hearing from in-



Year 9 student Jasmine Ruffin from Newhaven College (centre) took part in a Melbourne University Girl Power program, focused on engineering and IT over the July school holidays.

dustry and academic staff about engineering and IT.

"I also got an insight into so many careers and opportunities available for women within the STEM field."

Jasmine listed participating in activities such as hydraulics robot building, python micro-bit programming and drones as highlights of the camp.

"We were supported by amazing mentors who also offered different perspectives and explained their previous subject selections and current courses."

There is currently an under-representation of women in engineering and IT.

"Because engineering is a traditionally male-domi-

nated field, women may be less confident about their abilities, even when performing equally," Jasmine said.

"The Melbourne University Girl Power program has empowered me and many other young girls to know there are vast and interesting opportunities in these fields and that we are very capable of being there."

"The program will be available next year for Year 9 girls, if you're interested keep an eye out for the applications."

"I highly recommend the experience, as it has granted me unforgettable memories, new friends and ignited a passion to explore a future in STEM."



These Monday Boys are on the job early clearing fallen branches around the Phillip Island golf course. At home on the tractor is long-time volunteer Peter Hian, with John Enbom and Phil Dressing with chainsaw in hand.

Monday boys on course

COMMUNITY

On any given Monday you may hear the sharp whirring sounds of a chainsaw in action.

They can come from anywhere around the Cowes golf course and at varying times throughout the morning.

More often than not, they are accompanied by voices shouting instructions, some highlighted with curses, and the revving of run-around tractors racing to and fro across the fairways.

This is part and parcel of the busyness of a group of volunteer golfers who proudly work under the name of the Monday Boys.

This loyal group is comprised of men who turn up each week, when they can, to do their bit

for the golf course.

Surprisingly, even though the faces have changed, the determination and enthusiasm they bring with them, hasn't waned over the past 30 odd years.

"I just love the club, and take pride in it. It's the companionship and a chance to help the club out," explained long-time volunteer and club stalwart Peter Hian.

As with the usual dozen or so blokes who turn up each week, their skills and experience come in handy at any given job. Whether it be using machinery, driving tractors, mowing, making paths, building and repairing or simply using a bit of muscle power, everyone pitches in.

They muster at the work shed around 8am to

hear what's on the agenda for the day.

This list is compiled by course superintendent Ryan Hall who never loses sight of the fact his job is made decidedly easier by these "boys".

"They're the backbone of the club. We'd be buggered without them," Ryan says.

"They do the jobs that we don't have time for. They're all retired and have a lot of good trade skills. And it's great camaraderie among them."

As a reward, smoko is always on offer and the midmorning break sees the boys head back to the shed for plates of sausage rolls, bikkies or whatever else is on offer.

It's a small gesture but this fellowship is a major reason why these Monday Boys keep on keeping on.



Harvey and Ben celebrate B Kinder day.



Jamie, Cordelia and Ella in their pyjamas.

B Kinder day at OLSS

SCHOOLS

Our Lady Star of the Sea recently celebrated B Kinder day by having a PJ-day, a sausage sizzle, and groups that focussed on ways to be kind and the importance

of being kind.

Staff and students opted to wear pyjamas because "it is always great to be kind to yourself and stay in your pyjamas", staff said.

"We all know the world could use a lit-

tle more kindness, and how being kind can create a rippling effect on the people around you.

"By doing this we are hoping to emphasise the message of hope and empathy and make a difference in the world."



Our Lady Star of the Sea staff



Showing kindness to their friends: Vivi, Ruby and Maxie



Concept plans for a road and drainage scheme at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay have been designed to avoid impacting on native vegetation and shearwater rookeries said the council. The plans and costings are expected to be tabled at the August council meeting.

Surf Beach plans likely for August

CHARGE SCHEME

Concept plans, including costings for the proposed special charge scheme in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay should be sent to ratepayers in August.

In its latest newsletter, Bass Coast Shire Council said the cost estimates, and a funding model showing how the costs would be allocated to properties, should be presented at the August council meeting.

If supported by the councillors, property owners will then be sent the plans and costs by registered mail and have a minimum of 28 days to respond – either in support or to object.

Under the rules of the special charge scheme, which are set out in legislation, the scheme would be abandoned if 51 per cent or more property owners opposed the concept plan.

If less than 51 per cent respond, the decision on whether to proceed or not will be made by the councillors.

Concept

At the March 2023 council meeting, the concept plans for the scheme were adopted, based on the original option1 plan, with modifications.

The modifications, based on feedback from the community, included single lane road narrowings instead of speed humps, which would also allow for extra landscaping and narrower road widths with extra reductions in select locations to avoid impacting on native vegetation.

Concrete footpaths would only be installed on major and connecting roads such as The Esplanade, Batman Street, Glen Street and Dunvegan Crescent.

The siting of footpaths would avoid impacting on native vegetation.

Coloured threshold treatments at selected Y and crossroad intersections would improve road safety.

The council said road narrowings will “provide more opportunity to undertake additional nature strip vegetation planting. This will enhance wildlife habitats and provide additional space for swale drains to improve water quality downstream”.

It estimates the modifications will lower the overall cost, “be more environmentally friendly and improve the character of the area”.

However it said the concept plans could be subject to change.

“Traffic calming treatments, road widths and footpath alignments are indicative only,” the council’s June newsletter stated.

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“If the project eventually proceeds, these locations and widths will be further determined in detailed design.”

The council has also stressed the plans have been developed to minimise the impact on existing vegetation and the shearwater rookeries.

The newsletter also said if the new scheme went ahead, residents would have the ability to drain stormwater from their properties into a “legal point of discharge” at their own cost.

Any existing drainage pipes will be included within the scheme costs.

The final cost will be determined if residents vote to support the plans, however the cost can only increase by a maximum of 10 per cent on the estimated costings. If the final cost is less than the estimate, then savings are returned to the property owners.

The council said if the scheme is adopted, anyone experiencing financial difficulty could confidentially discuss payment options with the council. Anyone whose only income was a government pension could qualify for hardship assistance.

Say No

The Say No group formed to oppose the scheme has waged an ongoing campaign against the proposal, accusing the council of failing to listen to their concerns.

The group said it has now presented three petitions with over 600 signatures, with a fourth on the way. They claim the petitions clearly showed the majority of residents do not want the scheme to proceed.

They are also critical of the plan adopted by the council.

“The plan has not taken into account the protected shearwater rookeries which will be destroyed due to road, drainage and footpath construction,” a group spokesperson said.

“Additionally, there are properties that are showing footpaths cutting right across their front yards without taking into consideration setbacks, current native vegetation and loss of amenity.”

One of the group founders, Susie Wickes called on the council to stop its “bullish behaviour”.

However another resident thanked the council for “sticking with the democratic process and genuine rate payer engagement and not being swayed by a noisy minority who wish to derail the process”.

Details: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads

A new promise for wetlands

DEVELOPMENT

The developer responsible for the drawn-out saga of the Shoalhaven wetlands has confirmed all physical works on the site have been completed.

Tony Coady of Red Rocks Beach Pty Ltd also said landscaping would start soon. Mr Coady said his consultants were finalising documentation to lodge with the appropriate authorities.

“Landscaping works are scheduled to begin over the next six weeks (weather dependant) with the intention being to complete same ASAP,” Mr Coady said.

“Maintenance by the developer will then continue at the direction of Melbourne Water.”

Mr Coady said the new post and wire fence was temporary and would be in place for up to two years, (as directed by Melbourne

Water) then removed.

