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One local farmer is getting into the spirit of Christmas. This Santa and his reindeers in the field on the Bass Highway just before the Phillip Island turn off, is getting plenty of love from Islanders. "My kids were so happy to see this! Thanks to whoever does it," one resident posted. "It's such a wonderful pop of happiness when driving down to the island," said another. We agree!

San Remo traders frustrated by new parking limits

San Remo businesses are calling on Bass Coast Shire to issue trader parking permits, after the introduction of timed parking in Marine Parade.

For the first time in the hamlet's history, one- and two-hour parking limits have been introduced in the main street.

While some residents and businesses were neutral or supportive of the changes, several traders said it had made operating their enterprise more difficult.

Bendigo Bank's Sally Croker

said staff were setting alarms every two hours in order to move their cars to avoid fines, with parking inspectors spotted roaming last week.

"My alarm goes off in front of customers and I have to rush out and move my car," said Sally, adding the bank's four staff faced the same quandary.

"It's ridiculous. There are customers at the hairdressers who move their cars with foils on their hair, and what happens to people who want to catch the V-Line bus,

do they have to park at the recreation reserve and walk?"

Sally said parking on Wynne Avenue was not always easy or safe, especially during school drop-off times.

"There's a domino effect from this and we don't have anywhere else safe to park in the dark or rain. In winter restrictions will be pointless."

She said she had emailed the shire up to six times to request trader parking permits but had not had a response.

Sally added she was concerned shire CEO Ali Wastie viewed this as a "low level" issue, referring to comments Ms Wastie previously made to the Advertiser that she would not answer journalists' questions that she considered minor.

The shire last week told the Advertiser they would not be providing a response to our questions about San Remo's parking restrictions – including trader requests for parking permits – and would aim to upload information on the shire's website.

"Frustrating"

San Remo Fisherman's Co-op manager Paul Mannix said the new restrictions next to the co-op – five x one hour parking limits – were frustrating, especially for staff.

He said they were asked by the shire for feedback, before the restrictions were introduced, and made subsequent contact through emails, but none of their comments were included in the final roll-out.

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Quieter weekend as Schoolies winds down

The behaviour of Schoolies over the weekend was “pretty good”, according to local police.

Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Morison said the number of Schoolies in the area was declining with many leaving on Saturday.

“On Friday night, we estimate there were between 500 – 700 young people, and the majority were out on the Jetty,” he said.

“There were a few fireworks set off, which is not ideal, but compared to the previous weekend, things were pretty tame.”

By Saturday night, he said there were a small number of Schoolies, as well as locals out in the Jetty Triangle.

One man was arrested for assault and investigations are ongoing.

During the week, Acting Snr Sgt Morison said police took a proactive approach



Several illegal beach fires were lit by Schoolies last week, including in front of the Esplanade and east along the Erewhon Point beach.

with the Schoolies and found they were happy to engage and talk with police officers.

“We feel that has been a huge positive.

“The feedback from the

Red Frogs over the weekend was that this was one of the safest schoolie events they’ve been at on Phillip Island.”

Acting Snr Sgt Morison said the proactive community policing approach, along with considerable police numbers helped curtail the behaviour.

“We were supplied with extra numbers over the weekend and throughout the Schoolies event.

“We want people to come here and have fun, but also want them to respect the community.”

He said the majority of complaints during the Schoolies celebrations were for noisy house parties.

Extra police have been rostered on for the coming weekend and with a busy summer ahead, the increased police numbers will roll over into the holiday season.



Many residents along Settlement Road in Cowes, woke last week to find their bins had been overturned, courtesy of visiting schoolies.

High powered maintenance

Local residents might notice low flying helicopters over their homes this week, but there’s no cause for alarm.

AusNet Services advised their helicopter and crew will be flying in the Phillip Island area, as it “undertakes inspections of poles and wires to maintain a safe and reliable power network”.



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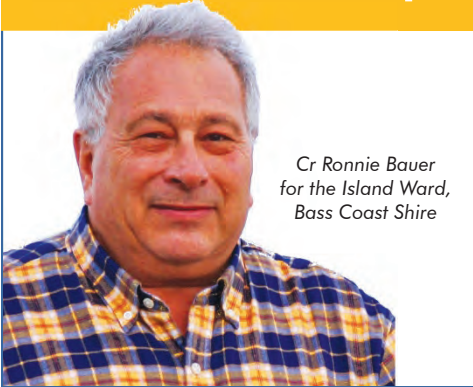
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Frustrations grow at reduced library services

Library users have been reassured there will be no gap in services before the new library is opened in 2023.

However, some library users may be frustrated by continued limited services.

Since the Cowes library was closed and demolished last month, local residents say the replacement services fall short and islanders will not have access to full services for at least 15 months.

Island Voice spokeswoman Linda Marston asked how library services to Phillip Island would be provided before the new Cultural Centre was built.

"It seems there is no plan to relocate Phillip Island's library before the new Cowes Cultural Centre opens" Linda said.

"Surely a temporary site should be found, so the library can provide the full range of services we need."

Myli - My Community Library CEO Leanne Williams said the San Remo library hours had been extended, open until 6pm, Monday to Friday and Saturdays until 1pm.

"It's 17km from Cowes, 7km from Rhyll and 2km from Newhaven with a kid's corner, lounge areas, printing, public pcs and free wi-fi," Leanne said.

"We're also hosting regular baby rhyme times, storytimes, a school holiday program line up and more to come."

She said for those unable to travel, a home delivery service via Australia Post was available and a click and collect service at PICAL in Church Street, Cowes (Tuesday afternoons from 1pm, Wednesdays until 2pm, Thursdays until 1pm and a returns chute will be available soon for afterhours returns).

"We understand this does cause some disruption to library patrons who may be regular visitors to the Cowes library."

PICAL

Linda said while the current PICAL library service was "not optimal", the "real problem" would come in the middle of 2022 when PICAL was scheduled to move into their new building on Warley Avenue and the Church Street site would be demolished for the community hospital.

"PICAL's new Warley Avenue premises will not be able to house even this basic library operation, leaving the island without a library of



Local resident Gayle Rowden has worked in libraries her whole life and loves them. She said even though the PICAL click and collect was "different from what everyone is used to, it's fantastic having a place in Cowes where you can pick up your 'on holds' and return books". Gayle is grateful she doesn't have to go to San Remo to visit a library.

any sort until the new cultural centre is built," Linda said.

Previously the shire said the new Cultural Centre would be open by December 2022, but it has now been pushed back to February 2023.

Chair of the PICAL committee of management Jeff Lloyd reassured there wouldn't be a gap "as we will continue to work closely with Bass Coast Shire to ensure continuity of services".

"We met recently with the shire to finalise the detailed design," Jeff said.

Leanne said they were being kept in the loop regarding timeframes about PICAL's relocation plans.

"At this stage, we have no confirmed timeframes and will continue to work with them to put any alternative plans in place should we need to relocate before the new library facility is built."

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said the PICAL Warley Avenue development received its planning permit in October and was on schedule to be completed by mid-2022.

"Officers will work with PICAL to manage the transition from their existing site to the new building in Warley Avenue," Ali said.

Criticism

Long-time library user Gill Scrase agreed the reduced library services would impact a large section of the community for many months.

"I am able to access books online but a lot of people can't and library supporters were thinking there are plenty of vacant buildings in Cowes, such as the former newsagency that could be used as an interim library," Gill said.

"We have a growing Phillip Island community and books are extremely important in our lives for all ages."

She said accessing San Remo's new library was equally not possible for some residents.

Aside from book collections, Gill said libraries were important for other services that can't be accessed online, such as socialising and children's activities.

Cowes resident Sally Matthews said the library closure had left the most vulnerable in the community, such as the elderly and young mums, without resources.

"While it is generous of PICAL to welcome the library into their fold, the service the library has put in place is not sufficient," Sally said.

"The hours vary so much you need to write them on your hand to remember them! The click and collect means those who wanted to use the library as an outing cannot and I suggest the library corporation has taken advantage of what was acceptable during Covid to become the norm."

Sally commended the extension of library hours in San Remo but added Phillip Island had limited public transport.

"My mother said the other day, 'the elderly are invisible'. She was referring to the service now offered by the library," she said, adding that her mother lived in Rhyll where postal services were difficult.

"The new library will be wonderful, but how many years does this community have to tolerate this less than adequate Band-Aid?"

We're implementing new safer speed limits on Phillip Island from late 2021

Every day, thousands of people rely on the roads across Phillip Island to get to the shops, go to school or work, and spend time with their families.

In partnership with council, we have undertaken an island-wide review of speed zones on 100km/h roads, with the goal of using evidenced-based data to decide whether these high-speed zones need a speed reduction to minimise road trauma on Phillip Island.

Department of Transport Gippsland Acting Director, Henry Lam, said his number one priority is keeping people safe on our roads.

"Phillip Island is unlike any other part of Victoria. Despite the introduction of various treatments over the years which aimed to reduce crashes with wildlife, we haven't had enough of a reduction of crashes with animals.

"We've taken the time to speak with local police, organisations, community groups and industry, as well as peak bodies such as RACV and Phillip Island Nature Parks who have expressed their support for safer speeds.

"The community told us Coghlan Road and Cowes-Rhyll Road are important routes for freight and industry. Because of this feedback, we have decided to maintain the existing speed limit on these roads until we have completed further investigations."

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Loss of loos a peeve

Reduced library services aren't the only cause for concern since the demolition of the Heritage Centre.

Last week residents took to social media to vent their frustrations at the lack of toilets in Cowes.

Ben Miles wrote that the only public loos available in the vicinity of Thompson Avenue were at the foreshore and the transit station.

"Last week I was a bit desperate and the foreshore was closed for whatever reason so I ended up having to nip into my wife's workplace as I couldn't find another toilet," he wrote, adding there was no signage for tourists to indicate a toilet at the transit centre.

Erica Hogan agreed saying as a high-density tourist area more facilities were needed.

"They want the tourists and their money but don't want to supply amenities for them and the community in general."

Sandra Carr said "I hate to see how bad the situation is going to get over the holiday season".

"As a local with an elderly parent and grandchildren I take shopping a couple of times a week the public toilet situation is a bad joke," Sandra said.

Some commented the Coles toilets were often out of order and the Woolworths facilities were over-used in holiday season and in disarray.

Steve Cockrane said the toilets in the new cultural centre would be worth the wait.

"The benefits that centre will bring to the island will outweigh the inconvenience."



The \$4.98 million Cowes Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade continues, according to the 2020-21 Annual Report, which also noted record levels of water consumption.

Hardship up, water use up

A record number of households have received hardship grants from Westernport Water in the wake of COVID-19.

And the pandemic also saw near record levels of water consumption, with an average daily 238 litres per capita in 2020-21, compared to 144 litres the previous year, due to non-permanent residents relocating here.

Westernport Water's newly-released 2020-21 annual report shows \$15,507 worth of hardship grants – a total of 259 – were given in the past year, compared to \$4850 in 2019-20 (or 107 grants).

The water authority also had a big leap in the number of billing complaints "due to lockdown restrictions where property owners who were not able to access their property questioned receiving a bill", while the authority stopped debt collections during the pandemic.

Westernport Water is currently reviewing its bill prices for 2023-28, with the average water bill in the last year \$1179 (compared to \$1141 in 19-20).

Water consumption skyrocketed compared to the previous year, Westernport Water said.

"This is evident in the number of primary address changes required during the reporting period."

Water supply security

Westernport Water has secured Phillip Island's long-term water supply following a record \$9.2 million major projects program in 2020-21.

The Phillip Island Water Supply Security Project saw the construction of a 2.3 million litre steel water storage tank and a booster pump station, which will reduce water interruptions.

The \$4.98 million Cowes Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade continued to be built "to accommodate future growth" to 2036, which will ensure a reliable wastewater network with clarifiers or settling tanks built for continuous removal of solids.

The \$2.6 million San Remo Basin Renewal Project started in late 2021.

"The liner and cover of the basin is approaching the end of its useful life and will be replaced, protecting our water security and water quality for years to come," the report states.

The San Remo Basin to Cowes Pipeline Valves Renewal Project has been put out to tender, replacing valves and fittings to maintain the water supply to Phillip Island, replacing ageing pipeline brackets and fittings supporting the pipeline under the bridge, ensuring a reliable water and sewer service from San Remo to Phillip Island.

Water main renewal in Cowes and Ventnor – replacing ageing asbestos cement pipes with HDPE – is also being carried out to improve service reliability and water quality, reduce maintenance and repair costs and reduce potential property damage if the water main fails.

In Cape Woolamai, a water pressure manage-

ment program is expected to reduce water leakage and bursts to water pipes.

Westernport Water also purchased 32.6 ha of land at 1 Pyramid Rock Road, Cowes, to give new irrigation areas to meet its EPA license requirements and reuse targets.

The water authority's greenhouse gas emissions increased in comparison to last year due to more visitors to the region and the impact from stormwater entering the wastewater treatment plants from a greater than average rainfall year.

Snapshot

This year Dona Tantirimudalige was appointed as Westernport Water's new MD, with the annual report stating four executives are paid in the \$160,000 – \$179,000 bracket.

The report states finances are "healthy and strong", with \$27.7 million total revenue.

The water authority services 21,916 customers from 27 townships across 30km².

"The region has one of the highest ratios of visitors to residents of any destination in Australia. During peak periods, there can be approximately 120 visitors to every resident."

Water is supplied from Tennent Creek, with additional entitlements in low rainfall periods from the Bass River, groundwater from Corinnella Aquifer and Melbourne through the desalination pipeline, which was connected in 2019-20.

Council Update



Christmas Giving Trees

Our Christmas Giving Trees are now on display in all Customer Service Centres ready for your gifts! This annual donation drive is run by the Combined Welfare Group and helps ensure that Christmas is a special day for the whole Bass Coast community. If you would like to donate, please take your new, unwrapped gift, suitable for a child under 12 and place it under the Giving Tree at one of our Customer Service Centres in Wonthaggi, Grantville or Inverloch by Friday, 10 December or in Cowes by Thursday, 16 December.

Council Meeting 15 December

Council's next meeting will be livestreamed at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 15 December. Join us on the livestream link at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2021meetings. The agenda is released on Council's website on Friday, 10 December at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2021meetings. There is an opportunity in the Council Meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 1.00pm Monday, 13 December.

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Sewerage spills, blocks leave a bad taste



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About 60,000 litres of sewerage accidentally spilt into Western Port this year from an illegal stormwater connection at San Remo.

According to Westernport Water's annual report, on January 1 the water authority received odour complaints and found sewerage had entered the stormwater from an illegal connection.

"After locating the source of the sewerage that had entered the underground stormwater pipe-work, a volume of 60,000 litres of Westernport Water sewerage is estimated to have entered the stormwater system and into Westernport Bay," the report states.

In addition, 100 litres of sewerage was spilt at Wimbledon Heights, which entered the stormwater roadside drain.

"Both spills were immediately notified and reported to the EPA.

"Samples were collected at the receiving environment in San Remo and rectification works were carried out at the property that had allowed the sewerage to enter the stormwater network.

"Ocean samples did not show any adverse impact from the sewerage."

Last year about 10,000 litres of sewage accidentally spilt into the ocean off Newhaven, triggered by a power outage from a wet weather event at the Newhaven Sewer Pump Station.

Taste, smell?

There was also a big spike in water quality complaints about taste, discolouration and odour in the past year, which Westernport Water said was due to an increase in flows to meet demand when Melbourne-based travel restrictions were lifted. They also said there was an algal bloom at Candowie reservoir, "which is earlier in the season than we traditionally see".

Water quality complaints per 1000 customers was 9.35 in the past year, a jump on 2019-20 (.81).

"The higher than usual flow and velocity of water in the water mains due to an increase in usage, led to discolouration, as naturally occurring sediment from within the water main were resuspended. While the water was discoloured in some townships, it always remained safe to drink.

"This event was rectified in December 2020 ... which will reduce the likelihood of a similar event in the future."

Ironically, Westernport Water was last month awarded Victoria's best tasting tap water at an industry event, after being judged by a panel of



There was a spike in water quality complaints, which Westernport Water said was caused by algal blooms in Candowie reservoir and increased demand for water.

experts in a blind taste test.

However, the award was mocked by residents on social media.

One ratepayer said our local water killed fish in fish tanks "with their tanker loads of chemicals leading up to long weekends and holidays".

Shantelle said the award was "a joke": "I still find myself buying a slab of water or two for the week on the island for over 10 years".

Rob Burns said he fitted an undersink water filter rather than buying drinking water, adding local water "doesn't taste very good at all".

Westernport Water also experienced the biggest ever sewer blockage.

In June this year, the number of sewer main blockages per 100km was 5.4, (compared to 3.8

the year before).

"By not flushing baby wipes, hygiene wipes, cleaning wipes, paper towel, cleansing pads and sanitary products, customers can help us to avoid blockages to pumps and pipes and prevent potential damages to the environment," Westernport Water said.

"Our operations and maintenance team work hard to keep the sewage flowing, but we need everyone's help. We ask that customers stick to the three P's, pee, poo and toilet paper."

