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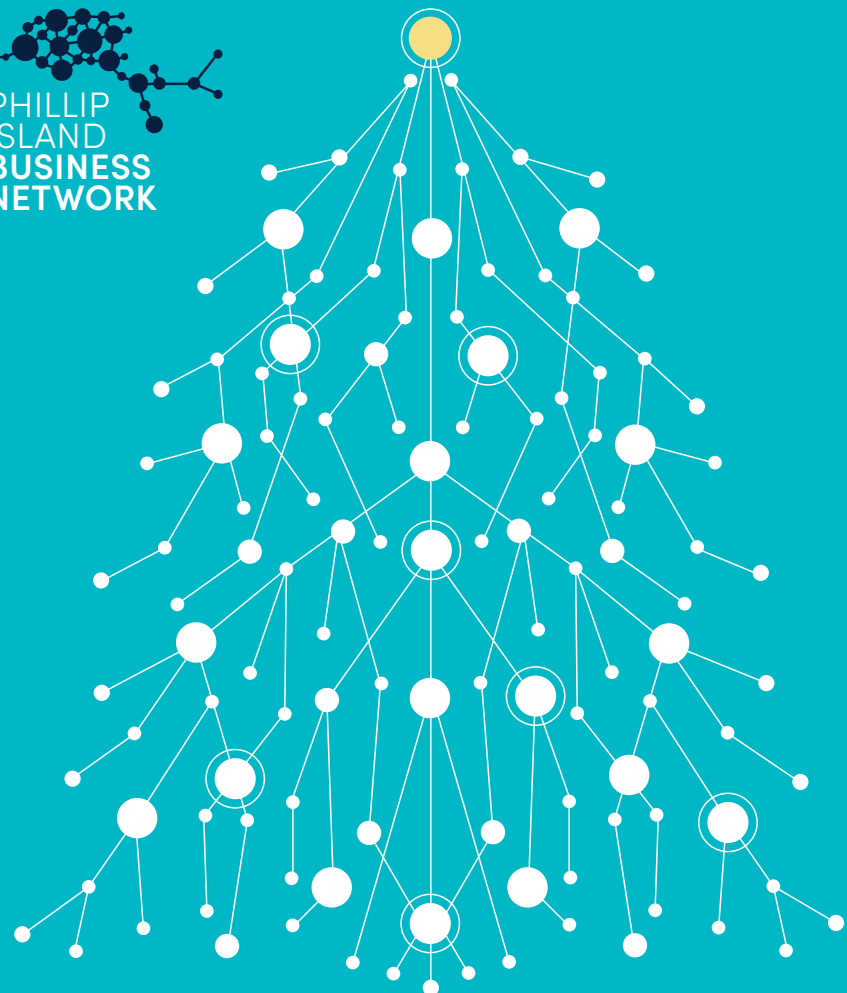
- San Remo Celebrates Christmas: Friday December 16, 5.30pm – 9pm. Marine Parade, San Remo.
- Inverloch Community Christmas Carols: Saturday December 17, 5.30pm – 8pm. The Esplanade, Inverloch.
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- Carols by the Bay: Tuesday December 20, 5.20pm – 10pm. The Esplanade, Cowes.



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Wardy's Christmas Tree

Wardy's Newhaven College Christmas Tree was adorned with an incredible collection of gifts donated by the Newhaven College and Phillip Island community.

This week the gifts were collected to be distributed via St Vincent de Paul to children in need this Christmas.

John Ward was with the St Vincent de Paul volunteers, Linda Sparkes, Ann Owens and Narelle Mulcahy to collect the gifts.

They were incredulous at the generous donations. Linda said that 160 local families will be the happy recipients of the gifts donated.

Wardy's Christmas Tree appeal has been running for 24 years and John is still "blown away" by the support from the community.

"My sincere thank you to all those who have supported the cause," John said.

"There are many young people who will wake up to a happier Christmas Day than would have been the case without you – thank you."

Newhaven College expressed its deepest thanks to everyone who donated, saying the College community was overawed by the generosity.



Year 1 students Reegan Welsh, Lily Solibakke, Emily Hardy, Casey Felstead and Alexandra Zoanetti are very impressed with all the generous gifts left under Wardy's Newhaven College Christmas Tree.

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Children from the ELC visited Melaleuca Aged Care to deliver Christmas hampers and sing Jingle Bells for the residents.

Children spread Christmas cheer

Last week children from the Phillip Island Early Learning Centre paid a visit to Melaleuca Aged Care to spread some Christmas joy and deliver two

Christmas hampers. All the children including the babies, created Christmas items for each resident.

With the wonderful support and donations from ELC families and staff, each resident received a Christmas gift to go along with the homemade

goodies. It was a lovely morning and the children enjoyed singing Jingle Bells to everyone.

Christmas tree gift for ELC

The tree is up and decorated at the Phillip Island Early Learning Centre, but it was two special trees that really brought the Christmas spirit.

The Phillip Island Scouts donated two Christmas trees to the centre, to give to families in need.

Centre coordinator Karen Treppo said the trees were given to two families that had experienced a tough year, "just to spread a little joy".

She said both families were extremely appreciative and wanted to thank the Scouts for the kind gesture.



Santa's little helpers! Jacqueline and Logan at the Phillip Island Early Learning Centre.

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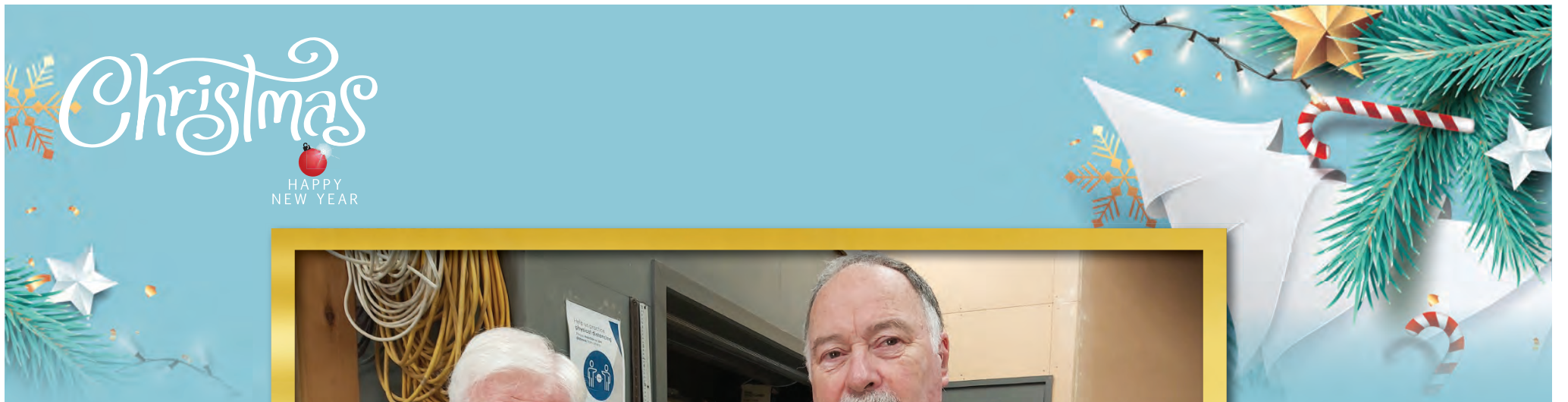
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Don Wilson of the Phillip Island RSL Community Men's shed, presenting the shed coordinator Bob Woods with a handmade toy truck he made for the local Toy Run on December 11. This is one of the many gifts supplied by the members of the shed for the Toy Run. The toys will be distributed by the Phillip Island Baptist Church to local families doing it tough.

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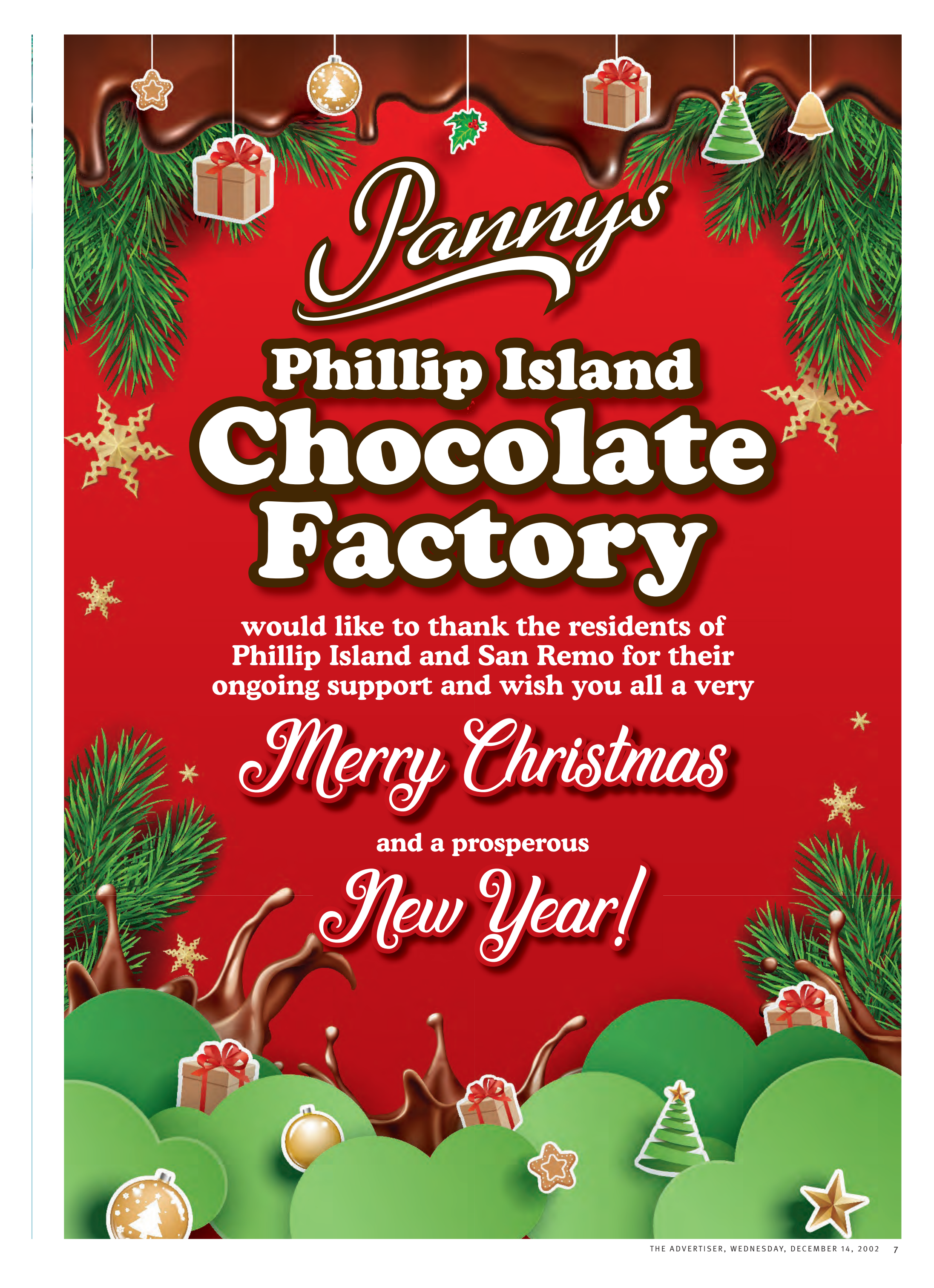
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Giant baubles surround the clock in the roundabout at the intersection of Thompson Avenue and Chapel Street ... just in time for the festive season.

"On behalf of my wife Nancie and my family, I wish all Islanders and their loved ones a happy and safe festive season."

Ronnie Bauer
Councillor for the Island Ward

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About 80 motorbikes took part in the inaugural toy run, which was organised by Sam and Jason Hampstead, with the toys delivered to the Phillip Island Baptist Church.

Inaugural toy run a roaring success

About 80 motorbikes roared into town on the weekend as part of the first Phillip Island Toy Run.

Cowes parents Sam and Jason Hampstead – who run Dead4Eva in Cowes – organised the run, which saw a cavalcade of motorbikes depart their Thompson Avenue store at 9.30am on Saturday, travel to Tooradin, before heading back to deliver the toys to the Phillip Island Baptist Church.

The gifts have been generously donated to help local families, and parents needing assistance were encouraged to apply for vouchers through schools, the Early Learning Centre, kinders and Dead4Eva, which allowed one toy per child.

The toys are being distributed this week.



This Christmas, in the grounds of St Philip's Anglican church, the journey to Bethlehem is on display. Photo: James Millward.



Part of the Journey to Bethlehem display in the grounds of St Philip's Church – Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem. Photo: James Millward.

Journey to Bethlehem

Many readers may remember the Bethlehem Spoonville in the grounds of St Philip's Anglican church last Christmas.

One of the things the congregation noted was the steady stream of people of all ages who wandered across and enjoyed the Covid-inspired installation.

Following on from that success, this year the church has prepared six scenes telling the story of the birth of Jesus.

The installations illustrate the time when the angel first told Mary she was going to have a baby, Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, where the birth of Jesus and the visits of the shepherds and the wise men took place.

Everyone is invited to come on a "Journey to Bethlehem" – bring your friends and neighbours to come and have a look as well.

This project was a team effort

with Paul Woodford (who painted the murals on the church hall) again adding another painting, along with Fernanda Guimareas who worked on the scenes, and the church is most grateful for their artistic skill.

So, next time you're in town, come and have a wander and a wonder at the story of Jesus' birth as you visit the six scenes in the church grounds. After all, this is the real reason for the season.



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Jordan returned as member for Bass

Jordan Crugnale, here with her two sons, has been returned as the member for Bass, after a nail biting finish, with the final margin just 202 votes.

Jordan Crugnale has retained her seat, with Labor winning the seat of Bass.

The announcement of Ms Crugnale's win came early on Friday night after a two-day preference count at Wonthaggi Town Hall last Thursday and Friday.

Ms Crugnale defeated Liberal candidate Aaron Brown by 202 votes after preferences had been distributed. It was a big night for the Crugnale family, who were also celebrating Ms Crugnale's youngest son's graduation from primary school.

The candidates took to Facebook when the results were announced.

Ms Crugnale said it was "beyond amazing, humbling" to be re-elected, and said she was "streaming with tears of gratitude".

"It's been a privilege and honour

to work for and with our community and together we have achieved so much," she wrote.

"Always more to do – let's get cracking!"

Mr Brown congratulated Ms Crugnale on her win, wishing her the best in a post on his Facebook page.

"I enjoyed the opportunity I had to meet so many wonderful people in Bass over the last nine months of my campaign," he posted.

"It was a privilege to be a candidate in the election and to have been selected to represent the Liberal Party."

He thanked his family and all the volunteers who worked on his campaign.

Bass Coast Shire councillor, Brett Tessari ran for the National Party and came in in third place, securing 13.30 per cent of the votes.

He also thanked everyone for their support saying it was "humbling when you have people putting their lives on hold to support you".

Greens candidate Callum Bugbird said the preferences from Greens voters (who accounted for eight per cent of the first preference votes) helped Ms Crugnale hold the seat.

He sent a strong message to Ms Crugnale and the Labor Party ... "don't forget about the Western Port Woodlands".

Bass Coast Shire Council congratulated Ms Crugnale on her win, with Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan saying he looked forward to working closely with her to achieve positive outcomes for the region.

"The election result in the seat of Bass Coast was extremely close and reflects the changing demographics

in the area," Cr Whelan said.

"As one of the state's fastest growing regions we need a strong local MP fighting side-by-side with the Council for every dollar of extra funding from the state government."