Residents will be watching closely for any signs of progress on the site.

Over the past nine years, there has been a string of broken promises about the completion date.

The wetlands were supposed to have been delivered by the summer of 2019, in April 2020, January 2022 and March 2023.

Most recently, in response to residents’ concerns, the council said it expected landscaping on site to recommence in April. A council spokesperson has said civil works for the wetland had been completed.

“We anticipate landscaping to complete the wetland will occur in coming weeks however this is dependent on good weather.”

Land release

Mr Coady said there were no new sections of the estate available for sale.

“The signage for the Seabreeze Stage dates back to 2019 or thereabouts and is not a new release of land,” he said.

“The only change has been the addition of an ‘over’ sticker on each of the signs (installed in December 2022) featuring an enlarged telephone number.”

The Shoalhaven web site is promoting a new release “coming soon” in the Seabreeze Stage.

In 2019, both Melbourne Water and Bass Coast Shire stated further titles for the estate would not be issued until the wetland was completed.

The Shoalhaven web site shows four future residential areas around the wetlands, including at the intersection of Settlement and Justice Roads.

A further four future residential areas are listed at the Ventnor Road end of the estate.



From left: Audrey Manning, Siyansa Polwattage Perera, Corey Green from the Bass Coast Landcare Network works crew, Indi Alexander and Rosinda Charlton.

Tree hugging

ENVIRONMENT

All 180 students at San Remo Primary helped plant a range of trees, shrubs and understorey plants at Bass Coast Shire’s Gap Road property recently.

A large wetland at the back of the property is getting a revamp this year, with

3000 plants to protect and enhance habitat, while increasing biodiversity for the range of waterbirds and other native species that use the wetland and surrounding areas.

The younger students also got a further glimpse into the diversity of life in the water of the wetland by doing some water bug sampling.

They found a range of small bugs and insects that perform important roles to keep the water healthy such as breaking down organic matter.



NEW WAVE CONCRETING

Every town has a few businesses that are part of the fabric of the area: generous, visible and distinctly, classically local. Nestled in Cowes on Victoria’s Phillip Island, New Wave Concreting is one such company, as dedicated to their customers and township as they are to owner and skipper, Luke Hinrichs. Luke and the team help the locals ‘beautify’ their environment with decorative concreting, from feature walls to patios, down to the good old driveway and a glow-up for the garage floor.

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Top dental tips

HEALTH

With around three in four people (75 per cent) rarely or never flossing and one in five of us only brushing teeth once a day, the Australian Dental Association (ADA) is urging people to brush up on their oral care to reduce the chances of more serious health issues emerging from neglected oral health. This data from the ADA's annual consumer survey

of 25,000 Aussies' oral habits, has been released for Dental Health Week, which runs August 7-13.

Every Australian should be flossing once a day and brushing twice a day - while doing both takes just six minutes a day, it's a lifetime investment in your whole-of-body health.

Failing to floss and brush regularly puts many Aussies on a fast track to poor oral health which if left untreated, contributes to

serious whole of body conditions - neglected oral health can affect the rest of the body with serious cardiovascular events, Type 2 Diabetes and Alzheimer's all potential outcomes.

The ADA's pro tips for brushing and flossing:

1. Always use a soft toothbrush as it's less wear and tear on tooth enamel and gums and apply just a pea-sized amount of toothpaste containing fluoride.

2. Brush in the morning after breakfast and again right before bed. Saliva flow is lower overnight, so brushing just before sleep helps protect teeth from re-

sidual bacteria.

3. Brush at a 45-degree angle towards the base of your teeth and gums with small circular rotations. Electric toothbrushes can help with dexterity. Don't forget to brush your tongue as well.

4. After eating, wait an hour before brushing to allow your tooth enamel to harden - brushing too soon will damage tooth enamel already softened by food acids.

5. If you're not near a toothbrush, rinse with water to flush away food particles until you can access one.

6. Just as brushing infrequent-

ly or only once a day could harm your oral health, so too does brushing too much, particularly if you apply too much pressure or don't wait long enough after eating. Stick to twice a day for optimum oral health.

7. By using a soft toothbrush and being wary of how much pressure is applied, you can minimise wearing away tooth enamel. Use a light touch.

8. Floss before brushing so the toothbrush can better reach those gaps and corners between teeth and help fluoride reach these surfaces.

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Chill House chooks in Cowes, at the 2023 Edible Gardens event. If you'd like to be involved in next year's event, organisers are keen to hear from you.

Local edible gardens returning in 2024

EVENT

Are you a gardening guru who enjoys growing your own veggies, herbs and fruit trees?

Do you have advice to share about what foods grow well locally, how to save seeds, or how to attract bees and other pollinators to your garden?

If this sounds like you or one of your friends, Bass Coast Edible Gardens is keen to hear from you.

Although we are in the depths of winter, planning has begun for the third annual Bass Coast Edible Gardens Weekend, to be held on February 10 and 11, 2024.

Visitor feedback from previous events has indicated that diversity is important – in location and size of garden and approaches to gardening.

So organisers, Sharon Willcox and Maddy Harford are keen to hear from gardeners across Phillip Island and San Remo.

"In 2024 we would love to have some more gardens at large rural properties, plus some young

families who are just starting out on their food gardening journey," Sharon said.

Previous open gardens have included a permaculture farm in Ventnor, a mini-farm in Cowes, the prolific Phillip Island Community Orchard and a small garden in San Remo, filled with fruit trees, chooks, fig trees and hydroponically grown vegetables.

Maddy explained that the Open Food Gardens weekend was established to inspire more people to get into the garden and grow their own food.

"There are so many benefits from growing food – it helps keep costs down, boosts your physical and mental health, and you can eat tasty, home grown, seasonal fruit and vegies, while reducing food miles," she said.

If you would like to discuss opening your garden for the 2024 event, you can find more information on the website at www.bass-coastediblegardens.com or email bcg@bcal.vic.edu.au



Justin Rutter getting his hair coloured with a group of enthusiastic kids.

Camp Quality fundraiser

COMMUNITY

More than \$1800 was raised at a Cowes Camp Quality fundraiser, help-

ing kids face cancer.

The event at Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park on Church Street at the end of July



Kelly Rutter, Craig Piper, Suzie Smith and Daniel Rutter at the fundraising barbecue.

saw NRMA donate 50 per cent of all site fees for the night to the charity, also organising activities such as laser tag, and a barbecue.

A raffle included prizes donated from lo-

cal businesses including San Remo butchers, Phillip Island RSL, Hotel, Penny Lane Cafe and Wildlife cruises.

The total \$1838, raised was an increase on last year's \$700.

Camera Club first place in photo competition

PHOTOGRAPHY

Phillip Island Camera Club (PICC) gained first place in the recent Gippsland Interclub Photography Competition and Exhibition.

Members of the club including vice president Robert McKay, who organised the local entries, attended the opening at the East Gippsland Art Gallery at

Bairnsdale last Friday.

The competition is an annual event and member clubs take turns in hosting it.

The other clubs involved include Latrobe Valley Camera Club, Sale Camera Club, South Gippsland Photography Club and Warragul Camera Club.

Each club submitted 10 framed prints and each club member could submit

up to two entries.

A panel of three independent judges provided a score of points for each entry.

Photographs had to be taken in Gippsland and the topic was open.

Three PICC members received a merit certificate: Jenny Skewes from Ventnor, Robert McKay and Graeme Lawry from Cowes.

The other entrants were Jonathan Hogan, Renee Sterling of Cape Woolamai, Rhonda Buitenhuys of Newhaven, Colleen Johnston, Ken Anderson and James Millward from Cowes.

