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Carnival owner Brian Watkins has closed the doors of his long-running attraction, following compulsory acquisition by Bass Coast Shire.

Carnival closes for last time

Owners of the carnival land in Cowes have closed their doors for the last time, saying they remain angry at the property's compulsory acquisition and were yet to find a new home.

Owner Brian Watkins said settlement on the 16ha site, on the corner of Phillip Island Road and Ventnor Road, was due last week but Bass Coast Shire had notified the family of a last-minute delay until March.

He would not disclose the sale price, but said it was "almost the amount we were asking".

He said about 12 of his family members who call the property home have until June 6 to leave.

"We have been looking for another place to go but so far we can't find land to put the carnival on," said the 78-year-old who has just undergone six months of chemotherapy.

"Maybe we'll have to use squatters' right after that date. We would like to stay on Phillip Island because we don't have anywhere else to go."

Last year Victoria's Planning Minister approved compulsory acquisition of the land by the shire for a proposed sports hub, including community pool.

Mr Watkins said he had asked to retain a few acres in the southern corner but the shire had rejected the request.

"We haven't been able to sleep at night. We're stressed out, angry and disillusioned," said the father of three and grandfather of eight.

He said they closed the carnival for the last time on the Australia Day long weekend after more than 20 years at the location, and after about five decades of visiting the island, which 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 land.

Sports hub

A shire spokeswoman last week said the compulsory acquisition had not been finalised.

"We are working through the process but cannot provide an estimated time for completion," she said.

The carnival site was originally part of 32ha purchased by the Phillip Island Shire, at the time mooted as a recreation hub; but was controversially sold to the Watkins family by commissioners appointed by Jeff Kennett at the time of council amal-

gamations in 1994.

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

The shire that same year bought back 16ha of the original parcel of land from the Watkins, calling it the Hilton Chadwick Reserve – which lies immediately to the west of the carnival site – for future use and development as part of a sporting precinct.

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

Ross River virus tally swells

The Ross River virus tally continues to increase, with a Cape Woolamai arborist the latest positive case.

Trevor Moulynnox last week received a positive result after his wife Jess saw the Advertiser articles and Facebook posts detailing the mozzie-borne virus outbreak.

Bass Coast Shire and Bass Coast Health were both unaware of the outbreak until contacted by the Advertiser.

"It happened to Trevor exactly how your article reported it," Jess said.

"He was sitting out on the deck before Christmas and then got swollen feet and ankles. He thought he should get liver and kidney tests, but then asked for a Ross River test, although the doctor did say his symptoms suggested it could be that.

"I think the word should get out that if anyone experiences any symptoms, get them checked, because sometimes the doctor won't check if you don't ask."

The mother-of-two said since her 37-year-old husband was tested at the Wonthaggi Medical Group a fortnight ago he had been on anti-inflammatories which, according to the doctor, can limit cartilage degeneration from the virus.

"It's the only thing making him function. He still has a lot of joint pain and when he gets out of the car he groans like an old man.

"He's normally active, likes jogging and playing with the kids, riding the bikes, but he's in a lot of pain.

"This is something that lasts forever, like the herpes virus. The symptoms can go away but reoccur through your life so it's not something you want to get. With Covid around, you don't want your body compromised."

The couple suspect the guilty mosquito bit Trevor in the lead up to Christmas, when they were sitting on the back deck of their home, rather than in his job as a consultant arborist.

"He was being mauled by them. They were crazy, swarming around him and he was wearing shorts and a t-shirt, whereas with his job he wears boots and is covered all over."

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Disputed Surf Beach turbine underway

Surf Beach residents' bid to stop the erection of a residential wind turbine looks to have failed, with construction of the controversial structure beginning this week.

Late last year, the Advertiser spoke to the owner of the turbine Rob McKittrick who planned to erect the turbine, which measures 10.5 metres, under the height requirement triggering a planning permit.

"I have done everything council has asked me to do and more," Mr McKittrick said.

"I don't tell neighbours what they can and can't do on their property.

"People feel how they feel regardless of what I say or do."

Surf Beach residents said the pieces of the turbine have now been put together, but it has not been erected yet.

Despite the residents' calls to Bass Coast Shire Council to stop the turbine going ahead, Council said it had no power to stop the construction.

A Council Q&A sheet distributed last year states planners have exhausted all avenues of action to stop the turbine's erection.

"Council has no power available to it to address the proposed issues associated with the installation of the structure," the Q&A sheet states.

"The only authority that can intervene to support and address the community's concerns is the State Government through an amendment to the Victorian Planning Provisions. "To date, the State Government has declined to amend the Planning Provisions which would provide the mechanism for Council to manage the approval and enforcement process."

The information sheet stated Mr

McKittrick had provided details to the shire on the dimensions, designs, specifications and tolerances of the wind turbine, which was being independently reviewed and assessed.

"This documentation (whilst commercial in confidence) has been provided by the landowner in good faith," the Q&A states.

Residents had called for the shire to use enforcement to stop the turbine's erection.

"In the event the proposed turbine is constructed and is found to breach any stipulations – height, noise, commercial in nature, used for advertising purpose – Council will pursue any and all enforcement options available to ensure any breach is fully rectified.

"At this stage without any construction having taken place, there is not a situation that warrants the enactment of emergency action."

Calls to block the construction of the turbine were supported by Bird-life Australia, who raised concerns about the nearby Shearwater colony in a letter to the council.

"This proposed wind turbine will have extremely detrimental consequences to the colony, both as adult birds return each night to feed their chicks and especially as the naïve fledgling chicks practice flying and leave the colony," Dr Lees from Bird-life Australia said.

"Although we appreciate the property owner is making an effort to transfer to green energy, in such close proximity to a seabird colony, in this case the construction of a wind turbine, is inappropriate and we oppose its construction and operation."



There were lights of a different kind in Thompson Avenue on Monday night, but fortunately no one was injured at this incident attended by the island's emergency services.

Close call in Cowes

Police, ambulance, fire brigades and SES units were called to Thompson Avenue in Cowes around 8pm on Monday night, after a car accidentally drove into the Priceline building.

Within five minutes all emergency services were on the scene, in a quick response to what turned out to be a minor incident.

Unit Controller Alan O'Connor said a driver had accidentally mounted the kerb and lightly rammed the security door at Priceline, but there was no major damage to

the building, or injury to the driver.

"It was a very good outcome," he said, noting the emergency response had been impressive.

Over the weekend, SES units also responded to calls for trees down across the island and in Grantville and Newhaven. The heavy rain saw the San Remo unit received calls from three homes due to flooding.

"One had significant flooding, while the other two were only minor," said Unit Controller Michael Kenny.



On your bike, you goose!

Bike riders at the Nobbies found themselves with an extra member. This Cape Barren Goose was keen to get in on the two wheel action, and photographer Gary Parnell was on hand to capture the moment.

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Court appearance adjourned

A committal hearing for the man charged with robbing the San Remo Post Office in September last year has been adjourned.

Originally scheduled for January 29, the hearing will now be held on March 9.

Detectives from the Armed Crime Squad charged Michael White, a 28-year-old from San Remo, with armed robbery and drug offences.

The charges follow an alleged incident at the post office on Marine Parade

on September 5, 2020.

Deepak and Khyati Gurnani, who run the San Remo Post Office and Newsagency, said a man entered the store around 9.20am, originally asking if they sold stamps.

"Then he put his bag on the counter and raised his right arm and I saw the handle of a knife," said Deepak.

"He said I don't want to take this out. Give me all you have."

All the takings from the previous day were stolen.

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January real estate boom unprecedented



Local real estate agents say property sales on Phillip Island and San Remo over January have been at “unprecedented” levels.

Phillip Island has been a hotspot for real estate in Victoria over January. Since Melbourne emerged from COVID-19 lockdown, people have been snapping up the opportunity to buy real estate outside of metropolitan Melbourne. And sales are continuing to rise, even heading out of tourist season. Michael McLeod from First National Real Estate in Cowes, speaking last week, said sales have been exceptionally strong throughout January. “It is unprecedented, and sales are just continuing to rise,” he commented. Some properties have been snapped up on the day they have been listed; with others in days of going on the market. With steep competition, people can expect to pay more for their slice of coastal real estate. However, Michael said Phillip Island is still offering relatively cheap coastal real estate, compared to some other areas across the state. He said more people are looking for a place where they can live and work from home, but still easily commute to Melbourne when needed.

“Phillip Island and San Remo are the perfect positions for those buyers.” Michael said that people wanting a lifestyle change and first home buyers were largely represented in the buyer’s market, but all sectors are “flying” at the moment. “With the incentives offered by government, first home buyer sales are rising,” Michael said. “Demand is currently outstripping supply which is causing even more competition in the marketplace.” Greg Price, from Alex Scott Real Estate agreed, saying the demand for property locally has never been higher. “It is the busiest January I have seen in my whole career,” he said. Greg has noticed a strong trend with the amount of people buying a house to live in, rather than as an investment property. “Due to the increased demand, there is more than one potential buyer for every property. This is causing houses to sell faster than they ever have,” he commented. “There is competition across all areas of the market which we don’t usually see.”

San Remo set for library

San Remo is one step closer to gaining a library, with a planning permit open for public comment. The library is planned for an existing building at 1/92 Backbeach Road. The permit states over time the hours of operation may extend to Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 6pm and Saturdays between 9.30am and



The site of the new library at 92 Backbeach Road in San Remo, which will initially operate only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

12.30pm, however initial hours of operation will only be Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 6pm and Wednesdays from 9.30am to 12.15pm. The existing shop is vacant and will be fitted out for the San Remo Community Library by West Gippsland Libraries for Bass Coast Shire.

Incorrect sign is causing confusion

The new VLine sign in Newhaven is causing great confusion for bus travellers unfamiliar with the local area. The westbound sign that is placed almost directly across from the eastbound Forrest Avenue bus stop is signed “To Melbourne” when in fact west bound buses are on the way to Cowes. The stop also has a timetable displayed for buses that are in fact travelling in the opposite direction.

The need for a bus stop in that location has been questioned as it is just 100-metres closer to the bridge than the already well-established stop near the Rip Curl Surf Shop. The issue has been reported to the Department of Transport, and Bass Coast Councilor Bruce Kent has wasted no time in trying to rectify the issue. After being contacted by the Advertiser last week, Sara Rhodes-Ward, Director Gippsland Region – Department of Transport, has advised that the sign had been wrongly installed, and the error would



The Department of Transport has advised that the sign at the Newhaven Vline bus stop, directing travellers to Melbourne, when in fact busses stopping there are heading to Cowes, will be removed as quickly as possible.

be corrected. “A bus stop sign was installed in an incorrect location on Phillip Island Road near the intersection of Forrest Avenue,” Ms Rhodes Ward said last week. “Our crews will remove the sign and we apologise for any confusion this has caused public transport patrons.” The Department of Trans-

port said currently there are two bus stops located near the intersection of the Phillip Island Road and Forrest Avenue. “These bus stops service V/Line coaches running between Melbourne, Bass Coast and South Gippsland; and township bus routes servicing the Phillip Island and Wonthaggi area. “There is a Melbourne-bound bus stop located close to the Forrest Avenue intersection, and a Cowes bound stop located approximately 130-metres up the road in a location that has more suitable conditions to accommodate a bus stop. “A Department of Transport contractor, undertaking routine bus infrastructure inspections on Phillip Island Road, incorrectly installed a bus stop sign on the Cowes-bound side of the road, directly across from the Melbourne-bound bus stop. “It has been identified that this is not the correct location for the Cowes-bound stop and will be removed as soon as possible.”