There was also an increase in water supply problems, with an average 141 minutes off water supply – unplanned and planned – in the past year compared to 83 in 2019-20, due to the water quality event in December.

eBike incident San Remo

A woman was knocked over and injured by an eBike in San Remo last Wednesday (December 1). Police from Wonthaggi attended. While eBikes can be used on combined footpaths and tracks, police said it was a reminder that eBike and scooter riders needed to adhere to the rules, and that riders over the age of 12 should not be on footpaths.

Tools stolen in Cowes

A Cowes tradesman had his work car broken into on Friday night and his tools stolen. The car was parked outside his home and the thieves' haul included Paslode gas guns, Ryobi fixing gun, Bostich coil gun, Makita drills, plainer, grinder and sander saw. Police are investigating and anyone with information is urged to contact Leading Constable Hollyoak at Cowes Police on 5952 2037 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000. www.crimestoppersvic.com.au

Nobbies

Police will prepare a report for the Coroner after a body was located at the base of a cliff at Nobbies Rocks on Thursday, December 2 about 9.15am.

Police said the cause of death is yet to be determined but it is not being treated as suspicious at this stage.

Drink driving

On November 24, a 57-year-old male heading towards Melbourne along Bass Highway lost control of his vehicle and struck a light pole around 11am. Police attended, and the man was breath tested on site – returning a reading of 0.123. He was issued a drink drive penalty notice.



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Stop Press: Nature Parks releases Wildlife Plan

The Phillip Island Wildlife Plan to manage wildlife on the island has been released.

Phillip Island Nature Parks said the plan balances the needs of both wildlife and the community.

The five-year plan was developed in response to the growth in populations of some species.

This includes Cape Barren geese, swamp wallabies and brush tailed possums that are affecting the island's environment and community through over-browsing of native vegetation and crops, damage to amenity and buildings, and interaction with cars.

The Draft Plan was released in November 2020 on the Engage Victoria website for community consultation, with input also sought through meetings and workshops with individuals and stakeholder groups and via online community consultation sessions.

During the consultation period for

the plan, the local community feedback included opposition to lethal wildlife control and wanting more done to limit development's impact on habitat destruction.

A consultation report released in March this year showed the community was largely divided on its response to the draft plan, with 50 per cent of respondents supporting it, six per cent undecided, and 44 per cent opposing it.

Phillip Island Nature Parks (PINP) said the plan aims to achieve a sustainable population of native wildlife that allows environmental, social, cultural, economic and farming activities to continue on Phillip Island.

Steering Committee Chair and PINP Chief Executive Catherine Basterfield thanked everyone who contributed to this complex community challenge.

"The community consultation process on the Draft Plan highlighted

strong support for non-lethal management methods. This aligns with what we have heard from landholders experiencing wildlife issues," Ms Basterfield said.

"The final plan reflects this and commits to exploring new and innovative management options that are effective and improve animal welfare."

A dedicated project officer has been appointed, and will start with prioritising tasks such as establishing governance arrangements, along with the roles and responsibilities required for overseeing the implementation of the plan.

"We are encouraged by the community's willingness to tackle wildlife management challenges and look forward to working together over the next five years to deliver new ways of managing abundant wildlife. We can't do it without you."

Over the next five years, the plan aims to:

- Ensure the community values wildlife and contributes to its management.

- Improve animal welfare.

- Reduce negative impacts of wildlife.

- Maintain a viable agricultural industry.

- Establish partnerships, including with the Bunurong people, to deliver effective wildlife management.

Steering Committee member and DELWP's Regional Director Gippsland, Darrin McKenzie said: "The plan aims to build knowledge and understanding of wildlife populations and their impacts. This will ensure the information used in decision making is credible, reliable and transparent."

"The plan includes partnership opportunities between agencies and landholders to deliver more effective wildlife management," Mr McKenzie said.

PINP said over past decades, the island's people, landscape, and wildlife have all benefited from management achievements and practices, such as eradicating foxes, restoring habitat, controlling weeds, and improving farming practices.

The Steering Committee, which oversaw the Plan's development, is made up of representatives from Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bass Coast Shire Council, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and local landholders. The committee worked closely with the traditional owners, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and key stakeholders including the local farming community, wildlife carers and tourism operators.

Read the plan: www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/our-wildlife/phillip-island-millow-wildlife-plan

A full analysis of the Wildlife Plan in next week's Advertiser.

Spruce up for roadside as Christmas approaches

With Christmas coming and record numbers of visitors expected for the holiday season, the Phillip Island Road needs some attention, with overgrown vegetation on the roadside from the bridge through to Cowes.

However Regional Roads Victoria has assured the Advertiser their crews are out getting roadsides Christmas ready, and their schedule includes Phillip Island Road.

Henry Lam, Acting Director Gippsland Region, Department of Transport said maintenance crews were currently working across the shire "undertaking grass and weed control" on arterial roads.

"Crews are working on the Bass Highway heading towards Phillip Island Road and will be on the Island in the lead up to Christmas to ensure minimal disruption over the peak holiday season."

RRV states it regularly inspects the road network to identify defects, treat hazards and maintain the roads in a safe and acceptable condition.

It encourages the community to report hazards and any concerns about the condition of the arterial road network by calling the hotline on 133 778.

Vegetation management on local roads is the responsibility of Bass Coast Shire Council.



RRV crews will be working on roadside grass and weed control along Phillip Island Road in the lead up to Christmas.

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Bass Coast Shire Council confirmed it is working with the Watkins family on a short term lease that will see the carnival return over the summer holidays. Photo courtesy of Island Summer Carnival.

Carnival lives to see another summer

Cowes' carnival owners have been given a reprieve to stay on their former 16ha property, despite the sale of the land being finalised in June.

Bass Coast Shire paid the Watkins family \$2.7 million for the carnival land, on the corner of the Phillip Island and Ventnor roads, after a final agreement earlier this year, avoiding the need for compulsory acquisition.

The land will be home to the Phillip Island Aquatics and Recreation Precinct, which according to the shire "will provide Phillip Island with essential recreation and aquatics facility to improve the health and wellbeing of the local community and visitors to the Island".

After announcing at Easter they had closed their doors for the last time, in August the carnival operators, the Watkins, were given a short-term lease.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie last week confirmed the Watkins would now

be open over the holiday period.

"We are working with the carnival operators for a short-term lease to operate the carnival over the upcoming summer period," Ms Wastie said, adding the site purchase was finalised on June 30, 2021 and was now owned by the shire.

"It is not an ongoing arrangement and has no impact on the pool."

The Watkins have run the carnival on the land for more than 20 years, and after about five decades of visiting the island, it had become a home base while they travelled Australia through the year with the carnival.

The Watkins were planning to retire on the land and council had several years ago approved a building permit for their home and soon after notified them of plans to compulsorily acquire.

The carnival site was originally part of 32ha owned by the Phillip Island Shire, at the time mooted as a recreation hub, but was sold to the

Watkins family by the commissioners for \$280,000 at the time of council amalgamations in 1994.

Eight years ago the Bass Coast Council identified the land as a location for a sports hub, aiming to turn the clock back to pre-1994.

The council that same year bought back 16ha of the original land (which lies immediately to the west of the carnival site) from the Watkins, paying in the vicinity of \$1 million for it, and calling it the Hilton Chadwick Reserve — for future use and development as part of a sporting precinct.

In 2018 the Bass Coast Council initiated a formal process, through Planning Scheme Amendment C153, to compulsorily acquire the remaining 16ha carnival land, explaining that by combining the Hilton Chadwick Reserve with the neighbouring original site, the consolidated 32ha would allow for more sports facilities.



Principal of Newhaven Primary School Sharyne Munday with Jordan Crugnale MP, celebrating the news that Newhaven Primary, as well as Cowes Primary, have been funded to provide outside school hours care.

Outside of school hours care increased

Two local schools will soon establish outside school hours care services, which will be welcome news to parents and families.

Cowes and Newhaven Primary Schools received funding from the state government to establish new outside school hours care.

State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale announced four schools in the Bass electorate are among 145 school sites across the state to share in almost \$10.7 million to establish a new outside school hours care service at their school from the beginning of 2022.

"This is such good news and will mean so much for our families as this support takes the pressure of their work and study commitments," Ms Crugnale said.

Cowes and Newhaven Primary Schools will receive up to \$75,000

per year over the next three years for their outside school hours care services — helping to establish new services and cover the cost of resources or equipment, setup and administration, facility upgrades, small service viability and transport.

Powlett River and Clyde Creek Primary Schools were also funded.

Ms Crugnale said the grants will increase the number of schools providing outside school hours care by 5.8 per cent in Melbourne and 42.9 per cent in regional Victoria.

She said by creating more outside school hours care services, the government is supporting more parents and carers to get back to work, study, training or as Victoria begins to recover from the coronavirus pandemic.

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San Remo resident Chris Day described Panorama Estate as an eyesore. "The fencing around the 'green area' that council is responsible for is still up and the whole area a disgrace."



The Panorama Estate includes partially built houses that "never seem to finish", with another resident saying the area was a fire hazard.

Panorama pain

— residents call for clean up

Residents say new housing estates in San Remo are being neglected.

The complaints come as residents of Shoalhaven Estate in Cowes wage an ongoing battle to get the developer, Bass Coast Shire Council and Melbourne Water to complete a long-overdue wetlands, and properly maintain the area.

Chris Day said San Remo residents were suffering from estates that are not properly completed or maintained.

"You might have a house on Panorama Road with million-dollar views but not anymore – just an eyesore.

"An estate where virtually nothing has happened for several years, and one Bass Coast Shire Council as the responsible author-

ity, as they issue the permits, do nothing about."

He said council were aware of complaints about the area, which includes partially built houses ("they never seem to finish"), dirty roads and footpaths overgrown with weeds, and unsecure fencing.

"The fencing around the 'green area' that council is responsible for is still up and the whole area a disgrace."

On social media, Stephen James Couch agreed the estate was problematic.

"Council needs to look at the fenced fire hazard in Panorama Estate San Remo," he wrote.

"If there's a fire in the overgrown bush, there's no access for our CFA to put it out."

Bass Coast Shire Council's CEO Ali Wastie said an officer had been

out to the estate at least twice in the past month.

"The developer and private owners were spoken with, and the problem was rectified. Council deemed the fencing to be satisfactory.

"We will continue to inspect the estate as required.

"Our Emergency Management Team has been prioritising long grass inspections to areas of high fire risk on urban fringes," Ms Wastie said.

"This estate was inspected by an Emergency Management Officer on December 2. A notice to comply has been issued, allowing 21 days for the grass to be cut."

Ms Wastie said the council didn't have the ability to enforce building works once titles had been issued and civil works completed.

PICAL worth millions to the community: report

Disguised as an old fibro shack on Church Street, the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre is a non-descript building many locals remain unaware of.

Yet a new Victoria-wide report shows PICAL is worth more than \$3 million to the local community annually.

The state-wide Neighbourhood House Survey 2021 found PICAL provided more than \$61,010 of value in just four days in August 2021 which, when extrapolated out to 50 weeks a year, is worth millions of dollars.

The report, which is supported by a range of key economic indicators including by Deloitte, found volunteer contributions alone in four days were worth more than \$26,000.

Emergency relief – such as food and groceries, fuel and bill payments totalled \$7000.

And services such as computer use, resume assistance and school breakfasts tallied \$15,000.

"The total community benefit is significantly greater than what has been valued here," the report concluded.

It also put a dollar figure on the value of social connection provided by PICAL, including helping the lonely, based on Deloitte analysis that found only new participants obtained social connection benefits, not including long-term PICAL participants.

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

PICAL manager Greg Thompson said the results were "fantastic" and were a testament to more than 200 volunteers.

"This was based on a survey of only four days in August 2021 when



A new Victoria-wide report shows PICAL is worth more than \$3 million to the local community annually, with manager Greg Thompson describing the results as "fantastic" and a testament to more than 200 volunteers.

Phillip Island had just emerged from one of the three-week Covid lockdowns, so this limitation has to be taken into account," he said.

"However, we were very busy during the survey period and those four days were typical of the amount of patrons who normally visit PICAL each day when we are fully operational."

"Very few other Neighbourhood Houses offer the same range of services as PICAL."

The report does not include community benefits also offered by PICAL, such as adult education and Centrelink help.

PICAL will next year move out of its Church Street home into its yet-to-be-built headquarters at 16 Warley Avenue, Cowes – formerly the site of Warley hospital.



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Newhaven College celebrates end of year

Newhaven College has had an outstanding year with students continuing to achieve excellence in their academic subjects and co-curricular programs. Below Mr Tony Corr reflects on his first year as Principal.

As we enter the final weeks of the school year there is a wonderful energy and optimism around the College. End of year exams and assessments have concluded. In the past week students have had a combination of experiences – recognition for their efforts in 2021 through our presentation and celebration ceremonies, a taste of what next year holds through orientation or early commencement programmes as well as some fun end of

year activities. The warmer weather, longer days and fewer masks has added to the collective spring in everyone's step. Summer holidays are nearly here.

No school year goes the way every student wants all of the time. And with the interruptions of 2021 it may have been an even harder year for students. But it is important that the year ends with a sense of optimism about 2022. That's one of the purposes of the end of year programme for our students.

At the recent end of year sub-school ceremonies, I shared a lesson I have learnt as Principal from Covid-19 over the past two years. One of the responsibilities I

have is to oversee the next Newhaven Strategic Plan, something I have been working on this year. A plan that I hope will be uniquely ours, will cherish and value what we are but aims to guide, direct, and inspire us into an exciting future. Having a strategic plan and a shared direction are very important, but it's actually not the most important. The most important thing is the next step we take. That's what the pandemic has taught me. To try something and make the most of today regardless of what tomorrow holds. It's what we do next on our journey. Because every journey is made up of steps. The people who I believe have suc-

ceeded through this period have one thing in common, they have simply got on with it. They haven't looked for excuses and blamed others. They have had the courage to commit to something in the knowledge it may not work out how they would like.

Our school community should be very proud of the way we have responded to the challenges of 2021. And now that we are back together it has made our end of year celebrations extra special. The students have accomplished a great deal this year and each of them should be looking forward to 2022.

Congratulations to our Major Award winners.

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Saffi Campbell Walker – The Don Cameron OAM Memorial Award. Given by the Lions Club of Phillip Island in memory of Donald Cameron for service to community.



Gabriel Pascoe – The Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award. This award recognises a student who demonstrates leadership and teamwork within both the school and the broader community and who display strong values, such as doing one's best, respect for others and "mateship", values that are integral to Australian society.



Kristos Kossena – The Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award. This award formally recognises a student who has demonstrated motivation and innovation in the areas of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) within the school, and who display strong personal ethical values, such as doing one's best.



Madison Grand-Court – The Reverend John Leaver Award. This award recognises a demonstrated spirit of compassion, resilience with a sturdy resolve in the face of obstacles, an ability to connect with others, including those of other generations and a demonstrated broad-mindedness, like that which brings together people of different denominations and different faiths.



Sasha Allen and Lara Standish – The Luke Bolding Memorial Certificate. In memory of Luke Bolding, who was a proud Bass House Captain in 2014. The Scholarship takes three categories into consideration, sporting achievements, commitment to and involvement in the life of the College and a desire to complete Year 12 studies through their chosen pathway.



Liam McDonald – Year 11 Dux. Awarded to the top student in Year 11 based on overall academic achievement. Tess Papas – Year 10 Dux. Awarded to the top student in the year level based on overall academic achievement in English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities.



Yvette Dhar – Kwong Lee Dow Scholarship. An academic enrichment program designed to support high achieving Year 11 and Year 12 students. The Year 10 student is selected based on; the endorsement of their school, academic performance, leadership potential, as well as community and extracurricular involvement.

The College would like to sincerely wish all in our community a safe, healthy, and happy Christmas and New Year.



Newhaven College



Newhaven College is committed to further developing the College facilities, ensuring that we have an environment where creativity, academic, emotional, spiritual, physical and life skills are nurtured.

2004 - 82 acres of land was purchased for future development.

2005 - The Year 9 Learning Centre opened with 108 Students.

2006 - The oval was constructed and sown and stage one of the Pavilion commenced.

2009 - Work commenced on the new Junior School.

2011 - Prep to Year 6 relocated from Boys Home Road to the new Junior School.

2012 - A second story was added to the Pavilion and the first Multipurpose Sport Court was built.

2013 - Two extra rooms were added to the Junior School.

2014 - Year 5 to 8 moved into the new Middle School. The Trade Skills Centre and Food Technology Wing were completed. A second Multipurpose Sport Court was built.

2015 - The Administration and Library Wing opened.

Newhaven College gained registered training organisation (RTO) accreditation. The Boys Home Road site was sold.

2016 - Building of the Senior School and Specialist Art, Science and Technology Wing commenced.

2017 - A 242kw rooftop solar system was installed on three buildings. The Specialist Wing and Senior School were completed, along with extensive parking, internal roadworks, and the front entry.

2018 - History was made as the school came together on one site. First Prep class completed Year 12. The double court Gymnasium was completed.

2019 - Boys Home Road Boulevard was completed. Work commenced on the open air Amphitheatre, synthetic Tennis/Hockey Field and natural turf Soccer Pitch.