"Jordan is passionate about our region and a strong local voice for the community."

The Mayor listed climate action, coastal erosion and better regulation of the waste industry as key issues to be addressed in the next term of government, as well as increased funding for the region.

Ballot issues

Election day in Bass was marred by a number of polling centres running out of ballot papers.

Of the Phillip Island and San Remo polling centres, only Newhaven was

impacted, however it's been reported at least seven polling centres across the electorate ran out of ballot papers.

A spokesperson for the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) said they were aware of "a limited number of voting centres that ran low or out of printed district ballot papers in Bass District on election day".

However they said replacement ballot papers were provided to each centre, and in the interim voters were given the option to vote at a neighbouring centre, wait for replacement ballots or return later in the day.

Some were provided with blank ballot papers with candidates names handwritten by election officials, which the spokesperson said was "an acceptable approach in this situation and is permitted by legislation".

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Carols by the Bay in Cowes is now on December 20, after high winds and rain forced this week's event to be postponed. The schedule will remain as advertised, including children's entertainment, a visit from Santa, carols and fireworks.

Carols by the Bay postponed

Carols by the Bay will now return to the Cowes foreshore on December 20.

The forecast for high winds and rain meant the original date of December 13 was unviable.

Island Voice President Peter Paul said the evening will be back to its best, with free entertainment designed to provide a fantastic family night out.

The postponement will see a slight rearrangement of the event, but the schedule will remain as planned.

Free carnival rides and entertainment for the children will run from 5.20pm until 7.20pm.

There will also be lucky prize draws throughout the evening.

The arrival of Santa at 6pm (until 7pm) on an old fire truck is sure to raise the excitement levels even higher, before the carols start at

7.30pm.

The event will culminate in spectacular fireworks at 9.30pm.

For two years, Covid caused the cancellation of the popular event, so organisers are hoping the community will embrace the chance to get together and enjoy the entertainment, carols and fireworks.

"Come down to the amphitheatre on the foreshore, bring a chair, a blanket and basket and enjoy this wonderful community event," Peter said.

"The night is about families and community, and so many people have told us they're thrilled the carols night is coming back."

With many families under pressure from rising cost of living, Peter said the support of local businesses had ensured the evening was a cost free one for parents.

Support and funds for the evening has been provided by: Bendigo Bank, Phillip Island RSL, Westernport Water, Bass Coast Shire Council, Bowens Hardware, Archisign, North Pier, the Advertiser, Nature Parks, Mitre10, PI Go Karts, Clip'n Climb, Priceline and Terry White Pharmacies, Wildlife Cruises, Klepner's Jewellers, A Maze'n Things, Autopro, PI Tenpin Bowling, Offshore Design, H-Bomb Barbers, Bluegum Nursery and Panny's Chocolates plus some generous local residents.

Anyone wanting to volunteer to assist on the night please email Linda Marston on linda@marston.com.au.

Carols by the Bay, Tuesday December 20 on the Cowes foreshore.

Pre-entertainment for Children 5.20pm – 7.20pm, Carols 7.30pm, Fireworks 9.30pm.

Covid cases continue to grow

There were 166 new cases recorded in Bass Coast last week, with close to half of the current active cases recorded in Cowes and San Remo.

Victoria is currently experiencing a Covid wave, and last week, the state government said an average of 12 Covid-related deaths were reported each day.

There has been a 61.8 per cent increase in the number of daily Covid-related deaths in the past month when compared to the previous month.

The government said case numbers have shown signs of stabilising, "however there remains significant uncertainty around the duration and severity of this wave due to the role of multiple new variants circulating in Victoria".

The Chief Health Officer advised there are simple things people can do now to reduce transmission and protect the community, particularly as we approach the holiday season.

If you plan on attending a social event this December, consider taking a rapid antigen test before you go and especially if you have any symptoms.

If you are positive for Covid-19, you should isolate for at least five days.

Wearing a high quality and well fitted mask can protect you from the virus.

If you are meeting friends or family indoors, open windows and doors, so air can circulate, to reduce the spread of the virus.

Vaccines

The uptake of vaccines in Victoria increased for the first time in several months, with the government saying around 54,000 Victorians had their fourth dose vaccination in the past four weeks, which is a 60 per cent increase on the previous four-week period.

Adults aged 30 and over are eligible for a fourth dose of the vaccine, as well as people who are immune-compromised or with certain medical conditions.

The Mobile Vaccination Bus will be in Wonthaggi on December 14 and 20 from 10am to 2pm, providing free Covid vaccinations and boosters for anyone aged five and over.

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Keep your eye on The Island

This week, the latest edition of *The Island* hits the stands.

A free colour magazine produced by The Advertiser, it celebrates the people and places of Phillip Island and San Remo. You'll find it in cafes, restaurants, stores, accommodation and attractions. Copies are also available from our office at 60 Chapel Street in Cowes.

From next week, you'll also find it at your friendly local newsagents.

This edition (our third) has some wonderful stories, includ-

ing a life spent protecting penguins, discovery of rare tiny orchids, a deep-sea diver counting sea slugs, a pilot guiding huge ships into port, a skating YouTube star, and a surfer who is finally finding her balance, in and out of the water.

There's also information about things to do over the holidays, including a handy listing of the best places to eat, play or stay.

Last summer, copies were snapped up in record time, so make sure you don't miss out.

Planning committee finally kicks off

Phillip Island developers, conservationists and farmers are among more than 700 submitters taking part in a state government committee hearing on new planning controls for Bass Coast, which began this week.

In 2019 the government declared Bass Coast a Distinctive Area and Landscapes (DAL) to guide future land use, earlier this year releasing the final document in the process for community consultation, the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP).

About 750 written submissions to the SPP have been referred to a Standing Advisory Committee, which met on December 13 for an initial directions hearing, with the formal hearing set to start on March 6 and run for up to six weeks.

The committee, which will provide an independent report to the Planning Minister, on Tuesday held a video conference to answer submitter questions about the committee process, and discussed site inspections around Bass Coast.

Once the public hearing begins in March, committee members Kathy Mitchell, Peter Edwards (who were both on the Surf Coast DAL committee), as well as Jess Tulloch, will hear submitters by video conference, or in person.

The hearing is informal, not like a court, with its main purpose for submitters to speak to their submissions.

Submitters

The announcement of the committee came as a surprise to Bass Coast Shire, who last month issued a stern media release saying a committee would force them to delay projects and would cost "hundreds of thousands of dollars".

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said the delays already associated with the DAL had impacted their planning program, particularly developer-led rezoning.

The shire's DAL submission sought planning panel consideration on issues including Newhaven West and



Under the proposed new planning rules, there will be a series of beefed-up controls to protect six areas that have been declared state or regionally significant, including the coast and hinterland between Cape Woolamai and Ventnor, as well as the Rhyll Inlet, and areas north of Cowes-Rhyll Road to Newhaven. Photo: Phillip Island Helicopters.

the Grantville industrial area, however Cr Whelan said the shire's planning scheme already delineated town boundaries.

In May the Advertiser reported on Phillip Island submitters, including developers hoping to build a housing subdivision in Newhaven west who lodged a submission critical that proposed new planning rules excluded their land.

An alliance of 14 local community groups – Island Voice, and transport and environment organisations – called on the state government to amend planning policies to protect farmers and tighten Cowes' town boundaries.

Victoria's peak farm body, the Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF), wrote a submission critical of the draft SPP, saying the draft was tourism-centric and undermined agricultural businesses.

Another submission by the Save Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) group called for sand mining to be phased out in the Grantville woodlands, with no permits issued for expansion of quarries.

A submission by the Phillip Island Conservation Society supported the draft SPP's planning controls as "an opportunity to arrest" the loss of vegetation and habitat across the shire.

What is the DAL?

- **Planning controls:** There will be a series of beefed-up landscape planning controls to protect six Bass Coast areas that have been declared state or regionally significant, including the coast and hinterland between Cape Woolamai and Ventnor, as well as the Rhyll Inlet, and areas north of Cowes-Rhyll Road to Newhaven. For example, at San Remo, the draft SPP says no buildings should protrude above natural topography, and significant views should be protected from the George Bass Coastal Walk.

- **Town boundaries:** It is proposed to exclude from the town boundary the farming zone land at the north-east corner of Coghlan Road and Cowes-Rhyll Road (the Cowes Golf Club and Lechte land). Equally, Saltwater Creek to the west is an important green break between Ventnor and Cowes and should be protected. San Remo's ultimate township boundary will be Punchbowl Road. The Phillip Island Airport site is located in a landscape of state significance and will remain outside the Cape Woolamai settlement boundary. It is proposed to exclude the farming zone land to the west of the established Newhaven residential area, near Churchill Island and the chocolate factory.

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Revised Anderson boat ramp designs released

The state government has quietly released updated designs for the upgrade of the Anderson Road boat ramp and jetty.

The new designs, released last week, now raise the height of the ramp to just above the existing beach height, while the ramp width will be retained.

The upgrades will also raise the height of the lower landings on the adjacent jetty and extend it out by 30 metres “to provide more on water berthing across a greater tidal range”.

There will be no further public consultation on the revisions, with construction set to proceed between May to August 2023, and the ramp closed during construction.

The current Cowes boat ramp includes a single-lane ramp, which is impacted by sand accumulation due to the shallow grade of the beach, making launching and retrieving vessels difficult – and requiring a dozer to constantly clear sand – while the adjacent jetty is too low and largely unusable at higher tides.

Last year, unbudgeted plans to upgrade the ramp were unveiled at a community meeting, where many local boaties criticised aspects of the plans, including a proposal for timber groynes, the realignment of the turning circle, raising the height of the ramp well above the beach, and dredging at the toe of the ramp.

Earlier this year detailed designs were commissioned by the government, with the government most recently announcing \$2 million funding for the start of staged construction, and an extra \$800,000 to extend the jetty.

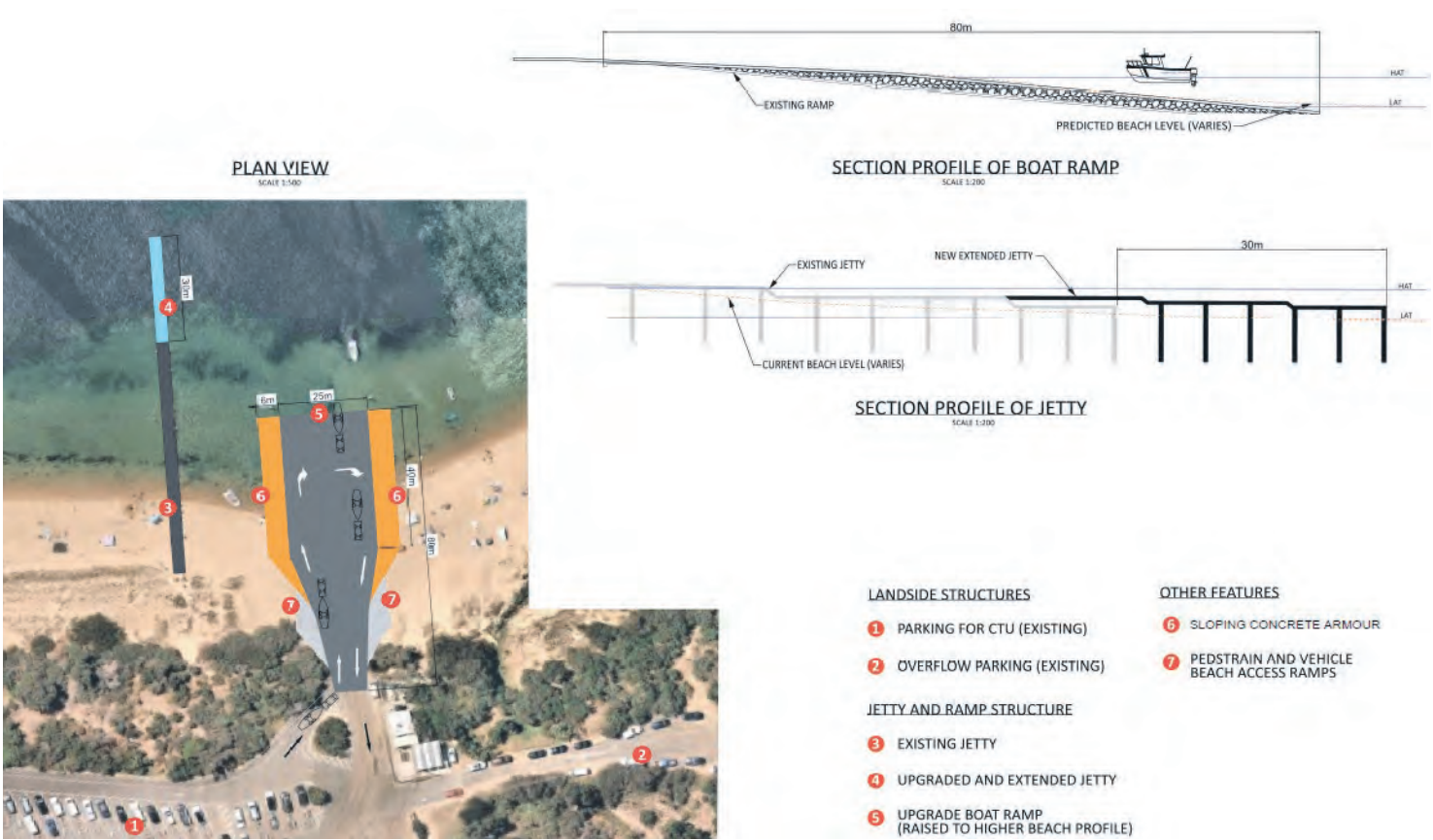
Only those boaties who subscribe or log on to Better Boating Victoria's Facebook page have been alerted to the revisions, with one fisherman last week stating “a lot of people have not been informed of the new plans”. Media were also not informed.

Changes

According to Better Boating Victoria (BBV) the revised design “will reduce the impact of sand and require less maintenance to remain open and operational for boaters”.

“The height of the ramp has been reduced as a large solid structure would trap sand on one side but also starve the beach of sand on the other side, resulting in significant erosion elsewhere along the beach,” BBV said.

“The new ramp will still require periodic maintenance to manage sand build up. However, as the new ramp will sit higher it will require significantly less maintenance. The reduced sand build up means that boaters will no longer be reliant on contractors to regularly dig the ramp out for access.”



In 2021 Better Boating Victoria unveiled upgrade plans for the Anderson St boat ramp in Cowes, with detailed designs set to be released at the end of summer, ahead of planned construction not before Easter

BBV said revisions were needed to the original plan.

“The previous design relied on timber groynes and dredging to manage the accumulation of sand on the ramp. Advice from coastal engineers is that the volume of sand moving along the beach would make regular dredging unfeasible and ultimately lead to ongoing issues with sand accumulation again.”

Not perfect

However, BBV conceded even with the revisions the boat ramp will never be an all-tide facility, with Rhyll's new ramp best used in all tides, or Newhaven.

“The seabed directly out from the ramp is very flat for about 100 metres, and all-tide access will be very difficult to achieve.

“Advice from the design engineers suggest

that the ramp will be best suited to the top 60 per cent of the tidal ranges. Some smaller boats and PWCs will still be able to use it at lower tides.

“Given the shallow grade of the ramp it is best suited to smaller, lighter boats. Larger boats can launch here during higher tides, but they are better suited to other ramps.”

Several boaties at last year's community meeting suggested a marina could solve the ramp's problems, but BBV said this was not feasible “due to the shallow seabed, coastal processes and significant sand movement along that section of coastline”.

Those who have seen the updated plans had mixed reactions.