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Holiday homes, restaurants impacted by shire overhaul

Holiday home registrations and food health inspections are among the departments set to be outsourced to external Melbourne contractors in a Bass Coast Shire overhaul.

The overhaul will impact seven permanent jobs and one casual position in the Environmental Health Services department, which also includes public health nuisance investigations and registrations for businesses such as hairdressers and tattooists.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said immunisation services – currently also part of the Environmental Health department – would continue to be provided by the shire.

Ms Wastie said from July 1 the shire would use an external contractor in partnership with the City of Casey and Cardinia Shire Council, with the expected cost savings to be about \$189,000 per year.

She said outsourcing away from local staff would not impact service quality.

“Environmental Health Services have been delivered externally by a contractor at both the City of Casey and Cardinia Shire Council for over 20 years,” Ms Wastie said.

“This provides Bass Coast with the

confidence that a shared arrangement with an external contractor would retain and improve current service levels, while delivering efficiencies for council.”

Ms Wastie said there were no plans to outsource other shire departments “at present” and it was Casey and Cardinia who approached Bass Coast to pool resources.

“The decision to enter a shared services model was based on a detailed review of current service delivery and on the commitment that a non-council managed service will deliver an equivalent or better service to the community, while providing cost savings for council,” she said.

“Undertaking reviews and considering opportunities like these ensures council provides best practice delivery for the community, at a time when the impacts of COVID-19 and rate capping affect how council meets the community’s expectations.”

Employees directly impacted by the cuts will be provided opportunities to apply for internally advertised positions.

The shire will negotiate the new model over the coming months, she said.

Gender equality push for councils

The Victorian government has launched a new initiative to drive gender equality across Victoria’s 79 councils.

Minister for Local Government Shaun Leane has announced the formation of the Gender Equality Advisory Committee, which will be co-chaired by Labor members of parliament Juliana Addison and Kat Theophanous.

The committee will draw on the experience of women from across the sector to ensure that the local govern-

ment sector can harness the benefits of equality for all Victorians.

Expressions of Interest are now open to fill 10 places on the committee. Mayors, councillors, senior staff and sector leaders will be encouraged to nominate suitable candidates.

The committee will advise the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Women Gabrielle Williams on how to deliver the government’s target of 50 per cent female mayors and councillors by 2025.

SHORT STACK

A QUICK ROUNDUP OF NEWS, VIEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Youth Parliament

Applications for the 2021 YMCA Victorian Youth Parliament are open until March 19.

Youth Parliament is a forum for young people aged 16-25 to gain hands-on experience in the parliamentary process.

For more information or to apply, visit vicyouth.ymca.org.au

Calling surf photographers

The annual Nikon Surf Photo and Video of the Year Awards are open to Australian residents who can submit their best images and videos taken in 2020.

There is a maximum of three photo entries per photographer and one video entry per videographer.

Creators can submit their entries via Mynikonlife.com.au/surf. Submissions close March 15.

Attention aspiring sports writers

Submissions for the Page Turner Awards 2021 are now open.

The awards are aimed at writers in the sports community and accept unpublished or published fiction and non-fiction books.

Find out more at pageturner-awards.com

Nominate a local sports hero

Nominations are open for the 2020 Victorian Sport Awards, to recognise the sports champions who make community sport great.

The awards are a chance to recognise the outstanding achievements of administrators, volunteers, organisations, clubs, initiative and events in 2020

Details at vicsport.com.au/2020-victorian-sport-award-nominations

Need help with energy bills?

The government has announced a new Power Saving Bonus of \$250, to help people struggling to pay their energy bills.

The bonus is available to any households with a Victorian electricity account who holds a pensioner concession card or receives Job-Seeker, Austudy, Abstudy or Youth Allowance. It will be available for 12 months.

The bonus is available through the Victorian Energy Compare website – compare.energy.vic.gov.au – or by calling 1800 000 832.

Tradies tracker

The government’s Small Business Digital Adaptation Program helps self-employed Victorians and micro and small businesses build crucial digital capability to support their day-to-day operations by allowing them to access a free trial of selected digital products.

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Trade Trak provides a cloud-based comprehensive tool for trades and services to manage onsite safety, job scheduling, quoting, invoicing and contractor management.

The other new digital products available to trial supply services ranging from accounting and job management to legal services and restaurant reservations and ordering.

For more information, visit business.vic.gov.au/sbdap.

Anzac Day School Awards

The 2021 Anzac Day Schools’ Awards encourage students to learn about veteran service and Australian wartime history by asking the question, ‘what does commemoration look like in your community?’

Schools are encouraged to take part in this competition, with entries showcasing how their local communities commemorate the service and sacrifice of service men and women.

The national winner’s school will receive \$5000, a trophy and a certificate. There will also be state and territory winners, with the schools receiving \$3000 and a certificate. Winners in the special categories will receive \$2000 and a certificate.

Entries close on June 30. For further information, including award categories, judging, criteria and how to apply visit anzacportal.dva.gov.au/research-education/competitions/anzac-day-schoolsawards

Water board members wanted

The state government is calling for applications for director positions on the boards of Victoria’s water corporations and catchment management authorities, with young women and Aboriginal Victorians particularly encouraged to apply.

There are up to 130 board appointments to be filled, with the government guaranteeing that at least 50 per cent of those roles will be filled by women.

Expressions of interest for the water corporation and catchment management positions close on March 8.

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Cowes neglected over Christmas Seeing the light for wildlife

A Cowes trader has accused Bass Coast Shire Council of neglecting the main streets of the town during the busy Christmas holiday period.

The veteran trader of 20 years claims neither Thompson Avenue or The Esplanade were cleaned by the shire street sweeper between Christmas and New Year.

“Previously there was a street sweeper seven days a week in January,” he said.

“Bass Coast Shire Council has a theory that the shire finishes at San Remo. It forgets about us over here.”

A Council spokesperson admitted the Cowes street sweeper had to undergo repairs over Christmas, “which meant some cleans during this period were unable to go ahead”, but said between Christmas and the Australia Day weekend, the main streets were cleaned 12 times.

“We generally aim to sweep the Cowes CBD two to three times per week and more when regularly required,” the spokesperson said.

There is a small sweeper based full time in Cowes, which is scheduled to clean the footpaths and roadways of the CBD several times a week.

A larger sweeper looks after residential areas on a weekly basis.

Cowes misses out?

According to the trader, as well as the lack of street sweeping between Christmas and New Year, the centre of Cowes went 12 days in the latter part of January without being cleaned.

Council did not directly address the claim, but said the area is generally swept “two to three times per week”.

The trader also queried why council staff weren’t cleaning toilets on weekends and why the Heritage Centre toilets were now locked.

“No, they remain open on weekends. The toilets are locked at dusk and reopened at dawn,” the spokesperson said.



A Cowes trader has accused Council of neglecting the main streets during the holiday period, however Council said the Cowes CBD was generally swept two to three times a week, with team members also conducting litter pick ups and other cleaning duties.

The council confirmed that team members worked seven days a week cleaning public amenities from October 1 to April 1 each year, “with double cleans taking place on high use facilities such as Smiths Beach and Thompson Avenue”.

“In periods of high demand, such as during an event, we engage a local contractor to maintain our amenities, which includes two hourly cleans.

“This year, we also had team members working on weekends from December 26 through until the end of January conducting litter picks, BBQ cleaning and cleansing works across all townships and high use areas,” the spokesperson said.

“A roster of six team members per

day was used with early morning starts of 6am, servicing San Remo, Newhaven, Vista Place Shops, Cottesloe Beach, Cape Woolamai Beach, Rhyll, Red Rocks and Ventnor, Smiths Beach, YCW beach and Cowes CBD and The Esplanade.”

Addressing complaints about the time it took to clear a tree branch which fell near the Cowes Post Office on January 28, the spokesperson said no request was received to remove it.

“Our arboriculture team and local contractors were hit with a high workload across 28 and 29 January, after the strong winds that occurred on 27 January. We received 46 tree requests from the storm event.”

It was good news for wildlife when “shearwater-friendly” lights were installed at the Cape Woolamai and Back Beach Road roundabouts by Regional Roads Victoria last year.

But what exactly is wildlife-friendly lighting?

With the annual Short-tailed Shearwater exodus set to begin in mid-April, Nature Parks research scientist Andre Chiaradia has clarified, after a request from the Phillip Island Conservation Society.

“All artificial lights will cause some harm to nocturnal animals. Some types of lights are more damaging than others,” Andre told PICS.

“So, there is no friendly lights for wildlife but wildlife-sensitive lights.”

Andre said PINP had conducted experiments with lights and their effect on shearwaters and penguins, then given the best light options available on the market to RRV.

He said Phillip Island was used as a case study in the recently published National Light Pollution Guidelines for Seabirds, Seaturtles and Shorebirds.

More than one million Short-tailed Shearwaters call Phillip Island home, and from mid-April to early May, the newest additions to



Nature Parks research scientist Andre Chiaradia said PINP made recommendations to RRV about wildlife-friendly lighting at the new roundabouts.

the colony are at risk of being injured or killed on the island’s roads when they attempt to fly for the first time and start their 16,000km journey back to Alaska.

RRV limits speed limits and turns off street lighting including on the Phillip Island bridge, so the chicks do not fly towards the light and end up on the main road.

Heroes don’t drop their masks

The growing number of face masks dropped around streets – and even in nature reserves – has been highlighted by the Phillip Island Conservation Society.

A post on PICS’ Facebook page suggested possible reasons that masks ended up as litter included inadvertently falling out of pockets, no bin close by, and “no connection to place or nature so don’t care”.

“Yes, it’s hard to fathom and really not excusable,” the post reads.

“They will no doubt form a large part in PICS rubbish clean up working bees in 2021.”



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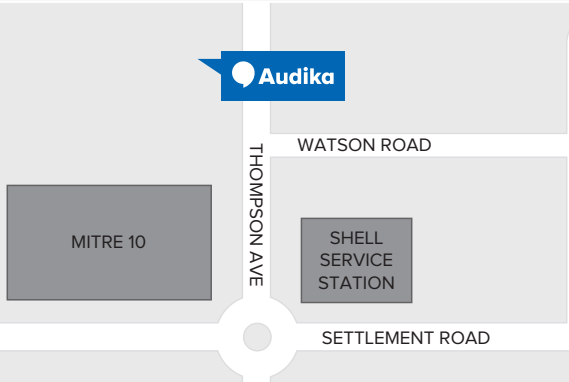
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Jude's wild about native food



Rick Lacey from Purple Hen Vineyard and Winery in Rhyll, whose wines are served in a new Melbourne restaurant showcasing Gippsland produce.