The exhibition is open at the East Gippsland Art Gallery (Bairnsdale) until September 2, Tuesday - Friday 10am-4pm and Saturday 10am-2pm.



San Remo and Phillip Island Libraries branch manager Jessica Berry with Cr Rochelle Halstead at the PICES exhibition.

Art at the library

ENTERTAINMENT

A new exhibition has opened in San Remo, showcasing the art of Ga-

briele Jenkins, Iveta Nagyova, Karen Preston and Stacey Shine over the next three months.

The Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space (PICES) exhibition is at the San Remo Library, and was opened by deputy mayor Rochelle Halstead on July 29, attended by about 40 people.

San Remo and Phillip Island Libraries branch manager Jessica Berry said the collaboration was "several years in the making, to present the work of local artists in a community space".

She said the exhibition was part of a continuing project, curated by PICES members every three months and all art on display at the library will be available for purchase from the contributing artists.

Details: pices.com.au



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Details: Saturday August 19, 10am-4pm at South Gippsland Trade Skills Alliance, Leon-gatha. wildlifevictoria.org.au/get-involved/wildlife-victoria-training



Ocean Messages

You are invited to the 'Ocean Messages' Exhibition, a component of the Eco Arts project 'For Our Future'.

The Exhibition is showcasing artworks from a Creative Message Exchange taking place across the oceans between artists, children and First Nation Elders in Bass Coast (Boonwurrung/Bunurong Country), Norfolk Island and Turtle Island (Canada and USA).

The purpose of the Exhibition and the 'For Our Future' project is to inspire environmental stewardship. Susan Hall is curating the Exhibition which is opening on 13th August and running until 17th September 2023.

Invitation to Opening

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What's the condition?

The current owner of the Boys Home site has applied for a Section 72 Amendment to Planning Permit 100626.

This was published in the Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser on June 21. One of the amendments requested is "Deleting all requirements under condition one."

So what are the requirements of condition one?

A search of the supporting information supplied by Omni developments on behalf of the owner did not reveal condition one.

I tried Bass Coast Shire website to find the Planning Permit, 100626 revealed a one-page summary which stated the permit has been issued on 14/10/2011. This permit has been extended six times, a total of 12 years with little or no works completed.

Further research reveals that 14 October 2011 was the date VCAT order P238/2011 was made. Order 3, states that by consent "a permit is granted and directed to be issued for land at 54-61 Forrest Avenue Newhaven". This allowed seven items that were generally in accordance with the endorsed plans.

Order 4 of the VCAT determination states: "The permit must contain the conditions set out in Appendix 1".

At last I have found condition one. It has 18 sub-clauses, including:

- Removal of access to Forrest Avenue
- Creation of access to Boys Home Road, with minimum carriageway of 5.5 metres.
- A notation on the plans, which clearly nominate which trees are proposed for retention and removal.
- Limitations on fences.
- An area of public open space of 800 square metres located in the northwest corner of the land.

It is my understanding that Section 72 is for minor amendments. The application lodged with Bass Coast shire states the intention "to amend every part of the proposal".

This is not a minor amendment.

However, a section 72 amendment is not allowed if a permit is issued at the direction of the tribunal (VCAT), if the tribunal has directed under Section 85, that the responsible authority (BCSC) must not amend that permit.

The VCAT order P238/2011 No 4 states that the permit must contain the conditions in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1 contains 49 conditions.

Bass Coast Shire must take the responsible decision and refuse this amendment.

Noel Street, Newhaven

Robodebt relief

Members of the Australian Unemployed Workers Union living in Gippsland welcome the strong report of the Royal Commission into Robodebt.

My daughter and I both received Robodebt notices. We didn't realise at the time that thousands of these unlawful debt notices had gone out, causing fear and confusion in recipients. Our debts were cancelled, after many calls, emails and advice. My heart goes out to the families of welfare recipients who took their lives after receiving debt notices, often tens of thousands of dollars.

But the punitive aspects of the welfare system remain. If you are unable to meet your compulsory "mutual obligations" – searching for a set number of jobs, attending Job Centre meetings and courses – your benefits are cut, from a week's payment cut to complete cancellation of benefits.

In our rural area, job seekers often travel on public transport. Many people are unable to meet these "obligations", through no fault of their own. Privatised Job Centres should not have the power to suspend benefits. The present welfare system is rotten. Unaccountable private companies should not have the right to cut payments.

Meanwhile, amid calls for his resignation from Parliament, Scott Morrison,

former PM and Social Services Minister, who appeared at the Royal Commission, was spotted on holiday in Italy. Funny, that.

Jessica Harrison, Australian Unemployed Workers Union member, Wonthaggi

Scheme support

As a permanent resident of Surf Beach, the other day I saw a disturbing sight.

An elderly woman pushing her sick husband in a wheel chair along a busy Sunderland Bay Rd at the weekend.

They were heading for the boardwalk to capture the magnificent ocean views the invalid husband loves so much.

They were forced to use the road because the footpath that crosses several unmade roads, was littered with muddy pot holes that could not be traversed with the wheel chair.

I wonder whether they made it to the boardwalk?

Shouldn't everyone have the ability to access these facilities without facing an obstacle course and avoiding heavy vehicle traffic.

Not everyone is fit, healthy and able to jump puddles, and to deny these simple pleasures to the impaired is unforgivable if the scheme does not proceed.

Surf Beach, unlike when I first bought the property 25 years ago, is now heavily trafficked, very populated and becoming more so with higher density living with lots of properties already subdivided, and dare I say, with many more to be subdivided. We are no longer a sea shack destination with unpowered, unsewered properties with tank water.

Whether we like it or not, the place has changed and we must accept that we cannot live in the past.

It's time to accept the special charge scheme must be go ahead to give everyone the right to live in an environment safe from traffic, and free of dust, pot holes, mud, and stagnant water drains harbouring mosquito carrying diseases.

And amenities easily accessible to the young, elderly and impaired.

To deny these basic rights is to go backwards with our standard of living.

A special charge scheme will not affect the pristine beaches, the beautiful coastline and ocean views, and the lovely nature reserve that brought us here in the first place.

Maria Pecora, Surf Beach

Car free Sundays?

The Advertiser's front page last month – "Where to now on traffic planning?" – revealed the Community Reference Group contributing to traffic planning had been dissolved. As a group member myself, it was an interesting time.

It was very much overpowered by RRV (VicRoads), with the eventual result of two monster dual lane roundabouts.

The original priority was to reduce speed limits - contentious to attract funding – so the emphasis shifted to safety.

Speed limits were delivered, opposed by some.

The San Remo and Newhaven community wanted traffic lights at Back Beach Rd, to enable traffic to exit from Back Beach Rd; also to make an occasional gap in the endless vehicle convoy so pedestrians could cross the road. How sad is it when you see cyclists and families, without car, on hot day, staggering along north side of road, looking for chance to cross? How dangerous could traffic lights be in San Remo?

Now last week's front page news, conflicting speed limits on the Cowes-Rhyll Rd. Anybody fancy trial No Car Sundays?

On another issue, with continuing headlines about so much of the northern hemisphere subject to massive fires and floods, does anybody else feel mother nature is trying to tell us that she feels savagely violated?

How about our Minister for climate and energy, Chris Bowen, making grand proclamation to South Korea, with Japan, that "it's too late to respond to the climate emergency".

He then goes on to reassure security that Australia will continue to supply coal and LNG.

So what can we do?