2020 - The Amphitheatre, Soccer Pitch, Tennis/Hockey Field were completed. Building work commenced on the Netball Courts and Cricket Nets. 5000 plants were installed in the Wetlands area. A Four-Bin Waste System and Worm Farms were introduced to assist with our goal to become a carbon neutral school.

2021 - The Tennis/Hockey Field, Soccer Pitch, Netball Courts and Cricket nets were completed. Work commenced on the new Performing Arts Wing (opening early 2022).



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San Remo traders frustrated by new parking limits

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"I understand there are reasons to put in limited parking, but from the Co-op's point of view our feedback wasn't taken on board," Paul said.

"Those five parks are very valuable because staff use them all the time. They are right next to the staff entrance and they are important, especially for female staff who leave work after dark at night, and also logistically for carrying stock.

"In the off-season when there are car parks everywhere it will still be a problem for us."

He said he was told by the shire the five parks were chosen because visitors could drop people at the beach or make a short visit to the Co-op.

"If that's the case why not put these parks next to the beach or the customer entrance?"

Paul said he hoped the parking limits next to the Co-op would be dropped ahead of peak season.

"It would have been supported more if they had consulted more and listened to that consultation."

Welcome

San Remo Tourism Business Association's Craig Edmonds said he had received



San Remo IGA's Matt Synan said he welcomed the two-hour limit, after one and two-hour parking limits were introduced in Marine Parade for the first time in the hamlet's history.

feedback from businesses at the eastern end of Marine Parade, who were unhappy with the restrictions.

"I haven't had any complaints from businesses or residents for the west end of town. As for the east end again nothing from residents but there are a few concerns from some of the shopkeepers," Craig said.

"Unlike the west end of town where there are options for owners and staff, there is very little at the east end and Marine Parade is the only

choice for them, or parking in the congested side streets, which is where the residents' complaints probably come from."

Craig said in fairness to shop keepers, parking permits for all day parking should be supplied.

San Remo IGA's Matt Synan said he welcomed the two-hour limit, adding the parking squeeze will be eased after parks used by hospitality venues for outdoor dining, in the wake of Covid, were again used for cars.

Our Lady Star of the Sea welcomes MP visit

Jordan Crugnale MP visited Our Lady Star of the Sea recently and was taken aback with all the wonderful changes across the school that have happened over the past year.

She was greeted by Principal Catherine Blackford who took great delight in talking about all the spaces for the children to learn great life skills and connect into the natural environment.

"The last time Jordan visited there were only four classrooms and now there are eight with a flexible library space, dedicated art and music rooms and an internal lift for accessibility," Cathy said.

"In addition, there is also an inside and outside kitchen, a formalised oval with running track, natural play areas and an undercover space for students to play sport and run around."

Jordan said, "this school is going from strength to strength and the setting is just beautiful, welcoming and inclusive. All the ingredients to have a positive learning experience and where students can be their best."

Dropping into each classroom, talking with students as well exemplified all this and Jordan was super thrilled seeing so much art and colour adorn every surface.

"The walls, shelves, ceilings, pavements are filled with such creative expression in all forms which shows just how engaged the students are and all the staff are to be absolutely commended for their dedication, care and support for their entire school community."

Jordan was very happy to join in on a music lesson where the children were practising their drumming skills before they went outside for the djembe drum lesson in the new sensory garden.



Jordan Crugnale dropped into the classrooms during her visit to Our Lady Star of the Sea, as well as inspecting the new library, art and music rooms and outdoor spaces.



Principal Cathy Blackford with Jordan Crugnale (MP for Bass) who visited Our Lady Star of the Sea recently.

Principal Cathy Blackford went on to say the new front entry with the garden and rock seating is a great place for parents to sit and have a chat while they wait for their children at the end of the day.

The state government have a dedicated funding stream for capital works for non-government schools.

Both Cathy and Jordan were extremely pleased to see the

partnership bring to light such innovative learning spaces in such an environmentally friendly considered way.

They thanked the entire project team, builders, landscapers and contractors who are still on the job which when complete in early 2022 will include a bird-watching area, carpark, mosaics and a working pizza oven.



Lawyer and consultant Geraldine O'Connell and Anthea Day (Victoria Legal Aid) at the launch of the MELCA "Family Is Family" film at Inverloch.

Helping families navigate divorce

This week a range of local professionals had the opportunity to meet with each other for the first time as a group as part of the newly local collaborative group MELCA at the RACV Club in Inverloch for the regional launch of their film "Family Is Family", directed by Jonathon Dutton of Venn.

The producers of "Family Is Family" are Marguerite Picard and Tricia Peters of MELCA, a collaborative practice centre that has a new office in Gippsland.

MELCA is aiming to assist local lawyers, financial planners and psychologists to team up help create a way for families to divorce while preserving health, wealth and families, and aiming to reduce intergenerational trauma.

"We are very excited at the possibilities of expanding our methods into the Gippsland region and working with local experts to help families and communities," said Marguerite.

Rather than divorcing couples fighting it out in court and spending sometimes hundreds of thousands of dollars, Marguerite and Tricia founded MELCA over a decade ago to create an interdisciplinary team of professionals to give a fixed-fee and a kinder and more healthy approach to all family members involved in separation.

This means families can remain as families even if they're no longer physically together.

MELCA now has local hubs of professionals across the east coast of Australia.

"The way we work in this interdisciplinary team means that all costs stay within the local community," said Tricia.

If you would like to get in touch and form part of this collaborative team, please contact MELCA directly.

Find out more at melca.com.au/familyis-family/

Be wary of fake tradies

With warmer weather approaching, make sure any building or maintenance work you undertake is completed by a legitimate, qualified tradesperson.

Consumer Affairs Victoria received more than 129 reports of fake tradies during the past financial year. Consumers lost money in more than 70 per cent of the reported fake tradie cases, with the total amount of financial losses being more than \$660,000.

Fake tradies knock on doors of homes and small businesses, or send flyers out offering to complete maintenance work, driveway resurfacing, painting or roof repairs at a cheap rate. They're also known to advertise their services online, usually through third-party websites.

Doug from Newport is one of the hundreds of Victorians who lost money after he was scammed out of \$400 when engaging the services of an individual who marketed themselves as a skilled tradesperson.

The fake tradie requested an upfront payment directly into his bank account before commencing the work of replacing the decaying weatherboards on Doug's home.

After transferring the funds, the fake tradie quickly became uncontactable, and Doug is yet to recover the funds.

Another Victorian found what he thought was a legitimate business to do some carpentry work at his holiday house. After making contact and agreeing on a price, the tradesman demanded a deposit of \$10,000 to buy materials.

The tradesman then found continuous excuses not to start the work – which stretched into weeks, then several months, with no work ever being completed. He hasn't been able to contact the tradesman since.

If you're considering having work done on your property, seek out more than one quote, use established tradespeople who



Consumer Affairs Victoria received more than 129 reports of fake tradies in the last financial year. It recommends getting more than one written quote, references and registration or licence details to safeguard yourself against scams. Photo: Ryno Marais-Unsplash.

provide written quotes, ask for contact details of previous clients to check references and ask for the full name and registration or licence details (if applicable) so you can check with their industry.

The warning comes as Consumer Affairs Victoria takes criminal action against an unregistered builder for advertising cheap building services and taking payment for work he never started, left incomplete, or completed below standard.

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Waste not, want not?

Victorian councils' waste management get Auditor General's tick

The Victorian Auditor General released its report into council waste management this month.

The report said there was nothing to "indicate that councils' waste management services are not providing value for money".

This was due, it stated to "current policy settings as well as market and capacity constraints around kerbside waste collection, which makes up almost 80 per cent of council waste spending."

It concluded the "wide use of competitive procurement through tendering and the small number of potential suppliers" limited most councils' ability to make substantial savings on the services.

The findings are in stark contrast to the opinion of many local residents, who have voiced ongoing concerns about the cost of Bass Coast Shire Council's waste services.

In September, the council was also criticised for failing to support an increase to kerbside bin collection in the summer holidays.

According to shire officers, the extra collections would cost between \$500,000 - \$600,000 per year, or up to \$21 extra per home, on top of the \$1.3 million annual cost currently paid under the contract for red landfill bin collection.

In this year's budget, the total garbage charge for each household is \$500, more than double the state average shown in the Auditor General's report.

Bass Coast was not one of the councils examined as part of the research into the report.

Statewide guidance

The report said the 2019 audit (Recovering and Reprocessing Resources from Waste) found Victoria had no overarching statewide policy for waste management and did not provide clear guidance for councils.

This lack of a statewide policy



The Auditor General's report into Victorian councils' waste management has concluded there was "nothing to indicate that councils' waste management services are not providing value for money".

meant councils were "operating in an uncertain environment" and were not able to "effectively prioritise time and resources".

The report stated Victoria's approach to waste management is undergoing significant reform following the 2019 audit.

The state government has introduced new arrangements to manage the waste sector.

This includes:

- a new legislative framework that will clarify councils' responsibility for providing households with both waste and recycling services

- setting up a new waste authority to take on some of the existing functions of state government entities, including all the functions of the seven Waste and Resource Recovery groups, and the infrastructure plan-

ning function currently performed by Sustainability Victoria.

The report said the new waste authority will also support councils to collaborate in procuring waste and recycling services.

"This will impact the efficiency of their waste services by supporting more effective procurement."

These reforms are due to be implemented over the next two years.

The government also released a new recycling policy in 2020 and has set targets to divert 72 per cent of waste from landfill by 2025 and 80 per cent by 2030.

Council waste snapshot: 2019-20

- Victoria's 79 councils spent around \$706 million on kerbside collections, litter maintenance (including street sweeping and collecting garbage and recycling from public areas) and household hard waste material.

- Councils spent \$556.4 million (78.8 per cent of their total waste management costs) providing kerbside services for garbage, recyclables and garden organics to 2.7 million Victorian properties—an average of \$205 per property per year.

- Councils spent around \$110 million on these services (15.6 per cent of total waste management costs for 2019-20). Of this, councils spent \$65 million on street sweeping and \$45 million on litter services, including litter bins, litter traps and clean up services (such as dumped rubbish).

- Councils spent approximately \$39.6 million on hard waste services (5.6 per cent of total waste management costs for 2019-20). Only 43 of 79 councils (54 per cent) provided a hard waste collection service. Of these, 31 were metropolitan councils.

The full report is available at www.audit.vic.gov.au/report/council-waste-management-services



The Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association made a "pawfect" Christmas donation to PICAL's Christmas hamper appeal. Karen Skinner (Dog Owners Association) with PICAL Manager Greg Thompson, Michelle McKenzie (PICAL Pantry Coordinator) and Dog Owners Association president, Cheryl Owens (right), alongside puppies Jack and Pip!

Our four-legged friends deserve a happy Christmas too

When Cheryl Owens and Karen Skinner from the Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Association saw a Facebook post calling for donations for the PICAL Christmas hamper appeal, they noticed it included dog and cat food and swung into action.

Using the proceeds from the recent raffles and some membership money, they donated 20 bags of dry dog food, to make sure pets didn't miss out on a happy Christmas.

"We thought for our association it was a small way we could

contribute back to the dog community and help those dogs that are not as fortunate as most of our member's (dogs)," said Karen.

"It's an opportunity to provide them with some food so that they don't go hungry this Christmas."

Karen said when they promoted what they were doing, "some lovely members wanted to donate some cash and extra food as well".

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Most of the time customers know exactly what they want, but occasionally they come to him asking the best make and model.

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We all deserve to be respected, valued and treated as equals.

Health Services across the sub-region have gone orange during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence and have been encouraging the community to have important conversations about gender equality and respect in relationships.

"Violence against women is a significant health issue for our community," said Jan Child, CEO of Bass Coast Health.

"Health professionals can often be the first point of contact for women at risk of or who are experiencing

violence. This means that our staff need skills in identifying and responding to people affected by family violence, providing care and offering appropriate pathways to support and assistance.

"At Bass Coast Health we say no to family violence and are committed to upskilling our staff and systems to be able to safely recognise and respond to signs of family violence,"

Mark Johnson, CEO of Gippsland Southern Health Service said everyone deserves to be safe, equal and respected.

"We want the community to know that we stand firmly against family

violence.

"We have recently commenced upskilling our staff to recognise and respond to the signs of family violence in a way that keeps women and children safe. We are committed to continuing to upskill our staff and make Gippsland Southern Health Service a safe place for women and children."

The hospitals have been supporting the Let's Chat Gippsland campaign during the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence.

The campaign's central concept



is "conversations to create change" and aims to support people to have important conversations with those around them about gender equality and respect in relationships; creating a Gippsland where all women and girls are respected, valued and treated as equals.

Across the South Coast sub-region, Bass Coast Health, Gippsland Southern Health Service and South Gippsland Hospital work together to respond and contribute to the prevention of violence.

The health services are committing

to continuing to strengthen their ability to recognise and respond to family violence.

If you are in a violent or unsafe situation or know someone who is experiencing violence please refer to the specialist agencies listed below. Always call Triple Zero (000) in an emergency.

- The Orange Door-Inner Gippsland 1800 319 354
- Safe Steps 1800 015 188
- 1800 737 732 Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault
- 1800 Respect (National Sexual Assault, Family Violence Counseling)

San Remo surges – with record increase in house prices

A new real estate report is again touting Bass Coast as the new Byron Bay, but it's San Remo in the spotlight.

San Remo house prices have grown by over 55 per cent in the past year, putting it in second place on the list of areas where prices are racing ahead.

Historically, annual growth in the area is around eight per cent.

However the report shows that Latrobe in Gippsland is the area which has seen the largest increase in demand for housing in Victoria in the past 12 months.

PropTrack Senior Economist and report author, Eleanor Creagh, said: "Throughout 2020, we saw the pandemic drive demand for more space, larger homes, and a change in life-



"Housing values in regional Australia are currently rising at the fastest annual pace in at least 35 years, outpacing the already strong growth in metro areas," PropTrack report author Eleanor Creagh said.

style.

"The ability to work from home has seen many people making a sea change, tree change or shift to regional areas.

"It appears that many 'city skipper' have sought out regions that remain on the outskirts of metropolitan areas, within a one to two hour commuting distance of major capitals.

"These commutable regions are seeing strong price growth, with new homebuyers taking advantage of both the ability to maintain office connections one or two days a week and the amenities provided by the regional lifestyle."

The findings are no surprise to local real estate agents who have reported record sales and increased demand for properties over the past year.

In August, Daniel Mirabito from Ray White said the price of houses in the area was on the rise, due to a shortage of available properties and fierce competition between a large number of buyers.

"For sellers, it is the high prices achievable due to strong demand that is appealing for them to sell in this unprecedented hot market," he said.

During last year's lockdown, Josh Dunstan, General Manager of O'Brien Real Estate said there was a boom in sales, as people looked to relocate to the area.

However he told the Advertiser earlier this month the focus had now shifted to purchasing holiday homes, with many selling for more than the agent or owners expected.

"Properties are definitely selling faster," he said

"As soon as they are listed, they're sold within a few days. Previously it would be 60-90 days, but now they're

selling in less than 30. It's a record sales time at the moment. There's never been a market like it."

Regional increase

"Housing values in regional Australia are currently rising at the fastest annual pace in at least 35 years, outpacing the already strong growth in metro areas," Eleanor Creagh said.

"While the trend in regional relocation has boomed with flexible workplace arrangements and lockdowns, the question will now be: is it this a flash in the pan, or a lasting trend?"

"The migration shift from metro to regional areas may remain high for some time, but begin falling back towards the long-run average as people begin to return to normal life.

"Price growth in the regions is therefore likely to continue, but moderate from current levels.

"Already the pace of price growth is slowing across the broad market and we expect that to continue with the peak of the current cycle now behind us."

Key findings

The PropTrack Regional Australia Report 2021 is an annual report analysing regional property markets around the country. The report explores how a 'regional renaissance' brought on by Covid has pushed regional house prices up at the fastest annual pace in 35 years.

- Housing values in regional Australia are rising at the fastest annual pace in 35 years, with a jump of almost 30 per cent in the year to September, outpacing growth in metro areas.

- Price growth is being driven by tight competition, with many region-

al areas seeing demand more than double from prospective homebuyers.

- Supply of properties in regional Australia is hovering around record lows, having fallen more than 30 per cent in the last year.

- The average number of views per for sale listing on realestate.com.au has tripled in regional areas since March 2020.

- Since March 2020, the volume

of overall email enquiry to agents nationwide has more than doubled, with the share toward regional property almost tripling.

- Email enquiry to real estate agents regionally has increased seven percentage points to peak share in August this year, when both NSW and Victoria were in harsh lockdowns.

For more information and to view the full report please visit realestate.com.au/insights.



Four people were injured after a two-car accident on Ventnor Road on November 26.

Ventnor Road accident

Four people were injured – and a man flown by air ambulance to the Alfred Hospital – after a two-car accident on Ventnor Road.

The accident, on November 26 at about 7.25pm, saw the man in his 50s flown by helicopter, with chest injuries but in a stable condition.