Quentin Daniel described the revision as a “shemozzle”.

“They have decided that instead of improving the ramp for more boats sizes they just send big-

ger boats to Rhyll and Newhaven,” Quentin said.

Kevin Reid said he was disappointed there would be no further public consultation.

Tas Roussos said only because he subscribed to BBV's Facebook page did he see the new designs, even though he submitted his ideas at last year's community meeting.

“I'm happier and the revised plans sound like they might improve the situation – it's wider but the gradient needs to be steeper because currently it's not deep enough,” Tas said.

He said if the adjacent jetty was being extended by 30 metres it would become a fishing hotspot “and everyone will be fishing there and not off the Cowes jetty”.

The upgrades won't impact other users who walk along Anderson beach.

Details: betterboating.vic.gov.au/ramp-upgrades/cowes-boat-ramp/

New Board leadership for Destination Phillip Island



The 2023 DPI Board, from left: Jeff Webb, Steve Morris, Chris Kearney, Kimberley Brown, Kim Storey (GM), Ali Wastie, Catherine Basterfield, Tina Orr, Brad Phillips and John Dickie. Absent: David Bennett

Destination Phillip Island (DPI) has welcomed a new Board line up following its Board Meeting on December 5.

The new Board has a broad range of skills in tourism operations, marketing, financial management, ICT management, strategy and risk management and will be focused on supporting the organisation through the next phase of the destination's recovery and growth.

The new Board now consists of:

Chair – Catherine Basterfield, appointed December 2021

Deputy Chair – John Dickie, joined 2021

Secretary/Public Officer – Kimberley Brown, joined 2021

Treasurer – Brad Phillips, new Board member

CEO Bass Coast Shire Council – Ali Wastie
Members: David Bennett, joined in 2021; and new Board members Tina Orr, Steve Morris, Jeff Webb and Chris Kearney.

The Board farewelled four of the organisation's long serving members including Fergus Cameron who was inaugural Chair of both the Destination Phillip Island Campaign Committee created in 2004 and the evolved restructure to a Tourism Board in 2013.

Fergus has provided endless advocacy for the region's visitor economy supporting the recognition of the Phillip Island region as a unique and high profile tourism region of Victoria.

Tony Holland was appointed in 2013 as an

independent skills-based Board member, has supported the organisation during the last nine years, by sharing his legal expertise and local passion for the Island.

Michaela Salvato joined the Board in 2015 and has made a positive impact on the organisations financial planning and budget development holding the Treasurer's role, and Chair of the Audit, Finance, Governance and Risk committee during her appointment.

Local Greg Harrison, appointed in 2016 has provided leadership as Deputy Chair and Chair of the Development Committee providing valuable input and supporting the development of submissions to a wide variety of project that impact tourism.

Chair, Catherine Basterfield acknowledged the significant contribution each of the members had made and thanked them for their energy, passion and commitment to the Phillip Island tourism industry.

The new Board Member appointments were endorsed by the former Board following an extensive recruitment process, which took place over the last few months.

Eleven high calibre applications were received for the voluntary board positions and the recruitment process focused on the skills required to support the organisation into the future.

The final Board appointments were made following a shortlisting and interview process.

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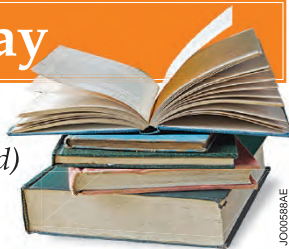
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San Remo cray fisherman Matthew Harry handing his catch to Curt Trewavis, from Bass Strait Direct.



Matthew Harry, left, who fishes from the cray boat the Casino, has an average daily catch of about 20 lobsters, all sold to Curt Trewavis' Bass Strait Direct in Newhaven.

Summer days, dining on crays

Summer on Phillip Island is synonymous with seafood.

And the ultimate local seafood feast?

Crayfish, caught a few kilometres off shore, and sold fresh direct to customers at Newhaven's Bass Strait Direct.

Matthew Harry is one of two cray fishermen operating out of San Remo and one of just 12 working in the Victorian cray industry.

"I head out about 3am when the weather is favourable and have it to the customer within hours of being caught," said Matthew, who fishes alone.

"It's a boutique industry."

Curt Trewavis, from Bass Strait Direct, was a commercial long line gummy fisherman out of San Remo before starting the retail outlet in Newhaven in 2015.

While the shop through the year sells about

60 fish species, varying according to the season, Curt said crays – also known as southern rock lobster – were ideal not just for Christmas, but also New Year's Eve and summer dining.

While orders for crays have now closed, he said walk-ins would still be able to secure a cray, sold live or cooked, cut and cleaned.

"Crays move quickly, though, every day at this time of year we sell out," Curt said.

"We cook crays the traditional way. A lot now use the easier and quicker method of steaming in an oven, but we use a big boiler and cook in a salted brine mix."

Sustainable

Matthew, who has been a southern rock lobster fisherman for nearly 20 years in San Remo and has had a lifetime on the ocean, fishes from his 37-foot cray boat, the Casino,

having recently sold his previous boat the Lady Di.

He has 40 pots, which he baits and drops to a depth of about 45 metres, attached to a rope and buoys on the surface.

The catch radius runs from Cape Shank to Wilsons Promontory, largely inshore.

An average daily catch is 21 cray, average size 1.1kg – 1.2kg.

"But the biggest one I've caught was 6.2kg. There's no upper size limit to crays and we catch them from when they're about five years of age."

Matthew said cray fishing is very sustainable, with the season closed in October and starting November 15 each year.

"It has very little impact on the coast. We shorten the ropes and keep gear spread out to avoid whales during May to September."

He tags and releases crays to monitor the health of the population for the Victorian Fishing Authority, while also taking part in an annual four-day survey measuring and gathering data on the species.

Matthew has a popular Instagram page, the Kilcunda Cray Fisherman, and said while he loves his job there were few younger anglers willing to take on the lifestyle or the high costs of cray fishing.

"It's harder to get younger people into the industry. We are not being replaced."

"But I've always said this isn't a job, it's a lifestyle. Once you get salt in your veins it's almost impossible to give it up."

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The unusually wet spring has made the fragile cliffs at the Colonnades even more prone to collapse than ever.

Look out for a landslide

Crumbling cliffs at local beaches, particular Surf Beach and the Colonnades are nothing new.

But the unusually wet spring weather has made the fragile cliffs even more prone to collapse than ever.

And beachgoers are being warned to stay away from the crumbling cliffs.

Last year, a series of rock falls at The Colonnades and Surf Beach prompted the Phillip Island Nature Parks to engage a geotechnical engineer to assess the stability of coastal cliffs on the beaches it manages.

The report was completed earlier this year but is not publicly available, with the Nature Parks describing it as an internal and highly technical document.

In July, the Nature Parks told the Advertiser the report recommended hazardous areas of the beaches be cordoned off to preserve the fragile coastline and prevent accidents.

It also said it would investigate introducing more warning signs at regular intervals along the coastline.

Last month, local beach walkers noticed sections at the top of the Colonnades cliffs had collapsed. Another section collapsed last week.

The Nature Parks said the heavy rainfall was contributing to the fragility of the cliffs.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Ranger in Charge Ben Thomas warned that cliffs along the island's southern coastline were made from soft rock, prone to collapse.

"While there is no immediate risk to visitor safety or infrastructure, the cliff edges are made of soft rock which can give way without warning and pose a danger to beachgoers," Mr Thomas said.

"Signage has been installed at the areas of most concern so visitors are alerted to the risks, but we urge the community to remain vigilant and take adequate steps to avoid the likelihood of an accident."

He said hard barriers are not an option at many of these sites, due to the soft rock, sandy beaches and high tides.

Mr Thomas said it was important that people using the beaches avoided being in close proximity to cliff edges, did not stand or sit under coastal cliffs and refrained from being stationary within 10 metres from the base of coastal cliffs on the Island.

Concerns

The Nature Parks said the Colonnades and Surf Beach areas were of most concern.

A spokesperson said additional signage will be installed at Surf Beach to cover more entry points.

"There won't be any new signage installed at the Colonnades as there are not any suitable locations.

"Signs on the beach or cliffs can become a hazard in themselves so we've had to carefully choose where to put the signs."

In July the Nature Parks said the geotechnical report recommended assessing the lookouts and viewing areas along the coastline, with some possibly needing to be relocated.

However when asked this month, it was unable to provide any details of the assessment, but said information from the report had informed its asset management system, "to assist in deciding which lookouts are prioritised for renewal or replacement, as part of medium to long term mitigation".

The spokesperson said Nature Parks was about to launch a "comprehensive community awareness campaign about unstable cliffs".

The campaign would include additional signage at the Newhaven visitor's centre, website and social media messaging and direct emails to visitors.

In the past twelve months there have been significant rockfalls at The Colonnades in January, March and April 2022. Recently falls have been recorded in November and December.

At Surf Beach there was a rock fall at Crazy Birds Beach on December 31, 2021.

In September this year, a resident posted a photo on the Phillip Island Community Notice board of a recent rock fall at Surf Beach.

"I still see people walking along cliff faces and inside caves regularly. Especially at high tide when there's no option but to walk close to the cliff face," they said.

Another person commented that the rock fall was at "caves" where people put their towels or sit in to avoid the sun.

"My grandma used to warn people hiding in them of this happening, but no one ever moved their towels when she warned them. Now look."

Last summer, there were VMS boards installed at car parks near the beaches, alerting beach goers to the risk of a rock fall.

On the west coast, the Great Ocean Road Coast and Parks Authority has told beachgoers not to sunbake under cliffs there.

They said heavy rain had increased the risk of cliff collapses, with beaches at Torquay, Jan Juc, Anglesea and Aireys Inlet considered high risk.



Emergency Department Acting Nurse Unit Manager Cat Bunn with the first patient to be treated in the new ED, Chris Larsen of Phillip Island. She received a certificate to mark the occasion.

History made as doors to new Wonthaggi Hospital open

A Phillip Islander was the first patient to be treated in the new Emergency Department (ED) when Bass Coast Health opened the new ED in the \$115 Wonthaggi Hospital.

The first patient was Islander Chris Larsen, who sustained a neck injury after diving into a sandbank.

"I was seen really quickly and everyone was just so happy. All the staff are over the moon and the new Emergency Department just makes for a better experience.

"It's just so more airy, open and fresh. It's so spacious and makes you feel more relaxed," she said.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) CEO Jan Child celebrated the opening of Main Reception at 7am, with the Emergency Department, Short Stay Unit and Radiology opening at 10am.

"Our community and staff have been looking forward to this day since we first began planning for the expanded hospital more than four years ago," she said.

"The new hospital is an amazing facility that is ground-breaking for Wonthaggi and will enable us to grow our services and treat more patients closer to their homes.

"For the first time in history, the hospital has a purpose-built Emergency Department that will serve the community, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for decades to come.

"The new Main Reception is so spacious and light and embodies everything that this new hospital is built for: delivering healthcare of the future."

Patients were relocated from the previous emergency department in Armitage House in the lead-up to the official opening at 10am.

The new Emergency Department has general cubicles, resuscitation cubicles, a behavioural assessment room, a plaster room and a procedure room.

Larger patients are catered for by a designated bariatric cubicle and there are high acuity cubicles for particularly ill patients.

Children will be treated in the designated paediatric cubicle and there are isolation cubicles for those with infectious conditions.

Ms Child said the preparation was "just so well planned and executed"

and led to a smooth transition of services across to the new hospital.

"What a magnificent facility our staff have delivered to our community," she said.

People wishing to access the ED in the new hospital can do so by entering the hospital grounds from Graham Street and parking in the main carpark.

They can then follow the signs to the ED – look for the big red 'Emergency' sign – and enter via the dedicated entry and present to ED reception.

The Short Stay Unit is part of the ED and is for patients requiring an overnight stay for observation or to receive treatment such as physiotherapy the next day.

Main Reception for the new and existing hospital now operates from the new hospital. Patients and visitors can park in the front park and enter the door marked 'Main Entry'.

"The new Main Entry is now how people enter the hospital for Radiology, Pathology, the Acute Ward, Surgery and Maternity," Ms Child said.

"Our staff and volunteers are on hand to help you to find your way and there are many signs to guide you. Patients and visitors will be impressed by the many photos of iconic local scenes such as the trestle bridge at Kilcunda that will help them to find their way."

Allied Health services, including Dental, will still be accessible via the Ambulatory Care entry in the current hospital.

The current main entrance is now closed to the public and will be renovated in January to provide for another corridor linking the new and current hospitals.

The Acute Ward will move into the expanded hospital early January and Theatre will relocate late January/early February.

From December 14, Armitage House, where the Emergency Department was previously located, will house the sub-acute services of rehabilitation and palliative care.

Those services are now located in Sleeman Ward within the hospital, which will be used by BCH's Learning and Development team from December 16.

Resident road rage on renewal

Residents have questioned Bass Coast Shire's road sealing program, currently underway, saying some roads in desperate need of a fix are being ignored, while others in good condition are being renewed.

The shire is carrying out a \$730,000, three-week road spray sealing, including asphalt block patching, kerb, channel and pit renewal.

A Silverleaves resident said Dolphin Avenue was in perfect condition yet received a spray seal this month.

"There are a few of us locals that find this to be a disgrace as it was such a waste of rate payer's money," the resident said.

"There was nothing wrong with the road and now it is covered in small stones and has not been swept at all.

"We find it unnecessary as there is many a road on the island that needs more attention than our little streets in Silverleaves."

The works are being carried out by contractors Fulton Hogan Indus-



A Silverleaves resident has questioned the shire's road sealing program saying Dolphin Avenue was in perfect condition yet received a spray seal this month.

tries, as part of the 2022-23 capital works program.

Each property affected by road spray sealing works is being notified via letter drop, generally within two days' notice of activity.

A shire spokesperson said the sealing program – of about 25 roads this year – extended the life of those roads, minimising costs.

"As the bitumen road surface ages, it oxidises and becomes po-

rous which can lead to road pavement damage resulting in issues like potholes," they said.

"Road sealing is important as it strengthens the surface before it has a chance to break up."

The spokesperson said the roads selected were prioritised based on a shire-wide independent condition audit.

Details: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/projects or (03) 5671 2211.

Everyone encouraged to share our shores this summer

School children are being encouraged to showcase their artistic flair as part of a creative community collaboration to foster respect for the Phillip Island's beaches and wildlife this summer.

Phillip Island Nature Parks, supported by the Bass Coast Dog Owners Association, have launched the Sharing Our Shores campaign, encouraging all residents and visitors to be mindful of protecting local wildlife, amid the peak holiday season.

As part of the campaign, there will be an art competition where students can create a poster that communicates the importance of harmonious relationships between residents, visitors and the island to support local conservation efforts.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Jessica McKelson, Conservation Manager said it was a joint community responsibility by all beachgoers to help safeguard local wildlife.

"Phillip Island is home to some of the most incredible and endangered wildlife in Australia and it is incumbent on everyone who enjoys the island to ensure these birds and animals are kept safe," Jess said.

"The highly threatened hooded plover shorebirds nest along the high tide line and in sand dunes during spring and summer, with their eggs and chicks easily stepped on because they are difficult to see.

"In addition, the migratory short-tailed shearwaters breed in sand dune burrows from September to May and fly north in winter.

"Keeping to the designated paths and having your dog on a lead, away from signed nesting areas, helps to ensure the survival of these birds."

Dog owners can check local signage or the Phillip Island Nature Parks website relating to dogs as regulations varied depending on the beach locations and the summer periods.