Island food on show in top eatery

Phillip Island produce will feature on the menu of a new Melbourne restaurant that showcases the Gippsland region.

The Farmer's Daughters was last month opened by chef Alejandro Saravia, a three-level farm-to-table restaurant in the CBD that champions Gippsland growers and produce including Phillip Island's Purple Hen winery, Ocean Reach Brewing and Outback Chef Bush Herb farmers at Rhyll (see separate article).

"Farmer's Daughters brings a sense of place for everyone that wants to discover Gippsland," Mr Sara-

via said.

"I want to shine a spotlight on what I believe to be one of the most important farming regions in Australia.

Bass Coast Shire mayor Cr Brett Tessari said the restaurant was a great advertisement for the shire, which would encourage people to visit "so they can experience everything we have to offer, first-hand".

"We support anything that helps our local businesses grow, after the incredibly hard year we have just had - this venture is sure to be a welcome boost for some of our local producers," Cr Tessari said.

When Rhyll's Jude Mayall attended the launch of the Farmer's Daughter restaurant in Melbourne, she got a pleasant surprise.

"They have a cocktail named after me, called Jude's Punch," said Jude, who owns the Wild Food Farm (previously the Rhyll Trout Farm).

"It has aromatics from one of my spice teas in it, including native pepper and wattle seed, which makes it a beautiful soft pink colour.

"It was a great surprise; I've never had anything named after me."

Aside from the punch, Jude's native botanicals are being used in a range of cocktails and a signature beer at the restaurant, which opened last month in Melbourne to champion Gippsland growers and produce (see separate article).

The restaurant initiative is a positive for Jude who has had a tough year, opening Wild Food Farm on the Rhyll-Newhaven Road in February last year just before Covid hit.

"In 2020 I opened three times and closed twice. It was a rocky time to open," she says.

With decades as a chef and in the native food industry, Jude however is determined to focus on long-term success.

Bush food

Jude grew up on a citrus farm on the Murray and completed a diploma in confectionary in Germany, before an apprenticeship with an Australian sweets manufacturer.

It was a 10-year stint working for an Aboriginal art gallery that focused her interest in food gathering and harvesting and in 2005 she started Outback Chef.

The company, which she continues to run, has dozens of products, sold to wholesalers and restaurants, including dried botanicals such as lemon myrtle and native peppers, as well as value-add products such as teas and mixed curry spices.

It was through Outback Chef that Jude became friendly with Paul Mannix, the founder of the Rhyll Trout Farm, who had also grown out about 50 different bush food species.



Jude Mayall from Rhyll's Wild Food Farm. Her botanicals feature in a signature beer at the new Melbourne restaurant as well as a punch named in her honour.

Under new management, the farm closed about four years ago and was bought by Jude at the end of 2019.

"Rhyll is a beautiful place and this is a beautiful property, but I don't know anything about fish.

"I wanted to expand my product line and not just operate out of a warehouse so I jumped in the deep end and bought it."

Future plans

Jude says the 10-acre property - open to the public since lockdown restrictions lifted last year - continues to run the café, with seating in the adjoining rainforest area.

She has mapped the property's bush food, currently focused on maintaining those plants before adding more.

The plants - and her Outback Chef products - are used throughout the café menu, overseen by chef Joel Howard.

Lilly pilly, for instance, has "complex flavours" similar to a mix of cinnamon, clove and ginger, and is used in vinegars and syrups on cakes and pancakes.

Lemon myrtle's pungent citrus flavour

is used in teas and syrups, while Davidson's plum - not grown on the property - is a favourite in the café's jam, served with cream on scones.

Jude oversees a team of about eight staff who - even during lockdown - have been wearing "multiple hats", working on the property and in the café.

The long-term plan is to target more bush food education, including to the likes of William Angliss Institute and the Cordon Bleu school.

"My own philosophy is that native food is the defining image of Australian cuisine.

"We are a multicultural nation, whether it's Asian or Middle Eastern, but native food chefs are doing a great job of putting these ingredients in those dishes to make them our own."

Jude says she loves living in Rhyll, enjoying evening walks with her dog on the farm, listening to the birds and frogs.

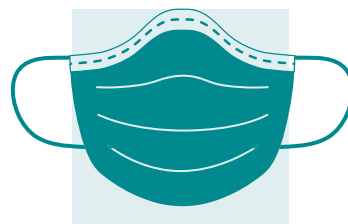
"And the Rhyll-billy locals are a friendly group too," she says, adding she's named a beef burger in honour of them.

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The outdoor dining spaces in the laneway and at Olive Justice Place will be changed this week, with the hired furniture in place removed and replaced with council owned picnic tables. These will remain until after Easter when the ongoing use of both spaces for dining will be reviewed by council.

Picnic tables will stay in laneway

The outdoor dining spaces in Olive Justice Place and The Laneway in Cowes will be changing this week.

The hired furniture within them is to be replaced by council owned picnic tables.

Teresa Mahood, Acting Manager of the Bass Coast Shire's Investment and Visitor Economy, who has overseen the creation of the new outdoor spaces, said that as the busy summer period had finished "we will be replacing the hired furniture and set-up with Council-owned picnic tables."

Ms Mahood said that the spaces will continue to be available for outdoor dining until the end of the Easter school holidays, when they will be reviewed again.

"Overall, we've had positive feedback from businesses

both in hospitality and retail, saying that the outdoor dining has provided an increase for businesses and created a positive vibe in the towns.

"The feedback we received about the outdoor dining spaces was that the Laneway was the most popular with patrons, followed by Olive Justice Place.

"We will continue to talk to businesses to understand their recovery needs and focus on business development in the coming months."

Ms Mahood said that council's Business Support Officer would also be working with retail businesses to help with visual merchandising to improve sales.

The creation of the communal spaces on public land to facilitate outdoor dining was warmly embraced by op-

erators, residents and holiday makers over the summer holiday season.

The initiative was funded by the state government to assist hospitality businesses affected by Covid social distancing regulations and limits on indoor customer numbers. Implemented by the Bass Coast Council, the spaces created were used to maximise opportunities for hospitality businesses presented by the influx of visitors over the holiday season.

And judging by the response to the Advertiser's VOX POP (page 8) on the subject, residents and visitors have given the initiative the thumbs up, and in the case of the laneway off Thompson Avenue adjoining G'Day Tiger, would like the seating to remain as a permanent fixture.

Need funding for your special project?

A huge range of funding opportunities and grants have been announced this month, ranging from creative and business assistance to funding for community and sports buildings. Check the listings below to see if one of these could help complete an important community project.

Artists in schools funding

Expressions of Interest are open for schools and creative workers to apply for term two projects and placements, as part of the state government's Creative Workers in Schools program.

Creative professionals will work with teachers and students from prep to Year 10 on curriculum-aligned creative projects.

For more information, visit rav.net.au/creative-workers-in-schools.

Boating safety grants open

Grants to help fund boating infrastructure, search and rescue and navigation aids are available through the \$1.5 million Boating Safety and Facilities Program.

Organisations that can apply include committees of management, government agencies, local water authorities, waterway managers and dedicated Search and Rescue groups.

Applications for the 2020/21 Grants Program close on March 15.

For more information or to apply, go to www.betterboating.vic.gov.au.

Building veterans support

The Veterans Capital Works Grant Program helps fund facility upgrades, such as providing all abilities access, installing more environmentally sustainable features, improving community access or upgrading memorial halls.

Any organisation that supports veterans and their families, such as ex-service organisations, councils and not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of up to \$50,000.

Grant applications close on Monday, April 12. For more information or to apply, visit vic.gov.au/veterans-capital-works-grant-program.

Business fund

Gippsland businesses can apply for a grant from the Latrobe Valley Business and Industry Capability Fund to help grow their business.

Grants of up to \$5000 are available for skills training, and up to \$25,000 for feasibility studies, infrastructure and equipment and collaborative business activities.

To find out more, contact Claudia Tivendale at Bass Coast Shire Council on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or email businesssupport@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

Creative support

Regional artists, musicians and creative businesses can apply for the latest round of grants from Creative Victoria.

The grants cover creating, presenting and releasing new music, projects or products, skills development, research and development, and marketing to build new audiences.

Program guidelines are available at creative.vic.gov.au. Get in quick, as applications close mid-February.

Dyson Community Grants

This program provides \$1000 grants to community groups and organisations to support them at a grass roots level.

Schools, sports clubs, not-for-profit, charities and emergency services groups are eligible to apply.

Applications open on February 25 and close March 19. dysongroup.com.au/about/community-grants

Living Heritage grants

Applications are now open for the Living Heritage Program.

The 2021 grants range from \$20,000 to \$200,000 for projects that restore at risk heritage places and objects on the Victorian Heritage Register.

Local councils, community and not-for-profit organisation and Committees of Management can apply.

Applications close on Friday, March 26. For more information or to apply visit: heritage.vic.gov.au/grants/living-heritage-program.

Sports infrastructure grants

Applications are now open for the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund grants.

There are a range of grant opportunities across five funding streams: Better Indoor Stadiums, Female Friendly Facilities, Community Sports Lighting, Facilities for Active Seniors, and Scoreboards and Fixed Infrastructure.

Interested clubs are advised to contact their local council to assist with the application process. For more information or to apply, visit sport.vic.gov.au.

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THE WORD

We asked locals and tourists alike what they thought of the new outdoor eating areas in Cowes and if we should keep them for good.

The response was overwhelmingly positive.



Susan Larter, Surf Beach – Yes, in the holidays and through the summer for tourists. It's probably a little inconvenient for those that live here, so I don't think it should remain through the winter.



Felicity and Sam, Belgrave – We think they're pretty cool. We're actually about to eat here! We definitely think they should keep them permanently. Makes sense with Covid and it's nice to sit outside.



Marie – This one here at G'Day Tiger definitely should stay permanently but the Olive Justice Place is a little lonely. I think the fact that you can't drink alcohol deters people from using it. I'm not sure about the Esplanade eating areas. Perhaps just until Easter to cater to the tourists.



James Norton, Cowes and Claire Fitzpatrick, Ascot Vale – We love the outdoor eating spaces particularly during the warmer months it makes sense. It's a great atmosphere and we like the lights; they provide an ambience. I don't know that the demand would be there during winter though.



John Thompson, Cowes – I think they've been great – particularly over the busy period. I've used the Olive Justice Place to eat my sushi for lunch! I think the G'Day Tiger one should be permanent but the Olive Justice Place not so good for parking. I'm all for more community spaces particularly this end of town (Esplanade area).



Elisa Bentley, Jonathon Bentley's (G'Day Tiger owner) mum – I think it's wonderful. I've seen people eat food, play cards and the best part of it being closed is that it was dangerous previously (with) cars coming into the laneway. I definitely think the laneway should stay closed permanently for the safety of pedestrians. Besides, the atmosphere has been awesome!



Ebba Johansson works at G'Day Tiger – The response from the public has been good. Loving the greenery and it's always quite busy. I think it'd be good to keep it there permanently.