Ambulance Victoria said a woman in her 50s was taken by road to Frankston Hospital; and a man and a woman in their 20s were both taken by road to Dandenong Hospital, all with minor injuries and in a stable condition.

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Tap into EPA's air monitoring network

With bushfire season approaching, Victorians can tap into an air monitoring network and daily forecasts to stay safe.

EPA Victoria is approaching the bushfire season with its biggest ever network of air quality monitors across the state, twice daily forecasts on Twitter, and the AirWatch website offering live data 24 hours a day.

A new station at Wonthaggi is part of the network, which was recently expanded to include 49 new regionally based air quality sensors.

EPA's Chief Environmental Scientist Mark Patrick Taylor says AirWatch now offers live air quality data from 90 stations in Melbourne, Geelong, the Latrobe Valley and broader Victoria.

There are now nine stations in Gippsland at Wonthaggi, Leongatha, Bairnsdale, Lakes Entrance, Maffra,

Mallacoota, Orbost, Sale and Warragul.

EPA also has a fixed network of stations in Melbourne, Geelong and the Latrobe Valley, and mobile and incident air monitoring stations for use during bushfires and other emergencies.

"Each summer carries with it the risk of bushfires and AirWatch is designed to equip Victorians to take action to protect their health," Prof Taylor said.

"AirWatch tweets twice daily forecasts for each region, and offers actions you can take to reduce the effects of smoke on your home, your health and your family," he said.

AirWatch is at epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/airwatch – search on your location or scroll down and click on the map.

"The scientists in EPA's forecast team use a range of tools including weather forecasts, satellite imagery

and smoke modelling, backed up by valuable on-the-ground information from the AirWatch network," Prof Taylor said.

"During summer bushfires people want to know if there is going to be smoke, and how smoky it is going to be. They need current conditions, a reliable prediction for tomorrow, and professional advice on what to do to protect themselves."

AirWatch offers Victorians hourly air quality data from each sensor in an easy-to-read format that shows levels of smoke and other fine particles.

Air quality sensors in regional cities and country towns are based with local VICSES volunteer units and CFA volunteer brigades, and in some cases with educational institutions.

Twelve VICSES units around the state can also respond to bushfires



A new station at Wonthaggi is part of the EPA network monitoring air quality across the state and providing online air quality forecasts like this one (from January 2020) twice a day.

and other incidents with Incident Air Quality Monitoring (IAM) gear that links with EPA's AirWatch network.

The AirWatch website has links that advise on how to protect your health and the best type of indoor air filters to use to remove smoke, dust and other particulates from the air in your home.

Find the EPA AirWatch: epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/airwatch

For advice on smoke and your health go to: epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/air-quality/smoke/smoke-your-health

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Funding for volunteers

The first Youth Volunteering for Nature Fund offers Victorians aged 18-29 up to \$1500 each for ideas that respond to challenges facing the environment.

Successful recipients will also receive a six-month mentorship with an expert, take part in skills workshops and learn about career pathways with Parks Victoria.

A pilot Volunteer Growth Fund will also award up to 100 existing groups up to \$2000 each to enhance their work and help them attract new volunteers.

For information visit parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/volunteering/volunteering-innovation-fund.

Boost for regional tourism

The Regional Tourism Investment Fund will support the creation of new experiences and attractions and the reimagining and revitalisation of existing favourites.

Applications are encouraged from private sector businesses, local and state government entities, incorporated associations, not-for-profit organisations, Traditional Owner Corporations and Aboriginal organisations and groups.

For further details on the Fund and to register your interest visit business.vic.gov.au.

Recognising outstanding volunteers

Nominations are open for the 2021 Volunteering Awards.

The awards are an opportunity to recognise the incredible support volunteers have given to others during a difficult year – whether it's delivering essential food relief and medical supplies or helping seniors video call loved ones, volunteers are the backbone of our community and we say thank you.

The Premier's Volunteer of the Year, will receive a \$10,000 prize to donate to a not-for-profit organisation of their choice.

This year Volunteering Victoria will combine its awards with the Victorian Government's Premier's Volunteer Champions Awards. Nominations close on January 14, 2022.

www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au/events/volunteering-awards-2021/

Local history grants open for application

Local history groups looking to preserve, record and share their town's history are encouraged to apply for the Public Record Office Victoria's Local History Grants Program.

Applications are now open for grants of up to \$15,000 to assist local community groups, sports clubs, schools and other organisations that collect and preserve the stories of our region.

Applications close at midnight on Monday, January 24, 2022.

For further information or to apply, visit prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/local-history-grants-program.

EV charging blitz

The state government is offering \$3 million in new charging grants for local council and business fleets. The EV Charging for Council Fleets and EV Charging for Business Fleets programs will provide grant funding for fleet infrastructure for local councils and businesses.

Applications close on January 21, 2022.

To apply visit energy.vic.gov.au/renewable-energy/zero-emissions-vehicles, and find out more on the ZEV Subsidy at solar.vic.gov.au/zero-emissions-vehicle-subsidy

Cape Paterson writer takes out Bass Coast Prize

Cape Paterson writer Rees Quilford has won the 2021 Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction with an evocative essay recording daily swims at Cape Paterson's Bay Beach through the first Covid winter.

Rees is a PhD candidate with the non/fictionLab of the School of Media and Communication at RMIT University.

"Adrift in shallow waters" outlines his experience of returning to Bass Coast, the place of his birth and childhood, after an extended period away. It documents his attempt to reacquire himself with the place through a daily routine of swimming, walking and photographic documentation at a pivotal moment in human history.

The judges described the work as "an elegiac, yet purposeful act of documentation and personal reflection, linking history, science, literature, and myth by well-chosen and referenced quotes."

"It is a grounded portrait of place and chronicle of time. It weaves between the past and present of both the town and the writer in a reflective (yet never self-indulgent) manner, always coming back to the source, the ocean. Subjective and introspective but thoughtfully linked to the wider world, it offers perspective in an uncertain time."

Foster writer Graeme Wheeler was second with "The Snow Girls", his dramatic account of the search for two young women missing in the high country in the 1960s.

Inverloch writer Judy Vradenburg was third with "Wallace Avenue Community Park Inverloch", an account of community activism from the inside.

Forty-two entries were submitted for this year's Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction, which is open to writ-



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ers living in Gippsland or who have a strong link to the region.

With \$10,000 in prize money, it's one of the richest prizes for short non-fiction in Australia. Bass Coast Shire Council, the West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation and ArtSpace Wonthaggi sponsored this year's prize.

Heartening

Rees said the prize provided much needed encouragement of non-fiction writing.

"Articulating the personal and intricate connections that we share with the special places in our lives is a highly rewarding endeavour. However, sharing those reflections in public is quite daunting so it was heartening to learn that the Bass Coast literary community found

something engaging in my writing. "Given the quality of the winning and commended Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction pieces in previous years I feel both humbled and privileged that the judging panel found resonance in my piece."

The judging panel of Geoff Ellis, Anne Heath Mennell and Karen Bateman were impressed with the level of interest in writing about Gippsland, the talent displayed by so many writers and their courage in putting their work "out there".

Entries came from most parts of Gippsland and there was a good range of ages, from the 20s to the 90s. The gender balance improved this year with 18 of the writers being male (there were just eight last year).

Personal and family memoirs were well represented as well as local history, natural history, military histories, an artist profile, travel and true crime.

Naturally, the pandemic still loomed large this year. Several entries were concerned with discovering or rediscovering one's neighbourhood, finding solace at home or in the garden or undertaking purposeful activities such as daily ocean swimming.

Prize winning and commended entries will be published in the Bass Coast Post.

First: Adrift in shallow waters: 92 days of winter swimming, walking & watching by Rees Quilford

Second: The Snow Girls by Graeme Wheeler

Third: Wallace Avenue Community Park Inverloch by Judy Vradenburg

Highly commended: Saved by Martha by Leonie Margetts

Commended: Rescue at the Bridge by Roman Kulkewycz

For more: basscoastprizeforfiction.weebly.com/



During a visit to the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Dr David Bradford (left), caught up with Peter Stainthorpe and Len Curd. Dr Bradford spent much of his service alongside the gunners of 4th Field Regiment, including Peter and Len.

Museum welcomes celebrated doctor and author

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum was delighted to welcome Dr David Bradford on a recent visit to Phillip Island.

Dr Bradford, now retired, served as an army doctor in Vietnam 1967-68.

Dr Bradford spent much of his service alongside the gunners of 4th Field Regiment, two members of which are regular volunteers at the Museum. There was lots of reminiscing and plenty of laughter as the three became reacquainted over coffee at the Nui Dat Café and then veterans Peter

Stainthorpe and Len Curd took Dr Bradford on a highly personalised tour of the museum.

Since his Vietnam experience, Dr Bradford has had a highly celebrated career as a specialist in the area of sexual health. He has published two books, "The Gunners' Doctor: Vietnam Letters" and "Tell Me I'm Okay: A Doctor's Story". David, who speaks openly about his personal journey as a gay man, will be a guest speaker at the museum next year. Stay tuned for more information in the new year.

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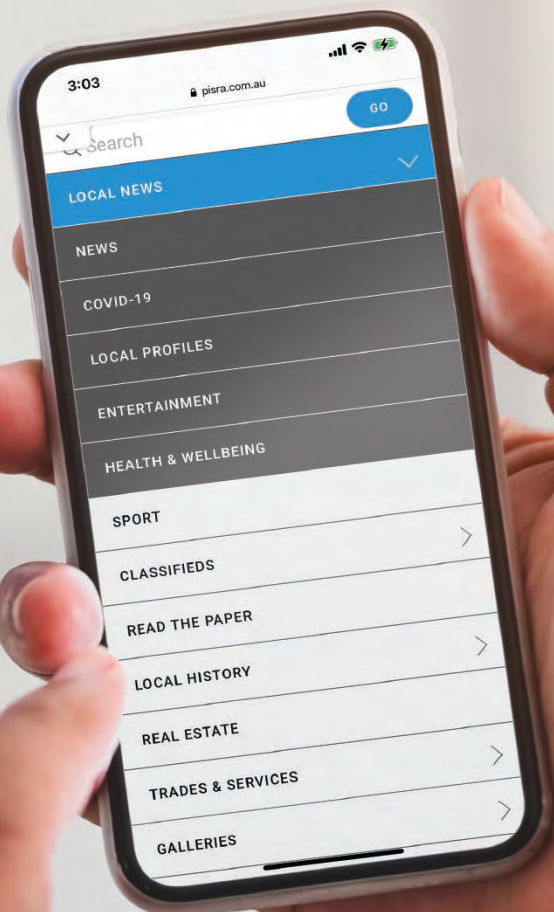
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Phillip Island home to globally renowned author

As an author whose books have been translated into almost 20 languages, Helen Brown has a worldwide following.

Her best-known book, *Cleo*, about a cat who helped heal her family after the death of their nine-year-old son, has sold more than a million copies globally.

But here, on Phillip Island, the New York Times bestseller is largely anonymous.

When Helen takes to the bay for her daily morning swim, or wanders on her favourite beach, few would recognise her.

"Although I do have more friends here than in Melbourne," says the author of 16 books.

"I want my husband to retire to the island so we can live here because I think it's the best place on earth. The island's strengths are its environment, creative energy, good food and good people."

Helen is in the living room of her island holiday home, overlooking the water.

She picks up her 13-year-old Siamese cat Jonah, who was the subject of the *Cleo* sequel, released in 2012 titled, *After Cleo Came Jonah*.

"He came into our lives when I was recovering from a mastectomy. He is a healer in his own right. He brought laughter into our household."

"He was a kitten in a pet shop and absolutely mad. When I first met him he climbed the cage and put his paw through the wire and touched me. I felt I was claimed."

"Jonah is very unusual; my chief editorial assistant. He'll chase me to my computer upstairs and sit outside my study door and meow until I start work. While I write he sits on my knee and is my muse when I need to think about cats."

Helen is currently writing the fourth book in her renowned cat book series, with the third called



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Bono, named after an abandoned moggy she fostered in New York, and which is based on columns she wrote about him for the Huffington Post.

The fourth book is called *Mickey* and tells the tale of her first cat she had as a child growing up in New Zealand.

"That cat was my first experience of learning what love really is, of finding

something bigger than myself, that life can feel unfulfilled until you surrender to something bigger than yourself."

"It's a fictionalised memoir based on a period of my life on the brink of adolescence."

Writing *Mickey* from both Phillip Island and her Melbourne home, Helen says she has just finished the first draft, with the completed book to be

released by February 2023.

"This will probably be my last book, but I always say that. The writing process is exhausting because I edit and re-edit each sentence many times. I find it very demanding because I become very self-critical and don't want to let my readers down."

Cats?

Despite dedicating four books to the species, Helen says her animal penchant is not exclusively dedicated to cats.

"It's not actually cats. Cats train you to appreciate the unseen world because they operate on feelings."

"But animals broadly – some animals more than others – are wise."

"People find it easier to love animals than people because animals teach us how to love."

She doesn't buy into the "binary" cat versus dog person argument and has also owned a beautiful golden retriever.

"I'm an animal lover and a people lover."

Helen has sold the film rights to *Cleo* and according to the producer the movie is in development.

She wrote *Cleo* before the genre became popular with such films and books as *Penguin Bloom*, about a magpie that helped a woman recover from paralysis, or *A Street Cat Named Bob*, about how a homeless cat saved the life of a drug addict.

"My US publisher tells me I created the (animal healing) genre but I think that's an exaggeration. People have written about cats and dogs for centuries."

Tragedy

The mother of three and grandmother of three grew up in a remote area of the north island of New Zealand.

"That's why I love Phillip Island, it reminds me of home, a wild and rug-

ged coast."

Her mum was a journalist and Helen followed in her footsteps, about 1980 starting to write a column for a Wellington newspaper.

"The columns were equivalent to modern day mummy bloggers, just writing about my life, what made me laugh and cry."

The columns, which she wrote for 30 years, were syndicated to other newspapers and also were compiled into her first books.

But it was after her nine-year-old son Sam died after being run over that she wrote her bestseller, *Cleo*.

"I would have been too timid to write a memoir before that, but when the worst happens you lose fear."

"The columns that received the most responses from readers were about *Cleo* and Sam's death, about recovery through grief in the presence of an animal."

She says Sam had chosen *Cleo* as the family's pet three-weeks before his death, naming her *Cleo* because he thought she looked like an Egyptian princess.

Helen says her aim in writing *Cleo* was to help others heal, because "people had helped me heal", with an "element of self-healing".

"When I was grieving no one helped me as much as the letters from readers who had lost children. The letters said 'we are still here and you can get through this'."

Helen has since become something of a grief counsellor, even travelling to Fukushima after Japan's tsunami for a book launch, where Helen shared tears and grief with the community.

Pets aside, Helen says buying their Phillip Island holiday house six years ago in itself has been healing.

"We all want the same thing for Phillip Island: for it still to be here for our grandchildren and their grandchildren. This place is a jewel."

Live jazz back on Phillip Island

Sunday, December 19 will see a "Jazz Extravaganza" hosted by the Phillip Island Jazz club at the Ramada Resort.

Held in the Bass Room at the resort, the music kicks off at 11am and runs until 5.30pm.

Three top groups make up the bill: Hep Trio plus Two, David Gardner Quartet and Royal Garden Jazz Band. Each will play two sets and feature some of Australia's best musos including Peter Hooper, Dean Cooper, David Gardner, Jo Abbot, Steven Grant and James Clark.

Tickets are \$25.00 and will get you into this outstanding concert, with

food and drinks available to purchase.

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

All you need to attend is the entry fee plus evidence of double vaccination and you will be assured of some great entertainment.

Meals and takeaways will be available in the Flametrees Bar and Restaurant and it is recommended you book direct on 5952 8000.

Jazz Extravaganza, Sunday, December 19 at Ramada Resort, 2128 Phillip Island Road, Cowes, from 11am.



Royal Garden Jazz Band is one of three bands appearing as part of the "Jazz Extravaganza" on December 19 at the Ramada Resort.

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Follow the Gingerbread Trail

There's an extra bit of Christmas cheer spreading across the island.

The Marrina Mouse Gingerbread Trail is the brainchild of Belinda Phillips from Marrina Mouse dance school.

It's a unique Christmas journey designed to capture the imagination with a map to guide children around town to find all the gingerbread pieces.

Belinda said families can follow the map and find the characters, which are featured at the different businesses.

"Again, the stores have been wonderful getting on board with the Trail," said Belinda.

"Brinnie T Design has dressed her window display and Phillip Island Chocolate Factory is creating a special dessert!"

Four of the characters featured in the Gingerbread Trail, created by the students of Marrina Mouse's Theatre House, will also be on sale at Turn the Page bookstore.

Maps are available at the Gingerbread sign at St Philip's Anglican Church or an audio map can be found @marrinamousestheatrehouse Instagram page.

Businesses on the trail include: Marrina Mouse's Theatre House, Cowes CWA, Brinnie T Design, Penny Lane, The Jolly Lolly Trolley, Pino's Trattoria, Neon Circus, Ocean Reach Brewery, Phillip Island Bakery, The Waterboy Café, Cotton Onto Craft, Cowes IGA, Phillip Island Chocolate Factory, Silverleaves General Store, the Advertiser and Grumpy's Mini-Golf.