How about turning Phillip Island into a tree museum?

Evidently farmland here is low productivity, for agriculture or tourism.

Former councillor Phil Wright has always put in effort for tracks and trails.

Phil explained the concept to the previous CEO, Paul Buckley, who asked how many hectares.

It's 10,000.

Maybe all is not lost? The island can be a healthy experiment.

Bernie McComb, Cowes

Council transparency questioned

Council repeatedly refuses to answer questions as a result of the latest Sunderland Bay Surf Beach newsletter.

I sent a number of questions to the email address stated on the newsletter and waited 10 days for a reply, but no reply.

I then sent the same email to a councillor and cc'd in other parties.

I then received a reply that stated council did not receive my email through their official email.

I ask, how many other questions go unanswered due to this oversight?

Questions I asked were:

Will all back falling properties have a stormwater pipe to connect their stormwater into, no matter the amount of back fall?

How many properties will have a pipe and drainage easement in their backyard? How do ratepayers know what will be included or excluded from the scheme without full construction plans?

The council reply did not answer the questions but skirted the questions and stated: "Stormwater pipes located in private property will be required to be installed in drainage easements. Many properties already have existing drainage easements on their property titles. The locations of additional drainage easements will be confirmed during detailed design".

How many properties will have an easement? As a result of the failure to answer the questions adequately, I decided to ask a question at the July council meeting: how many of the approximately 1040 properties in the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Special Charge Scheme have or will have a piped inter-allotment drainage pipeline in their property?

My questions were disallowed and not even recorded in the minutes as though the questions never even existed, as were any questions regarding the scheme.

I would consider refusing to even acknowledge the questions in the council minutes is illegal. It doesn't give me any confidence in council's honesty, transparency or their adherence to legislated policies.

If council cannot monitor emails or answer questions it would appear they are not conducting matters ethically or democratically.

Concept plans are continually being altered. It seems the scheme is to be voted solely on cost alone as essential design details are missing.

Louise Lyell, Surf Beach



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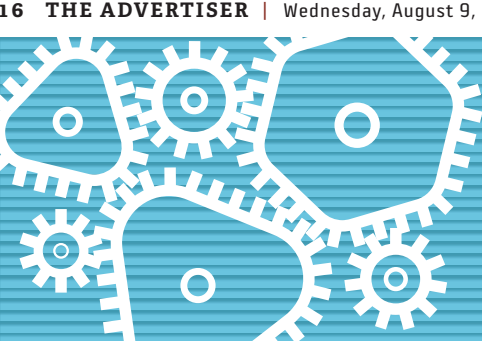


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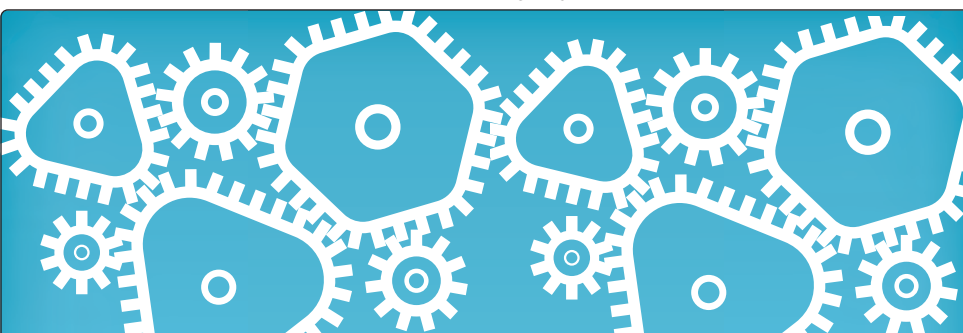
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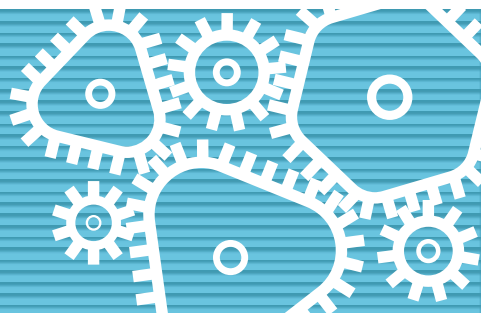
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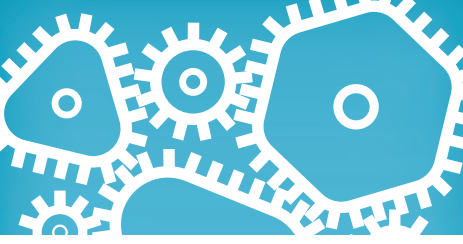


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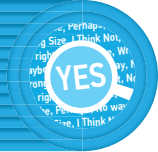
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Beloved wife of Owen
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Loved Mother and
mother-in-law of Karyn
& Andrew, Natalie
& Mark, Roger and
Timothy John (dec.).

Adored Grandma ‘Betts’
to her 11 grandchildren,
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WHITE,
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Last game and congratulations to four of the teams Youthgirls, Ahlee Penry, Jorja Newman, Mackenzie Wain and Brin Hamley.



The Youthgirls fought for a well deserved win against Boisdale-Briagolong during their last game of the season.

Last game of the season for Youthgirls

FOOTBALL

Phillip Island Youth Girls had a great win in Morwell on the weekend against Boisdale-Briagolong.

It was a great day to watch this amazing group of girls work together and win this game.

Each and every one of the players did an amazing job.

In the first quarter, the girls

came out of the blocks fast with Mia Boost kicking the first two goals and then Qiarshi Adams kicking another.

Zoe Carr played in front and managed a couple of great handballs to get the ball out of trouble.

The second quarter saw Jorja Newman kicking an amazing bomb of a goal to get the girls up and about.

Bella Gude and Qiarshi Adams had great, accurate kicking around the ground.

The third quarter saw Ahlee Penry have a few great kicks into the 50 and Macey Stubbs and Lilli O had great pressure and tackling around the backline.

In the final quarter BB had a comeback and that made the girls switch back on and

push harder.

The outcome was 12 to 30.

The Island didn't kick any points in the last two quarters, but Boisdale-Briagolong caught up with two quick goals.

The team had a couple of great tackles in the backline and some amazing kicks in the forward line.

It was the last game playing in the youth girls for four of

the girls.

A big congrats to Mackenzie Wain, Brinn Hamley, Jorja Newman and Ahlee Penry.

It was also Macca's 50th game.

A big thanks to Nadine Newman the team manager, Nadia did a great job as always.

It was a fun day for the players and sure the spectators enjoyed it too.



SGB team heading to Wangaratta, pictured is last year's Victorian Country Short Course Championships team.

SGB team face off against regional's best

SWIMMING

The largest ever South Gippsland Bass short course team will head to Wangaratta this weekend for the Victorian country short course championships.

The team is hoping to replicate their performance at Wangaratta last January in the

long course championships, where they finished in third spot.

56 swimmers, up on the 44 swimmers in the competition last year, will head to Wangaratta to compete in the indoor 25m pool in the 11-18 and Open sections, having met the qualifying times for their events.

Of those swimmers in the

under 11s for SGB, there will be five 10-year-olds and ten 11-year-olds.

This is an impressive effort and highlights the depth of the junior program.

There are ten 12-year-olds, many of whom will back it up the weekend after at the state short course championships, with thirteen 18-year-olds

competing in a few weeks.

Coach Dylan Muir is looking forward to the event: "Training and competition results so far this season have exceeded expectations and I am excited to see what the atmosphere of a major championship meet adds to our swimmers already great results this season."