For more information, visit penguins.org.au/about/local-community/news/sharingour-shores

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Last week this tent was pitched in plain sight, on the grass verge overlooking Osbourne Avenue beach, with some suggesting it was a sign of homelessness but others agreeing it was the annual problem of illegal camping by visitors unwilling to pay for accommodation.

It's summer, so illegal camping on the rise

Opportunistic visitors are once again flouting Phillip Island's illegal camping rules by brazenly pitching tents on beaches and public areas.

Last week dozens of people took to social media to comment on one traveller who pitched his tent in plain sight, on the grass verge overlooking Osbourne Avenue beach.

In recent weeks tradies – with tool trailers in tow – have been found rolling out swags and tents in Oswin Roberts Reserve, after motorhomes were also found to be setting up camp in the bushland.

And earlier this year a resident at Kitty Miller Bay was forced to call the police after an altercation with the owner of a mobile home parked overnight in the car park, later voicing her frustration at the growing number of free campers on Phillip Island.

Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie last week reiterated there were no foreshore areas where camping was allowed.

She said shire officers were currently carrying out an education campaign "which will be followed by enforcement".

"Infringements will be issued to those people camping illegally," Ms Wastie said, adding the penalty was \$300.

"We encourage community members to contact council with the details of illegal camping taking place and our rangers will respond."

Ms Wastie said rangers scheduled regular patrols in summer and also attended

"when advised by the community of illegal camping taking place" with Cowes and Kitty Miller Bay the island's worst hotspots for illegal camping.

Motives?

In the past two years, the Advertiser has been contacted repeatedly by local residents alarmed by the rise in free camping.

Last year residents and dog walkers were aghast to see a 4WD and tent right on the beach at Cape Woolamai, while photos from a Surf Beach resident show a campervan in a Surf Beach car park, parked next to a "no camping" sign.

On social media the tent overlooking Osbourne beach attracted debate around rental affordability and homelessness.

"You have to laugh. Great camping spot. So close to shops, parking, two-minute walk to police station and wow what a view. Must have been a big night. I think they've slept in," Wayne commented on Facebook.

Pete responded it pointed to lack of accommodation.

"We have many people doing it tough/rough down here, many sleep along the foreshore," Pete commented.

"We have young women sleeping in cars, I know of one with a kid. The police tolerate as they understand the lack of affordable accommodation."

Another said "this is what happens when people turn

their rentals into AirBnb all over the island".

Others pointed out the "empty bottles of alcohol and chip packets were the giveaway".

"Pretty sure the people in the tent were schoolies or others recovering from a big night out, not people without other options for shelter," wrote Simon.

Free camping

In the summer of 2019/20, council received 40 complaints about illegal camping across the shire.

At last December's meeting, councillors voted for officers to complete a Strategic Review of Camping in the shire, with Cr Rochelle Halstead highlighting potential missed opportunities in the free camping market.

However, the review, released at the June council meeting, stopped short of making any concrete recommendations because of the considerable costs involved.

"The review has also been unable to determine whether the significant and ongoing investment required to establish and implement low cost and free camping would generate enough economic benefit to be something that council should pursue," it found.

The review concluded a caravan and camping market not appropriately managed – especially free camping – would have environmental impacts and potential to impact commercial operators.

Mozzie control yet to start

Despite an expected bumper mozzie season Bass Coast Shire is yet to implement mosquito control.

Last year there were 15 confirmed cases of the mosquito-borne disease Ross River virus on Phillip Island. According to the Health Department there have been no notified cases of the virus this season, with the last case recorded in March this year.

The shire was responding to reports of increased mozzie numbers following recent wet weather, but a spokesperson said they did not have a "pest controller actively implementing mosquito control at this time".

"The mosquito control program was not implemented in 2021 due to covid conditions. Council is currently re-engaging with the program provider."

They said they were reviewing activities previously implemented on shire land, and "whether those activities are the best option and should be re-instated".

"Larvicides or spraying on Council land may not be effective if mosquitoes are breeding in shallow containers such as gutters, pot plants, and ponds in private properties," the spokesperson said.

"Mosquito species have different breeding site preferences and controls need to be planned for the applicable risk."

They said owners and occupiers should control mosquito breeding grounds.

In previous years, the shire said six of the seven mozzie hotspots in Bass Coast are found on Phillip Island: the Rhyll and Newhaven swamps, Fishers wetland near Churchill Island, Rhyll foreshore, Silverleaves, gun club south of Rhyll, as well as the mouth of the Powlett River at Kilcunda.

Where possible, people should remove mosquito breeding habitats from around their home by ensuring no stagnant water is present.



Tom Kapitany with Rosie. Pic: Flying Fox Productions.

Rosie the Shark may finally get a new home

Rosie the Shark will finally be given a permanent home after VCAT overturned a Melbourne council and approved plans for a shark education centre.

More than three years after he rescued the world-famous Rosie from Wildlife Wonderland Giant Earthworm Museum in Bass, owner Tom Kapitany was this month given approval by VCAT to build the centre – but with several major conditions.

In February 2019 Tom, who runs Crystal World in Devon Meadows, removed Rosie from her formaldehyde-filled tank at the derelict museum in Bass, and trucked the five-metre-long fish to Crystal World.

In a massive operation, 15,000 litres of the carcinogenic formaldehyde was removed and a crane hoisted Rosie and her 10-tonne tank on to a truck, driven 60km to what was to be a temporary home in Crystal World's carpark.

Tom said Rosie had since continued to live in the carpark in her tank, on display free of charge.

He said his plan for the “most well-known shark in the world” was to build a 400m² exhibition building, including a specially-designed concrete slab to hold Rosie's tank.

After the City of Casey rejected the plans earlier this year – because it was an “inappropriate development in a farming green wedge zone” – Tom took that council to



It was back in the 1990s that the former Wildlife Wonderland Giant Earthworm Museum took possession of the shark, with the roof of the museum's special shark removed in order for it to be housed in a specially-designed tank.

VCAT, in the past fortnight winning the case for an “exhibition centre for a sealed tank containing a taxidermy display of Rosie the Shark”.

However, Tom said the win was a costly, Pyrrhic victory with the planning permit conditions so restrictive it would damage his business and mean a reduction in staff.

“After three years attempting to negotiate with Casey Council town planning I've spent close to \$200,000 in expenses trying to get permits to build an exhibition space for Rosie the Shark,” said Tom, adding there were no objectors other than the council.

“I will now need to spend over \$50,000 in the next two months, to comply to some questionable requirements as well as let go some

staff as a consequence.

“This is before I even start to build the extension to house Rosie the Shark.

“I should be elated that I won, but I'm not, I'm angry.”

Tom said he had two years to build the centre and he would now need to “scrape funds together”.

Rosie

Rosie became a social media sensation and hit the international headlines in 2019 after a series of YouTube videos – filmed by a subculture of trespassers known as urban explorers – went globally viral, spawning unwanted vandals and trespassers.

Tom said Rosie was still in good condition and the public interest in her continued.

After initially washing out her tank with water (neutralising the water with baking soda), Tom and his team opted to preserve Rosie in glycerine – a colourless, odourless, sweet, non-toxic liquid.

Despite the considerable costs of rescuing Rosie, he does not regret taking on the responsibility of the shark, which was donated to Crystal World.

Tom is a geologist, botanist and entrepreneur who travels the world chasing fossils and who also owns the National Dinosaur Museum in Canberra, with Crystal World selling geological specimens, fossils, meteorites, crystals and minerals.



The Grand Princess cruise ship is due to arrive at Phillip Island on Thursday December 15, carrying over 2100 passengers, with many expected to disembark and explore the island. Photo: Princess Cruises.

Grand Princess arrives this week

The Grand Princess cruise ship is due to arrive at Phillip Island on Thursday December 15.

The ship can carry over 2500 passengers and 1100 crew, with many expected to disembark and explore the island and surrounds.

Destination Phillip Island said the ship will have a higher percentage of domestic passengers than the Seabourne Odyssey which has visited twice this month.

Already seven coaches have been booked to take passengers to the Penguin Parade.

Bass Coast Shire Council said final numbers were yet to be confirmed, but at least 2100 passengers were on board, and shuttle buses will run every 20 minutes.

Pearranged tours available to passengers included Wildlife Coast Cruises, the Chocolate Factory, National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Penguin Parade and other Nature Parks attractions, the GP Circuit, A Maze'N Things, Rusty Water Brewery and Cape Woolamai.

Some passengers prefer just to disembark and visit Rhyll or Cowes to shop or eat.

The Grand Princess' arrival coincides with increasing Covid numbers in the region. The ship was at the centre of a Covid outbreak earlier this month, and was diverted from Newcastle to Melbourne, due to concerns from local health authorities about the large number of confirmed cases.

If a similar situation arose with this week's visit to Phillip Island, Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said trained Human Biosecurity Officers will support the response to any potential health risks that are identified.

“The local response is determined by the assessed risk and management required,” Ms Child said.

“To prepare ahead of each cruise ship arrival, Bass Coast Health (BCH), Ambulance Victoria Gippsland and Gippsland Region Public Health Unit (GRPHU) meet to assess the health risk on board.”

Ms Child said ahead of a ship's arrival, GRPHU receives information from the medical crew on board the cruise ship. Information is then relayed as required.

“We have had several meetings already and they have been very well planned and very helpful to understand risk and actions required locally.”

If Covid is discovered onboard a ship, Ms Child said it would be man-

aged in response to national guidelines, and stressed that every ship had a CovidSafe Management Plan, which included testing, isolation and people remaining on the boat in isolation if positive.

“If positive cases needed local medical support, that would be facilitated by Ambulance Victoria and patients would be transported to Wonthaggi Hospital or a Melbourne hospital, depending on their needs.”

Ms Child said while BCH recognised the economic boost the ships provided, sadly Covid was present in the community.

“We ask all our community members to choose actions to support prevention of transmission – vaccination, face masks, hand hygiene, physical distancing, ventilation.

“We would specifically suggest to local businesses that they instigate these measures to keep themselves and their customers safe.”

Visitor numbers

The December 1 visit from the Seabourne Odyssey saw 140 of the 196 passengers on board visit the island.

Shuttle buses ran every 30 minutes between Rhyll and Cowes, transporting passengers and crew, although some passengers organised private transfers or used local taxis to explore the area.

Many of the passengers booked on official tours, including the Penguin Parade, Koalas, Cape Woolamai and Rhyll Inlet.

Sixty passengers went to the Penguin Parade.

Cruise operators Carnival Australia said feedback from passengers on the visit was “exceptional”, with “many guests saying that Phillip Island was the highlight of the voyage”.

The ship anchored off Silverleaves and a tender boat carried passengers to the wharf at Rhyll, where they were met by staff from Council's Visitor Information Centre.

Destination Phillip Island also had a staff member and volunteers at Olive Justice Place in Cowes to assist visitors.

The visit on December 7 saw larger numbers of passengers (310), with approximately 145 disembarking and coming into Cowes.

Official tours included seal watching with Wildlife Coast Cruises, Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies, Phillip Island Explore, Phillip Island Highlights and Koalas.

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Bass Coast College's top student, Connor Sim of Inverloch received an ATAR of 98.7.

Bass Coast College celebrates VCE results

Bass Coast College's top student, Connor Sim of Inverloch received an ATAR of 98.7. Assistant Principal Philip Hughes said the mark reflected Connor's consistent high level of achievement, saying he'd received multiple academic achievements and awards throughout his six years at the College. Connor's interest and strengths in mathematics will see him embark on a science degree at Melbourne University. Mr Hughes said the College con-

gratulated all the senior students who completed their schooling this year. "We are proud of the efforts and achievements of all our students." He said both students and staff had to adjust to a full year of face-to-face learning, after the disruption of the previous years. "In particular, the Year 12 cohort have displayed resilience and dedication as independent learners in completing their final year of schooling – an admirable feat considering the demands of VCE," Mr

Hughes said. "These achievements have been made across a diverse range of subject areas, including VCE, VCAL and VET." He said there had been some exceptional individual results amongst the top students, with some of the Year 11 students already achieving a number of 40+ study scores. "We wish all of our students well as they embark on the exciting next stage in their lives, whether it be in employment, trade apprenticeships or further study."

Shark sightings spook some

The weekend's warm weather saw plenty of people head to the beach, but there were a few unwanted swimmers in the water! There were reported shark sightings at San Remo and Surf Beach on Sunday. The San Remo sighting just before 2pm was between the pier and the Phillip Island Bridge, while the Surf Beach sighting was at 3.15pm off Surfies Point. The alerts alarmed some, with

comments on the Phillip Island Noticeboard page noting the San Remo pier was a popular place for kids to jetty jump. "I was surfing out at Forest Caves this morning and did see a decent size fin, thought it was a dolphin ... and god I bloody hope it was," posted one local surfer. However others weren't overly worried. "It's mostly likely harmless and more scared of you," said one. "Probably hundreds there all the

time," said another. Earlier this month, beach walkers videoed several fins close to shore at Silverwater Beach. After examining the footage, both Phillip Island Nature Parks rangers and the crew of Wildlife Coast Cruises agreed it was bottlenose dolphins, based on the shape of the dorsal fins and the swimming motion. They also said it would be unlikely to see sharks swimming together like that in southern Australia.

Vigilance on council accountability

If there's one thing voters and taxpayers expect from politicians, it's transparency. And if there's one thing they expect from the media, it's to cast a spotlight on that accountability (or lack of).

Example #1

One area routinely scrutinised is politician expenses. Headlines like "Peter Dutton charged taxpayers \$465 for flight on day he was special guest at private event", or "Chris Bowen billed taxpayers for whirlwind trip to Labor fundraiser", especially get the goat of taxpayers. It's our money.

We work hard for it. We'd like to know how it's being spent. And when it's misspent, we get angry. Yet the Advertiser has this year come under fire by Bass Coast Shire councillors for casting a spotlight on their annual expenses.

In August we ran a report "Which councillor is the costliest?", detailing that "Island Ward's Ronnie Bauer is the least expensive, while Bunurong's Leticia Laing is one of the costliest, with the highest car mileage budget".

The regular update on councillor expenses was released at the August meeting, showing "that for the current term to June 30, 2022, former mayor and Nationals candidate in the state election Brett Tessari had the highest overall cost at \$31,246 with \$9336 for training and \$2617 for car mileage", the article stated.

"He was followed by current mayor Cr Michael Whelan with a total \$22,174, including \$3155 for mileage and \$2926 for training.

"Cr Leticia Laing, (the then deputy mayor), totalled \$20,482, including \$4,322 for car mileage – which she has attributed to attending library board meetings - \$8540 for training and conferences and \$1418 for childcare.

"Cr Ronnie Bauer had the least costs at \$5,664."

Following this report, Cr Laing wrote a piece for an online magazine claiming the article was "intentional shaming of working women" and she had been "exposed" for claiming childcare expenses.

She was supported by other councillors, including Cr Clare Le Serve who at the November council meeting said councillors should "not be rebuked by the community or by the press for having higher costs in travel, conferences or training or childcare".

"I don't believe it's a very positive thing for them to have that held against the councillor. This is their workplace and critical for them being a councillor," Cr Le Serve said.

We agree councillors are entitled to claim legitimate expenses incurred in carrying out their role.

The Advertiser has no argument with that. For 33 years we have published successive councillor costs and expense reports – as presented by the shire annually for ratepayer scrutiny – without a problem.

The information appears publicly in

the council meeting agenda.

Furthermore, we did not criticise Cr Laing for claiming childcare costs.

So to be accused of "the intentional shaming of working women" borders on the ridiculous.