Fay Cornwill, Mornington – I think they're fantastic, they work really well, takes away traffic noise and allows you to relax. At the very least they should stay over summer until Easter. They do it in Europe all year round. It's a great atmosphere.



Janet Lewis and Laurie McCormack, Northcote – We'd absolutely like to see them continue as it means businesses can have greater numbers. It's also such a lovely atmosphere, watching the world go by – just like in Paris! People are reluctant to go inside and I feel totally at ease being outside as the transmission risk is less.



Ron and Julie Smith, Churchill (with grand-daughter Zaydah) – Yes, we're a huge fan of them so long as the weather is good and we'd definitely like to see them stay.

Phillip Island koalas' future bleak

Phillip Island Nature Parks has dismissed calls to include koalas in its proposed threatened species plan, despite the much-loved marsupial under serious threat in the wild.

There are less than 20 koalas believed to live in the wild on Phillip Island, with another koala count planned for this year (2021).

Nature Parks has a centre dedicated to conserving the species at Five Ways, which has a declining population currently totalling 21 koalas.

Nature Parks is currently focused on the creation of an "Island Ark" through its Threatened Species Plan: the reintroduction of endangered animals and plants, including the southern bettong, growling grass frog and long-nosed potoroo.

As part of the plan, about 70 eastern barred bandicoots were released onto the Summerland Peninsula in 2017, while PINP's current draft Wildlife Plan suggests introducing predator quolls and owls.

Despite this, PINP CEO Catherine Basterfield has ruled out stepping up efforts to increase wild or captive koala numbers, saying they were an introduced species to Phillip Island.

"Koala numbers on Phillip Island are dwindling through a combination of disease, habitat loss and urbanisation," Ms Basterfield said.

"There are very limited opportunities for koalas to be released on Phillip Island as we do not have the range of tree species to support a viable population, and we also have a diseased (chlamydia positive) wild population that would compromise koalas being relocated.

"This is why the Nature Parks has not identified koalas in the Threatened Species Plan as an appropriate species to re-establish in the wild on Phillip Island."

Ms Basterfield said koalas in Australia broadly speaking were under threat "however Victorian koala populations are not threatened with extinction".

"There was damage from recent bushfires in Victoria but there is no evidence that the Victorian populations are under threat," she said, adding Nature Parks nursed 14 bushfire affected koalas.

However, Phillip Island's peak koala conservation group Friends of the Koalas (FoK) disputed this, arguing Victorian koalas were under threat and Nature Parks was in a position to help the species.

"I totally agree that koalas should



Koalas are not included in the Nature Parks' threatened species plan, despite less than 20 koalas believed to be living in the wild on Phillip Island.

be included in PINP's endangered ark," said FoK president Patsy Hunt.

"Some of the species Nature Parks are considering introducing or have introduced – such as the eastern barred bandicoots – were possibly not here either.

"Koalas are certainly under threat in large parts of Australia and are listed as endangered."

Koala centre

Ms Hunt said the Federal Government had just announced \$18 million for a national audit of koala

populations, to count every koala in Australia.

"This is because scientists say there is a serious lack of data about where populations actually are and that includes Victoria.

"Apart from a few isolated and genetically compromised populations, numbers of healthy koalas in Victoria are probably much lower than thought and they probably are threatened.

"That is why I believe the PINP could do more for the koala as it has the capacity to do so and the koala

is certainly in trouble.

"Thousands of koalas were killed in the bushfires and much habitat was lost. There is growing concern about their future with some populations facing extinction."

Ms Hunt said the Koala Conservation Centre was created "for the very purpose of preserving the koala".

"In the early years it did conduct research and education and had a successful breeding program but this is not occurring much at the moment.

"While it might not be possible to re-establish a large population on

the island, PINP needs to do something about the koala numbers at the Koala centre as their breeding rate is very low and many koalas there are old.

"The centre could support a better breeding program for the future of the koala statewide, as well as undertaking research and education. It was after all established to conserve the species."

Ms Hunt acknowledged there were limited opportunities to release koalas on Phillip Island, but said areas such as Oswin Roberts Reserve and Ventnor Reserve could support more numbers.

"The land was set aside specifically for koalas and we do have a range of tree species to support them. We have certainly planted lots.

"Yes they have chlamydia but so do other koala populations."

She said PINP could possibly breed the threatened Strzelecki koala – whose numbers are now believed to be below 1500 – and release them into available habitat in Gippsland.

French Island koalas come from a small genetic base and were becoming inbred, "which isn't good for the future of the species".

"That is why the preservation of the Strzelecki koala is so important genetically for the future of koalas," Ms Hunt said.

She added PINP dropped the word Conservation from the Koala Conservation Centre's title last year and renamed it Koala Reserve.

"We strongly protested and the board then agreed to call it Koala Conservation Reserve."

Rate of extinction

Since Phillip Island was declared fox-free in August 2017, the focus has shifted to threatened species.

Beyond the Horizon: A 30-year Conservation Plan, which was released by PINP in 2018, suggests the island should become a haven for endangered and threatened Victorian species.

"Australia is experiencing the highest rate of species extinctions of any landmass ... This provides a significant opportunity for Phillip Island to play a key role in preserving the biodiversity of Victoria," the plan states.

The last island-wide koala count was in November 2016, when less than 20 koalas in the wild were counted.

A planned count in 2020 has been rescheduled to 2021, due to Covid.



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Expressions of Interest open – Phillip Island Nature Parks Board of Management

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Applicants will be considered based on their experience and expertise in one or more of the following: Aboriginal culture and Traditional Owner interests; architecture; business management; community engagement; financial management or public administration; nature conservation; philanthropy, fundraising or marketing; natural resource management; project management; public sector governance; recreation provision; scientific research; and tourism or education.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring the diversity of our boards represents the diversity of our communities.

How to apply: To apply you are requested to register an account on the Get on Board, <https://getonboard.vic.gov.au> site prior to applying online.

Applicants will have the opportunity to address the key selection criteria and outline relevant qualifications and experience when completing the online application and should view all documents including the position description.


Applicants are invited to look at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning support modules at www2.delwp.vic.gov.au/boards-and-governance/on-board for its agencies to learn about how DELWP selects its board members and other recommended reading.

If you need assistance or adjustments to fully participate in the application or interview process, please contact us on the details below.

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Expressions of Interest close midnight **Tuesday 9 March 2021.**

Council Update



Council Meeting 17 February

Council's next meeting will be livestreamed at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 17 February. Join us on the livestream link at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2021meetings

The proposed items Council may consider:

- Planning Application 120388-1 - 1381 - 1395 Bass Highway, Grantville
- Planning Application 180485 - 42 Howie Lane, Coronet Bay
- Planning Application 190385 - 347-357 Church Street, Cowes
- Planning Application 200065 - Dwelling extension at 94 Viminaria Road, Harmers Haven
- Planning Application 200257 - 3 McCauley View, Dalyston
- Planning Application 200258 - Two lot subdivision 32 McRae Drive, Dalyston
- Draft Community Engagement Policy 2021
- Sport and Recreation Victoria Funding Applications
- Municipal Emergency Management Planning
- Councillor Code of Conduct
- Review of Councillor Allowances
- Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation - *Planning and Environment Act 1987*
- 2020/21 Major Initiatives, Finance and Capital Works Second Quarter Report

The agenda is released on Council's website on Friday, 12 February 2021 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 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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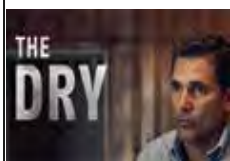
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THE PULSE

Events, entertainment and community news



Bill's Book Shed volunteers from left Nola Fenech, Jean Wood, Joy Niven, Margaret Hill and Wal Butters on the job on Saturday.

Record broken at Bill's Book Shed

The Melaleuca Lodge auxiliary has celebrated another very successful January book sale at Bill's Book Shed, finishing with a record taking of \$12,696.85 over summer. Spokesperson for the annual fundraiser, Joy Niven, said she could not be happier with the result, and has thanked everyone involved in the Book Shed's success.

"It's been a record year," said Joy this week.

"We are absolutely thrilled. "We would like to thank people that supported us during the sale – and everyone for complying with the Covid rules.

"There were absolutely no complaints and the visitors were very complimentary about the way we set up the sale, and they obeyed all the rules.

"It is warming when people find the book they have been looking for. We are always pleased to help them.

"Sometimes we are given absolute treasures," she commented.

"And it was lovely to see many children visit the children's room over the holidays, and select or sit and read some of the many books there."

Situated in the grounds of Melaleuca Lodge, Bill's Book Shed opened throughout the whole of

January, and will now revert back to opening weekly on Saturday mornings.

Thousands of titles are available for purchase at ridiculously low prices.

Most books are marked at \$2 to \$3, but some books sell for as low as 20 cents.

Joy said the Book Shed continues to grow in popularity annually, and thanked everyone who has generously dropped off books during the year; the buyers who support the fundraiser; and the volunteers who worked in the Shed over the January holiday period and during the year.

She said the Shed will now continue to operate on Saturday mornings, from 10am until 12 noon, and donated books can be dropped off daily as usual on an undercover shelf just outside the Shed which is located in the grounds of Melaleuca Lodge. Books must be in a saleable condition – and no magazines please.

Since Bill's Book Shed, named after its founder the late Bill Hopkins, opened in 1992, the amazing amount of almost \$400,000 has been raised.

The funds go back into amenities for Melaleuca Lodge residents.



Year Seven students (from left to right): Hunter Ward, Seth Carter, Makayla Munnings and Joshua Poll were in the lab during their first day at Wonthaggi Secondary College.

Year 7 fly solo for the start of school

Due to the Covid induced disruption to the Grade 6 to Year 7 transition program, the new Year 7 students at Wonthaggi Secondary College got the school to themselves for their first day on campus.

Having the school to themselves was an opportunity to "settle into life as a secondary school student", said Ross Bramley, Dudley

Campus Principal.

"This day was highly successful with many students and parents commenting on what a wonderful way it was for their children to start the school year."

In the coming weeks the Year 7 students will visit Phillip Island for a school camp at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort.



Local singing group Sisters and Misters pictured at Covid safe outdoor rehearsals at the Uniting Church last week.

Sisters and Misters are back!

Sisters and Misters, a local singing group on Phillip Island, has returned to face-to-face rehearsals.

It seems like an eternity since Sisters and Misters Phillip Island members were able to rehearse together as a group.

Following statewide lockdowns in March, members have been unable to meet face to face as a group since that time.

Throughout the period from March 2020, the group has kept connected through a Facebook page, regular email contact, small social groupings and through a comprehensive Zoom singing program involving approximately 100 singers online.

With a lot of work from the leader, Irene Bennetts, and a team of dedicated helpers, the group has

commenced face to face rehearsals in a Covid-safe manner on Tuesdays on a fortnightly basis. This operation requires the use of the QR sign in code, masks when not singing, strict social distancing and the ever-present sanitising and Covid cleaning.

The group has received fantastic support from St John's Uniting Church, who have worked closely with Irene, to ensure this long-awaited return is achieved in as safe a manner as possible for all singers and the Bass Coast community.

The group has also some upcoming performances at Gros-sard Court Aged Care as well as the Inverloch Autumn Festival on Saturday, March 6.