The Gingerbread Trail runs until December 25.



Maps are available at the Gingerbread sign at St Philip's Anglican Church or an audio map can be found @marrinamousestheatrehouse Instagram page.



CWA Phillip Island Twilight will be at the Rhyll Twilight Market on December 10 with a fabulous selection of Christmas baking.

Double twilight delivers Christmas treats

The usual mouth-watering range of CWA Christmas treats will be available at the Rhyll Twilight Markets on December 10, from 4pm.

CWA Phillip Island Twilight will be at the market with a fabulous selection of Christmas baking and more.

"We have been busy cooking up a storm to share with you," said Sally Matthews.

"Classic Christmas cakes and puddings, buttery shortbread and gingerbread. There may even be some of those famous scones.

"Our cakes, puddings and shortbread are prize winners at both local and state CWA exhibitions, and we encourage you to order now and then collect at the market.

"We can also deliver to you if you don't want to get out and about just yet."

Please call Sally 0409 521 825 or Rosie 0409 792 245 for orders and information.

Entries close next week for Leongatha art show

Entries close on December 14 for the 2022 Leongatha Art and Photography Show.

Artists and photographers are advised to make sure they get their entries in so they don't miss out on this major art event for the region.

The show runs from Saturday, January 15 to Saturday, February 5.

There are numerous sections and awards that cover all forms of art, photography and 3D

(sculpture) works and there is \$6000 in awards.

There is also a large youth and All Abilities section so make sure your children get the opportunity to display their work.

The judge this year is renowned artist Janice Orchard.

Rotary is also seeking volunteers to help with entry for visitors to the show. For artists who volunteer for two x two hour shifts, Rotary is giving a 50 per cent discount on your entries fee.

If you are interested ring David John on 0419 175 645 before filling out your entry.

Rotary is running a raffle again with nine prizes at \$5 per ticket. The prizes have kindly been donated by Ross Farm Accommodation at Meeniyah, Panthers Mensland, Evans Petroleum, Moos Restaurant and Trulli's Restaurant at Meeniyah, Brown Wig of Meeniyah and Rotary Leongatha.

To enter on line go to www.leonartshow.com.au and click on the header "Entering".

For more information, email info@leonartshow.com.au

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17 December 6.30pm - 10.30pm

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St Kilda Film Festival Regional Tour

Fri 17 Dec 5.20pm, 7.40pm

Sat 18 Dec 2.20pm, 5.20pm



Bass Coast Fine Film Group
Upcoming Sessions



Rosa's Wedding [M] 1h37m
Il Matrimonio di Rosa
Spanish

Sun 12 Dec 10.45am, 1.00pm



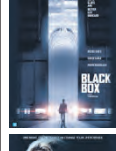
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Sun 16 Jan 10.45am



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Black Box [M] 2h10m
Boîte Noire
French

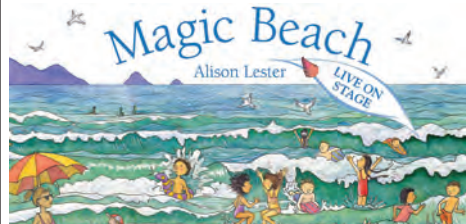
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Night Shift [M] 1h38m
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Session Times Coming Soon!

A Boy Called Christmas [PG]

Clifford the Big Red Dog [PG]

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Encanto [PG] Boss Baby [PG]

Welcome to Smellville [PG]

Dear Evan Hansen [M]

No Time to Die - James Bond [M]

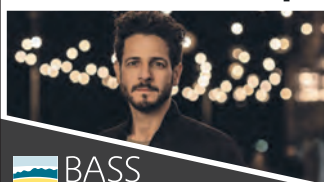
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San Remo photographer awarded top national gong

A San Remo photographer has been named the 2021 winner of the Australian Photography Awards (APA) in the wildlife/animal category.

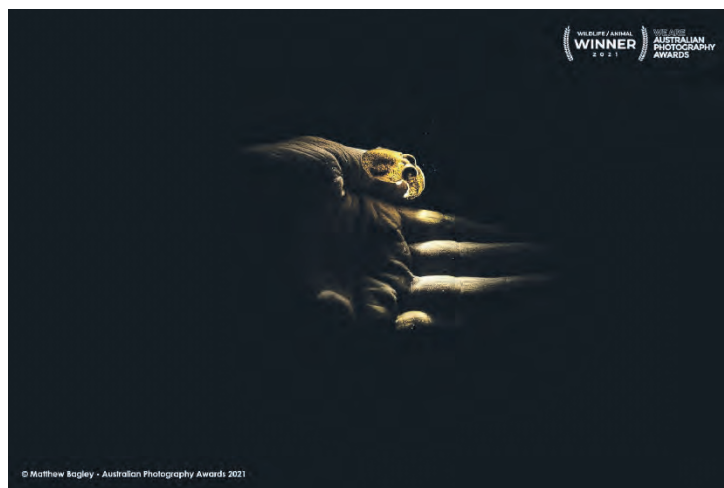
APA last Friday announced Matt Bagley as the winner, beating 19 finalists and about 60 other shortlisted photographers, with a total of seven categories in the annual awards.

Matt's image "Lullaby" was the winning photo, which shows a tiny bottle tail squid, photographed last year in the palm of his hand, in the light of a dive torch, off San Remo's back beach.

It has been a stellar year for Matt, with "Lullaby" also a finalist in one of the world's most prestigious awards, the London-based Ocean Photographer of the Year Awards in the exploration category.

"Lullaby" also earned Matt second place in the "Reasons for Hope" category in the annual Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Environmental Photographer of the Year 2021 contest, on show in Monaco earlier this year.

APA judges said they looked to the wildlife/animal category "to



Matt Bagley's winning image, "Lullaby"

teach us about our relationship with the natural world".

"Matthew's image so tenderly portrays the connection between human beings and our surrounding environment," the judges said.

"The human hand balanced against the baby cuttlefish, so tiny in comparison, made us question the scale of our insur-

gence upon the world."

Judges said the image conveyed not only a "heartfelt moment" but also "the enormity of our footprint against a fragile ecosystem", ultimately a photo of hope, "gesturing towards a future where our relationship with the natural world is one of careful collaboration regardless of the scale of our difference".

Earlier this year Matt – a third generation San Remo resident who works in graphic design – told the Advertiser his photos fell into three general categories.

"Above the water, such as the waves or coastline, below the water to about 10 metres during the day and then also darkness, from sunset to sunrise," Matt said.

"When the weather is wild and stormy it's also a great time to go out."

His preferred method is to free dive because – unlike a scuba tank – there are no bubbles to interfere or startle the marine life.

In winning the award, Matt said it was "sometimes easy to forget the impact we can have on the environment and the creatures we share it with".

Lullaby and Matt's other images have catapulted him to international prominence including in exhibitions in Germany, Italy and Russia.

APA photos can be taken anywhere in the world, as long as the photographs are made by an Australian citizen.

australianphotographyawards.com.au/



CWA Cowes is calling for donations of toys, books puzzle and games, so no child goes without this Christmas, as well as Christmas fare food for Christmas hampers.

Share the magic of Christmas

Christmas is the most magical time of the year, but for some, Christmas can be hard. Some locals in our community have really struggled this year and have been able to just keep their head above water.

Yes, things have re-opened, but many are catching up on the bills that never went away.

There are some in our community that are unable to afford presents for their children.

CWA Cowes is calling upon the community to help them and other community groups on the island and San Remo, so no child goes without this Christmas.

They are conducting a drive to collect toys, books, puzzles and games.

New toys for children from newborns to teenagers will be passed on to St Vinnies Cowes to help with their Christmas appeal.

The CWA is also collecting Christmas fare food for Christmas hampers, which will be distributed via Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL).

They will be collecting until December 17 but can take food items/goods right up till Christmas.

"If you are able to help, we will be grateful for extra tins or packets, a ball or a puzzle, one box of Lego or a Barbie," said Branch President Felicity Newberry.

"Every little bit adds up with helping us and other Community Groups on Phillip Island and San Remo.

"Stress, worry, uncertainty, are only some of the things that some parents face when they are unable to purchase gifts for their children for Christmas," Felicity said.

"Children love the surprises that they get on Christmas day. Can you help put a smile on someone's dial this Christmas?

"Can you be a Christmas Elf and buy something for someone else?"

Donations can be dropped off at the CWA Cowes Branch shop to be passed on to the relevant services.

"From all of us at Country Women's Association Cowes Branch - have a wonderful and safe Christmas."



Cordelia, Hunter and Ella with the Advent Angel display at Our Lady Star of the Sea, with children encouraged to bring a present to put under the giving tree.

Advent angels and gift of giving

Students at Our Lady Star of the Sea got into the spirit of Christmas, helping get gifts ready for the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal.



New life, new beginning

Celebrating new life and the festive season in front of the Cowes Uniting Church's nativity scene last week was the Blandford family.

A blessing of baby Alice Blandford was conducted by St John's Reverend Ian Turnidge alongside parents Ramon and Lydia, family and friends.

Grandmother Helen Brown, from Red Rocks, said "it was like no other christening or baptism

I've ever been to".

"It felt like the beginning of a new era after two years of anxiety and separation from loved ones," Helen said.

"After we lit the candles and placed them in the soil, Lydia and Ramon introduced Alice to the congregation to the voice of Louise Armstrong singing Wonderful World. To our surprise, Ian produced a bubble machine."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tell us your views with a Letter to the Editor (350 word limit). Email to advertiser@pisra.com.au, or submit online at pisra.com.au

Concerns should be addressed

Two recent letters to the Advertiser should not just be of concern to readers, but moreover should cause BCSC councillors and the CEO to seriously reflect on their performances.

"Lack of respect for Les Lark" (November 17.) appears to be very evident. (Let's overlook the untimely anonymous allegations exposed just pre-election, yet were not substantiated upon formal investigation). What is the problem? Cr Larke does seem to have much to contribute, so is it that councillors and the CEO feel threatened by his level of

intellect and particularly by his financial acumen?

The letter "A wasted attitude" (November 24) gives the writer's appraisal of the attitude and performance of the CEO. I suggest many would share such views – based on personal experience, me included. Too often I have noticed at council meetings accolades galore being heaped upon the CEO, council officers and fellow councillors who, after all, are doing little more than what the community expects of them in their roles. Cr Larke never seems to be the recipient of such accolades, though.

Community members have high, yet reasonable, expectations of those they elect. To most, it is local

issues that dominate, so basic requirements such as "those red bins" and receiving timely and courteous responses to concerns are important. What could be interpreted as a "tail wagging the dog" culture at BCSC must be addressed – as Mr Simmons has so emphatically suggested.

Russell Riseley, Newhaven

The White House?

Latest promise before Cowes finally gets replacement central civic building is 2023, a third year before there is somewhere to congregate.

What a building. So different from the original concept. Such a plain rectangular box, more like isolation hospital than a heart of communi-

ty building. Will it express Cowes identity for as long as 32 years, like its predecessor?

Why white bricks, for such large flat walls, when big area siding is so popular, quick, economical and energy efficient?

Financial case is a lifetime return of \$52 million, against cost now trending to \$30 million. Over 30 years, it returns \$1.7 million per year, more, allowing for inflation.

For larger institutional buildings, design for efficiency today incorporates zero carbon, zero water, zero waste. Neither Shire nor architects respond to questions about building energy efficiency, a hot topic for Climate Emergency emission reductions.

Australian NABERS design soft-

ware, identifying zero to 10 star energy efficiency rating, is now successful internationally. But instead, finished building is set for PassivHaus fan blower pressurisation test, simple leakage, pass or fail.

PassivHaus started in northern Europe, for owner-builders to identify value, by energy efficiency. Cultural Centre is big and not so continuously populated with warm bodies. That almost all glazing is floor to ceiling, only along west facing wall, is already seen as a mistake, now revised to add shading with timber lattice.

If design is inefficient, energy costs will be high for 30 years or more. Is it worth getting a second opinion?

Bernie McComb, Cowes

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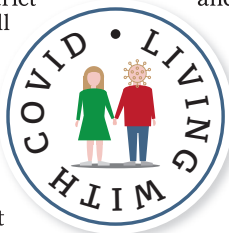
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Life flipped upside down by Covid

“At the Covid peak, district nurses had to wear full Level 3 PPD – gowns, N95 masks, eye protection and hair nets. They might see up to 10 clients per day, and have to change after each client.” Emma Grabham, Co-ordinator of Bass Coast Health’s district nurses and palliative care team is explaining how Covid has changed everything about the way they work.



“Basically it has taken the job we love and flipped it upside down,” she said.

For the team out on the road, that meant wearing the hot and restrictive Level 3 gear, as well as changing at the back of their cars between clients, battling the elements.

The team in the office also donned N95 masks and eye protection all day, because they interacted with the nurses.

Alongside managing the impacts of Covid on their own lives, the BCH staff had to work out the best way to continue to care for their clients.

“We go into people’s home and see them when they are at their most vulnerable. We had to protect ourselves

and our clients,” Emma said. That involved changing what they wore – moving from uniforms to hospital scrubs – and how the workday was structured. “Instead of the entire team meeting at the San Remo office before heading out for work each day, we had to split them into different shifts,” said Emma.

The shifts meant the office never exceeded the permitted number of staff on site, as well as adding extra protection against infection.

Working in shifts also meant if one person was diagnosed with Covid, it didn’t take out the entire team.

But it had an impact on morale.

“Splitting into shifts meant, depending on the rosters, you could go a long time without seeing colleagues.

“It was isolating. The social interaction with each other and with other teams was gone. We couldn’t even have a team meeting in real life.”

While restrictions have eased, Emma said healthcare workers are still in Covid-mode.

As much as she would love to organise a Christmas get-together – face



Emma Grabham, the Coordinator of Bass Coast Health’s district nurses and palliative care team, said Covid changed everything about the way they work.

to face – for her team, the idea has been shelved. The risk is too great.

“Imagine if a bunch of nurses got infected because they went out to dinner or had a Christmas party,” Emma said wryly.

“At the end of the day, we are here for our community.”

Personal cost

Outside of their official roles, Covid had a big impact on the personal life of staff as well, Emma said.

A fear of infecting a family member was a prime concern for many workers, including Emma herself,



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who said being separated from her young daughter, who temporarily moved in full time with her father, was one the hardest things.

Dealing with misinformation in the community was also difficult.

“It was hard initially not to see it as personally disrespectful to healthcare workers,” she said.

“When Covid first hit, here at work, there was talk of potential sites for makeshift morgues, then you’d go out somewhere and there’d be non-compliance ... that was hard.”

For all the sacrifices, Emma said the pandemic has had some positive

impacts.

“I think we have gotten good at being adaptive. After two years, the team just does it.

“For me, I’ve become more open to seeing things from the other side and understanding their perspective.”

As the community comes to terms with this latest phase of living with Covid, Emma believes the most important thing is to be kind to each other.

“The staff here are caring for your families and friends. You don’t have to be aggressive ... just be kind.”



“For treating Covid cases, Bass Coast Health has a first-class emergency service within the Armitage Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” said CEO Jan Child.

Bass Coast Health gears up for peak in Covid cases

As Victoria adjusts to life “living with Covid”, many of us are enjoying increased freedom as restrictions ease.

However for our healthcare staff, the pressure has not eased.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said the teams across the organisation continue to work hard, to prepare for the anticipated peak in cases in December and January.

“From our supply team sourcing adequate supplies of personal protective equipment so that our staff can serve our community safely, to our nursing teams filling shifts where vacancies have arisen due to staff being furloughed, every team is working towards ensuring Bass Coast Health is there for our community,” Ms Child said.

“There is no doubt the rise in Covid cases in Wonthaggi and Inverloch in recent weeks put pressure on our health service.

“We’ve conducted up to 325 tests per day at our Wonthaggi testing tent and up to 87 tests per day at our testing tent at Cowes, where we have extended the hours and are encouraging people to travel in order to ease the pressure on our Wonthaggi tent.

“This demand has resulted in our staff being kept on their feet and we’ve even brought in additional staff from Melbourne to assist us with the demand for tests.”

Roster pressure

Ms Child said the pressure on staff rosters had also increased, with some staff unable to work when their children were caught up in exposures at primary schools, both locally and on the Mornington Peninsula.

“We knew this scenario was to occur as restrictions eased and people became more mobile.

“These events have shown that Covid is still here and we do expect numbers to grow still, particularly as more people come to our community over summer.

“As we get more Covid cases, the rate of cases will continue to grow too.

“That’s why we’ve pushed for vaccinations and that’s why we are operating two testing tents, as the more we reduce our risk of transmission and hospitalisation, and the earlier we detect Covid cases, the more we are able to contain the spread.”

She urged people to follow the public health orders, including wearing masks inside when required, maintaining physical distance and getting tested when they show symptoms.

She encouraged anyone who hadn’t already received their vaccination to do so.

Recruitment

The health service is actively re-

cruiting, with Ms Child saying there was a shortage of staff.