It is necessary – and critical – for the media to keep vigil on use of ratepayer money and we would go one step further and urge the shire – in the name of transparency and accountability – to provide a publicly-available breakdown of individual transactions, such as training courses and travel expenses.

More examples

There have been other recent questions around shire transparency.

Last month Cr Les Larke told the Advertiser a ban had recently been imposed on him, stopping his emails being sent to the mayor Cr Michael Whelan, with emails instead redirected to a shire staff member.

A council spokesperson confirmed the email ban was in place because of the "number and type of emails" being sent from Cr Larke to Cr Whelan.

"If a councillor or staff member feels their mental health and wellbeing is impacted there's an occupational health and safety obligation to take reasonable action," the spokesperson said. Cr Larke said there had been "no ongoing campaign, no personal vendetta, no personality clashes".

But with a lack of transparency around the process, it became impossible to judge if the email ban was an appropriate response.

There are several other examples as well. In July Cr David Rooks moved a motion to remove public question time, reasoning that with the advent of technology – phones, emails, social media – question time was "inefficient". He was supported in the push by Cr Laing, but other councillors quashed the move, rightly describing it as anti-democratic. This month the Advertiser learnt the shire has reported the Sentinel-Times to the Local Government Inspectorate for a sentence in an article that could have indicated a possible council leak on a story about a budget blowout on the Cowes Cultural Centre. The article stated: "the Sentinel-Times has since received a firm indication that a cost blowout is on the cards."

The line between responsible reporting and a free press is complex and an imperfect science. Yet all these examples suggest a willingness by the shire and some councillors to seek to subdue the media, as well as any dissenters.

The charter for a free press in Australia states freedom of the press means the right of the people to be informed on matters of public interest so they may exercise their rights and duties as citizens.

"In a truly democratic society, open debate, discussion, criticism and dissent are central to the process of generating informed and considered choices," the charter states.

We, for one, will continue to be an exponent of these democratic principles.



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Jordan returned as member for Bass

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"In a couple of voting centres, a very small number of voters opted to complete an information report as a record of attending the site and to ensure they were not fined for failing to vote," the VEC spokesperson said.

"No voting centres were closed before 6pm, and anyone still in the queue at 6pm was provided the opportunity to vote."

When asked how the shortfall occurred, the spokesperson said prior to election day, ballot papers were allocated to each voting centre based on historical numbers in each area, plus the local knowledge of election managers about events that may have significantly changed those numbers.

"On top of this, we add a contingency of extra ballot papers to each voting centre to allow for more voters than we predict will come through that day," the spokesperson explained.

"However, if a voting centre attracts a significantly higher number of voters than expected, particularly from other districts, the original allocation of ballot papers to that centre may not be sufficient.

"Voting centres are supported by VEC officers out in the field who hold additional ballot papers which they can deliver to voting centres as required.

"If it appears that a voting centre is running low on ballot papers, voting centre managers immediately raise this with those officers so they can respond and deliver a top-up as quickly as possible.

"This is precisely what happened for those Bass voting centres that ran low on election day."

The VEC said the turnout for the Bass electorate in the 2018 state election was higher than the state average – 91.06 per cent compared to 90.15 per cent.

When asked if the ballot paper shortage could have impacted on the current election result, the spokesperson said voting numbers seemed consistent with previous elections.

"Though final turnout figures for the 2022 State election have not yet been calculated, Bass' current turnout (89.11 per cent) is higher than the overall state-wide turnout (87.13 per cent), so this appears relatively consistent with 2018 figures."

The VEC did not respond to the Advertiser's question if the ballot paper issues could be grounds for disputing the election result.

Count

Bass was the last seat to be called in the election, with a nail biting finish.

Sixteen VEC representatives, along with candidate scrutineers, spent two days doing the preference distribution at the Wonthaggi the Town Hall.

In the provisional results, Ms Crugnale was ahead by 211 votes and in the final count, won the seat by 202 votes.

The final result after distribution of preferences was 20,803 (50.24 per cent) to Ms Crugnale and 20,601 (49.76 per cent) to Mr Brown.

The win in Bass gives Labor 56 seats – one more than the 55 seats it won in 2018's "Danslide" election.



Valerie Garcia with daughter Astrid and son Arthur. Valerie was 35 weeks pregnant with Arthur when she was diagnosed with an aggressive breast cancer. A GoFundMe campaign has been set up to help the family.

Support for family's cancer battle

At the start of 2022, the future was looking bright for Valerie Garcia and her husband Kieran Black.

The couple were renovating their Cape Woolamai home and baby number two was on the way.

Their world was shattered when, at 35 weeks pregnant, Valerie was diagnosed with Stage 3, Triple Negative breast cancer.

The baby needed to be induced early so Valerie could start chemotherapy.

The months since then have been a blur of juggling treatments and side-effects, alongside the demands of caring for a newborn baby and a toddler.

The impact on the family's emotional and financial state has been immense.

With Valerie unable to work and the family income halved, Kieran has had to take extended leave from his job to care for Valerie and the children.

This month, Valerie's friend Leanne Munchan set up a GoFundMe campaign to try and help the young family.

As well as trying to cover all the regular bills and medical expenses, Valerie is looking at alternative therapies and supplements, to try and complement the chemotherapy and radiology she is undergoing.

As Triple Negative Breast Cancer is rare and aggressive and unable to be treated with the standard regime of breast cancer drugs, conventional treatment options are limited and the couple want to ex-

plore every possible option to give Valerie the best chance of survival.

Kieran said the situation was desperate, and the alternative therapies they were looking at were not covered by Medicare, with the costs running into the thousands.

"We really need community support and the response so far has been amazing.

"So many friends have told us they don't know what to do to help, and the fund is a way for people to be able to help and show they care.

"I have been really impressed by the generosity of people."

He said throughout her treatment, Valerie, who is a remedial massage therapist and personal trainer, had focused on healthy eating and supplements.

"But buying organic vegetables is three times more expensive."

He said each week they were making choice about buying organic food or supplements to help Valerie, or buying plaster to finish the renovation of the children's room and the kitchen, to make it safe and liveable.

He said normally the family was extremely private, but he would shamelessly promote the GoFundMe campaign to help his wife.

Prior to her diagnosis, Valerie ran a successful business from her home and Kieran said the loss of the business was not just a financial impact.

"She had built a career and a business and was financially independent. She feels guilty that she can't work," Kieran said.

"The last thing she needs is that kind of stress with money."

He said on top of coping with regular bills, medical costs and constant appointments, their life had changed irrevocably.

"We thought everything was going great. Valerie's business had really taken off, she'd employed someone as well.

"Now, we don't know if she will ever be able to work again. The business model as it was pre-cancer can't exist anymore."

With further surgery and then a daily regime of radiotherapy scheduled for this month, any money raised through the campaign will help cover household bills and living expenses and keep the family afloat.

"The funds will also allow us to buy organics and supplements to try and help with her recovery.

"And maybe we can finish off the kids' bedroom."

He also said he hoped sharing their story will remind other women of the importance to get checked if they have any concerns about their health.

"Valerie is so healthy, she is a personal trainer, doesn't smoke or drink and had such a healthy lifestyle.

"You'd think she'd be the last person in the world to get cancer."

To support Valerie and Kieran and their family, to go gofund.me/256ee3d9

Or visit gofundme.com and search for "two babies and fighting stage 3 breast cancer".

Residents weigh in on Erehwon upgrades

A makeover of Erehwon Point should make it safer for early morning joggers and add a path in front of car parks so pedestrians aren't forced to walk on the road.

Initial feedback into Bass Coast Shire's Reimagine Erehwon Point Project, which is open until February 6, found users also want the area to be more wheelchair friendly, with pathways currently too steep to access.

Several residents commented on the need for a pathway the length of the stone wall, along the Cowes Esplanade.

"Wall is too long. People need to walk behind vehicles and on the road to get to the next opening in the wall," one wrote.

Safety was a key issue.

"Lighting in this area is faulty in some places, and non-existent up toward the road. It makes access for early morning/late evening running and walking risky."

Another highlighted the need for a pedestrian crossing where the Esplanade joins Steele Street at The Waves apartments.

Accessibility was an issue for many, with only two disabled car parks, while paths "are steep and on an angle, which is not ideal for people using mobility aids", and toilets could only be accessed via stairs or at a distance from the jetty triangle.

"Mulch everywhere for no apparent reason as there are no plants anywhere. Much more difficult for those with mobility issues to walk over it than paths, grass or dirt," wrote one respondent.

Added another: "The top of Lovers Walk leads on to dirt, with the concrete path not connecting to the ramp. This needs to be resolved.

"Stairs to the beach are way too steep, difficult to walk down, although rail helps."

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

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Marketplace celebrates Christmas

The Island Marketplace is holding a special Christmas Shopping Day this Thursday, December 15.

It runs all day from 10am until 7pm, with 10 per cent off storewide (excluding dry cleaning and gift cards).

There are hundreds of prizes to be won on Spin the Wheel, and a chance to win a fantastic Christmas Hamper, drawn on December 24.

The kids will love the visit from Peppa Pig, the Minions and Donald Duck, and can try their luck at the Guess the Jelly Beans competition (drawn December 24), while parents and busy shoppers will love the all-day coffee van.

There will also be a fundraiser food stall.

The Island Marketplace is a collective group of small traders that support local community business allowing them to exhibit in a rental space to sell their local produce, home wares, art and craft.

The Christmas Shopping Day will be an annual event for The Island Marketplace which will support the local community in fundraising for a nominated cause.

This year all money raised will support PICAL Pantry which does



The Island Marketplace is holding a special Christmas Shopping Day this Thursday, December 15. It runs from 10am until 7pm and is raising money for the PICAL Pantry.

an amazing job supporting and assisting families and persons experiencing hardship in our local community.

"We hope everyone can come and join on the day so we can help

raise much needed funds for their cause," said the organisers.

"We would love to develop this event into a "Christmas Street Party" in 2023 so we can help those in need. See you there!"

Offshore call for casting help

Offshore Theatre is seeking an actor of non-Caucasian appearance for a role in their forthcoming production of "Australians All ..." by Jonathon Biggins.

The role calls for a young man named Chester, although the character could also be played by a woman with some minor changes to the script.

Chester describes himself as an ABV – Australian Born Vietnamese – but we will consider actors of

other non-Caucasian migrant background. Chester has recently moved into Coriole Shire, a beach side town with a predominantly Caucasian population and is a teacher at the local primary school.

His extra-curricular duty is to join the Australian Day organising committee where he needs to navigate his way through working with this complicated group of residents.

This play is an hysterical, poignant and often challenging look

at the vastly changing landscape of Australia, especially in small towns.

The actor will need or be able to produce an Australian accent as Chester describes himself as Australian born. Rehearsals will begin in mid-January and run Sunday, Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm.

For further information please contact director Amanda Price on 0409 003 748.

Scouts' Christmas trees sell out

The Phillip Island Scout group had a sell-out Christmas tree sale on the weekend.

Over 300 trees were snapped up by people eager to get their Christmas decorating underway, raising much needed funds for the group.

As the Scouts' major fundraiser for the year, the group was thrilled at the level of support from the community and thanked everyone who came along and bought a tree.

Money raised goes towards equipment and activities for the 56 members (Scouts, Cubs, Venturers and Rovers) of the club.



Be inspired by a range of gardens in small spaces, in back yards and on broader acreage, at the BCAL 2023 Edible Gardens Weekend on February 4 and 5.

Edible Gardens return

Fifteen local gardeners are doing a dance with this year's very changeable spring weather as they prepare for Bass Coast Adult Learning's (BCAL) second Bass Coast Edible Gardens Weekend, to be held on February 4 and 5.

Save the date into your calendars and you can look forward to being inspired by a range of gardens in small spaces, in back yards and on broader acreage.

Some of last February's favourite gardens are back again, joined by fantastic newcomers. In 2023 some of the gardeners will be selling fresh produce and other gardening-related items, while others will offer advice on issues such as managing beehives and composting.

We know that gardening helped us through lockdowns over the past few years. Now edible gardening can help us battle inflation. Participating gardeners are always keen to offer tips on what to grow and how to "grow your own" and cut down your food bill. Fruit, veggies and herbs fresh from the garden are also hard to beat for taste as well as price!

Look out for more news about BCAL's Bass Coast Edible Gardens Weekend on February 4 -5, 2023.

A brochure will be available soon, providing the list of participating gardens and information on how to buy tickets. Or check the website www.basscoastediblegardens.com and follow on Facebook and Instagram.



Put the 2023 Spurgebuster dates in your diary. Pictured at the last 2022 Spurgebusters event are, left: Regina Fox, Marilyn Shaw, Luke Fricke, Lois Gaskin, Heather Liney and Kenneth Gray.

Caring for Cowes' coast

Want to help clean up Cowes' beaches from invasive weeds?

Then grab your diaries and schedule in the 2023 Cowes Coastcare Spurgebusters Sunday dates: February 12, April 9, June 11, August 13, October 8 and December 10. Loca-

tions will vary so check the Cowes Coastcare Facebook page for details.

Sea spurge is a significant environmental weed, impacting threatened flora and fauna species and can also cause skin and eye irritations from its milky sap.

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Megan Darby – 1st Aid MD, Richard Young – Ramada Resort and Jess Patman – Wildlife Coast Cruises.

Getting down to business this Christmas

Members of the Phillip Island Business Network came together for a Christmas celebration on Friday, December 9, that included a Wildlife Coast Cruise and a Christmas Party at North Pier.

For more photos, visit pisra.com.au



Diane Holberry and Michael Wells, Ripples n Tonic.



From left: Laruen Van Strijp and Lucy Dewhurst – Bass Coast Shire Council, Serena Cabello – DPI and Jo Dixon – MAS enjoying the PIBN Christmas Cruise.



Kimberley Brown – North Pier, and Geoff Moed – Phillip Island Chocolate Factory enjoyed a window seat on the PIBN Christmas Cruise.



Judi Pay and Peter Margartis, from We are Phillip Island relaxing on the Business Network cruise.

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Kim Churchill with the Pierce Brothers at Ocean Sounds. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

It sounds great!

The Ocean Sounds Festival on the weekend was a resounding success, with locals flocking to enjoy a fantastic line up of Australian talent.

Organisers Rhett and Aiden McLaren from The Hills are Alive said they were excited to have live music back on Phillip Island.

“With thousands of music lovers coming out to the stunning Churchill Island, it felt like the perfect start to summer,” said Aiden.

“Tash Sultana brought an absolutely world class performance, as the summer sun softly set and their band played into the night, it was an incredible sight to behold.

“Alongside this, San Remo local, Steph Strings, came up on stage with both the Pierce Brothers and Kim Churchill, ahead of her performance at the January edition of Ocean Sounds.”

With perfect weather, thousands of music

loving fans, delicious food trucks, local wines and more, it was an amazing celebration of music.

The event was supported by the state government’s Always Live initiative.

Ocean Sounds returns to Churchill Island in less than a month, when John Butler, The Waifs, Mama Kin Spender and more take to the Ocean Sounds stage on January 7.

As well as some of Australia’s best live acts, the event will showcase local wines, cheese and gourmet food vans.

“We know that it will be another very special day,” Aiden said.

Details and tickets at www.oceansoundsfestival.com.au

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Hands in the air. The crowd at Ocean Sounds enjoyed perfect weather and a fantastic line up of Australian talent, supported by the Always Live initiative from the state government. Photo: T15 Media.



San Remo’s Steph Strings made a surprise guest appearance at the Ocean Sounds Festival on December 10, Steph is part of the line up for the January 7 event, with tickets still available. Photo: T15 Media.