There are some spots available so if you would like to join, please call or text Irene on 0412 822 126.

PICS top picks

Three new Island residents have been appointed to the Phillip Island Conservation Society management committee. The new members bring the committee to 12 and were elected at the group's recent AGM. The members include: Dr Laura Brearley, co-founder of the Shearwater Festival; Carmen Bush from the Rhyll Coast Action, the Preserve Western Port Action Group and Friends of Scenic Estate Reserve; and Meg Anderson who has been involved in PICS revegetation works.



Jordan Reiter (Sambell House Captain) and Gabreilla Elliott (Events Captain), part of the Newhaven College Year 12 Cabinet.



Callum Chisholm (Clarke House Captain) and Sunday Brisbane (Bass House Captain) at last week's Newhaven College induction of school leaders.

Newhaven College Senior Cabinet induction

The Newhaven College Year 12 Cabinet was formally inducted at a whole school assembly last Friday.

It was a wonderful occasion for teachers, staff and students as it was also the first time in 12 months that all year levels had come together for an assembly.

There was much excitement as the Year 12 Cabinet members were presented with their badges.

2021 College Captains – Seth Ringrose, Bella McCulloch, MacKinley Thompson and Harry O'Brien were presented with their captains' badges by Principal Tony Corr and Chairman of the Board Greg Price.

Following the assembly, Cabinet members and their parents were invited to a special morning tea in the College pavilion.

Cabinet members are:

Sport: Charlotte Brewis and Jack Mitchell
Public Speaking: Charlotte Brewis

Drama: Shontelle O'Connor and Helena Leonardos
Music: Meghan Bate and Nicholas White

Events: Gabriella Elliott
Environment: Nellie Stewart-Walters and Rachel Barker

Wellbeing: Chelsea Allen and Nellie Stewart-Walters

Surfing: Sage Goldsbury
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Academic: Alexandra Dhar
Visual Arts: Sunny Lumsden

Bass House: Alexander Kirk, Jarrah Standish, Rachel Barker and Sunday Brisbane

Clarke House: Callum Chisolm, Nicholas White and Shontelle O'Connor

Sambell House: Chelsea Scott, Jack Mitchell, Jordan Reiter and Stevie Hower

College Captains: Izabella McCulloch, Harry O'Brien, Seth Ringrose and MacKinley Thompson

SOMETHING FOR YOUR

Valentine

Send flowers she'll love, actually

Contemporary and seasonal is the trend you can count on this year to wow your valentine.

According to Kate McKenzie, owner of Florence & Co. Blooms, "If you're rolling up with a regular box of red roses, or a mixed bunch wrapped in coloured cellophane, she's going to be low-key disappointed".

"We are so lucky to live in Victoria where 58 per cent of Australia's cut flowers were are grown (2019 Statista)," said Kate.

"There are a wide range of beautiful flowers in bloom at this time of the year, (in addition to roses) so why not celebrate these on Valentine's Day too?"

Kate also highlighted the need for a more sustainable alternative to imported red roses.

"It seems crazy to be importing red roses to keep up with the demand for Valentine's Day when Australian growers have so much to offer, and consumers are demanding a more sustainable alternative too."

Florence & Co. Blooms are offering contemporary, High Romance Posies this Valentine's Day that incorporate roses with dahlias and hydrangeas and foliage.

High Romance Posies are \$55.00 including delivery on Sunday, February 14.

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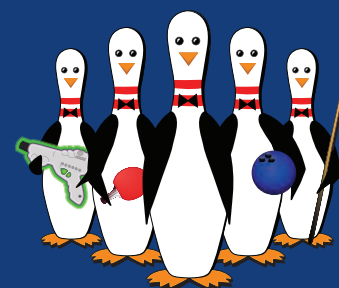
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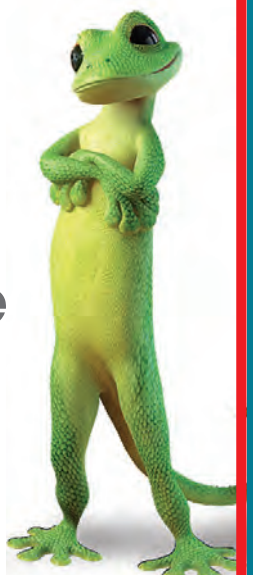
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Light at the end of the tunnel



Local photographer Andrew Harrison is finally enjoying a new normal, while waiting for the wedding market to bounce back after it was decimated last year by the Covid pandemic.

It was tough initially for Andrew Harrison from Passion8 Photography when the Covid pandemic struck back in March last year.

He had 60 wedding cancellations.

While most couples rebooked for dates later in the year, the second wave of Covid and the accompanying restrictions, soon put paid to that.

Weddings were rebooked yet again with Andrew for February and March.

But with interstate border closures announced in November, and overseas flights cancelled, postponements this time were extended to late 2021 and even 2022, Andrew said.

"My full-time job over all of this time was talking with the couples involved, giving them advice, and trying to find other dates and fit in with them.

"Some have had to change the dates they have selected three times so far," he said.

Andrew had a few weddings that did go ahead in December.

"A few couples just wanted to get married and changed down to a small wedding of 15.

"In January I had 12 that had rebooked, but just three went ahead. It's been the same for February."

He has a Covid-safe plan, and makes sure he wears a mask, sanitises and abides by regulations. But the constant changes were difficult, he said.

"The rules changed every week.

"One week, you were doing a wedding where masks had to be worn. The next week they were off again."

Some of his clients were quite upset about this.

Andrew said 2020 had been a stressful time for everyone, and he had spent most of his time

on the phone for no pay.

He said he has retained deposits and changed dates for his clients, and no extra charges are involved.

"It's not their fault that this has happened. You do not want to add to their stress at this time," he commented.

Andrew has been a photographer for 21 years, with half of his work carried out on Phillip Island and across South Gippsland, and the other half taking him into Melbourne, the Yarra Valley and Mornington Peninsular.

And weddings are his specialty.

However, his versatility behind the camera has seen him doing more of his commercial and business photography, since Covid struck.

He loves taking photos underwater and surf photography, and selling some online.

"People started buying them, which is helpful. I intend to keep on doing this."

In fact, Andrew says, he rather likes the new normal.

"I am not relying on weddings now and am doing something different. It's a bit of a mix and I am enjoying it."

But he's optimistic that the wedding market will bounce back in the not-too-distant future.

"I am finding a bit more confidence with the wedding market. A lot of bookings are beginning to come through, especially for 2022.

"I can see light at the end of the tunnel. I have about 50 to 60 bookings going forward, starting from September.

"And people are still booking short term.

"People still want to celebrate. We just have to do it in a different way."



The Island Wedding Collective has launched a competition to win your dream wedding and is looking for creative/crazy themes. Entries close on February 26.

A wedding just for you

The Island Wedding Collective is the love child of three local wedding vendors who wanted to shout from the rooftops: "we have so much more to offer!"

With an array of individual talents, an eye for unique experiences and the know-how to pull it all together, The Island Wedding Collective offers boutique elopements, mini and micro weddings that you didn't know existed, and sure as anything didn't know you wanted, until now.

To kick things off Lisa-Anne, Kristie and Abbie have teamed up with some extra special, beyond amazing local vendors to giveaway the things dreams are made of.

The total prize is valued at over \$19,000 and really brings to life the saying "your day, your way".

Competition

It may be the Covid crazies setting in, but we are dying to help you do something different.

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Entries can be emailed to hello@islandweddingcollective.com.au and must include your name, email address, phone number and post-code. Entries close February 26, 2021 at 5pm.

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Brighter future ahead after horror 2020

The impact of Coronavirus on the wedding industry when it hit back in March, was sudden and severe.

Health and safety restrictions, issued regularly and with little warning, left couples who had planned their big day months and years in advance, facing devastating cancellations.

Weddings were postponed, and re-scheduled, only for hopes to be again dashed, as the rules kept changing.

Phillip Island marriage celebrant Lisa-Anne Prendergast was well placed to observe the turmoil as it unfolded, starting back in March.

"I had 20 instant postponements.

"It was terrible for the couples. And for all of their wedding suppliers, it was an extremely stressful time. Their business disappeared overnight. Venues, florists, caterers, event hire, photographers, hair and make-up artists, musicians – everyone was terribly affected."

Trying to understand the rules, which were constantly changing, was the first major challenge, Lisa-Anne said.

"It was hard to get consistent, concise and common-sense rulings.

"The rules were being interpreted differently, by different providers.

"As a celebrant, I went by the book. I had to delve into each wedding to find out what could go ahead.

"At one point you could have 15 wedding guests at home, but if you booked into a restaurant you could have upwards of 30 or more. So some couples married at home, and went on to a restaurant later with family and friends.

"It was confusing.

"The hardest time of all was when a



The Collective went that extra mile for Vanessa and Marty, when, because of lockdown, Vanessa who lived in Melbourne couldn't come to the island for the wedding as planned. So the girls jumped in their vans and took the wedding lock, stock and barrel over to them at a winery in Baxter. Photo by Claire Davie, Gumnut Photo + Film.

limit of just five people was allowed. That meant just two witnesses, and a celebrant, could be present."

Under Covid rules, the bridal couple were permitted to take their masks off only for the ceremony, professional photos, and while eating and drinking. While guests would sit through the ceremony masked up.

"It was hard as a celebrant to conduct the ceremony, ensuring every-

one can hear and understand while speaking through a mask," she commented.

"At one point, with Melbourne in full lockdown, even with just five present, a wedding could not proceed in regional Victoria, if one of the partners lived in the metropolitan area.

"A lot of couples postponed. But then they faced a huge task trying to rebook the same suppliers for next time."

Venues had different restrictions, and while some could open, others could not.

It was particularly difficult financially for larger venues who had organised staff and ordered food and supplies in for a wedding, only to find the rules changed at the eleventh hour without warning.

Lisa-Anne knows of some couples who were forced to chop and change their date four times.

Others opted to get married quietly, putting celebrations on ice until the pandemic is over.

Still others gave up entirely.

"From March through to December, just five of my original bookings went ahead," she said.

Innovative ideas emerge

Come mid-year, industry members locally were looking at Covid-Safe alternatives to present to couples.

Lisa-Anne launched the Phillip Island Registry Office in July, which now offers registry style weddings on the island.

By law couples must give one month's advance notice of their intent to marry, sign the papers on the due date, and walk out after a short legally worded ceremony with a marriage certificate.

The option has been taken up already by a number of couples, with future celebrations left for more settled times.

Lisa-Anne, along with Abbie Patton of The Shearing Shed, and Kristie Cameron of Over the Top events, have combined their talents as members of the Island Wedding Collective.

In response to Covid, they've pulled

together a team of industry people, to put together weddings at short notice that comply with the current regulations.

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The ladies of the Collective went that extra mile recently for a couple whose wedding plans were in jeopardy due to the Melbourne lockdown.

The couple could not come to Phillip Island to hold the wedding they had planned here, so the girls jumped in their vans and took the wedding lock, stock and barrel over to them at a winery in Baxter.