“As a health service, we hope to resume business as usual as soon as we can, however our ability to do so is being delayed by our workforce shortage. There is no doubt that we will see further Covid outbreaks, with resulting impacts on our staffing.

“However, we have planned for this and are seeking additional people to join our workforce. Anyone interested in working with our health service in such roles as nursing, cleaning, portering and in any other way they feel they can assist, is encouraged to contact our Human Resources team to find out what opportunities are available.”

However she reassured the community that the hospital is well placed to deal with any local Covid cases.

“For treating Covid cases, Bass Coast Health has a first-class emergency service within the Armitage Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

“We have also joined with other local health services to provide care to Covid patients at home where their health allows,” Ms Child said.

Bass Coast Health Human Resources staff can be contacted via hr@basscoasthealth.org.au or by phoning 5671 3151.

Summer is here... and so is Covid

As people gear up for the summer holidays, local case numbers continue to climb.

Current numbers are almost three times the number of recorded cases during last year’s Covid case peak, with case numbers sitting between 30 and 40 for most of November.

As of Monday, December 6, the state government figures showed 45 recorded cases in the shire, with 22 on the island and San Remo.

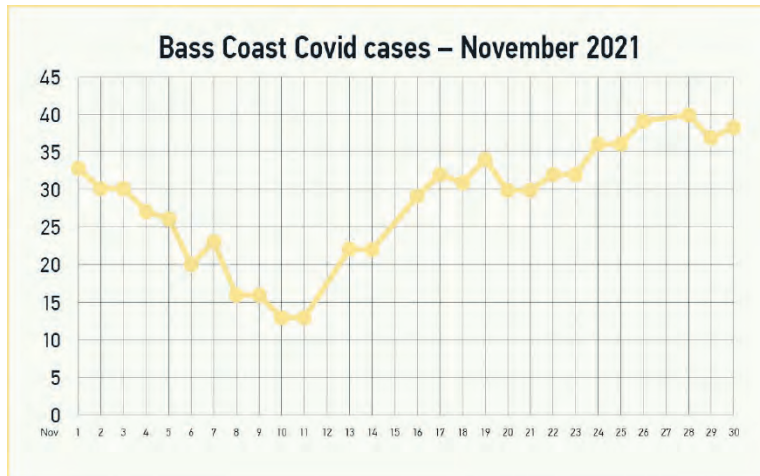
Anyone with even the mildest Covid

symptoms is urged to get tested and isolate until receiving a negative result.

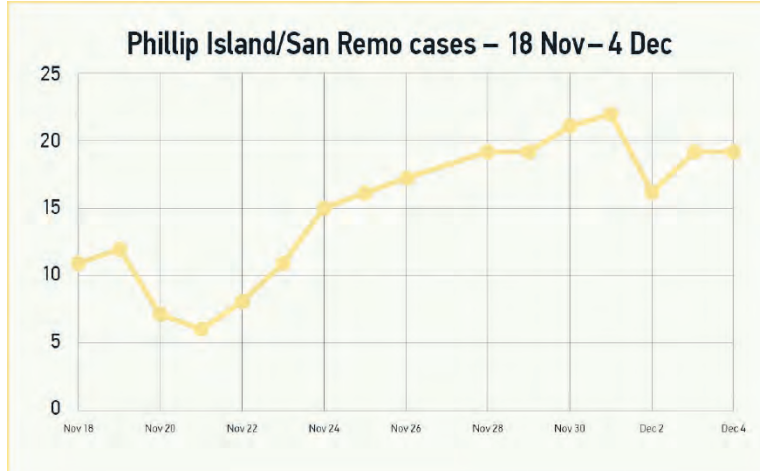
The Cowes Drive Through Clinic at the Transit Station is currently operating from 9am – 2pm, seven days.

The Wonthaggi Drive Through Clinic at the old McBride St Campus of Wonthaggi Secondary College is open from 9am-4pm every day.

Times may change due to demand or extreme weather events. The latest times are available on the Bass Coast Health Facebook page.



During November, cases numbers across Bass Coast remained relatively stable, starting the month on 33 and finishing on 37.



In the past fortnight, case numbers have started to climb on the Island and in San Remo, with Cowes now topping the shire for the most cases. Rhyll recorded its first case in December, after being Covid free since late-October.



A new SunSmart campaign specifically targets men, after researched showed men are worse at protecting themselves than women when it comes to the sun.

Remember to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide this summer

Less than half of men use sun protection in their daily routine

As Victoria enters the summer months and Covid restrictions ease, SunSmart is reminding Victorians to use sun protection as they enjoy their new-found freedoms.

The new campaign specifically targets men after a national Cancer Council study showed they are neglecting certain body parts when it comes to sun protection.

The campaign's tagline, when you cover things, they last longer: same goes for you, urges men to cover themselves just as much as they protect their loved ones and their belongings. The ad depicts a dad covering up his beloved barbeque from the sun before his son points out he should be protecting himself too.

Results from the 2019 Summer Sun Protection Survey (Life in Australia), found males who were sun-burnt on summer weekends were more likely than females to report having been burnt on the nose, ears, legs and back of the knees.

Despite 79 per cent of men surveyed agreeing that if they regularly protect themselves from the sun, they can avoid skin cancer, less than half agreed that sun protection was part of their daily routine (49 per cent).

When it comes to the five recommended forms of sun protection, it was found that when outdoors on summer weekends, less than a third of men slipped on protective clothing, sloped on sunscreen, slapped on a wide-brimmed hat, or sought out shade. However, around half of men surveyed reported they slid on a pair of sunglasses when heading outside.

Compared to women, it was found that men were worse at protecting themselves with three out of the five: sunscreen and sunglasses use, as well as seeking out shade.

Craig Sinclair, Head of Prevention Division at Cancer Council Victoria, said the new campaign served as an important reminder for men not to be complacent when it comes to protecting their skin.

"As a dad, my first instincts are to protect my family, so I understand how easy it is to forget to show my-

self the same level of protection," he said.

"Twice as many men as women die from melanoma each year, demonstrating that we still need that reminder to be SunSmart, especially when males are more likely to spend time outdoors on weekends than females (75 per cent compared to 63 per cent).

"It's never too late to protect your skin and sun protection is essential at any age to significantly reduce skin cancer risk."

Head of SunSmart, Heather Walker urged all Victorians to remember sun protection when venturing out and about this summer.

"Seventy-one per cent of men know melanoma kills more men than women, so it's alarming to see them not heeding our advice to cover up and protect themselves," she said.

"Masks might be coming off outdoors, but sun protection is here to stay."

"As we start to enjoy our outdoor pleasures after lockdown, it's the perfect time to remind all Victorians to Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide to protect their skin from damaging UV."

"Check your sunscreen expiry date, invest in a new broad-brimmed hat for the summer, and download the SunSmart app for daily access to the UV levels and sun protection times in your area."

Funded by the Victorian government, the SunSmart campaign is running for its second year, which acts as a reminder to men of the dangers of UV radiation and just how easy it is to use sun protection.

Sun protection is recommended when UV levels are 3 or higher. SunSmart recommends people:

- Slip on clothing that covers as much skin as possible
- Slop on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
- Slap on a Broad-brimmed hat that shades the face, ears and neck
- Seek Shade and
- Slide on sunglasses that meet the Australian Standard for UV protection

For more information visit: www.sunsmart.com.au



With summer upon us, the CFA is urging everyone to remain vigilant, prepare your property and have a Bushfire Safety Plan.



Download the CFA Fire Ready Kit from cfa.vic.gov.au to help you prepare for the summer season.

Stay safe this summer

As summer officially begins Victorians are being urged to prepare to stay safe this season.

Fire restrictions are now in force and the seasonal outlook for December to February, released by the Australian and New Zealand National Council for fire and emergency services last week, indicates the potential for an average to lower-than average bushfire season in Victoria.

But CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said it was no time to get complacent.

"We know it only takes one bad day to have a bad fire season so we need to stay vigilant this summer," he said.

"Many people have already prepared their properties, but recent wet conditions mean we've seen a lot of vegetation growth, so it's important to keep maintaining your property by keeping your grass low and any other vegetation cut back

as well.

"If you haven't prepared your property, it is definitely high time to do so."

"CFA has already declared Fire Danger Periods in many parts of Victoria, so if you're hoping to burn off any cleared vegetation, make sure you check what rules are in place where you live."

"Always monitor conditions on the day of your burn-off and beyond as flare-ups can happen for several days after if the burn-off has not been extinguished properly."

Chief Officer Heffernan said the start of summer was also a timely reminder to make a Bushfire Safety Plan if you do not already have one in place.

"Before you get too busy with festive season celebration and Christmas shopping, spend some time to make a plan to keep your family safe," he said.

"Your plan should include things

like which Fire Danger Rating will be your trigger to leave, where you will go, and what route you will take – and it should always contain different scenarios and back-up plans."

CFA's website (cfa.vic.gov.au) contains information about how to make a Bushfire Safety Plan and preparing an emergency kit of vital things to bring when leaving early.

"Leaving early means leaving the night before, or early in the morning of a high-risk fire day. It means it's easier to make good, rational decisions and avoid panic, becoming trapped and risking serious injury or death," Chief Officer Heffernan said.

Victorians who live, work in or travel into areas at risk of grass or bushfires are also encouraged to undertake the free, publicly available Bushfire Safety for Workers e-learning module to learn how to stay safe if faced with a bushfire situation this summer.



The Prepare to Survive campaign brings home the importance of trip preparation, so that if something does happen on the water, boaters have the absolute best chance of survival. Photo: Filip Mroz, Unsplash

Five steps to prepare for a safe summer

Transport Safety Victoria (TSV) is reminding boaters and paddlers to 'know the five' when they are planning to head out on the water this summer with the launch of its annual boating safety campaign.

Shaun Rodenburg, Director Maritime Safety, expects a surge of activity again this summer as boaters and paddlers enjoy freedoms following COVID-19 restrictions.

"We urge boaters to check that everything is operating as it should be, and to make sure their safety gear is up to scratch before hitting the water."

"Sadly, in the last financial year (2020-21), we saw 10 fatalities from recreational vessel incidents," Mr Rodenburg said.

He said that with incidents on the rise, everyone heading to Victoria's waterways should follow five top tips

to Prepare to Survive:

- Know the weather
- Practise getting back on
- Carry a distress beacon
- Lock in a buddy plan
- Wear a lifejacket.

Mr Rodenburg said that it's particularly important to practise getting back on your vessel.

"Boaters and paddlers usually remember to check the weather and wear a lifejacket, but many injuries and – sadly – fatalities, result when they go out alone, can't get back on and are unable to raise the alarm."

Waterway risks

Whether you're on coastal or inland waters, it's important to be prepared for the unexpected and always plan ahead. Coastal water conditions can change quickly with the weather and

currents, and it's important to practise caution, particularly around bars.

While there may be a perception that inland waters tend to be safer, it is especially crucial to be aware of flowing water – which usually occurs after periods of rain. Not only is the current strong but moving rapids can hide snags and other hazards.

Expect the unexpected

"I want to remind all boaters and paddlers that no matter how experienced they are, things can still happen that are out of their control," said Cameron Toy, Director Transport Safety.

"TSV is committed to addressing these behavioural risks through our annual campaign, which is designed to promote better behaviour that in turn helps reduce incidents and fatalities."

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Find out more at msv.vic.gov.au/prepare.



Catherine Basterfield new DPI Chair with outgoing chair John Pandazopoulos.



Yann Duroselle, outgoing DPI board member with DPI board Deputy Chair Greg Harrison.



Jenni McMillan – Bass Coast Shire Council with John Dickie – Wildlife Cruises.

The future looks bright!

Destination Phillip Island hosted an industry event to farewell 2021 at The Cape Kitchen on Monday. Attended by local business and tourism operators as well as MPs, and representatives from the state government, Tourism Australia, Bass Coast Shire Council and Visit Victoria, the afternoon was a chance to

look ahead at projects designed to lead the post-pandemic recovery. It was also a farewell to Board Chair John Pandazopoulos, who is stepping down after six years, and board member Yann Duroselle. Phillip Island Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield will take over the role of DPI Chair.



Phillip Island Winery's Nick and Misha Say with Kally Van Venrooy.



Chris White – Head of Industry Engagement & Programs at Visit Victoria, Geoff Moed – A Maze'N Things, Fergus Cameron – Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit and John Matthews – Getaway Phillip Island.



Chris Chen, Lisa Panther and Tim Swallow – Phillip Island Apartments Group with Lyn Bennett – Time-out Cottage.



Nicole Hill – PINP, Jodie Vogt – Cape Kitchen and Arnika Marton – DPI.



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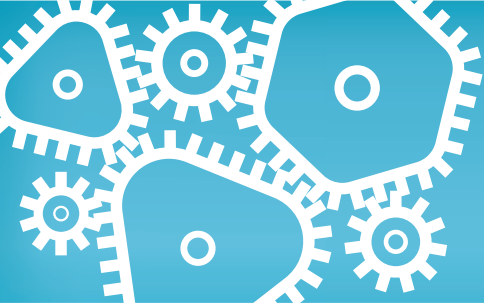
Jude Mayall – Wild Food Farm with Dianne Holbery and Michael Wells – Ripples and Tonic.



David Bennett, General Manager Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit with Braxton Laine – new General Manager National Vietnam Veterans Museum.



Shannan Little – Bass Coast Shire Council, Jude Mayall and Sam Ruzicka – Wild Food Farm.



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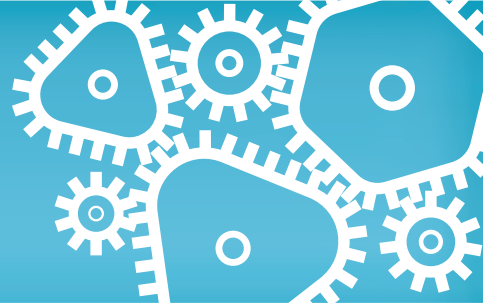
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Cr Bruce Kent and Mayor Michael Whelan with Tim Modra of Cowes Yacht Club. The Club received \$5000 towards the Great Westernport Cat Challenge as well as \$1695 toward designs for an upgrade of the female toilets.



Cr Bruce Kent and Mayor Michael Whelan with Sandra Peeters of PICES (Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space), who received \$5000 for their Pop-Up Exhibition in 2022.



Cr Bruce Kent and Mayor Michael Whelan with Charles Tuchtan from the Woolamai Beach SLSC and Graeme Clauscen from Friends of Churchill Island Society, who both received grants in the latest community grants funding round.

Community groups celebrate grant success

Bass Coast Shire Council distributed \$151,200 to 44 community groups on Thursday, for Round Two of the 2021 Community Grants Program.

Fifteen groups from Phillip Island were among the lucky recipients.

Four island groups received \$5000 grants: Phillip Island Scout Group, Cowes Yacht Club, Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space Inc and Women Connect.

Women Connect will use the money for a computer upgrade while the Scouts grant will fund “Project Paddle” and the Cowes Yacht Club will use the funding to help run the Great Westernport Cat Challenge. PICES funding will help run another Pop-Up Exhibition in 2022.

Boomerang Bags received a \$4450 grant and PICAL received \$4690 to run a Barista Foundations course. The Friends of Churchill Island received \$3670 to help with the publication of the third edition of “Churchill Island History and Her Story”.

Other recipients included the Senior Citizens Club, Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary, Ventnor Recreation Reserve, Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Phillip Island Pony Club, the Island and District Basketball Association, Artists Society of Phillip Island and the Community Orchard.

Presentation

A special presentation event was held at the Cape Paterson Surf

Life Saving Club and featured a welcome of live music from local musician Nick Carver, who set the tone for a great afternoon of celebrations.

Due to the pandemic, this was the first opportunity to celebrate the awards in person since 2019 and therefore the recipients from Round One of the 2021 grants also came along.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said the event was particularly exciting, not just because of the amount of money that was being distributed to local groups, but it was also a chance to get together in person after a long two years.

“Bringing our community groups together in one place, in person, has so many benefits,” Cr Whelan said.

“It enables the sharing of projects and provides a great opportunity to network with other groups to discuss challenges, new initiatives, or just identify other groups to call on for advice.”

Each Round, up to three major project grants of up to \$10,000 are awarded, as well as a major project grant in the Climate Action category for up to \$10,000. In this round, the major project recipients were the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association, who received \$8,332 for their Experience Cape Project and the Inverloch Bowling Club was awarded \$10,000 for solar panel installation, allocated from the climate action



Cr Bruce Kent and Mayor Michael Whelan with grant recipients Rebecca and Eliza Poll of Phillip Island Pony Club and Catherine Gregson of Ventnor Recreation Reserve.



Mayor Michael Whelan with the Artist Society of Phillip Island (ASPI) president Miranda Sage and Gay Mosby (Treasurer). ASPI received funding to help cover the costs of the Easter show at the Ramada resort on April 15. “We’re delighted to be recipients of this money to assist with the operating costs of running this art show and we respect and are grateful for the work – literally 100s of hours – that our members and volunteers do,” said Miranda.

category.

Cr Whelan said the presentation event is a great opportunity to acknowledge and thank the numerous people who volunteer their time to groups and committees, who make so many events and programs in Bass Coast possible.