The entire family was out to enjoy the sunshine and music: Lilli, Danielle, Andrew, Talia and Mitchell Thomas of Newhaven. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.



Nici Cahill - San Remo, Mary Taylor and Carol Pewtress of Cowes at Ocean Sounds. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

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Dux of Newhaven College, Hamish Brosnan, with Principal Tony Corr and parents Donna and Matthew Brosnan. "I am hoping to focus on my favoured subject, maths, while studying engineering at Monash University in 2023," he said.



Top 9 VCE students of 2023 with Year 12 Co-ordinator, Sharon Paterson. Back (left to right): Hamish Brosnan, Michael Furniss, Liam McDonald, Will Carter and Laura Vivian. Front (left to right): William O'Neill, Rosa Green, Sharon Paterson, Jasmine Sullivan and Ella Beasley.

Newhaven College students shine

Dux of Newhaven College, Hamish Brosnan, celebrated an ATAR of 97.2 at the announcement of VCE results this week. Hamish was closely followed by Liam McDonald who received an ATAR of 94.8. Newhaven College Principal, Tony Corr, congratulated all this year's VCE students on an incredible result. "The Newhaven College class of 2022 has made an outstanding contribution. In all areas of school life, they have participated with great enthusiasm and effort. "As a school, we are proud of the diverse range of gifts and talents that they have displayed in their time at school. More importantly, they are a wonderful group of young people that demonstrated warmth, compassion and care in

all they did. "As the 2022 class prepare for their life post school, this week we congratulate them on their VCE results. "Despite the challenges of Covid disrupted years leading into Year 12 they have performed very well. The commitment, resilience and effort they demonstrated at school are reflected in their results." Mr Corr said 11.25 per cent of Newhaven College's VCE students achieved an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Entrance Rank) of above 80. In addition, more than one-third of students were placed in the top 30 per cent of the state. "Congratulations to Hamish Brosnan who was our College Dux with the exceptional ATAR of 97.2, placing him in the top three per cent of Victoria.

"Congratulations also to our College Proxime, Liam McDonald, who received an ATAR of 94.8. "Other high-achieving students with ATAR scores of above 80 were Rosa Green, Jasmine Sullivan, Laura Vivian, William O'Neill, Will Carter, Michael Furniss and Ella Beasley. "Special recognition to Year 11 student Saffi Campbell-Walker who achieved the perfect study score of 50 in VET Music Performance. "To achieve a study score of 50 is the highest possible result and an exceptional effort. To attain that result in Year 11 is a wonderful achievement and a great credit to Saffi." Mr Corr also congratulate four students who achieved the Victorian Certificate of Education Bac-

calaureate. The VCE Baccalaureate is an additional form of recognition for students who successfully meet the demands of studying a higher-level mathematics subject and a language in their VCE program. "Congratulations to Hamish Brosnan, Michael Furniss, Tahlia Mumby and William O'Neill on this achievement. "At Newhaven College, we are proud of the many pathways our students take post school – whether that be university, apprenticeships, vocational studies or employment. "As a school, we want to continue to support each of our students to pursue their interests and passions. "We are especially proud of the efforts of each Year 12 student and thank them for the contribution they have made in their time at New-

haven College. "We wish them the very best of luck as they set off on their adult journey beyond school." Students who achieved study scores of 40 or above, placing them in the top nine per cent of the state, were: Biology: Tess Papas* Further Mathematics: Ella Beasley Mathematical Methods: Liam McDonald, Hamish Brosnan Outdoor and Environmental Studies: Lara Standish Physics: Hamish Brosnan Psychology: Saffi Campbell Walker* Theatre Studies: Laura Vivian VET Music Performance: Will Murphy*, Saffi Campbell Walker* *Denotes Year 11 doing a Unit 3 & 4 subject



Liam McDonald (94.8), is hoping to study engineering at RMIT or University of Melbourne. "For my gap year, I will be performing in Wonthaggi Theatrical Groups' production of School of Rock, while working to save up for some travel before starting Uni."



Rosa Green (90.7). "I plan to jump straight into studies at Monash University, studying Science/ Arts with a major in journalism".



Ella Beasley was in the top nine per cent of the state for Further Mathematics. "I am open-minded about my future but would like to start my tertiary education next year, maybe doing Bachelor of Arts at University of Melbourne."



Jasmine Sullivan (88.05) wants to travel to Europe/USA in 2023. "Then I hope to study at University of Melbourne with an Arts course, focusing on journalism and Environment."



William O'Neill (85.25) plans to study engineering at Monash Uni, "while maintaining my passion for studying Japanese".



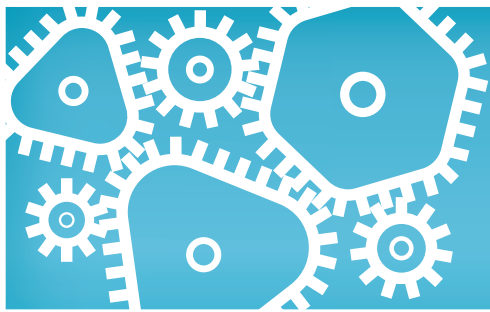
Will Carter (84.0). "I want to focus on my passion for science while studying Engineering at Monash University in 2023."



Laura Vivian (86.75) said she plans to start a Bachelor of Arts in Melbourne next year. "I really want to work in Child Psychology in the future."



Michael Furniss (82.15) is moving to Melbourne next year to work and travel, "after which I want start Automotive Engineering at RMIT".



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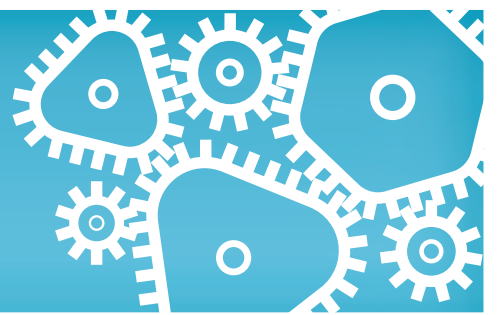
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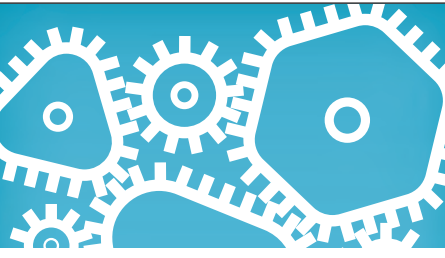
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Phillip Island Winery and Silverwater Vineyard also featured in the medal tally.

Wineries across Gippsland showcased their wines in the annual 2021 Westpac Gippsland Wine Show with 43 medals, including 11 gold, awarded at the annual celebration held for 110 guests at Cape Paterson on December 8.

Rick Lacey from Purple Hen Wines took home the Best Wine of Show, sponsored by Westpac, this time for the Purple Hen 2022 Off-Dry Riesling, which also won Best Aromatic White Wine (96 points).

Rick also won the trophy and top gold for Best Pinot Noir (96), and won Best Sauvignon Blanc with a silver award (90).

In an impressive result for a first vintage, San Remo's Silverwaters Vineyard, was awarded a pair of silver medals for the 2021 Pinot Noir (90) and the 2021 Chardonnay (90) and bronze for their 2021 Shiraz and 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon.

Phillip Island Winery picked up a bronze medal for the Tall Timber Fume Blanc.

Marcus Satchell and Lisa Sartori's Inverloch-based Dirty Three Wines also had a successful evening, winning trophies for both the Best Red and White Wines of Provenance and Best Chardonnay, presented by Cr Brett Tessari.

The Red was awarded to their Dirt 2 Pinot Noir 2016, 2019 and 2021 set, and the best White Wine of Provenance was awarded to their



Riesling 2015, 2018, 2022.

Chief Judge, Sarah Fagan of De Bortoli, said that winemakers enter three vintages from a five-year period for this category, which allows judges to look for consistency of quality and longevity of the wines – a longer-term view of the vineyard and winemaker's expertise.

Bass River Winery, Glen Forbes, won Best Rose, and came away with several medals, including gold for its Bass River 1835 – 2021 Pinot Noir (95), silver for the 1835 – 2018 Sparkling Brut (93) and six bronze. Loch-based Gippsland Wine Company picked up silver for its 2021 Loch Vineyard Chardonnay and bronze for its 2021 Viognier.

Other winners included Cannibal Creek Vineyard, of Tynong North, Blue Gables Vineyard, while Lightfoot Wines of East Gippsland won the Most Successful Exhibitor trophy, picking up multiple awards.

Ken and Juliet Eckersley from Nicholson River Winery were the first recipients of the Eckersley Award, a perpetual trophy to recognise outstanding contribution to the Gippsland wine sector.

Ken was a founding member of the original Gippsland Grapegrowers and Winemakers Association, nearly 40 years ago. The group eventually became Wine Gippsland, and Ken has been in committee roles throughout.

Wine Gippsland Chair, Alistair Hicks, said the annual show tasting and awards dinner was an opportunity for Gippsland's wine producers and supporters to celebrate a successful year of growth. He said Gippsland wine is enjoying increased momentum, both with a wave of new members, many of them first-generation winemakers, and a raised profile for the region due to Gippsland's ability to consistently deliver outstanding quality wines.

Marcus Satchell paid tribute to the winemakers who supported him when he began winemaking 18 years ago, and to the example set by elders of the industry.

"Great wine really comes down to people, place and passion," he said, noting the collegiate nature of wine-making in Gippsland helps to grow the industry.

In her review of the wines, Ms Fagan said that the Pinot Noir and Chardonnay continue to be strong classes for Gippsland, reflected in the number of medals in those classes showing the suitability for these varieties, with flavour characteristics unique to the region.

The ceremony at Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club was attended by representatives from all the Gippsland councils, Destination Gippsland, Westpac, wine industry suppliers, and other groups involved in food and drink tourism.

www.winegippsland.com.



Winners of the major trophies of the 2022 Westpac Gippsland Wine Show: Rob Lightfoot (Lightfoot Wines) Most Successful Exhibitor, Rick Lacey (Purple Hen) Best Wine of Show, Alistair Butt (Lightfoot Wines) and Marcus Satchell (Dirty Three Wines) who won Best Red and Best White Wines of Provenance and Best Chardonnay.

Controversial charge scheme continues

Residents and property owners in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay have one more week to provide feedback on concept design options for a proposed Special Charge Scheme.

The scheme has caused a war of words between residents who support the scheme and those who oppose it, as well as with Bass Coast Shire Council.

The Special Charge Scheme involves constructing roads and drainage upgrades in the area, as well as footpaths and traffic calming options.

The concept designs were mailed or emailed to all property owners in November.

"This is to inform landowners of the available concept development options and allow them to choose a preferred option," a spokesperson for Bass Coast Shire Council said.

"The options presented are based on concept development feedback from property owners and the community reference group. This stage is not about whether a special charge scheme will proceed or not. Feedback will be able to be provided up until December 21."

Under the current timeline, Council is due to adopt a preferred design option in February or March next year.

Council said every property owner will then have the opportunity to make a submission – either to support or oppose the special charge scheme.

Once all submissions have been considered, the council may decide to abandon the scheme, prepare a new scheme (due to the need to significantly modify the designs), or proceed, with or without minor variations.



Although many residents oppose the proposed special charge scheme for Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay, others are in favour, with one saying "the excessive dust, pot holing and muddy roads with minimal maintenance is starting to wear a bit thin"

It is at this stage in the process that the scheme would be abandoned if there were 51 per cent or more property owners that opposed it.

"Should property owners not provide a submission they are not counted as yes or no votes, however if they don't respond then they are leaving the decision up to the Councillors that are representatives of the community," the council website states.

Opposition

The Say NO group is made up of residents and owners who oppose the proposed scheme.

The group believed there are less expensive, environmentally sensitive options available, which are being ignored by the council.

"The group agrees that dust and drainage are important issues that can be resolved without having to spend over \$30 million, to be paid by the local residents," spokesperson Maxine Sando said.

The scheme has ignited fierce debate within the community, as some residents have campaigned for many years to have the dust and drainage issues on the estates fixed.

The campaign of the Say NO group

has attracted criticism from supporters of the scheme, who want the council consultation process to be able to run its course.

Meanwhile group members claim council has shut them out of the process, refusing to meet with them and address their concerns.

Last week, Ross Bencraft, a member of Say NO posted on the Phillip Island Community noticeboard, outlining the group's concerns.

"We have expertise within the group who can present alternative solutions to effectively solve the problems, eg dust, without necessitating

the level of environmental impact and destruction that BCSC's limited options will cause," he posted, claiming the council was uninterested in these potential solutions.

Mr Bencraft also stated the cost of the proposed scheme was a major concern, stating ratepayers could be looking at paying between \$23,000 - \$34,000 or more per property.

Some residents raised concerns about the ongoing dust issues and the potholes in the road, with one stating "the excessive dust, pot holing and muddy roads with minimal maintenance is starting to wear a bit thin".

Another said they didn't know why the council was persisting with the process, given 70 per cent of residents opposed it.

However another said they intended to vote yes and the no voters should get their heads "out of the sand (potholes) ... All our properties will increase in value. Great investment. No one will lose in the long run".

Some people raised concerns that the petition being circulated by the Say NO group contained signatures of people who do not live or own property on the two estates, however they were assured those names were being filtered out of the petition.

Regardless of the number of signatures on the petition, the process for the Special Charge Scheme, must follow the steps which are set out in legislation.

Once Council has adopted a preferred option, property owners will be able to make a submission.

At this stage, if 51 per cent of property owners oppose the scheme, it will be abandoned.

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Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach speed humps

Speed Humps every 100 metres on every street in Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach, that is council's vision. Oh what a sorry sight! Around Easter 2022 council conducted an analysis of traffic volumes using traffic classifiers that can detect times, speeds and volumes of all traffic from bicycles to Road Trains and individually list the data. I would be very doubtful if any vehicles were detected above the sign posted speed for the areas.

By Council stating speed humps are required, Council is acknowledging that with the new roadworks of sealed roads and kerb and gutter that vehicle speeds in our quiet estate areas will increase substantially, therefore the safety for ratepayers, road users and our prolific wildlife will be severely impacted. Almost all streets and roads in Cowes do not have speed humps. Speed humps are normally installed only after all other options to address speed issues have been exhausted. Driver education, visual speed signage and enforceable reduction in speed limits are but a few.

Maybe the speed humps that BCSC want for our area are the "unique" part of when council continually states to us ratepayers that "we understand that the Surf Beach/Sunderland Bay estates have a unique character and will definitely be part of the concept plan development".

Actually, we the ratepayers are also still waiting to view the Concept Plan which so far is invisible. We have seen a sketch section but no plan (aerial view) of the whole of the estates and yet in less than two months our council is going to make a decision to proceed with the Special Charge Scheme, without all of the relevant information.

I would urge council to investigate all options to reduce speed before they install the last resort option of speed humps as a first option. As Pioneer Bay residents have stated, the speed humps installed have not reduced the speed on their streets but

for the residents with speed humps in front of their property it has increased the noise levels and therefore impacted on sleep.

Philip Davy, Surf Beach

Charge scheme unaffordable

There has been much to and fro between members of the Say No group (Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme) and the Phillip Island community. Some reasonable, some bordering on abuse. Some just abusive simply for living in an area and having an opinion on the future of the estate we live in, at an extortionate cost to ratepayers denied genuine choice.

The Say No group encompasses a broad group of individuals who object to what BCSC is trying to force on us.

There are a broad variety of reasons for our group's rejection of this scheme. Many from an environmental stance, through to a rejection on purely financial position, which seems to attract an even more derogatory response from those who have zero compassion for those who are experiencing sleepless nights resulting from BCSC's inflexible position.