"Melbourne and the Mornington Peninsula could not come into regional Victoria, but for the purpose of work, with a permit, we could go to them.

"I was so honoured to be able to continue marrying couples throughout the year, with another eight weddings," Lisa-Anne said.

A brighter future ahead

With 2020 behind it, Lisa-Anne says the industry is starting to breathe.

Couples have locked in their dates for this year with others rebooking next year and into 2023.

"It is looking much brighter. We all have to keep going and stay abreast in this changing environment.

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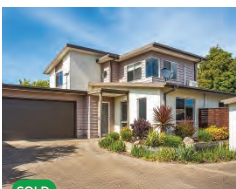


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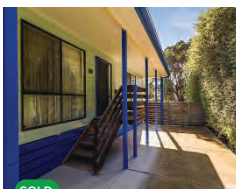


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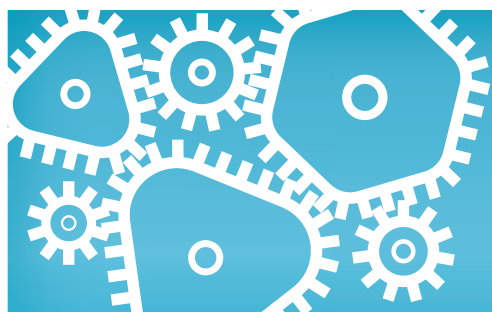
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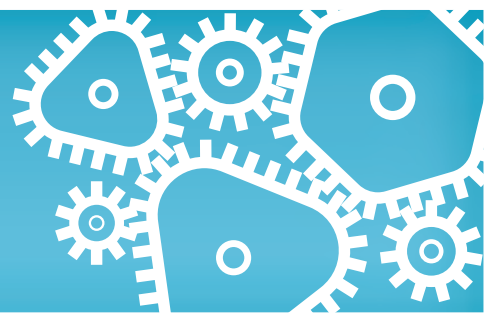
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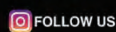
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Pause for a great cause

Now that the challenging year that was 2020 is behind us, it's the perfect time to reset.

Febfast – which is an annual fundraiser for my organisation, the Youth Support + Advocacy Service – is now open for registrations. It is a great way to reset drinking habits, feel healthier and even save a little bit of money.

The funds raised help YSAS to support young people who are vulnerable, or at high-risk of being affected by drugs, alcohol, mental health issues and social disconnection. Many of the young people we meet come from backgrounds of abuse, neglect and trauma. And without the skills, support and services to improve their wellbeing, these young people may never have the chance to truly thrive. We want to change that.

Every year, Febfasters help provide safe housing, access to youth workers and ongoing counselling so disadvantaged young people have every opportunity to succeed.

This year, I hope you'll join thousands of people who are getting their health back on track by taking a pause for a cause. It's not too late to register: you can sign up at www.febfast.org.au.

Andrew Bruun, CEO, Youth Support + Advocacy Service (YSAS)

Remembering our Nashos

Australia's national servicemen, affectionately known as Nashos, played a unique and invaluable role in serving our country and each year on February 14 we honour them on National Servicemen's Day.

Throughout history, Australia has had four periods of compulsory national service, most recently between 1951–1959 and 1964–1972, with more than 280,000 national servicemen serving since the Second World War.

Under the National Service Act 1951, all men turning 18 on or after November 1, 1950 were required to undertake 176 days standard recruit training in the Navy, Army or Air Force, followed by five years in their respective Reserves.

Intake was cut back in 1957 and a birthday ballot was introduced to decide who would be selected.

National service was re-introduced in 1964 as concerns grew about the security of Australia due to conflicts in nearby regions and more than 60,000 'Nashos' would serve between then and 1972.

Men who turned 20 years of age were required to register and were chosen for service through a birthday ballot held twice a year. Of those called to serve, more than 15,000 served in the Vietnam War, where some 200 lost their lives and more than 1,200 were wounded.

Two national servicemen also died while serving in Borneo in 1966.

As a nation we should always remember the service and sacrifice of our Nashos. The Australian War Memorial will honour our Nashos through the Last Post Ceremony at the Australian War Memorial on February 14 with a representative from the National Servicemen's Association of Australia laying a wreath.

I encourage all those in the community to learn more about the National Service Scheme of 1964 by visiting the Department of Veterans' Affairs Anzac Portal anzacportal.dva.gov.au.

On National Servicemen's Day we say thank you for your service to all our Nashos and remember their service and sacrifice.

Lest we forget.

Darren Chester, Minister for Veterans' Affairs and Minister for Defence Personnel

Thanks for the lift

We are a couple in our mid 60's and have been staying at the Ramada Resort.

On Saturday night we went to the Cowes RSL for a meal and a few drinks.

We left the car and walked.

We had an enjoyable night and came out to find that no taxis were available for over an hour and were politely advised by staff not to walk as that path was very dark at night!

With no options we started out on foot with the thumb up!

We got past the roundabout losing hope then a twin cab pulled up! Two guys (Jesse and Billy I think?) were heading to town and saw us and did a U turn at the roundabout and came back and picked us up.

Unbelievable that there are some really good people left in this world!

Our sincere thanks and ever-lasting gratitude to these guys as we were in unknown territory!

A huge thank you and we hope these guys see this, or someone who knows them passes on this letter as we are beyond grateful.

Thank you guys.

Brian Wright, North Melbourne

Safety concerns on McKenzie Road

We were part of McKenzie Road Area Special Charge Scheme No 22 in November 1996.

Expressions of interest CR No 99004 was called in October 1998 and the contract then let for the construction of drainage, curbing and channelling, road widening to cater for the expected future traffic flow and construction also of footpaths in McKenzie and Settlement roads.

Works were finally completed in 2001 except footpaths which were to follow.

A gravel footpath was later constructed in Settlement Road however this finally became dangerous and was replaced with concrete.

Later housing estates have been developed along McKenzie and Ventnor roads resulting in a large number of vehicles using the roads to travel both in and out of town in preference to Thompson Avenue (who could blame them).

I invite our councillors Messrs Whelan, Bauer and Rooks to WALK McKenzie Road between Settlement Road and Beach Street on any given day and tell us, the ratepayers it is safe to do so and does not pose a health and safety issue.

Hopefully not just an accident waiting to happen.

Josephine Billman, Cowes

School zone safety concerns

Within the first week back at school, at Settlement Road in Cowes there have been several impatient drivers, tooting, illegally overtaking others, abuse towards families trying to access school pick up zones, even abuse towards the crossing attendant and failing to stop at a crossing.

People need to be aware that school zones are fully back in action and require patience, courteous and safe driving during the school zone

times.

These areas are very busy and can cause long delays.

And I also want to remind drivers about illegal parking and the speed limit of 40kms in these zones.

There are plenty of other ways to access Settlement Road so drivers don't get caught up in the school traffic.

Safety is a priority for our children and I want to remind everyone to drive carefully, because at present it is a disaster waiting to happen.

Sarah Pendry, Cowes

Gift Policy coming

It's time to put your thinking caps on once more.

Bass Coast Shire Council must approve a new Gift Policy no later than April 24 as set down by the new Local Government Act 2020 which was approved on March 24, 2020.

When council will release their draft Gift Policy is a mystery.

Why?

What are our councillors doing letting another draft policy drag its feet?

Will the allowed time limit for submissions be similar to what was given to ratepayers to submit a submission to the draft Community and Engagement Policy 2021 or will a draft Gift Policy be released at the February 17 Council video meeting.

We wait in anticipation. The clock is ticking. How will council Communicate and Engage or will it be same old?

Graham Jolly, Cape Woolamai

Who knows roundabout rules?

Why does the Director of Department of Transport preach the same old sermon (Advertiser January 28)? Did this expert even come here? Taking no notice of any problems has been going on for decades. This kind of expert rationalises that all traffic is moderate, sensibly separated, not distracted, paying attention, neither petrol head nor endlessly hesitant.

Everything is completely orderly, so they don't understand, so there's never possibility of any improvement/change.

With so many visitors, from intrastate, interstate as well as over-

seas, did signs painted on footpath "pedestrian give way to vehicles" do anything other than make us look stupid?

Jumping to no accidents, what experts mean is no accidents needing intervention by police or ambos.

Anything less is not included in any records. Having lived next door but one to the medical centre, at all times of day and night, there were screeches and crashes and bangs and roarings of engines. Of course, VicRoads experts from as far as Traralgon or even Melbourne dispute any drivers could be guilty of such behaviour, even when presented with photos of fragments of glass and plastic at the roundabout.

But main issue, highest priority, expressed in all propaganda, for all levels of government, tourist promotion, even Vic Roads, priority is to encourage pedestrians and cyclists.

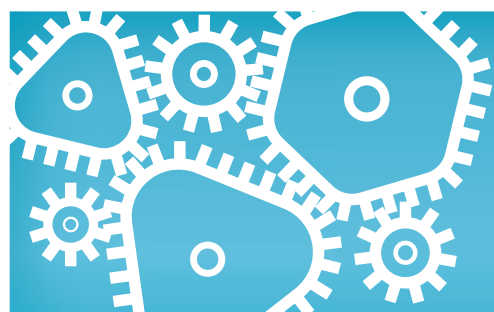
Thompson Avenue, with angle parking both sides, is deadly for cyclists. When drivers suddenly notice a vacant slot, to right or left, without any warning just duck into that slot.

At least one driver was knocked unconscious by a cyclist who he'd side swiped off the road from bike lane.

With ever increasing call for 50 per cent emission reduction by 2030, the Transport Sector being second biggest source, really needs to do it's share. So question for State Department of Transport is what plans do they have for when EV's take off, which means making space, getting 10 million petrol/diesel vehicles out of the way and off the road by 2030?

Bernie McComb, Cowes

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BRAUMAN, Agnes:
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If you plan to visit, please follow all safety measures and instructions that have been put in place and observe social distancing.

Opening hours and arrangements will be subject to the latest public health advice from the Victorian Government.

Further information can be found by visiting westernportwater.com.au or by contacting us on 1300 720 711.

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NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Details about the application:

The land affected by the application is located at: **Rowena Road, Sunderland Bay, Vic 3922.**

The application is for a permit to: **Removal of restrictions of PS439251B on Lots 1 & 2.**

The applicant for the permit is: **Malcolm Wiltshire, C/-MJW Surveys Pty Ltd.**

The application reference number is: **200348**

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application by visiting Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/planningads

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority.

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An objection must be sent to the Responsible Authority and include the reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected, in writing, addressed to Bass Coast Shire Council, P.O. Box 118, Wonthaggi Vic 3995 or email basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available for any person to inspect until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before **25 February 2021.**

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The successful applicant must have be good with people, able to follow instructions and hold at least a MR license. They will be required to obtain a passenger endorsement (drivers certificate) and working with children check card if they don't already have one.

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The Phillip Island RSL is looking for self-motivated, enthusiastic, customer service orientated and positive individuals. Commencing with casual hours (20+) with the view to permanent part time hours for the right person/s.

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Cowes 3922
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To be considered for this position you will possess:

Comprehensive experience in all areas of the Club industry.