“We are so pleased that we have a grants program to support our volunteers and some of the amazing projects that they initiate,” Cr Whelan said.

“With the funding they receive, these groups are able to provide a variety of different programs and events to benefit Bass Coast residents and visitors.

Applications for Round One of the 2022 Community Grants are now open and will close on Friday, March 4.

A full list of Round 2 grant recipients is available at www.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/community-support-services/community-grants



Cr Bruce Kent and Mayor Michael Whelan with Rotary Club president Judy Lawrence and Bill Young. The club received \$2700 towards an upgrade of the Rotary meeting rooms.

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U12 Boys Rips Basketball team had a great tournament and won their grand final against Frankston.



U14 Boys Rips basketball team had great success at the 2021 Southern Peninsula Tournament and won all their games including the grand final against Ringwood in a close match.

A Ripper tournament weekend

From page 36

U16B

R1: Phillip Island 63 v Southern Pen 14.
R2: Phillip Island 58 v Frankston 25.
R3: Phillip Island 58 v Kilsyth 32.
R4: Phillip Island 60 v Ringwood 29.
GF: Phillip Island 41 v Pakenham 18.

Our U16B Phillip Island Rips team were convincing all the way through with some jaw dropping moves and memorable basketball showcased on the court, which took them to the Grand Final in Division 2 and the win.

Congratulations to coach Terry and thank you to Team Manager Jo and all the players who were on fire on the court. Big thank you to the families for cheering them on at every game.

U16G

R1: Phillip Island 37 v Wont-

aggi 23.

R2: Phillip Island 37 v Eltham 25.
R3: Phillip Island 40 v Melbourne 24.
R4: Phillip Island 28 v Broadmeadows 6.
GF: Phillip Island 41 v Barwon Heads 32.

A clean sweep by the U16G Phillip Island Rips team and with every game the girls fought hard for their spot in the Grand Final.

Playing well together, this team looks to have a successful season.

Congratulations to coaches Lexi Walton and Jarah White and a big thanks to Amber for looking after the team as Team Manager.

Thank you to the players who played an excellent game each time and brought home a Grand Final win in Division 2 and their families for encouraging the girls at every game.

U18B

R1: Phillip Island 39 v Ringwood 43.
R2: Phillip Island 40 v Diamond Creek 43.
R3: Phillip Island 57 v Southern Pen 31.
R4: Phillip Island 46 v Waverley 37.

Two very close games and two wins at the Southern Pen tournament meant the U18B Phillip Island Rips team was very competitive with great athletic ability and tenacity all weekend.

Congratulations to coach Christian and the team who finished third in Division 2.

Thank you to Team Manager Jodi and the families who spurred on the team all the way.

After an interrupted domestic season, minimal training sessions and preparation, all the Phillip Island Rips teams showed that they are prepared to give it their all on the court. Well done.



The U12 Girls Rips basketball team all played well and enjoyed their first basketball tournament for the season.



U14 Girls managed to hold on in a tight Grand Final and won their game against Moe 26-23.



U16 Boys had a convincing win in their grand final against Pakenham and dominated throughout the tournament.



U18 Boys played a very competitive tournament throughout the weekend with two very close games and two wins.





Charith and Chamari Keerthisinghe are running a Come'n'Try girls cricket clinic on Tuesday, December 14 from 4.30pm -5.30pm.

Girls come 'n' try cricket clinics

Come 'n' try clinics for girls cricket running throughout December.

With the record-breaking Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) having just been completed, there are more girls than ever interested in learning and enjoying cricket and there are opportunities available for Phillip Island Girls to play in planned LDCA Girl's competition.

In the lead-up to Christmas the head coach and outstanding representative player, Charith Keerthisinghe, has already held a series of clinics for girls at Cowes. Together with his wife, Chamari, the girls are introduced to the skills of the game in a safe, caring, and enjoyable environment.

The response has already been very encouraging.

Emma Gallagher (Cricket Victo-

ria's South-East Cricket Manager) is eager to support the growth of women's cricket and says the whole community can benefit from getting girls involved in cricket.

Emma has encouraged Charith to continue to ensure that the girls are able to connect with their friends, as they learn the fundamentals of cricket, but more importantly have a good time.

Charith and his wife will lead a

Come'n'Try clinic on Tuesday, December 14 from 4.30pm -5.30pm.

The goal is to have Phillip Island girls' teams playing in matches for an upcoming girl's competition with the other Leongatha District Cricket Association clubs in the New Year.

Interested girls and parents are most welcome at the clinics.

For further information, ring Charith on 0469 034 868.

Phillip Island bowls

PI Bowls Club Results Ladies Pairs Championship: Julie Pora and Carol Hoffman defeated Glenda Grazules and Inga Royce.

Pam Cameron and Karen Cashen defeated Polly Major and Pat Davis in a firecracker match where an extra end had to be played to decide the winner.

Thursday night saw the first game of the three-week pre-Corporate Challenge.

Corporate Challenge begins January 20 next year.

Results are as follows: 100 eager players took to the greens as the storm passed, 22 teams competed in the first round.

First place was Blue Steel, second place Island Surf Shack and in third

place Ray White Rollers.

The event is being sponsored by Alex Scott, Kumho Tyre's and Betty's Glass. Thanks to all the volunteers which made George's night easier.

Thursday we saw 16 players take to the green for social game play and the winners were Glenda Grazules, Jim Murray, Alex Barrie and Lynne Thomas. The runners up were Michael Haack, Beb Hyslop, Reg Excell and Eric Wild.

And the big one ... the Final of both the men and ladies singles championship games.

Congratulations to Daryl Major who defeated John Matthews and Sandra Read who defeated Karen Cashen.



Congratulations to Daryl Major who defeated John Matthews.

Midweek bowls

Midweek bowls was played at Koo Wee Rup in very warm conditions nevertheless the brave souls who came and soldiered on had a great day of bowls and good company.

Even though the weather was very warm it didn't deter the happy banter and laughter that could be heard across the green.

Winners of midweek bowls were Peter McWilliams, Bev Elliott and Bob Arnold.

Runners up were Rob Jeffrey, David Talbot and Bill Williams.

One Game winners were Peter Gratton, Bob Glogoski and Pauline McWilliams.

As usual two games of twelve ends were played of two bowls

triples, the green was slow so a lot of effort went into bowling.

We were all very grateful at the end of the day to go inside in the cool and enjoy a cold drink.

Thank you to George for supplying us with our much-needed drinks with a smile, also a thank you to David Talbot and Luke Monkton for cleaning up after the game.

As usual we had quality bowling with high scores recorded.

Winners 36 points, runners up 33 points and One Game winners 24

points, a great effort by our bowlers on such a warm day.

Next week we will play a Lang Lang, 10am at the club for a 10.30am start, please be on time.

Uniforms, and BYO lunch. A reminder to bring treasures for our raffle table.

For more information or to register please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 the night before, everyone welcome.

Come and join us for a great day of bowling and good company.

See you on the green.



Winners of midweek bowls played at Koo Wee Rup were Bob Arnold (L), Bev Elliott (3) and Peter McWilliams (S).



Runners up at Midweek bowls were Rob Jeffrey (S), David Talbot (3) and Bill Williams (L).



One Game winners were Bob Glogoski (3), Pauline McWilliams (L) and Peter Gratton (S).

Midweek pennant bowls

Strzelecki region - south, November 30, 2021

Div 1: Inverloch (1) 2-53 lt Corinella (1) 14-59; Meeniyen (1) 14-60 d Korumburra (1) 2-43; San Remo (1) 2-43 lt Leongatha (1) 14-59; Phillip Island (1) - Bye

Ladder: Corinella (1) 40 -15; Inverloch (1) 34 +40; Phillip Island (1) 30 +57; Leongatha (1) 31 -5; Meeniyen (1) 31 -13; Korumburra (1) 18 -7; San Remo (1) 5 -67.

Div 2: Lang Lang (1) 0-45 lt Toora (1) 16-72; Tarwin Lower (1) 2-54 lt Foster (1) 14-57; Wonthaggi (1) 12-62 d Inverloch (2) 4-56; Phillip Island (2) - Bye.

Ladder: Wonthaggi (1) 44 +79; Foster (1) 44 +51; Toora (1) 35 +33; Inverloch (2) 34 +13; Tarwin Lower (1) 17 -47; Lang Lang (1) 16 -50; Phillip Island (2) 2 -69.

Div 3: Inverloch (3) 10-38 d Port Welshpool (1) 2-33; Tarwin Lower (1) 1-39 lt Korumburra (2) 11-43; Wonthaggi (2) 0-36 lt Fish Creek (1) 12-46; Loch (1) 12-67 d Mirboo North (1) 0-18.

Ladder: Port Welshpool (1) 37 +49; Inverloch (3) 34 +47; Fish Creek (1) 34 +16; Wonthaggi (2) 25 +101; Korumburra (2) 25 -2; Loch (1) 13 -35; Tarwin Lower (2) 12 -57; Mirboo North (1) 12 -119.

Saturday pennant bowls

Strzelecki region - south, December 4, 2021

Div 1: Leongatha (2) 16-88 d Corinella (1) 0-54; Phillip Island (2) 14-84 d Phillip Island (1) 2-66; Inverloch (1) 16-101 d Korumburra (1) 0-49; Wonthaggi (1) 14-70 d Leongatha (1) 2-67.

Ladder: Phillip Island (1) 46 +38; Wonthaggi (1) 45 +9; Phillip Island (2) 45 +0; Inverloch (1) 34 +75; Leongatha (1) 30 +18; Korumburra (1) 25 -80; Leongatha (2) 24 +18; Corinella (1) 7 -78.

Div 2: Toora (1) 4-64 lt Fish Creek (1) 12-66; Loch (1) 16-101 d Phillip Island (3) 0-37; Korumburra (2) 45-65 d Inverloch (2) 2-63; San Remo (1) 14-71 d Mirboo North (1) 2-60.

Ladder: Fish Creek (1) 42 -6; Loch (1) 38 +70; Toora (1) 36 +18; San Remo (1) 33 -15; Korumburra (2) 33 -22; Phillip Island (3) 32 -41; Mirboo North (1) 31 +53; Inverloch (2) 11 -57.

Div 3: Wonthaggi (3) 14-77 d Wonthaggi (2) 2-67; Loch (2) 2-57 lt Meeniyen (1) 14-71; Inverloch (3) 15-85 d Lang Lang (2) 1-66; Mirboo North (1) 2-66 lt Foster (1) 14-82.

Ladder: Inverloch (3) 47 +61; Foster (1) 46 +26; Wonthaggi (3) 44 +42; Meeniyen (1) 36 +37; Wonthaggi (2) 34 -72; Lang Lang (1) 27 -25; Loch (2) 14 -133; Mirboo North (2) 8 -80.

Div 4: Toora (2) 14-82 d Corinella (2) 2-54; Phillip Island (4) 16-83 d Leongatha (3) 0-50; Tarwin Lower (1) 16-86 d Inverloch (4) 0-56; Korumburra (3) 1-61 lt Port Welshpool (1) 15-72.

Ladder: Phillip Island (4) 50 +68; Tarwin Lower (1) 49 +83; Port Welshpool (1) 45 +9; Leongatha (3) 30 +16; Inverloch (4) 28 +3; Toora (2) 24 -30; Korumburra (3) 20 -68; Corinella (2) 10 -81.

Div 5: Mirboo North (3) 14-72 d Fish Creek (2) 2-67; Phillip Island (5) 14-70 d Meeniyen (2) 2-58; Tarwin Lower (2) 14-78 d Lang Lang (2) 2-69; Wonthaggi (4) Bye.

Ladder: Phillip Island (5) 56 +71; Meeniyen (2) 34 +41; Wonthaggi (4) 28 +34; Fish Creek (2) 19 -1; Mirboo North (3) 19 -25; Tarwin Lower (2) 18 -44; Lang Lang (2) 18 -76.

Phillip Island Ten Pin Bowling League Results

2s Company:

1st on 15.5pts Strike Me Lucky
2nd on 15pts King Pins
3rd on 15pts Bonni & Clyde

ABL:

1st on 119.5pts Buccannars
2nd on 111.5pts Storm
3rd on 110pts Dreamers

BUSINESS:

1st on 20pts The Redundants
2nd on 19pts S&R Clarke Auto
3rd on 17pts Happy Hour
4th on 16.5pts Osama Bin Bowlin

This week's top scorers are:

Men - John Cashen 202; Gary Balfe 186; Joe Depetro 178.

Woman - Jennifer Murphy 164; Lorraine Leak 157; Lisa Walker 152.

SPORT

Island cricketers continue winning run

A1

The A1 boys made the trip to Leon-gatha this week to take on Nereena hoping to continue their undefeated start to the season. After being sent in on a green turf wicket, openers Lochie Cleeland and Eli Richards continued their excellent start to the season reaching a 40 run partnership before Cleeland was trapped leg be-fore wicket.

This bought Daniel P Mock to the crease and together with Richards the two battled superbly putting on 104 for the second wicket with Rich-ards eventually caught on the bound-ary for a classy 86.

Mock went on to make his second 50 of the season and was eventually dismissed for 54. This combined with some lower order hitting from Shiran Rathnayake (20 of 10 balls) got the score up to an impressive 7 for 204 at the close of innings.

For the second week running a rampant Simon Kirton did the dam-age early, bowling evergreen Damien Symmons with a jaffa third over of the Nereena innings.

From here spin kings Shiran Rath-nayake and Charith Keerthisinghe did the damage forcing the Nereena batsmen to take constant risk with an ever-climbing required run rate. Rathnayake finish with 2 for 18 off his 8 overs and Keerthisinghe 3 for 21 off his 8, From here the game was well in control for the Sharks with the score at 6 for 40.

After being dismissed plumb LBW whilst batting Jarrod Black made up for this with some fast work behind the stumps taking a sharp stumping giving Daniel Mock his first wicket for the club. From here the Sharks went on to roll Nereena for 110 in the 36th over giving the boys their fourth win on the trot.

Next week we face Leongatha Town at Cowes in a top of the table clash. Go Sharks.

B1

B1 were set to take on Koonwarra at Cowes, and if history was any-thing to go, by we were in for a close contest.

The sides were greeted with wintry conditions, and the Koony skipper gave PI Skipper Steve McIntyre an early birthday present by winning the toss and sending us in to bat.

Macca decided to reciprocate early, skysying one and Finno followed not long after and we were 2/23.

Tom Blackwell and Geoff Odgers settled in and were looking good until Odgy lost patience as well and we were 3/49. Matt Dennerley was in next and the pair really started to put the pressure on the bowling side punishing anything loose, as well as picking up quick singles getting to drinks at 3/87 off 20.

With the skipper's instructions to build partnerships for the last 20

and make the most of our good start, we had pushed along to 107, when Denners skied one, to be out for a well-made 27.

With 15 overs to go, a score of 180+ was looking good, but Tom fell the same way shortly after for an excel-lent 40 and all of sudden the opposi-tion got on top with a procession of balls hit in the air to see us dismissed for 151, crucially leaving six overs still to bat.

Denners and Angelo opened our bowling effort and the pair were on fire early with Angelo grabbing 2 and Denners producing an absolute peach to have Koony 3/15 and in early trouble.

Whilst the bowling continued to be excellent, the fielding wasn't as good, as we proceeded to put down numer-ous chances and Koony capitalised getting to 67, before Kurt Lane broke through for his first B grade wicket.

Young quick Zac Walker got some reward for great bowling picking up 2 quick wickets and when Tolley dismissed the dangerous Grimes for 46, the Island looked home with the score 7/86

But as is always the case with these two sides, the game swung again with injured Koony skipper Rush-ton getting support from Buckland, as they put the pressure right back on the home side with a rapid 50 run partnership that looked to be a match winner with Koony now only need-ing 16 to win with four overs to go.

Enter brand new dad Geoff Odg-ers, getting the Koony skipper caught after a great catch from Kohen Beau-mont, and when Angelo came back on and immediately grabbed his third, the home side was breathing again. Koony needed 8 off the last over to win, but Angleo bowled a great over, and the Island got a run out on the second last ball to win by 5 runs.

Another fantastic game between these two sides, played in great spirit by both teams.

RSL Man of the Match: Tom Black-well.

B2

The Phillip Island Sharks travelled over to Digger Park to take on OMK. OMK won the toss and elected to bat first and looked to play their shot ear-ly on anything lose.

Parsons struck in the fourth over to have OMK 1/17. Cleary struck in the 11th over after a short rain delay to have OMK 2/42. Some clean hitting from OMK's batters had the runs flowing before Parsons struck in the 16th over to have OMK 3/81.

A double bowling change with Dave Womersley and Tim Niven coming into the attack soon had the runs dry-ing up, and wickets soon started to fall, with Womersley picking up two to be on a hat trick but missed out.

Then it was Niven's turn to get a couple of wickets, and then Womer-



Jon Parry scored a hard hitting 63 not out off 35 balls to set up a big win for Phillip Island C2 Blue at Rhyll against Korumburra on Saturday

sley picked up another wicket to have OMK on the ropes at 8/101.