And those of you who have shamed these people and suggested that all affected ratepayers care about is the dollar cost, shame on you. Some ratepayers simply cannot afford this scheme.

Hence, I want to speak today on behalf of those who oppose the scheme on a purely financial basis.

The cost of living has recently gone through the roof. Everything – mortgages (\$1000 per month on average), food prices, energy bills, council rates ad nauseum – has risen frighteningly.

Can you imagine what this must be like for ratepayers on a fixed income?

Nay sayers say "there are payment plans available."

Allow me to clarify.

The payment plan allows ratepayers to avoid a lump sum payment by selecting to make 40 quarterly payments over 10 years.

The reality: This means that (at

a conservative \$30,000 estimate) ratepayers will pay \$750 extra per quarter ... \$3000 per annum ... for 10 years. Effectively this more than doubles your rates.

Seriously and honestly ... how does BCSC expect struggling fixed income ratepayers, who can already barely get by, to manage this extra burden?

Out of touch? Moi? Councillors ... you need to wake up. This is the real world that many of our residents live in.

Ross Bencraft, Surf Beach

Alarming impacts

Now that the council's independent consultants report into the environmental impacts of the proposed charge scheme has been completed, its findings are alarming. The effects on endangered species and the increased stormwater levels entering the wetlands area are just a couple of major concerns.

Shouldn't the council start to investigate other options than have been produced so far? This is a chance to become an example of best practice in areas of diverse environmental significance and sensitivity, but unfortunately the council cannot think outside the square. Their only approach to date is the cookie-cutter way of dealing with everything – one option fits all.

Come on! This is not suburbia, it's an important indigenous flora and fauna area. We need a different approach. Let's start investigating other options.

Merry Christmas councillors.

David Clements, Surf Beach

No room for PICAL

Isn't PICAL focal point of community in Cowes? For seniors, definitely. So many needs fulfilled by PICAL, so many people.

Yet, when commanded to prepare for growth, Shire delivers, take-it-or-leave-it plan to split PICAL-HQ size less than half previous, many rooms, small rooms, so even less people space.

Usual space per person 4m². Plan-

ning application notes "94 students and 60 patrons" so more than 600m². Floor plans, people space split between six rooms, 160m² usable, so space 40 max.

Car parking, exemption, 58 spaces reduced by 55. Exemption usually 50 per cent but this is 95 per cent! Survey reports plenty street car parks except many to be scrapped per streetscape plan.

Fuss encouraging cycling but PICAL needs secure parking, with shelter, 20 places for staff and 20 for students, exemption to one and five. No shade. No shelter. Mobility scooters, no mention?

Minimal windows north side, daylight and warmth only to store, meeting room and toilet. No eaves, no awning. Windows single glazed. No mention of energy rating. No rooftop solar.

Front car park, yet again, impermeable surface, heat island.

There's mention of garden but three sides on paling fence line, except skinny 1.5m gap along south. emergency exit at west enclosed by 1.8m fence, then 1.5m path. Is insurance even possible?

Was it ever sensible to cram PICAL-HQ into a quarter acre residential block? False economy on steroids. Who's gonna save us?

Bernie McComb, Cowes

Cemetery maintenance

Bass Coast Shire Council is spreading its wings. At its meeting on December 14 councillors will be asked to vote on a motion to advise the Municipal Association of Victoria to advise our Prime Minister's office to advise those overseas who run the Nobel Prizes that a new category is needed – for sustainability.

Noble gesture.

Closer to home, it is neither noble nor praiseworthy to expect we ordinary folk to visit our loved ones commemorated in San Remo Cemetery's Memorial Garden when it is overgrown and infested with weeds. Not to mention ugly patches in desperate need of replanting.

A shire crew brought the garden

beds up to reasonable standard some months ago. But, like any garden, regular maintenance is required.

Why is that impossible?

Jane Ross, Coordinator, Friends of San Remo Cemetery

Loo alert

One day last week after shopping at Aldi, I was in need of "spending a penny". With no public toilet in the immediate vicinity, I was glad I had the car to drive down Thompson Avenue where I could park as close as possible to the Esplanade. After walking from the car, across the Esplanade, down the steps, past the gents toilet (which has been cordoned off for months) and around to the ladies toilet to discover that it is now also cordoned off! I did however, gratefully discover a single unit toilet to use.

This story of desperation has occurred in the famous tourist town of Cowes! What do our tourists do when they or their children need a toilet? They may not be aware of the toilet block on the beach (there are no signs to tell you it's there).

In Wonthaggi recently, I noticed a new toilet block replacing an old dilapidated one. The new one is exactly what Cowes needs, including the parking bays nearby for easy access. Why wasn't a toilet block factored into the Olive Justice Development (or nearby)? Since the toilet on the corner of Thompson Avenue and Chapel Street was removed (and should never have been put there) and the old library toilet has gone, there is no public toilet block available near the shops north of Church Street.

The only public toilet in the whole shopping area is near Woolworths! Tourists and locals should not have to head to the beach for a toilet stop when they are shopping. This situation must surely be addressed urgently.

Lyn Bail, Cowes

Editor's note: Public toilets are also located in the Transit Centre in Church Street and at Coles in Cowes.



This week's winners were Tony Morris (L), John Nicholson (S), Bill Williams (2) and Terry Floyd (3).

Midweek bowls results

Last week's game held at Corinella bowls club. The day was cut short by the inclement weather, normally the day would not have ended so early but we must be careful we don't damage the new green by playing when it is half underwater.

Anyway, because of the rain, we missed the afternoon session.

The morning session went quite well with some great bowling on the new green.

Still, lots of friendly banter, lots of laughter and a few wayward bowls. A few of us had a slight problem with the new carpet.

Winners on 16 points were: John

Nicholson (S), Terry Floyd (3), Bill Williams (2) and Tony Morris (L).

Runners up for the day on 13 points were: Michael Dady (S), David Talbot (3), Sue Wright (2) and Phil Wright (L).

No best one game for today but we hope to have it back next week.

Next week will be our final game for the year so we are hoping to have a full house of our members. So, keep next Thursday free for our end of year match.

Meanwhile thank you to Phil for welcoming us to Corinella and for looking after the bar.

See everyone next week at San Remo at 10am.



Sandra Read (left) won the Ladies Singles championship in a tight contest against Marlene Puncher.

Ladies' singles championship

Last Sunday the grand final of the Ladies Singles championship was held between Marlene Puncher and Sandra Read, and we were treated to some wonderful bowling by both ladies. A large crowd watched Mar-

lene and Sandra in a very tight contest with Sandra coming out on top with a 25-to-19-win.

Congratulations to Sandra on winning the Ladies Singles championship.



Clive Smith (left) defeated Pat Ryan, taking out the Men's Minors grand final.

Men's Minors competition

The Men's Minors grand final was held between Pat Ryan and Clive Smith and what a game of bowls it was, with some wonderful bowling

by both bowlers.

Congratulations to Clive Smith on winning the Minors championship.



From left, social bowls winners Gary Storer, Di Pollock and Neville Stevens.

Social bowls

With the wind and rain, it made conditions for playing bowls difficult, but our bowlers handled the

conditions extremely well.

Runners up: Skip Lindsay Meredith, 3rd Marilyn King and Lead Joan Farmer. Congratulations to our winners: Skip Neville Stevens, 3rd Di Pollock and Lead Gary Storer.



Chad Garret placed second in the Open Men's competition. Photo: Andrew Lidsey @bunpix.

That's a wrap: surfing, Santa and Steve Cousins

After an unpredictable few weeks of wild wind, Santa certainly brought sunshine, surf and a stunning day for the Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC).

PIBC held their last Supergroms and Aggregate competition for 2022 on Saturday, December 10.

It proved to be a fantastic turnout for both surfers and spectators.

Thanks to the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club for helping with transporting our competition set up back from Magiclands, the competition ran smoothly, and the conditions were great and held up for the entire day, 12 hours of surfing.

It was perfect for our end of year event, Santa showed up at presentation night with a bang, surprising the Supergroms with gifts, jokes and live music from Steve Cousins. Santa even returned to show us a few moves on the dance floor.

The raffle and auction were a huge success.

A special thanks to all the generous donations and members for buying the tickets, we raise over \$2000 which will help to get the Phillip Island Team to Newcastle for the Australian Boardriders Battle next year in February.

Awards

Rip Curl Phillip Island, Mick Fanning Surfboard went to Gemma Ricardo.

Phillip Island Apartments, donated by Sally Genser and won by Charlie Dennison.

Balance Health Physiotherapist, donated by Kara Cassells, the winner was Maya Scott.

Epokhe Sunglasses, donated by Patchula Thompson and won by Dave and Mason.

The Ivy Plant Studio, donated by Jaz and Kaz and won by the Lynch Family.

Thank you to past member Ty Sorati for the chasing up some amazing, signed WSL rash vests.

We auctioned off a rare Yellow Jeep Leaderboard rashie, worn and signed by Stephanie Gilmore, eight-time world champion.

The lucky winner was Jaz from Ivy Plant Studio with the highest bid of \$550!

Next year is looking to be a big one with a Festival of Surfing in February.

Event results

With 147 registrations the day was jam-packed with surfing from 6am to 6pm.



Abbey Clarke placed first in the U16 Female Cadets. Photo: Andrew Lidsey @bunpix.

The Club is seeing very healthy numbers across all divisions, with good vibes and competition.

Notable awards for stand-out performance:

Charlie gets the upside-down award for always going vert and defying the laws of gravity.

Jarra (board breaker) will be visiting Island again this week to order a new board, also known as the Cut-back King.

Bill Hosking noted for his two barrels, but he was outdone by Sammy Fullarton who caught an epic long barrel later in the day.

Max Boulton received the Wipeout award for being drilled by the lip, then junior Evie Lutz showed us a real wipeout after getting absolutely flogged by a chunky one.

Captain acknowledgment goes to two juniors, Tate Russell and Jarra Cicero for making their first open men's final with Phillip Island.

U18 Junior Female: 1st Sonia Suren, 2nd Jazz Mau and 3rd Sophia Hun-

gerford.

U18 Junior Male: 1st Tate Russell, 2nd Isaac Ringrose and 3rd Eden Goldsbury.

U16 Cadet Female: 1st Abbey Clarke, 2nd Maeve Wilkinson and 3rd Jade Hilford.

U16 Cadet Male: 1st Rye Cicero, 2nd Jarra Cicero and 3rd Lachie Eastwood.

Over 35 Women: 1st Dannielle Baylis, 2nd Natalie Van Der Heyden and 3rd Helen Kelly.

Senior Men (28-45): 1st Adrian Mayer, 2nd Sam Fullarton and 3rd William Hosking.

Masters (45-60): 1st Glyndon Ringrose, 2nd Adrian Mayer and 3rd Dumpy.

Legends (60+): 1st Mal Gregson, 2nd Andrew Lidsey and 3rd Robert Matthews.

Open Women: 1st Sonia Suren, 2nd Jade Hilford and 3rd Dannielle Baylis.

Open Men: 1st Glyndon Ringrose, 2nd Chad Garret and 3rd Jarrah Cicer.



The U10's girls all showed great skill and played a fantastic season. Photo: Rachel Louise Photography.

Island basketballers battle it out in grand final

Women's competition

This season saw the launch of our pilot season of Women's Basketball, and what an amazing season it was.

A huge thanks to Kellie and Jo who spearheaded the grant process, and with the support of Bass Coast Shire Council's grant, and Westernport Waters support for uniforms, our competition planning began.

We hoped to field four teams for a short season, and with over 60 attending our info night, we were blown away by the enthusiasm and support from women across the island.

When we opened regos, we had potential for up to 10 teams, and sold out in 13 minutes.

Two weeks later we were on court, 12 teams and over 100 women strong.

An amazing success for our pilot season saw ladies with all levels of experience, as well as those that had never played basketball take the court with lots of laughs and enthusiasm each week.

We look forward to the competition returning next season and hope to include even more ladies from across the island in what is a fantastic way to

stay fit and enjoy sport with friends.

Grand Final: Ninety-nine problems but a swish aint one, 16 defeated the odd balls, 15.

Junior competition

Another season complete for the Phillip Island and District Basketball association Junior competition.

We saw increased numbers across all age groups with teams at capacity, and a great season had by all.

We had some great grand finals coming down to the final seconds to decide the games.

Results

U10 Boys: Tigers 25 defeated Wizards 7, Hawks 11 defeated Bears 7 and Wildcats 16 defeated Rangers 13.

U12 Boys: 36ers 27 defeated Rockets 25, MVP went to Flynn Riley and the Little Ripper Award was presented to Flynn Doig.

U14 Boys: Sonics 40 defeated Bulls 36, MVP went to Max Jess and the Little Ripper Award was presented to Ty Amato.

U16/18 Boys: Thunder 62 defeated Bullets 47 and MVP went to Bailey Hennessy.

U10 Girls: Emeralds 12 Defeat-

ed Mermaids 8 and Dolphins 6 defeated Diamonds 4.

U12 Girls: Hornets 20 defeated Waves 17, MVP went to Piper Nicolaci and the Little Ripper Award was presented to Indy Keady.

U14/18 Girls: Ravens 44 defeated Vipers 28, MVP went to Hope Oats and the Little Ripper Award was presented to River Scott.

A big thanks to our amazing referee crew who have helped keep our competition, and our fantastic committee.

A big shout out to Branca and Andrew McFarlane who finished up midyear, who have dedicated many years to the growth and development of our club.

We also said goodbye to Jo Robinson who finished up after 12 years and who had a pivotal role in the growth of the club.

We are forever grateful for their commitment and all they have given to get our great club to the place it is now.

Our new season is set to start in the new year.

Stay tuned to our Facebook page for expression of interest form and registration details.



The U10's boys all played a stellar grand final over the weekend. Photo: Rachel Louise Photography.



Rugged up at Marshalling, but still all smiles at Warragul LC meet.

SGB swim in Warragul

Forty-five SGB swimmers braved a chilly Sunday morning at Warragul to enjoy the last Gippsland Swim meet for 2022.

The sun shone through, as did the smiles as swimmers shaved a few milliseconds off their personal bests.

For many, it was their chance to add to their

events and be part of the 55 strong team heading to Country Championships in one month's time.

Coach Gilly watched on, offering encouraging words to swimmers after their events and celebrating their efforts in the pool.

SGB featured regularly in the ribbons as a number of competitors were among the places.

Christmas celebrations at Croquet Club

Last Sunday, the Phillip Island Croquet Club members, partners and friends gathered at its new pavilion in the Blue Gum Reserve for the club's very joyous Christmas breakup celebration and enjoyed the delicious Christmas fare provided by Kristos of Cowes.

Club President, John Swarbrick, informed the gathering that in 2024 the club would be celebrating 50 years of its existence.

The Club was initially formed after a few ladies started playing croquet on a home lawn, and the rest, as they say, is history.

The Club has had a successful croquet year with some newer members playing in the

Gippsland pennant competition for the first time with some very good results.

It has also signed up new members to come and learn the croquet game. Looking for a new challenge, why not try croquet?

Golf croquet can be learned in minutes, can be played by the young and the not so young, the fit and not so fit.

Anyone interested in learning to play this wonderful game can contact the Secretary, Claire Earl, on 0403 690 237 or you are welcome to just come along to the club located in the Blue Gum Reserve, Dunsmore Road, Cowes, on Thursday or Friday mornings at 10am.



Croquet club members, partners and friends at the Christmas breakup celebration.

Phillip Island Bridge club results

Monday December 5 was the second session for club teams.