Superior customer service skills.

Strong Organisational, Motivational & Conflict Resolution Skills.

RSA, RSG, TAB certificates.

Gaming Industry Employee Licence.

Be available to work flexible hours across 7 days.

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Demonstrated Managerial experience in food service, bar and gaming operations.

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A competitive remuneration package is available for right person. Circa \$70,000

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Only short listed applications will be contacted.

Applications close 16 February 2021

Please forward resumes to:

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Interested applicants should apply in writing, including a resume to:

Matthew Meadows/Catering Manager
piarcatering@cyc.org.au

For further information/job description please contact Matt on: Ph: 035952 2417

Cleaners – Casual

We are looking for Cleaners with an eye for detail, self-motivated, enthusiastic and cheerful. Must be able to work a flexible roster and enjoy working in a team environment. Generally Monday, Wednesday and Friday; day time hours. Experience in motel cleaning would be an advantage.

Interested applicants should apply in writing, including a resume to:

Felicity Officer/ Housekeeping
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For further information please contact Felicity on: Ph: 035952 2417

Outdoor Activity Maintenance Staff – Casual

We are looking for people aged 18 years and above, who are committed, enthusiastic, enjoy working with people in the outdoors, and who would like to work in the outdoor recreation industry.

The successful applicant will be responsible to ensure that all on-site activities (High/Low Element, Aquatic) are in safe and workable order. The candidate will replace, fix and build activity equipment and support a high-energy Programming Team, by conducting activities on an ad hoc basis and by overseeing inspections processes, schedules and time-lines.

The role entails identifying, allocating and completing maintenance jobs as they arise or as scheduled.

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- Ability to operate hand and power tools as well as some machinery
- Ability to work with young people
- Positively contribute to a dynamic and high-energy team
- Have excellent problem solving skills
- Work independently and collaboratively
- Willingness and flexibility to complete diverse range of tasks throughout different departments
- Must be available Monday-Friday
- Basic/Advanced Rigging qualifications or rigging experience desired
- Level 2 First Aid Required

Previous experience within the outdoor recreation industry an advantage.

Interested applicants should apply in writing, including a resume to:

Andre Hetebrueg/Head of Programming
piarprogram@cyc.org.au

For further information please contact Andre on: Ph: 035952 2417

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Successful applicants will be required to obtain: Working with Children Card (Mandatory)

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**Applications close
Friday 26th February**

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- Mentoring opportunity!

We are part of the largest network of conveyancers in Victoria and our continuing growth provides this great opportunity. If you have at least 1 year in this sector, can run your files from start to finish with minimal supervision, this might be the role for you. Alternatively, you may be at a stage in your career where you would prefer to work part-time.

About the role:

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- Liaise with clients and other parties

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Assist with conveyancing files - take the heat off the senior conveyancers whilst extending your knowledge

A traineeship will be considered

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Prior conveyancing experience would be an advantage

Organised and a team player

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School Health Nurse

Approximately 2 days per week

For details on requirements, duties and responsibilities, visit our College Website www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/about/work-at-newhaven

Applications close 5.00pm, Friday 19 February 2021 and should be submitted to katrina.lawrence@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

Newhaven College is a child safe environment. Every child has a right to be safe, and at the College we have a zero tolerance for child safety risks (including child abuse and reportable conduct). As such, preferred applicants will be subject to child protection screening, background and reference checks, verification of identity checks and must adhere to the College's child safe practices, as outlined in the Child Protection Program policies available on the College website.

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- Must be available to work nights & weekends

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- Can work well under pressure and have an eye for detail

Individuals apply only by email, with referees; send applications to

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Junior tennis tournament Pennant singles: r/up, Aiden Finnegan and winner Sam Robson.



Section 1 Singles: Runners up Ed Wines and winner Felix Bathgate.



Section 2: Singles: Winner James Harman and runners up Lucas Iddon-Tauvrey.

Korrine and District Junior Tennis Association Tournament

The tournament was held on Saturday February 6, at Westernport (San Remo), Wonthaggi and Inverloch courts. The junior competition enjoyed the return of the Annual Tournament with over 50 junior players competing at different clubs and sections in the district. For more information on our tennis competitions and this tournament, please visit our Facebook page, or your local tennis club contacts.



Section 1 Doubles: Winners Flynn and Ed and runners up Cameron and Jack.



Section 2 Doubles: Winners Ben Martin and Lucas, runners up Ryan Cargill and Tony Bals.



Section 3 Singles: Runners up Niamh O'Neill and winner Natalie Churchill.



Section 3 Doubles: Runners up Isabella Gloria and Hayden Schmidt; winners Nicholas Christoforou and Jake Churchill.



Section 4 Doubles: Runners up Eli Bowler and Talitha Rachelle.



Section 4 Singles: Winner Toby Nicholas.



Section 4 Doubles: Winners Leo Christoforou and Toby Nicholas.



Section 4 Singles: Runners up Leo Christoforou.

A century celebration for Charith

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Kohen Beaumont and Andrew Finlayson opened the batting and put on a solid 48 before Kohen 'The Runout King' struck again, this time burning Finno in a very poor display of running between wickets.

It was then Tolley's turn to bat, he was in for a short few until mistiming one and hitting it straight down the throat of a fielder. Next in was Matt Wright who stuck around for a while putting on 30 with Kohen and getting the score to 76 at drinks.

It was not long after drinks that Matt was caught though, and we were 3/80. Then once again Kev graced the field and he started working them around before Kohen fell 10 runs later.

On came the skipper who was looking to redeem himself after a questionable bowling effort, he was shortly out though and in came Tom Niven who, with Kev, put on the runs needed to win.

Overall, it was a comfortable win by the Island who are looking on track for another good finals campaign.

Bowling: T. Niven 1/15/8, G. Odgers 1/10/7, L. Dayson 4/6/8, K. Taylor 2/7/2
Battings: K. Beaumont 34, A. Finlayson 19, M. Wright 18, K. Taylor 28*.

C2 Cricket

The Islands C2 cricketers travelled to the rolling hills of Korumburra to take on their finest. It turned out to be a very close contest. We lost the toss and were asked to bowl.

Openers were 17-year-old Darcy Excell and 15-year-old James Lewis.

Both boys did an excellent job with tight lines and a great length. Steve Burchall and Tarryn Allen came on



C2 skipper John Johnston took 4 for 23 against Korumburra on Saturday. This followed the 4 for 20 he took against Koonwarra the previous week.



Father and son, Liam and Jack Keating, who opened the batting together in C1 on the weekend.

and kept up the standard.

A reflex action by Steve resulted in our first wicket with a runout at the bowler's end.

At the 20 over mark they were 1-42 and our bowlers on top. Pete Francis replaced Tarryn and Johnston replaced Steve. Wickets started to tumble with great catches to Wade "stink bomb" Patterson and Burchall.

Young Henry Peppard finally got a stumping and at the end of 40 overs KCC were 9-102.

Bowling honours went to Johnno 4-23 and Franga 2-16, but their success was set up by the young bowlers earlier.

We opened Muscat and Patto. Carl played on early, Patto was brilliantly run out and when Kenter holed out we were in all sorts of trouble at 3-8.

Gav Excell was continuing his good form and with young Peppard got the score to 50 when Gav was caught going for a big shot. He top scored with 28. Henry played very well for his 9 but when he went and was quickly followed by Burchall and then Darcy Excell.

7-74 and a bit of work to be down, Johnno joined Tarryn and got the score to 88.

Tarryn out and it was up Franga and his skipper to get the job done. Johnno

14 not out and Pete 10 not out. The running between the wickets a highlight. Although it wasn't a convincing win, we got some quality overs out of our bowlers and nearly all got to bat. Go Sharks!

U14 junior cricket

In the last game of the home and away season, the U14 Sharks played the Imperials.

The Sharks lost the toss and bowled first.

The Imperials batted slowly and steady but kept their wickets in hand. The Sharks bowled extremely well and were very unlucky not to take any wickets but a couple of missed opportunities in the field guided the imperials to 0-79 at the innings break.

Drew Fusinato was promoted to the opening batsmen role however received a great ball which bowled him early in the innings.

Ollie Duggan and Connor Macmillan had a great partnership before Ollie was caught on 13. Connor Macmillan retired on 26 after a great innings.

Thomas Macmillan and George McCausland saw out the rest of the innings.

The Sharks finished the innings 2-72 trailing by 7 going into next week.

ed Korumburra Blue 2.51.

Ladder: Outtrim 85, Baromi 63, Korumburra Green 63, Korumburra Blue 49, Leongatha Millman 38 and Leongatha Barty 32.

Leongatha North and Westernport were big winners against Leongatha and Koonwarra respectively this week in Section 1.

Inverloch also won their match against Korumburra but gave away a couple of sets.

The closest set of the day was a tie-breaker that went Inverloch's way.

All games were reasonably close in Section 2.

Baromi v Korumburra Green were level on games, but Baromi won six sets and with that the match.

However, it was a good day's tennis by both teams. In the Gatha Derby, Leongatha Millman and Leongatha Barty saw Millman win by 10 games.

Barty won five sets though not enough games on their side.

Outtrim were the biggest winners in this section, winning by 15 games against Korumburra Blue.

Five sets were 8/6's which made for close tennis, but four of them went Outtrim's way.

Tennis results

Section 1: Westernport 9.72 defeated Koonwarra 0.25, Inverloch 7.65 defeated Korumburra 2.36 and Leongatha North 9.72 defeated Leongatha 0.11.

Ladder: Inverloch 98.5, Leongatha North 74, Westernport 66, Korumburra 62.5, Koonwarra 19 and Leongatha 9.

Section 2: Leongatha Millman 4.60 defeated Leongatha Barty 5.50, Baromi 6.56 defeated Korumburra Green 3.56 and Outtrim 7.66 defeat-

Nominations open for Vic sport awards

The Victorian Sport Awards is the night of nights for the Victorian sporting community and this year they will celebrate participants, organisers, initiatives and the volunteers behind the scenes from all levels of sport in Victoria.

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Victorian Sport Awards, with details on who is eligible and how to nominate found at vicsport.com.au/2020-victorian-sport-award-nominations

The awards this year will be a celebration of the return to the playing field for Victorians and all the fun, inclusive and innovative activities that individuals and clubs undertook during lockdown and beyond to remain connected with their clubs and community.

Entrants in the Awards can be

nominated by friends, family, teammates, club members or their local community in recognition of their outstanding contribution to sport and active recreation.

This year, an inaugural Sports Accounting Australia Sport Initiative of the Year Award will be presented.

This award will recognise the work of individuals, clubs, teams, groups or organisations who have succeeded in enabling more people to participate in sport activities during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"2020 was a year like no other and the impact on our lives, our mental and physical health as well as our livelihoods challenged us all to find new ways to cope," said Vicsport Chairman Ron Gauci.

"We look forward to showcasing and honouring the innovative ini-

tiatives that sport produced in order to maintain connection throughout the industry while also getting the chance to celebrate our state's triumphant return to sport."