Niven picked up another wicket to finish with 3/27 off 8 overs. Arceo re-placed Womersley, who finished with 3 wickets for no runs of his 8 over, and got the last wicket to have OMK all out for 112.

It was the Sharks turn to bat with Epifano and Asurumui opening up. They lost Asurumui early to have them 1/5. D Womersley came in and was looking good before he fell caught for 13 then Epifano followed not long after for 16 to have the sharks 3/35.

H Womersley and Cleary looked to build a partnership before Cleary fell for 12 leaving the Sharks 4/54.

Arceo joined Womersley but both fell within a space of 20 runs leaving the Sharks 6/77.

Allan and Parsons looked to stead the ship and get the Sharks home. Allan was hitting the ball well to the boundary a couple of time as they edge closer to the total. With both Allan and Parsons batting well, the Sharks got over the line for a great win.

Allan finished 20 not out and Par-sons 11 not out.

The RSL man of the match went to Dave Womersley for his 3/0 off 8 Overs

C2

For the first time ever the Phillip

his first senior wicket as well.

Koonwarra fell well short of the tar-get set, and in their inaugural game, the C2 Yellow side won convincingly by 92 runs. A great team perfor-mance by everyone.

C2 Yellow take on Leongatha Town at Scorpion Park 2 next week.

C2 Blues

The C2 Blues hosted Korumburra at Reece Park Rhyll for their round five match.

The Sharks won the toss and elect-ed to bat. Excell and Manning opened the batting but were both back in sheds after the first over without troubling the scorers. Muscat and Patterson got the scoreboard moving before Patterson was caught for 15, Phillip Island 3/21.

Francis joined Muscat and two old stagers put on a much needed partnership of 47 which ended when Francis was caught behind for 25. Muscat and new recruit Dave Brack-en picked up the pace in the scoring, the partnership broken when Muscat was bowled for 36.

A fine contribution from the vet-eran Island cricketing legend. Cleary was caught behind for 2, the score was 6/107.

This brought Parry to the crease, he made his intentions clear early belt-ing the ball to all parts of Reece Park. Bracken and Parry put on 70 very entertaining runs when Bracken was skittled for 35, a fine debut knock for the Island.

Parry continued to blast the ball all over the place, including a six into the clubhouse, sending spectators scat-tering. Fall finished off the innings with a casual one handed six over square leg before getting caught on the last ball for 10.

The star of the Island innings was John Parry with 63 not out, Phillip Island finishing on 8/195.

The Island welcomed back Jai Kleverkamp after a couple years off, and he opened the bowling with im-mediate success.

Bracken then took a catch off Fall's bowling and the Island had two early wickets.

Kleverkamp took two more wick-ets, with a catch to Cleary and clean bowling the other and Korumburra had slumped to 4/21. Jai finished his 7 over spell with 3/8. An outstanding effort.

Johnston (1/12) took a catch off his own bowling and Francis(2/7) picked up a couple of quick wickets (LBW and bowled) and the Burra were on the ropes.

A couple of the youngsters put up some resistance until the much un-der bowled Manning (1/17) broke through crashing one into the off peg for his first wicket of the season.

Korumburra finished their overs 8/79, handing the C2 blues a 116-run win. Four wins in a row.

Man of the Match was John Parry.

MATCH SUMMARY					
A GRADE					
PHILLIP ISLAND	7-202		NERRENA		
	110				
E.RICHARDS	86	3-21	C.KEERTHISINGHE		
D.MOCK	54	2-18	S.RATHANYAKE		
S.RATHNAYAKE	20	2-19	D.MOCK		
PHILLIP ISLAND WON BY 92 RUNS					
B GRADE - DIVISION 1					
PHILLIP ISLAND	151		KOONWARRA L/RSL		
	146				
T.BLACKWELL	40	3-20	S.ANGELO		
M.DENNERLEY	27	2-21	Z.WALKER		
G.ODGERS	15	1-13	M.DENNERLEY		
PHILLIP ISLAND WON BY FIVE RUNS					

Match Summary Nerrena

MATCH SUMMARY					
B GRADE - DIVISION 2					
PHILLIP ISLAND	6-113		OMK		
	112				
T.ALLAN	20*	3-0	D.WOMERSLEY		
C.EPIFANO	16	3-27	T.NIVEN		
		2-44	M.PARSONS		
PHILLIP ISLAND WON BY FOUR WICKETS					
C GRADE - DIVISION 2					
PHILLIP ISLAND BLUE	8-195		KORUMBURRA		
	8-79				
J.PARRY	63*	3-8	J.KLEVERKAMP		
C.MUSCAT	36	2-7	P.FRANCIS		
D.BRRAKEN	35	1-12	J.JOHNSTON		
PHILLP ISLAND BLUE WON BY 116 RUNS					

Match Summary OMK

MATCH SUMMARY					
C GRADE - DIVISION 2					
PHILLIP ISLAND YELLOW	2-204		KOONWARRA L/RSL		
	4-112				
T.KENTER	69	2-5	C.MACMILLAN		
K.TAYLOR	56*	1-25	D.FUSINATO		
B.ROSS	55				
PHILLIP ISLAND YELLOW WON BY 92 RUNS					

Match Summary – Koonwarra



Chris Leonardos won the Senior Male Weight competition with a 6620-gram snapper.



Kate Jinnette completed a hat trick to claim the Senior Female Weight prize for a snapper weighing 2185 grams.

Angling Club fishing comp results

With the start of the festive season and summer, expectations were high for the fifth Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club (RPIAC) fishing competition of the 2021/2022 season.

The event, held on December 4 and 5, was supported by Bendigo Bank's Community Bank Cowes, and had anglers vying for the weekend's prizes and a lead in the club championship.

Indeed, some impressive fish were presented to the weigh-in master Norman Trickey and the general trend was bigger and chunkier fish.

Thankfully the weather was better than forecast and the mix of sun, wind, cloud, and light rain provided some good opportunities for angling. A total of 31 fish and two sharks were weighed, including snapper, King George whiting, trevally, couta, pike, flathead and yellowtail scad.

Now, in its fourth year, the RPIAC's first to catch, members only, competition weekend Extraordinary Catch incentives for five eligible species remain in the bank.

The nominated species for a first-

to-catch \$1000 prize, for fish equal to or exceeding the nominated weight, are: King George Whiting (1000 grams), Snapper (10 kg), Gummy Shark (20 kg), Mulloway (25 kg) and Kingfish (25 kg).

At the conclusion of weigh in on Sunday, the post-competition presentation celebrated sponsorship from Bendigo Bank, the achievements of all anglers, and the enthusiasm of RPIAC volunteers and supporters.

Attendees were again delighted by the cool mastery of Len Bates and the sizzling talent of Ron Soolsma.

The reigning Squidgie Club Champion, Denver Firth, shone in the competition for participants aged nine or younger. Denver dominated to win the Squidgie Mixed Bag Points competition after catching four fish, totalling 75 points.

The Junior competition, for anglers aged 10 to 16, saw Brinkley Nicolaci awarded with the Junior Weight prize for a snapper weighing 1710 grams.

Pheonix Firth was presented with the Junior Points prize for a King George whiting worth 1414 points

(505 grams).

The Senior Heaviest Weight competitions were all about déjà vu and snappers, with some nice head-bangers on show.

Chris Leonardos won the Senior Male Weight competition with a 6620-gram snapper and Kate Jinnette completed a hat trick to claim the Senior Female Weight prize for a snapper weighing 2185 grams.

The Senior Points competitions were won by Duncan Firth and Jill Trickey, each presenting King George whiting to the weigh-in master, worth 1722 points (615 grams) and 1680 points (600 grams), respectively.

The Senior Shark competition was won by Chris Leonardos for a gummy shark weighing 4030 grams, and the Secret Weigh prize was awarded to Norman Trickey, for a 270-gram King George whiting (secret weight 236 grams).

The next competition will be held over the weekend of February 5 and 6, 2022. For further information about the club, events, competitions and rules, please visit: www.rpiac.com

Get prepared to stay safe on the water this summer

With summer upon us, recreational boaters and fishers across Victoria are encouraged to brush up on safety rules and prepare their vessels to stay safe and avoid fines on the water.

Marine incident rates are returning to pre-pandemic levels with 1248 serious incidents in 2020-21, compared to 1134 in 2019-20. These include boat fires, capsizes, structural failure, flooding, and a spear fisher struck by a vessel.

With many boats and equipment sitting idle in garages over winter, authorities are concerned that incident levels could continue rising if critical checks aren't done before people hit the water.

In 2020, Maritime Safety Victoria reported vessel maintenance was an issue, with dramatic spikes in disablements directly after pandemic restrictions were eased.

Victorians can stay safe on the water by following simple steps, starting with checking they hold a valid recreational boating and/or fishing licence.

Boat owners should check their vessel is stocked with charged batteries, flares, a torch, and a fire extinguisher, as well as replacing old fuel, checking trailer tyres, and starting the boat's engine before leaving home.

Keeping safety gear in working order is critical, including having lifejackets for every person on board. Checking the Boating Vic app for updated tide, weather, and boat ramp



Stay safe on the water by following simple steps, by keeping safety gear in working order and checking boats are stocked with charged batteries, flares, torch and fire extinguisher.

information is also important.

Lifejackets are a must for jet skiers, kayakers, and ocean ski paddlers – and importantly, these buy people time while raising the alarm if something does go wrong, particularly if exposed to cold water in Western Port bay.

Keen fishers and divers should always tell a family member or friend before leaving for the water, and if rock fishing, a lifejacket is highly recommended.

Fishers can download the Vic-Fishing app to check bag and size limits for each species – it also includes a 'Can I Fish Here?' feature to

help avoid fishing in a marine park.

Speed infringement rates are also returning to pre-pandemic levels, with 255 in 2020-21, just shy of 278 in 2018-19. Brushing up on water safety rules before a trip can help boaters avoid these fines, which can also relate to offences such as distance incursions.

Jet ski registrations have boomed from 21,000 five years ago to nearly 26,000 this year. This represents a large proportion of new vessel owners who may not have as much on-water experience as traditional boaters.

Waterway rules at transportandsafety.vic.gov.au/msv/waterways.



Phillip Island's Codie Jeffery (right) took out Open section in this year's Surfing Victoria's Tradies Challenge on the weekend, with Ross Dart winning the Masters. Photo: @zakhele_photography/Surfing Victoria.

Codie's a top tradie

Congratulations to Phillip Island's Codie Jeffery who won the Open section of Surfing Victoria's Tradies Challenge on the weekend.

The event was held in Jan Juc, with Ross Dart taking out the Masters section. Shane Murphy won the Expressions Session.

Phillip Island Golf results

Men's golf:

Tuesday, November 30: Men's Stableford.

Division 1: Winner was Alan Schache (6) with 39 points from Rob Davison (14) with 38 points.

Division 2: Winner was Stephen McMillan (39) with 41 Points from John Savas (22) with 40 points.

Nine-hole competition winner was David Scrace (29) with 23 points.

Thursday, December 2: Open Par. Division 1: Winner was David Nicholl (19) with +6 from Rob Haydon (13) +5.

Division 2: Winner was Phil Cooksey (29) with +5 from Cecil Andrews (27) +3.

Nine-hole stableford winner was David Gladman (18) with 21 points from Bob Leak (29) with 20 points.

Saturday, December 4: Stroke – Monthly Medal sponsored by Cowes Electrical Services (Club member Vince Colella).

A Grade winner: Mark Haringsma (9) 70 nett from Jim Richardson (12) 71 nett.

B Grade winner: John McKechnie (15) 70 nett c/b from Max Brown (16).

C Grade winner: James Holroyd (29) 770 nett from Fred Panozzo (19) 71 nett c/b.

Monthly Medal winner was John McKechnie.

NTP: 5th – Chris Reynolds, 7th – Mark Beaton, 10th – Geoff Daff and 17th – Vince Phelan.

Ladies golf:

Wednesday, December 1: Stableford.

Winner was Rhonda Boyd (22) with 42 points.



AJ Jones Mixed foursomes golf winners left to right – Brother and sister Lachlan and Taylah Robinson, gross winners and Trish and Mark Jamieson nett winners.

Runner up was Wendy Hopkins (29) with 41 Points from Marilyn Jamieson (35) with 40 points on C/b from Kaye Huther and Debra Orr.

NTP: 5th – Debra Orr, 7th – Myuki Yamaguchi, 10th – Robyn Chipperfield, 17th – Dawn Andrews, 12th – 2nd shot Naoko McRae.

Nine-hole competition winner was Jacqui Fenton (38) with 19 points from Wendy Hamilton and Kaye Johnson with 18 points.

Saturday, December 4: Stableford.

The winner was Ros Reid (28) with 38 Points on c/b from Karen Green (12).

NTP: 5th – Jill Zellman and 7th – Ros Reid.

Nine-hole competition winner was Annette Millership with 22 points.

Sunday, December 5: AJ Jones Mixed Foursomes Championship.

The Mixed Foursomes winners were Lachlan Robinson (+1) and Taylah Robinson (7) with 78 gross.

The Nett winners were Mark Jamieson (11) and Trish Jamieson (43) with 66 nett.

Come and join the fun at the RSL. Dinner beforehand is a popular pastime with some players.

Call Bob Hee for any information 0418 173 388.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 8 DEC	THU 9 DEC	FRI 10 DEC	SAT 11 DEC	SUN 12 DEC	MON 13 DEC	TUE 14 DEC
HIGH 4:49 am 3.28 m	HIGH 5:38 am 3.23 m	HIGH 6:24 am 3.14 m	LOW 12:02 am 0.40 m	LOW 12:50 am 0.59 m	LOW 1:38 am 0.79 m	LOW 2:28 am 0.98 m
LOW 10:25 am 0.93 m	LOW 11:15 am 0.86 m	LOW 12:01 pm 0.80 m	HIGH 7:07 am 3.03 m	HIGH 7:47 am 2.89 m	HIGH 8:27 am 2.76 m	HIGH 9:07 am 2.62 m
HIGH 4:26 pm 2.72 m	HIGH 5:19 pm 2.73 m	HIGH 6:13 pm 2.69 m	LOW 12:48 pm 0.77 m	LOW 1:34 pm 0.76 m	LOW 2:19 pm 0.76 m	LOW 3:06 pm 0.77 m
LOW 10:24 pm 0.15 m	LOW 11:14 pm 0.25 m		HIGH 7:07 pm 2.62 m	HIGH 8:03 pm 2.54 m	HIGH 9:02 pm 2.47 m	HIGH 10:04 pm 2.44 m

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U16 Girls played a great tournament and were successful in the Grand Final against Barwon Heads.

A Ripper tournament weekend

There were seven Phillip Island Rips teams that played over the weekend at the 2021 Southern Peninsula Tournament with five of those teams winning their Grand Final games in their division to take home the premier medals.

Playing against metropolitan and country teams, the Rips teams showed that the players and coaches prepared well to secure some great results and showcase their skills on the court.

U12B

- R1:** Phillip Island 25 v Frankston 25.
- R2:** Phillip Island 35 v Foster 17.
- R3:** Phillip Island 20 v Beleura 16.
- R4:** Phillip Island 34 v Red Hill 3.
- GF:** Phillip Island 25 v Frankston 20.

The U12B Phillip Island Rips started the tournament with a draw and finished with a Grand Final Division 3 win!

Some super tight games, but the boys knew their game plan and delivered.

Congratulations to Dan and the players and a huge thank you to Team Manager Lynda and the families who gave the team their full

encouragement during the weekend.

U12G

- R1:** Phillip Island 16 v Wonthaggi 4.
- R2:** Phillip Island 10 v Melbourne 16.
- R3:** Phillip Island 13 v Frankston 14.
- R4:** Phillip Island 3 v Sale 28.

A win and two super close games are an excellent start to the U12G Phillip Island Rips team season. Well done to the players and coach Cam and a massive thank you to Team Manager Krystal and the families who were there every step of the way.

As the season build this great team will keep thriving.

U14B

- R1:** Phillip Island 24 v Korumburra 20.
- R2:** Phillip Island 32 v Southern Pen 10.
- R3:** Phillip Island 51 v Foster 21.
- R4:** Phillip Island 50 v Waverley 16.
- GF:** Phillip Island 35 v Ringwood 29.

It was a positive start against neighbouring team Korumburra for our U14B Phillip Island Rips and that win gave the team the confidence to continue their rolling wins to secure

a spot in the Division 3 Grand Final.

Ringwood was strong in the GF game, but the Island team were stronger and wanted the win. Congratulations to coach Kris and players and a big thank you to Team Manager Nicole and the families who were there to give the boys great support all the way through.

U14G

- R1:** Phillip Island 27 v Foster 15.
- R2:** Phillip Island 37 v Eltham 15.
- R3:** Phillip Island 17 v Melbourne 13.
- R4:** Phillip Island 33 v Ringwood 12.
- GF:** Phillip Island 26 v Moe 23.

What an awesome display of determination by our U14G team who had a great run and a super intense Grand Final game against Moe to take the premiership by three points in Division 2. Congratulations to coach Andrew and thank you to Team Manager Nadine and Amber for filling in for their first game and to all the players who dug deep and came away with a well-earned victory. Thanks heaps to the families who help motivate the team over the weekend.

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