LDNA: exceptional teamwork

NETBALL

Under 13

The under 13 netballers displayed exceptional skills and teamwork right from the start against Town Green on the weekend.

Frankie and Ava showcased their speed and powerful passes, dominating the centre and outperforming the opposition.

India's steals ensured the island never missed a rebound.

As the game progressed, Olive's strategic positioning played a crucial role in moving the ball effortlessly.

This opened opportunities for Verity who delivered sensational and precise shooting.

The team's offensive prowess was complemented by Indi and Georgie's outstanding defensive skills.

It was goal for goal for the first three quarters, with Phillip Island giving it their all. Unfortunately Town Green secured a fast five goals in the fourth quarter to walk away with the win.

The girl's combined efforts were truly commendable.

Best on court awarded to Frankie, Jess and Olive Callis.

Phillip Island: 15

Town Green: 21

Under 11

Phillip Island: 9

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U12 Red best on ground Taj Piera takes instruction from the coach.



Heath says "catch me if you can" to Killy Bass in the U14s Blue match.



Flynn Riley applies pressure in the U12 Red game against Wonthaggi.



U10 Red team gave their all in the last match of the season.



Jarrah Rutherford laying a tackle with assistance from Brax Scheibel in the U12 Blue match against Bass.



Kane Patton launching the ball forward.

Last round of the home and away season

FOOTBALL

U14 Blue

Well, the last game of the season had arrived and I'm unsure who was more upset, the coaching staff or the kids.

Alas, here we are and away we went.

The usual rev up from Captain Kai and his deputies was there and the kids were rearing to go, but Killy Bass had other ideas.

A quick tap, and streaming kick forward, caught the Doggies forward line napping like a two-month-old puppy and Killy were on the board with a great goal.

The coaching staff even missed it and had to ask Irene "Always on the go" Kelsy, the team manager what happened.

This shocked the doggies into gear and away they went.

Great ball movement from Sammy O, Henhouse and Levi had the ball in the Heater direction.

A shake to the left and a shimmy to the right and Heater had his first.

A loud "Come on" roared out and it sounded like Leyton Hewitt was on the field.

A similar move and Flynn Dengerink had his first and the doggies were away.

The doggies piled on three more for the quarter and a couple of points, to take a strong lead.

Duke and Bryce Lawrence,

Harvey Strachan, Riley Herbert and Zane Matthews were battling hard in the midfield all quarter to repel any Killy Bass advances.

The second quarter was much the same.

Al "tough as nails" Szyman-ski was playing his usual game, moving the ball well and hitting the packs hard. Jess "On ya Bike" Moschetti and his partner in crime Cub Cantwell had the wings covered.

Lewis De Fazio, fresh from Bali, showed some deft ball skills to push the ball forward, resulting in another goal.

Great ball work from the Doggies backline, had Mr Football, Archie Williams, spinning like a ballroom dancer, and Heater had another goal.

At the start of the third, the Doggies were well and truly on top, so a few changes were made.

Sammy Fairthorne was moved into the forward line with one job, "score a goal".

We didn't have to wait too long, after a great mark, a short pass to Sam O'Garey and the return pass and Sam Fairthorne had his goal.

Next, Ollie Bain, a great player all year for the doggies.

A great showy move, reminiscent of his mum's pink car and Bain had a goal of his own.

A welcome return to the ground for our ruckman, Hayden Power, after he twisted his ankle mucking around before the game proved a welcome inclusion, set-

ting up another Flynn goal.

A great turn and snap from Maxy Jess and the Doggies were certainly away.

The fourth quarter started, and coach Cashman stacked the backline, giving the direction to do what you will, but stand strong.

It didn't take long for a goal of the year contender to build up.

Heater started in the back pocket, took six bounces and had a shot, only to be denied on the goal line.

Big Gem Hennekam was throwing his weight around up forward and with Lionel Cabello, Angus "Miracle Hamstring repair" McLure and The General KELSEY up forward, the Doggies had a few more goals.

The Doggies won by a bit.

The coaches and team manager wish to firstly thank the kids, for the great effort and sportsmanship throughout the season.

They were a joy to coach, and we all had a great time.

Secondly to the parents.

Thanks for your help and support this season and allowing your kids to play and your help with match day duties.

U14 Red

Our finals bound Red team headed on Sunday for what will be two trips in a row to the biggest ground in the league.

The last round of the season had the Red's versing a flag

fancy Wonthaggi, who have mercy'd just about every team in the draw.

Despite missing multiple key players, the intent and work ethic as a team was amazing from the get-go and Wonthaggi soon realised it wasn't going to be all on their terms.

The midfield with Charlie, Zac H, Darcy, Brydon and Ethan T was giving the forwards plenty of options, although Wonthaggi were up to the challenge.

The Dogs did get a reward when Maddy put on an incredible burst of speed from the 50 and kicked truly for a great goal.

Quarter time, Wonthaggi up by only two goals.

Hazza B and Jack E combined for another Island goal early in the second which was a great reward for the incredible midfield work happening.

Wonthaggi were definitely attacking more aggressively and scored some goals, but the back line led by the two Archers, Stewy, Nicka, Teirly, Ollie and Charlie repelled almost everything despite the ball being in Wonthaggi's forward 50 for a very long time.

The biggest cheer of the day, from both sides, parents, coaches, and basically anyone who saw was saved for Charlie Fishers hanger on the goal line in defence.

What a screamer, one for the memory banks for sure.

The handball chains and gut running combined with a fero-

cious intent set the tone perfectly for the upcoming final against Leongatha.

In the end a six-goal loss to a very strong Wonthaggi outfit while missing key players was a positive result, the team should be very proud.

Thanks, and great work as always to those who volunteered.

U12 Red

The last home and away game for the season saw the Reds travel to enemy territory and take on Wonthaggi.

This game would be a preview to our first finals game as this week's outcome would not alter the final standings.

It was evident from the first bounce that Wonthaggi were here to play, and it would take our best to beat them.

The opposition hunted the ball in packs and worked for each other while the Reds seemed to be a bit flat footed at times.

We had opportunity to score late in the first quarter, but the ball would just not bounce our way.

The start of the second quarter looked promising as the Red's seemed to switch on only to be swarmed by the opposition who relished the tough contest.

Ry Sheers tried everything in the forward line and provided a great option.

The ball spent the majority in our half, but we couldn't find a way to goal.



Xavier Holmes under pressure.



Ryder Van Steensel getting another possession shadowed by Bodhi Cooper.



Riley kicks out of the pack.

Zane Larsson led by example in the third quarter and would not take a backward step, imploring his team to go with him.

Our tackling and pressure improved but the dogs could not quite put it together and find a way to score.

High hopes for the final quarter were quickly squashed as Wonthaggi kicked the first goal and opened up a handy lead.

Denver Preddice Firth played a great quarter, covering plenty of ground and never giving up.

The lack of voice on the ground was evident today and sure the team will work on this during the week.

Best on ground Taj Piera played a huge game and seems to be getting better as the weeks go on.

Archie Robinson kicked a long-range goal on the run nearing the end of the game in what was a great solo effort.

Not the team's day today but plenty to learn from the game.

Heads high, Go Pups!

Best: Taj Piera, Zane Larsson, Callum Chambers, Ryan Hughes, Jaxen Marshall and Flynn Riley.

Goals: Archie Robinson 1.

U12 Blue

The Phillip Island Under 12 Blue's team played their last game of the season on their home turf against Kilcunda Bass.

Coach Mick Cleary had some inspiring words for the players before they ran out on the field.