The winning team were Bron Sund, Ann Green, Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman.

In second place were Don and Trish Stewart-Uden, Jill Short and Graham Mckergow.

Greg Nicholson, Deb Anglim, Lois Dwyer and Anne Gibson finished third.

Overall results for the event were Bron Sund, Ann Green, Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman in first place, Greg Nicholson Deb Anglim, Lois Dwyer and Anne Gibson second, and Don and Trish Stewart-Uden, Jill

Short and Graham Mckergow in third place.

Wednesday December 7 was a fun individual Christmas event.

Everyone brought a plate and shared a lovely lunch and of course played bridge.

Jim Murphy won the day on a healthy 66.25 per cent. Bron Sund tied with Paul Waylen to finish second on 56.25 per cent. Caroline Shaw took third place on 55.42 per cent.

Our dear friend Trish Stewart-Uden is currently in hospital. On behalf of all members, we send her best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Euchre results

Ladies' winner: Mary O'Brien, six wins.

Men's winner: Les Walton, six wins.

Encouragement award: Joan Baker.

Please contact Bob Hee for any further Information 0418 173 388.

Last night for 2022 is December 15, resume 7.30pm, February 2, 2023.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year everyone. Be safe.

Junior cricket takes home win

Another great weekend for Leongatha Junior Representative Cricket with the under 13s and 15s playing Warragul on Sunday and both having a win.

There is some special talent coming through these two teams which will see LDCA Juniors playing some great Cricket in the Gippsland Junior Competitions.

Next Sunday we have the LDCA under 12s and 14s playing a game against Warragul with the 14s playing at Korumburra on Turf and the 12s at Koonwarra.

We thank Korumburra Cricket Club for the use of their facilities and Don McQueen for his help with getting a Turf Pitch ready for the two games, which has a lot of work involved, also to Koonwarra for making their facilities available for the under 12s.

Special thanks to all the coaches, managers, parents and grandparents for supporting the players for training and matches, this is so important in junior sport.

The under 13s, coached by Brett DeBono (Inverloch) travelled to Eastern Park Warragul. Warragul won the toss and batted against LDCA's opening bowlers Jobe Williams (P Island) and Louis Reed (KLRSL) and were under pressure early, with Louis taking an early wicket finishing with 2 for 6 off 6 overs and Jobe 0 for 4 off 6 overs.

George Edwards (K'Burra) 0 for 15 off 5 overs bowled steadily together with Ty Debono (Inverloch) 2 for 4 breaking open the top order and then the three Phillip Island boys Brydon Marshall, Jackson Allan and Archie Williams bowled 9 overs for 10 runs with Brydon picking up a wicket.

Cooper Newman (Inverloch), 2 for 1 off three overs breaking Warragul's biggest partnership and from then on, they struggled to reach 8 for 71 off their 40 overs.

Max Johnston (Foster), Hudson Guymer (Nerrena), one wicket and Eamon Berryman (Nerrena) bowling eight tight

overs between them for six runs. Cole Munday (MDU) did a good job with the gloves in his first attempt at this level.

A good team effort with every player getting an opportunity to bowl showing the depth in this group.

After the break Cooper Newman and Eamon Berryman opened the batting and had added 34 when Cooper was caught for 19, they lost Ty Debono run out without scoring and Hudson Guymer without scoring Archie Williams for 5 to be 4 for 48.

Then Eamon Berryman retired 22, Jobe Williams run out 32, Louis Reed retired 22, Max Johnston retired 20 pushed the score for LDCA to five for 140.

LDCA lost a couple of late wickets Brydon Marshall and Jackson Allan without scoring with Cole Munday remaining not out 0. LDCA finishing 7 for 140 off 34.3 overs a good team victory making it three wins out of three games, a great effort and giving them a great chance of playing in the finals on January 29.

The under 15s won the toss and batted on the Turf. There was a little bit in it early against a good Warragul attack; they lost their Captain Andot Mankhong (Club) for one with the score at ten, but Riley Harris and Rhys Newman (both Inverloch) steadied the ship and added 58 before Riley was a bit unlucky to be dismissed for 40.

Rhys lost three partners in taking the score to 100; Roy Checkley 1 (Korumburra), Heath Womersley 3 (P. Island) and Clayton Quaife 4 (OMK).

Rhys and Kade Berryman (Nerrena) added 42 when Rhys was dismissed for a very good 70 trying to push the score. Rhys has a big future in cricket and is now playing Seniors at Inverloch.

Kade made 16, Klayton McGrath 7 (Imperials), Archie Casey 2 (Imperials), George McCausland 7 (P. Island) and Archie Gannon 3 (Nerrena), not out. All lost their wickets in an endeavour to push the score along.

LDCA finishing all out 164 off 49.5 overs a very competitive score at this level.

Best Bowlers for Warragul Dane Hammond 4 for 30 and Nate Murphy 3 for 8 off their ten overs.

After Lunch Warragul batted with Isaac Bolge (Imperials) and George McCausland taking the new ball, they bowled very tight, Isaac 0 for 9 and George 0 for 12 off their six overs.

Heath Womersley 0 for 10 off 6 overs and Bryce Riddell (Korumburra) 2 for 7 off five overs bowled well in support of the opening bowlers to have Warragul 2 for 38 well behind in the scoring rate chasing 164.

LDCA with the possibility of rain, bowled their spinners 10 overs each; Kade Berryman 1 for 35 and Andot Mankhong 2 for 25. Both bowled well to have Warragul 5 for 84.

Jesse Jagoe 24 not out and Nate Murphy 25 not out added some late runs, but they finished 5 for 131 off their 50 overs losing by 33 runs with Joseph Sheehan 35 top scoring.

Archie Gannon 0 for 14, Archie Casey 0 for 14 and Klayton McGrath 0 for 5 bowled some late overs.

Riley Harris and Clayton Quaife both did a good job with the gloves.

Great to see Mitch Clark (Nerrena) and Evan Allaway (Casey/Korumburra) at the game, these two cricketers have been helping the under 15s squad training. Thank you both for your support of the boys.

Thank you to our sponsors of Junior Cricket: Wonthaggi Toyota, Evans Petroleum, Schreurs & Sons Tarwin, along with our new sponsors Luke Manders Plumbing (ex LDCA player) and MJA Accounting (Morrison Jeffers).

It is great for Junior Cricket to have sponsors prepared to support Cricket.

We have Tim Niven, Xavier Lamers, Tadgh Gannon and Aydan Williams representing Gippsland in the Youth Premier League this week in the State under 16 Championships.

Scouts celebrate paddle gear project

Over the last 12 months, Phillip Island Scout Group received two grants from Bass Coast Shire Council through the Community Grants Program, to purchase sit-on-top kayaks, paddles, and associated safety gear as part of Scouting's Adventurous Activities challenges.

These challenges allow our Scouting youth, and leaders, to try out and pursue activities they might not otherwise be able to do, to set goals and pursue these activities to whatever level of skills they want, learning responsible risk-taking, leadership, and working in small teams' skills, which is what scouting is all about.

These adventurous activities are based firstly on the core skills of scouting: bushcraft, bushwalking, and camping, and includes land-based activities in three categories of alpine, cycling, and vertical, and water-based activities: aquatics, boating, and paddling.

"These grants allowed us to purchase four double kayaks, two single kayaks and paddles, so our youth can be taken out in small groups with leaders qualified to Paddle Australia standard, to make the most of living in this wonderful part of the world," a Scouts spokesperson said.



Phillip Island Scouts Group senior kayak instructor/Cub Leader Wayne "Mang" Carter, with Cubs in yellow shirts, Scouts in Green shirts, and Rover Niko in red shoulder shirt.

derful part of the world," a Scouts spokesperson said.

"We also purchased personal flotation devices, paddling jackets to keep dry and warm while out on the water, helmets, and carts to be able to walk the kayaks down to the beach.

"While we are out and about in these kayaks, we will also be able to study the aquatic environment in this area, which is also an important part of understanding and caring for our local environment."

This Adventurous Activ-

ity under the paddling category will allow the scouts to combine groups of youngest members, Cubs, with the progressively older members Scouts, Venturers and Rovers, to all learn paddling skills with the assistance of qualified leaders, with the youth gaining skills in the nine stages of the Outdoor Adventure Skills framework.

"This allows our youth who are older or have more advanced skills to be able to sign off these stages for those youth who have gained skills up to two stages below them."



Chris Williams with son River (both on board) and elder son Hunter having fun in the sun on Friday at Cat Bay. The family affair was caught on camera by local photographer John Stapleton (Stapo Photo).

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TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 14 DEC	THU 15 DEC	FRI 16 DEC	SAT 17 DEC	SUN 18 DEC	MON 19 DEC	TUE 20 DEC
HIGH 5:47 am 2.96 m	HIGH 6:19 am 2.89 m	HIGH 6:49 am 2.83 m	LOW 12:29 am 0.79 m	LOW 1:07 am 0.91 m	LOW 1:52 am 1.05 m	LOW 2:45 am 1.19 m
LOW 11:34 am 0.99 m	LOW 12:06 pm 0.98 m	LOW 12:38 pm 0.96 m	HIGH 7:19 am 2.76 m	HIGH 7:52 am 2.68 m	HIGH 8:28 am 2.61 m	HIGH 9:11 am 2.53 m
HIGH 5:30 pm 2.52 m	HIGH 6:08 pm 2.48 m	HIGH 6:47 pm 2.44 m	LOW 1:12 pm 0.92 m	LOW 1:47 pm 0.87 m	LOW 2:28 pm 0.81 m	LOW 3:15 pm 0.74 m
LOW 11:21 pm 0.60 m	LOW 11:54 pm 0.69 m		HIGH 7:31 pm 2.41 m	HIGH 8:23 pm 2.40 m	HIGH 9:24 pm 2.42 m	HIGH 10:32 pm 2.49 m

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Opening batsman Jonty Manning batted beautifully for a well-made 69 runs, 13-year-old Zach Hughes made his senior cricket debut wicket keeping wonderfully for the full 35 overs and Dave 'Poison' Ivy played his first game for the club after a 10-year break from cricket.

Island cricketers keep their winning streak

A2 Cricket

Following a strong win last week against Nyora, the A2 Sharks looked to keep the winning streak going this week against Glen Alvie.

The Sharks won the toss and elected to bowl. This decision was supported as Glen Alvie lost two quick wickets thanks to a strong start from Clint Wilson and George McCausland.

Heath Womersley kept the pressure on in the middle leading to three of his own wickets.

Tim Niven and Clint continued the onslaught leaving Glen Alvie 7-102 however Glen Alvie's captain was still not out, and he began to put the foot down making a hard-fought century.

He didn't have much support from the other end as Glen Alvie made it to 190 before going all out.

Kohen Beaumont and Sarith Angelo opened the batting for the Sharks getting us off to a strong start before Kohen chipped one to a fielder.

This brought Tom Blackwell to the crease. He and Angelo built a strong partnership before Angelo was dismissed for 41.

Skipper Clint Wilson put on a powerful partnership with Tom leading the Sharks to 144 before Clint was caught.

Dave Womersley was next in, and he and Blackwell saw the Island through to the end.

Tom finished on 72 and Dave 16.

A great win from the Sharks moving us up to second on the ladder.

We take on Meeniyan at Cowes next week in the last game before the Christmas break.

B2 Cricket

We were blessed with a beautiful day as we welcomed Nerrena to Newhaven for our one-day clash.

Skipper Connor Epifano won

the toss and elected to bat, and along with Max Arceo, the pair headed out to the middle to start our innings.

Connor looked promising early, although a few nice shots proved the outfield slower than expected.

Unfortunately, Max was caught early off a leading edge and when Connor skied a pull-shot, we were in early trouble at 2/11.

Henry Peppard and Jack Keating began the recovery mission and after a few overs of consolidation, the pair began to build a nice partnership, the runs starting flow with some great shots and good running making up for the slow outfield, getting us to the drinks break at 2/85 off 20 overs.

The break didn't help Henry who was trapped LBW for a very well made 35.

Andrew Finlayson joined Jack and the pair continued on at a steady rate, the score reaching 115 as Jack brought up an excellent 50 in the 26th over, but was then dismissed caught behind the next ball to a belter of a delivery.

Andrew Tolley came and went for a quick-fire 12, next in Andy O'Brien, sponsored by Rusteeze, made a positively glacial 6.

Tarryn Allan joined Finno and when the latter was out for a solid 30, we were 157 with three overs to go.

Tarryn finished not out on 12 as we completed our innings reaching 166 off our 40 overs.

With the wind picking up and the outfield getting faster by the minute, we needed to start well.

The skipper opened with Toll and Dan Caffieri, and although they created some chances, anything loose was jumped on and now racing over the outfield to the boundary.

After 10 overs and the score on 50, Tarryn was brought on with Harry Arceo, and young H struck with his second delivery clean

bowling the Nerrena opener.

With the scoreboard slowing, the Nerrena batsmen took off for a single, Jack Huther diving spectacularly, getting the ball in to the keeper, with both batsmen at one end it was thrown to Harry, and it was 2/62.

With the score 2/80 at drinks, the game was in the balance, and although the fielding was excellent and we were bowling well and without luck, the Nerrena pair were looking like cruising to victory pushing the score into the 130s.

Tarryn came back into the attack and dismissed Elava for 38, and when Toll removed Murphy for 34 with the first ball of his over, it was 4/137 with 10 overs to go and the excitement levels were rising.

Another wicket in Tarryn's next over, followed by a run out from the re-introduced Caff in his follow through had the opposition nervous at 6/155.

With Jack Huther bowling tight at the other end, Caff picked up another wicket in his next over to have us right in the game, and with Jack then grabbing his own wicket after a great catch by Keats, the score was 8/161 with only two overs to go.

With the skipper unlucky to go for three runs in the penultimate over, Jack Huther had the ball for the last over with only two needed for victory.

The Nerrena number 10 swung wildly and was lucky to pierce a gap for 4, Jack clean bowling him next ball as we played out the over to finish the match, Nerrena finishing 9/173.

Harry the pick of the bowlers, his figures of 1/33/8 not a true reflection of his great spell.

A great effort in the field, and a great fightback considering the youth in our side, some great signs for the future of our club.

RSL man of the match: Henry

Peppard for his 35 and fantastic fielding effort.

C1 Cricket

After a very wet winter and spring, Royal Rhyll had finally dried out enough to host its first game of the season.

The Sharks hosted Nyora, who sent the Sharks in to bat.

Manning and Excell opened the batting and got off to the usual solid start, until Excell was caught for 9.

Francis and Manning got the Island to drinks, however in a feeble attempt to get the score moving, Francis was caught for 15.

Debutant Dave 'poison' Ivy was next in, and he smashed some big shots before being caught for 14.

Marshall joined Manning and he was turning the strike over before being bowled for 6.

Asurami had a brief stay as a mix up resulted in him being run-out for 1.

Manning was the next to be dismissed, for a well-made 69.

Cleary joined Satchin and put on 37 to get the Sharks to 167 after their 35 overs.

Nyora's batting got off to a shaky start when debutant Zac Hughes held on to a sharp chance off Cleary's bowling with Zac's first catch as a senior wicket keeper.

Marshall took a great catch to give Francis a wicket, 2/30.

Nyora built a partnership which was finally broken when Asurami caught a skied ball off Mani's bowling.

This triggered a collapse as Asurami grabbed a wicket with a catch to Francis and Satchin got two wickets, both bowled.

Ivey got his first wicket for PIDCC in the last over, bowled, and followed up with a second LBW.

Nyora finished 8/76.

Sharks win, congratulations to both David and Zac on their debuts.

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