His words were quite clear - "be ready for them, know where your opponent is and never give

up."

Captain Brady Van Steensel fired up the team with some fitting words and led them out under the wet conditions.

The first quarter was tight, and both teams had eyes for the ball.

Not much could split the two teams with only two points scored by the Blues.

During the quarter time huddle coach Mick Cleary reminded his team they need to work really hard and don't underestimate their opponent as they are out to win their last game of the season.

Second quarter Sam Koole opened up Phillip Island's account scoring his first goal of the season.

It was again another tight quarter with the Island peppering for more goals but could only earn one goal for all their hard work.

Third quarter Killy Bass came out fighting hard but found it hard to penetrate through Phillip Island's backline.

It was left up to Ryder Van Steensel who weaved his way through the traffic to kick a ripper goal.

In the last quarter Killy Bass were desperate to get on the board but Balin Riky's intercept marks thwarted any chances they had of breaking their drought.

Phillip Island Blues finished strong and came away with the win at home 18-0.

The best players on the day awards went to Balin Riky, Brady Van Steensel, Sam Koole, Ryder Van Steensel, Roy Patter-



U14 Blue enjoyed a big win against Killy Bass for their last home and away game for the season.



Archie Dallinger, eyes on the coach.

son and Zac Ivey.

With the regular season coming to an end and looking ahead to finals we would like a big shout out to all parent volunteers who chip in and make the season run smoothly.

Big thanks to the coaching staff and team manager Andrea for their commitment and dedication, and the Phillip Island Football Netball Club.

U10 Red

It was a cold and frosty morning with not a breath of wind greeting the pups at the biggest ground in the league as they prepared for their final round of footy for the 2023 season.

Plenty of running and tackling and shepherding was the only way this day was going to go and in the first quarter that's what we saw.

With Captain Leith Cameron streaming through the middle and Tanner Lee right beside him pushing the ball forward straight into a very determined Wonthaggi backline pushing back but with back men - Baylin Elliot, Ray Wolfenden, Toby McHugh and Austin Bennett putting their all in it was never going to be a one-sided game.

In the second quarter the Wonthaggi boys came out fired up and instantly pushed it in the back line.

However, Brock Larsson pushed back with the help from Dash Janson, and it wasn't enough with Wonthaggi a point and goal ahead.

From then on it was all the Islands way with Fletcher Hennessy doing all the damage.

In the third quarter, the backline worked really hard with the two Max's - Maxi Robinson and Maxi Parry working together again to stop the Wonthaggi forwards, Reeve Dennis also had a huge quarter by far the best he's ever played.

Another few standouts in the third quarter were little Ray Johns, Jack Frank and Ollie Allan getting right in there amongst the foot taller boys.

The last quarter had everyone on their feet with the scores very close after great scoring from Oscar Innes, with huge tackling from Cody Naismith, Bode Bassed, Reef Elliot and Bohdan O'Connell.

It seemed everyone got a touch of the ball and with Eli Long, Eddie Maier and Lenny Nolan up forward scoring freely it wasn't quite enough as Wonthaggi scored a goal on the siren leaving them ahead of the pups.

The pups played with great intensity and team spirit throughout the entire 2023 season and look forward to watching them grow into great footballers.

Thank you to the U10's red coach - Simon Nolan for all your hard work with the kids, it's safe to say all the kids have had a great season.

U10 Blue

What a way to finish for out Blue Dogs.

Congratulations to all the team for putting in an enormous effort throughout the season.

To see you all, improve, have fun and follow the coach's wisdom has been wonderful to see.

Speaking of coaches; our

amazing Bianca was struck down with gastro this week so was unable to be there but, with great gusto, Dave and Troy stepped up to coach.

The team played a great game against Killy - Bass.

Led by our captain, Billy the pressure was relentless.

William destroyed the opponents with courageous tackling and excellent defence and Alfie, Jet and Taj kept the ball moving forward.

Jackson played with bravery getting the ball out of the backline and Nicky D was solid in his first time in the ruck.

This season sees the end of play in the U10's for some of our valued teammates.

Good luck next season Zaine, Bobby, Jye, Jasper, Billy, Krackers, Jet, Taj, Nicko, Ryan and Ollie.

The U12 will not know what hit them.

There is no team without the coach and support staff.

Thank you from the bottom of our muddy boots to Bianca, Dave, Troy and Davo. To Mandy, our team manager; we wouldn't have made it without your passion, organisational skills and reminders for oranges and lollies.

To Alison and Emma - you should both be employed by the newspaper for your photos and write ups.

To the parents/carers/supporters - no one will ever forget Korumburra in the depths of Winter on a Sunday.

Lastly, to our Blue Dogs - Go team woof woof!

Awards: Jet, Alfie, Cooper and Noah.



Winners of Midweek bowls were Vern Elliott (S), Margaret McConville (L) and David Talbot (3).

Friendly banter on the green

BOWLS

33 bowlers turned up at Corinella for another great day of, what can only be described as, superb bowling.

As usual, plenty of friendly banter and laughter across all areas of the green and this is always in good fun and seems to lift the quality of the bowling.

Only a couple of wrong bias bowls and as usual, every wrong bias adds to the RCH tin and is very welcome.

One of the members, Peter B,

had a birthday, so a happy birthday to him with many more to come. A big thank you to Peter McWilliams, Pauline McWilliams, John Nicholson and Phil Wright for all the hard work, we are very grateful for all their help. Winners on 34 points were: Vern Elliott (S), David Talbot (3) and Margaret McConville (L).

Runners up on 33 points were: Peter Borradale (S), Chris Coulson (3) and Tony Morris (L).

Best One Game on 30 points were: Dennis Talbot (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Frank

D'Unienville (L).

As usual, Corinella was in excellent condition, which always helps the bowlers get good results. Even the windy conditions didn't diminish everyone's enjoyment, in fact, it added to the laughter a little.

This week we will convene at San Remo to continue our very enjoyable challenge.

We look forward to seeing anyone interested in taking part in that challenge.

Please be at San Remo by 10.00 am, all welcome.



Winter 2 Bowl Nominated Triples winners were Chris Fricke, Barrie Goldsbury and John Newcombe.

A close competition

BOWLS

Phillip Island Bowling Club held the 10th round of the winter 2 bowl nominated triples.

With only a short five-minute delay due to rain all games were completed with some exceptional bowling on display by our bowlers.

Best last game: Frank Cimino, Rodger Lee and Col Binch.

Runners up for the day: Colin Omerond and Denise Silver and Caroline Donohue

Congratulations to our winners. Barrie Goldsbury, Chris Fricke and John Newcombe

Social bowls

Social bowls were played in perfect bowling conditions and our bowlers relished in the perfect conditions.

Runners up for the day were Skip Murry McClimont, 3rd Errol Bradford, 2nd Alan Baughurst and Lead Curis Fanning.



Social Bowls winners, pictured left to right Paul Bean, Ewen Wilson, Bruce Puncher and Larry Fricker.

Congratulations to the winners Skip Paul Bean, 3rd Larry Fricker, 2nd Ewen Wilson and Lead Bruce Puncher.

OBrien 500

With the bottom green full and only two rounds remaining in the O'Brien 500 competition,

the leader's board at the top is very close and everyone was out to improve their position in the competition.

Runners up for the day were Lance Wearne and Barrie Goldsbury. Congratulations to our winners Stuart Cunningham and Dave Lawrence.

2023 grand final

DARTS

This year's Darts Club premiers are the Riverboys who defeated the Vikings 4 - 1 in a high-quality contest.

Minor Premiers of the Gumbboot award was won by Storm defeating Joes Hornets 5 - 2.

Congratulations to all players who participated in the finals and throughout the season.

It was an enjoyable year of competitive darts played in the right spirit.

Next year we will be aiming to have a minimum of eight teams competing.

Details of the new spring competition starting early Octo-



ber will come out shortly along with confirmation of the time and date of the 2023 season award presentations.

New players are always welcome.

If you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female, please contact Scott Lethbridge 0407 543 154 or scott@glpc.com.au

On the green

GOLF

Tuesday, August 1, Men's 18 Hole Stableford:

A Grade winner: Barry Gibson (14) with 39 points from Craig O'Neill (12) 36 points.

B Grade winner: David K Taylor (19) with 42 points from Mike Fitzmaurice (19) 38 points.

C Grade winner: Trevor MacFarlane (26) with 35 points c/b from John Hammon (22).

BDL to 33 points c/b.

NTP: 5th Stephen Mack, 7th Ross Cooper, 10th Joseph Kelly and 17th Barry Gibson.

Men's 9 Hole Stableford:

Len Fenton (18) was the winner with 18 points from Basil Moloney (15) 17 points.

BDL to 15 points.

Wednesday, August 2 Ladies Stableford:

The winner was Emma Hall (7) with 37 points from Mary Taylor (29) 36 points.

BDL to 31 points c/b.

NTP: 7th Cheryl White, 17th Emma Hall and 12th Jillian Chandler.

9 Hole winner was Barbar Moloney (41) with 18 points from Joanne Westthorp (45) 16 points.

Thursday, August 3, Open Stableford:

The winner of A Grade was Peter Ablett (12) with 37 points from Rob Davison (14) with 35 points c/b.

B Grade winner: Steven Sloss (16) with 40 points from Mark Reid (20) 39 points.

C Grade winner: Justin McBean (30) with 44 points from Bez Moustafa (23) 35 points c/b.

BDL to 32 points c/b.

NTP: 5th Justin McBean, 7th Mike Fitzmaurice, 10th Steven Sloss and 17th Phil Cooksey.

Open 9 Hole Stableford:

Winner was Steve Rieger (26) with 19 points from Basil Moloney (15) 17 points c/b.

BDL to 16 points c/b.

Saturday, August 5: Men's Stroke Monthly Medal Sponsored by Putters Café:

A Grade winner: Andrew Hewett (12) with nett 70 c/b from Mark Haringsma (10).

B Grade winner: Chris Sanderson (16) with nett 71 c/b from Dennis Hackling (18)

C Grade winner: Jake Wright (25) with nett 64 from Rickardo Meder (19) with Nett 72 c/b.

BDL to nett 75 c/b.

Monthly Medal winner was Jake Wright.

NTP: 5th Tim Duff, 7th Rick Jenkins, 10th Sean O'Brien and 17th John McKechnie.

Ladies winners:

Helen Coghlan (16) won with 36 points c/b from Emma Hall (7).

BDL to 30 points c/b.

NTP: 5th Emma Hall, 7th Megan Elbaz and 10th Emma Hall.

9 Hole Open Stableford winner was Steve Rieger (26) with 18 points from Basil Moloney (15) 17points.

BDL to 15 c/b.

Euchre results

Ladies winner:

Rosemary Buxton - 6 wins.

Men's winner:

Les Walton- 6 wins.

Encouragement award: Josie Billman.

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

National open teams playoff

BRIDGE

It was a big weekend for bridge on Phillip Island as the club hosted a playoff for the Annual Grand National Open Teams Event to be held later in the year.

Seven teams competed and congratulations to the winners Team 7 - Greg Nicholson, Deborah Anglim, Shirley Stewart and John Currier on 120 VPs.

In second place were team 4 - Helen McAdam, Moira Hecker, Robin Hecker and Don Tyler on 111 VPs.

In third place Team 3 - Rob Graham, Ken Tierney, Fred Ko-

sinski and Carole Cheyene.

Results, Monday July 31:

In first place Deborah Anglim and Greg Nicholson (64.06%), 2nd Michael Dooley and Marnie Mayall (59.38%) and 3rd John Farr and Bronwyn Sund (57.29%).

Results, Wednesday August 2:

In first place Graham and Wendy McKergow (58.33%), 2nd Jill Short and Shirley Stewart (56.25%) and 3rd Diane Coleman and Molly Downing (54.17%).

Congratulations to all. Social Bridge Thursdays, beginners and new members welcome, call Wendy on 0459 200 265.



Coach Kristy controls the play against Cora Lynn in the A Grade netball match.

The island and Cobras battle it out

NETBALL

A grade netball:

Phillip Island: 41.
Cora Lynn: 63.

B grade netball:

Injuries and outs resulting in an inconsistent team continue to plague our B grade team.

It was a tough day out on Saturday with hopes high of a close game heading into the match.

Unfortunately, it was not to be the case.

The girls threw everything they had to give, although on the day Cora Lynn were just too strong as a team.

The Island have a good chance of taking home that elusive win this Saturday at home against Koo Wee Rup, so let's get behind them and cheer them across the line.

Phillip Island: 27.
Cora Lynn: 65.

C grade netball:

The C-grade netball game had us all on the edge of our seats on Saturday.

The team was lucky enough to have some incredible fill-ins, including Sienna who came up from 17s and was outstanding, and Tessa who made a comeback. Adding a touch of nostalgia to the match, Lawri's remarkable holds and Tessa's consistent goals were incredible to watch.

Tori and Rachel worked very hard in the mid court with some awesome intercepts from Tori and beautiful feeds from Rachel.

Sienna played her role perfectly taking her opponent completely out of the game.

Defenders, Poppy and Chloe made it incredibly hard for their opponents with Poppy getting her hands to every pass in and

out of the ring and Chloe making any feed into the ring hard work.

Overall, it was an incredible game to watch with it ending in a nail-biting draw.

The girls tried hard all the way to the end and are very much looking forward to the challenge of Koo Wee Rup next week.

Phillip Island: 29.
Cora Lynn: 29.

D grade netball:

Phillip Island: 15.
Cora Lynn: 44

Under 17 netball:

Quarter one - A tough first quarter saw both sides fighting equally hard, with the Island being down by two.

It became very clear that the defensive pressure would need to be maintained and each player had a big job in front of them.

Quarter two - All the Island players were determined to prove themselves as a team, with exceptional team moral, encouraging through each move together. The score close during this quarter.

Quarter three - With some much-welcomed sunshine in the third quarter, the Island girls defensive pressure shut down several attempts for goals by Cora Lynn and the mid courters used several manoeuvres, while continuing to deliver the ball to our goalers to score further.

Quarter four- Finally, the girls took an excellent lead, making it very difficult for their opponents to regain any chance of winning and eventually they lost traction.

Best on court went to Tilly McKenna and Lily Mewett.

Phillip Island: 51.
Cora Lynn: 39.

Under 15

A solid defeat by the Island girls against Cora Lynn.

Cora Lynn will not be a finals contender, so the team was very happy to get through the game injury free and take an opportunity to test some different position options and the depth of the team in the lead-up to finals.

Best on court - Aisha Hibbert and Tilly Trew.
Phillip Island: 39.
Cora Lynn: 12.

Under 13 netball

Phillip Island: 21.
Cora Lynn: 10.

Under 11 netball

Saturday morning the girls took on Cora Lynn in tricky conditions. The much-improved Cora Lynn team took it to the group early with some smart ball movement and it took some time for the girls to adjust.

The halftime break saw the Island down by six goals, but they didn't give up which saw them turn it around in the third quarter to be in the lead by one at the last break.

A big last quarter effort was needed and was delivered but unfortunately fell short by two goals.

Credit to Cora Lynn though with the improvement they have shown over recent weeks, and the girls should be proud of how they applied themselves across the whole game with just a little bit of luck needed to get across the line.

Was great to see the support of the older teams cheering them on in what was a great game to watch. Gumbuya award went to Ella and Ten pin bowling went to Olive.

Phillip Island: 20.
Cora Lynn: 22.

Cobras strike: Bulldogs bite the dust

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Reserves:

Even with the lengthy injury list in the seniors, the Bulldogs were able to select a strong team for the vital game against Cora Lynn - Bulldogs sitting fourth and the Cobras sixth.

But nothing was destined to be easy with a couple of late withdrawals impacting the Bulldogs line-up.

In what was to be a tough encounter, the Bulldogs led for most of the game, but were ultimately to run out of legs with the opposition overrunning the Bulldogs in the last.

Entering the last quarter with a two-goal margin, the Cobras were to be the only scorers, and were able to run out victors 32-29.

For three quarters the Bulldogs held sway. Noah Bee-Hickman back from the seniors led the on-ball charge, ably assisted by boom recruit of the year Saxon Mau in the ruck who simply goes from strength to strength.

It was the domination of these two - combined with coach Nicolaci - who were to setup the Bulldogs.

Kirby Fuller continued his outstanding form in the back-line, getting better and better as each week passes.

Tyce Kleverkamp provided targets in the forward-line, and Jarrod Witnish continued his sparkling form since returning from his self-imposed footy exile.

The Bulldogs should have been further in front by three quarter time, having been held up by excellent Cobras defence particularly in the first half of football. But the last was to be all Cobras.

Unable to penetrate the opposition's defences despite numerous attempts, the Bulldogs were unable to withstand the onslaught that came from the Cobra's midfield.

In a low-scoring game, two goals three to zip in the last was

going to test any side, and unfortunately for the Bulldogs the Cobras prevailed.

Tough competition looms for the Bulldogs over the coming couple of weeks, with at least one win necessary to consolidate fourth place.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 1.0.6, 2.1.13, 4.5.29, 4.5.29.

Cora Lynn: 0.2.2, 2.4.16, 2.5.17, 4.8.32.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Harry Anderson - 2, Noah Bee-Hickman and Jarrod Witnish - 1.

Cora Lynn: Jake Boccarl, Lachlan Cove, Owen Hartley and Josh Wilson - 1.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Noah Bee-Hickman, Daniel Larsson, Tyce Kleverkamp, James Nicolaci, Kirby Fuller and Jarrod Witnish.

Cora Lynn: Jacob Percy, Liam Taylor, Lachlan Taylor, Corey Brook, Tristan Lilley-Hale and Christopher Inverno.

Under 18s

Scores:

Phillip Island: 3.2.20, 4.6.30, 7.7.49, 7.11.53.

Cora Lynn: 3.0.18, 4.1.25, 5.3.33, 6.3.39.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Leo Savona - 3, Alexander Barbati, Sonny Merryfull, Noah Muller and Cooper Walton - 1.

Cora Lynn: Max McDermott - 3, Bailey Brougham - 2, and Lachlan Coverdale - 1.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Leo Savona, Kohen Beaumont, Beau Davies, Finn Cashman and Cooper Walton.

Cora Lynn: Ashton Hermanus, Thomas Kervin, Lachlan Boswell, Jackson McNeill, Rylan Parker and Flynn Abdallah.

Under 16s - No game.



James Lewis played an impressive game in his first senior's match.

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

TIDE GUIDE

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Cobras strike: Bulldogs bite the dust

FOOTBALL

The testing times continued for the Island Bulldogs this week, making their second away visit in a row venturing to the wilds of Cora Lynn.

With the Cobras competitive in all grades they compete in – notably with no Under 16s in 2023 – it was to be a test for the Bulldogs after a tough encounter last week.

With the weather promising the normal four seasons in one day, the visitors were pleased to see the Cora Lynn ground in the best condition that could be recalled.

An excellent day of community footy beckoned.

Seniors:

They say that a week is a long time in footy, and two weeks is doubly long.

Two weeks ago, the Island boys were basking in one of the most complete efforts of the year having eclipsed our local neighbours in successive weeks.

Unfortunately, the injury-gods must have been displeased with the Bulldogs, who entered this game with nine of the typical starting 20 out, many for the rest of the season. A great opportunity for a bunch of players to step up presented itself.

This included young gun James Lewis from the under 18s – playing his first senior game – being presented with the famous No 31 jumper by his mum before the game.

Fantastic effort from a young man who joined the club early in the year and has blossomed in the culture of the Bulldogs family.

The game was ultimately won in the first 15 minutes of the first quarter, and unfortunately for the Bulldogs it was not their way. After a tight couple of minutes, the floodgates opened, with gun Cobras full-forward Nathan Gardiner taking over.

Within 10 minutes, Gardiner was to have four goals on the board, and when joined with his elusive mate Ryan Gillis, the Cobras led by five goals.

That was to be ultimately close to the final margin, although typically the Bulldogs fought back.

Stabilising the game later in the first, with a couple of goals to Jai Jordan and Trav Woodfield, and a 17-point margin at the first break not insurmountable.

The second quarter saw the Bulldogs take control of the game.

Max Walton decided that it was time to takeover in the midfield, whilst Daniel Bourke took control in the ruck.

Damien Holmes showed that he continues to age like a fine red wine, controlling the backline and initiating many forward thrusts. A goal to captain Taylor brought the margin closer.

Then a fantastic solo effort from first gamer James Lewis who bewildered his opponents with outstanding dancing footwork which resulted in another, and the Bulldogs were within five points at the big break. That was to be pretty much it for the Bulldogs.

It was to be all Cobras in the third quarter – as they piled on six goals to the Bulldogs two (both coming late in the quarter).

Gardiner and Gillis ran amok, beautifully fed by a Cobras midfield who were able to deliver the ball into the forward line with precision.

Luke Ryan and Josh Cochrane in par-



Phillip Island seniors lost in a battle against Cora Lynn on Sunday. Pictured in action is Mark Griffin.

ticular put the Bulldogs to the sword, and all of sudden a five-point lead had spread to 30 plus points.

Highlights for the Bulldogs were few and far between, with James Lewis snapping superbly for his second being the best.

Ultimately, the Cobras were to extend their lead to 30 points by the three-quarter time break.

The last opened with more goals to the Cobras, including the seventh for Gardiner and fifth for Gillis.

The Bulldogs fought back with the last three goals of the game through Jack Pappas, Cam Pedersen and Mark Griffin, but it was to be too little too late from the Bulldogs.

The final margin of 22 points flattered the Bulldogs, who have lots of hard work ahead of them in the final weeks of the

season.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 2.2.14, 4.5.29, 6.6.42, 10.8.68.

Cora Lynn: 5.1.31, 5.4.34, 11.6.72, 14.6.90.

Goals:

Phillip Island: James Lewis, Cameron Pedersen and Jack Taylor – 2.

Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner – 7, Ryan Gillis – 5, Matthew Ryan and Nathan Vilella – 1.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen, Damien Holmes, Daniel Bourke, Max Walton, Daniel Pearce and Jack Taylor.

Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner, Luke Ryan, Joshua Cochrane, Ryan Gillis, Nathan Vilella and Jeremy Monckton.

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