Judges include people from various diverse sporting groups with four-time Olympian Steve Monaghan AM OLY, 12-time national hurdles champion Kyle Vander Kuyp OLY and two-time netball World Champion Sharelle McMahon previously featuring on the judging panels.

Categories in the 2020 Victorian Sport Awards include Outstanding Contribution to Victorian Sport, Administrator of the Year, Initiatives of the Year in Local Government, Recreation and Sport, Outstanding Media Coverage, Volunteer of the Year and Inclusion Award.



Midweek bowls winners at Koo Wee Rup on Thursday were Peter Thorley (L), Wendy Pownall (S) and Michael Dady (3).

Midweek bowls

This week's winners were Wendy Pownall (S), Michael Dady (3) Triple and Peter Thorley (L).

Runners up were Tony Heppleston (S), Sean McWilliams (3), Elaine Fitt (2) and Gillian Harper (L).

One Game winners were John Nicholson (S), Bev Elliot (3), Lindsay Russell (2) and Wayne Stevens (L).

Midweek bowls was played at Koo Wee Rup with 30 happy bowlers in attendance. The day started out to be a perfect summers day but as it progressed the humidity kept rising and rising which made the afternoon a little uncomfortable.

The green ran slow and there was many short bowls as well as some wrong bias. The bowling was of very high standard and we had some very high scores across all rinks as usual.

The happy banter could be heard, and everyone was in good spirits.

Thank you to our members who brought treasures in for our free



Runners up were Elaine Fitt (2), Gillian Harper (L), Sean McWilliams (3) and Tony Heppleston (S).



Best One game winner: Lindsay Russell (2), Wayne Stevens (L), Bev Elliott (3) and John Nicholson (S).

raffle table and there are many.

Also, thanks to George in the bar for supplying us with our much-earned cold drinks after the game and for the helpers in the kitchen.

Next week we will play at Lang Lang, 10am at venue for a 10.30 start with two games of twelve ends. BYO lunch.

For more information or to register please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

Everyone welcome, come and have a great day of bowling and good company.

See You on The Green.

Great Scott!

Family runs wild at Kilcunda event

The Scott family were celebrating their success at the Running Wild Kilcunda half marathon and adjacent events on the weekend. The athletic family took out a place in all three of the events – the half marathon, the 17km George Bass run and the 8km Coastal run.

Proud dad David Scott came first in the 21km run, while his eldest son Harrison (15) came first in the 8km event, with youngest son Kurtis (13) taking out third in the 17km event.



Phillip Island Golf results

Tuesday February 2, Men's 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Colin Morris H/c (25) with 40 points from Don Stewart-Uden H/c (25) with 39 points on a countback from Terry McGregor H/c (21) also with 39 points.

Men's 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Peter Matthews H/c (31) with 20 points on a countback from Harold Jackson H/c (33) also with 20 points.

Wednesday, February 3, Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Vicki Roff-Smith H/c (22) with 39 points from Lorraine Hammon H/c (16) with 38 points.

Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Pam May H/c (45) with 15 points from Kym Cooper H/c (41) with 14 points.

Thursday February 4, Men's and Ladies 18 Hole Par: Winner was John O'Brien H/c (18) with +6 points from Steve Waters H/c (18) with +5 points.

Men's & Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Robert Leak H/c (26) with 26 points from Paul Beckham H/c (32) with 20 points.

Saturday February 6, Men's 18 Hole Stroke and February Monthly Medal Sponsored by Bass Coast Building Consultants.

A Grade Winner and Monthly Medal winner was Mark Jamieson H/c (11) with 68 points.

A Grade runner up: Lucas Piera H/c (5) with 69 points.

B Grade winner: Bill Lang H/c (17) with 70 points.

B Grade runner up: Greg Kane H/c (15) with 71 points c/b.

C Grade winner: Rob Brown H/c (29) with 69 points.



Winner of the February Monthly Medal Mark Jamieson (11) gross 79 nett 68 after 36 years finally one to take home.

C Grade runner up: Robert Espenberger H/c (27) with 70 points.

Next week is Single Stableford and Round 5 of YODO Qualification.

Ladies 18 Hole Stroke.

Winner was Megan Havers H/c (23) with 73 points from Joanne Disher H/c (23) with 74 points on a countback from Lorraine Hammon H/c (16) also with 74 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Zoe Frost H/c (33) with 21 points from Patrick Owens H/c (24) with 19 points on a countback from Basil Moloney H/c (14) also with 19 points.

YODO Finals for Men and Women next Sunday February 14 – be at the course at 7am breakfast before the competition begins!

Challenging conditions for Anglers' comp

Few were optimistic, the weather forecast for the seventh Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club (RPIAC) angling competition of the 2020/21 season promised wind, cloud cover and a possibility of showers.

Indeed, the conditions mirrored the forecast, wind came mainly from the north-west on Saturday veering south-west for Sunday.

Each day had an abundance of cloud with occasional showers with Saturday best for most anglers.

Of course, those who sheltered from the wind and rain had a more comfortable day and enthusiasts that ventured to the water caught more fish.

Again, reports confirmed an abundance of juvenile snapper often mixing with the occasional King George whiting, flathead, mackerel or mullet.

Consistent with all angling quests, there were stories of both triumph and disappointment.

A total of 22 eligible species were presented for weigh-in and the competition concluded at the close of weigh-in at 5.30pm on Sunday.

Whilst the club records for extraordinary catches are reaching new limits, the cash prizes for the members only, competition weekend incentives remain banked.

Four species are still eligible for a first-to-catch prize of \$1000, where fish must equal or exceed the nominated weight: King George whiting (1000 grams), snapper (10 kilograms), gummy shark (20 kilograms) and kingfish (25 kilograms).

The post-competition presentation celebrated the efforts of anglers, volunteers and members who continue to support the angling club with the Covid-Safe measures in place.

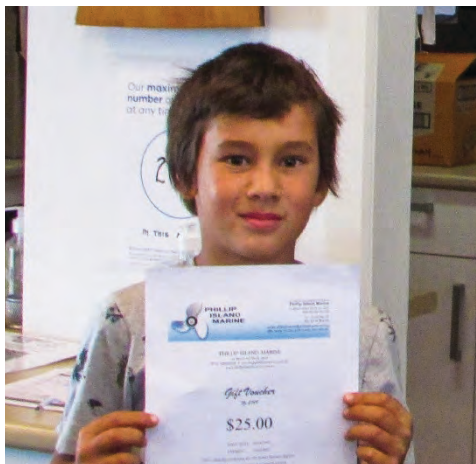
The trying conditions favoured the keen, particularly in the Squidgie Mixed Bag competition, for budding anglers aged nine and under.

Reigning Squidgie Club champion, Denver Firth exuded confidence and satisfaction, presenting three fish for weigh-in, rewarded with 60 points and the prize for first place.

The Junior Weight and Junior Points competitions, for anglers aged 10 to 16, were uncontested this weekend and present more opportunities to advance before the season closes.

The Senior Heaviest Weight competitions were won by Pat Gleeson and Carrienne Peatey, each weighing in snapper of 1135 grams and 515 grams, respectively.

King George whiting were the fish of choice in the Senior Points competitions, won by Duncan Firth for a respectable catch worth 1470 points (525 grams), and Carrienne Peatey to claim the weekend's double with a specimen worth 1120 points (400 grams).



Despite challenging conditions, RPIAC Squidgie Club Champion, Denver Firth, continued to exude enthusiasm and satisfaction, earning first place in the Squidgie Mixed Bag competition.



To complete a tale of two fishing Firths, Duncan Firth claimed the Senior Points prize for his King George whiting worth 1470 points.

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The Senior Shark competition was uncontested, whilst the Secret Weight prize was awarded to Leah Valente for her 260-gram mackerel (secret weight 295 grams).

The next angling competition is scheduled for the weekend of March 20 and 21.

For further information about the club, events, competitions and rules, please visit the website: www.rpiac.com.



Members of the Phillip Island Bicycle User Group at Cowes jetty waiting for the ferry to take them to Stoney Point.

Bikes on board

21 riders from the Phillip Island Bicycle User Group enjoyed a ride to Somers for lunch last Sunday.

The PIBUG meets every Wednesday and Sunday at A Maze 'N Things at 10am for rides

on the Island.

Sunday off Island rides are also offered.

New members are welcome! Contact secretary Ruth Scott on 0409 946 696 for more details or check out our website or Facebook page.

Action man on and off the field

Collingwood footballer Jordan De Goeys has shaken up his preparation heading into the 2021 season, jumping in the passenger seat of the Monster Energy backed Ford Mustang last week with Supercars front-runner Cam Waters at Phillip Island.

Known for his action sports interests and dominant presence on the AFL field, De Goeys said that motorsport is definitely a passion outside of footy.

"I like to ride motorbikes and dirt bikes and I just like to go fast so today was a really special occasion for me and I loved every moment," De Goeys said.

"The lap with Cam (Waters) was unreal. These guys push the absolute limits; I don't think he left any time out there on the track, he used every bit of road available."

De Goeys is pumped to be kicking off his season with the Pies and is feeling strong ahead of the season opener in March.

The 2021 AFL season begins in March, with De Goeys and the Collingwood team taking on the Western Bulldogs in round one at the MCG.



Cam Waters showed Collingwood's Jordy De Goeys the ropes ahead of a hot lap of the Phillip Island circuit last week.

Euchre results

Results are as follows:

Women's winner: Faye Fletcher – Win 6, Loss 2.

Men's Winner: John O'Brien – Win 7, Loss 1.

Encouragement award: Tony Fallon – Win 2, Loss 6.

Phillip Island bowls

It has been a busy week here at the bowls club.

Jimmy Kirk was a winner in the Men's 100 Up defeating Steve Farrelly it was a tight contest.

The Ladies 21 Up winner was Marlene Puncher, a true veteran competitor, with Karen Cashen runner up acknowledging that Marlene's game was a testament to her experience of years of competitive bowls.

The game was played in the spirit of true sportsmanship.

The trio of Bob Hurst, Joe Korda and John Batty competed in RSL Bowls State championships, on Monday at Mulgrave bowls club. It was a tough day of competition, but they were winners on the day and will compete in the next round at Bundoora on February 11. We wish them well hoping for further success.

Social bowls had 18 competitors. Winners were Paul Bean, Peter Carter and Reg Excell; runners up Ed Hislop, Erol Bradford and Eric Wilde.

Corporate Bowls escaped the rain and enjoyed another warm evening to play bowls and enjoy the sausage sizzle and raffles.

Winning team was Victor Bravo and runners up Pirates.

Midweek Pennant round 2 results.

Unfortunately, all three divisions lost.

Division 1 Team 1 lost to Korumburra 68 shots to 58.

Division 1 Team 2 was narrowly defeated by San Remo 73 shots to 71.

Division 3 lost to Korumburra 62 shots to 36.

Saturday Pennant round 5 results:

The two Phillip Island Division 1 teams



RSL winners (left to right) Bob Hurst, Joe Korda and John Batty.

played against each other with rivalry rights on the line, but Blue team won on all 3 rinks with 83 shots to White 52 shots.

The local spectators enjoyed watching the competitive nature amongst the teams.

Division 2 Phillip Island lost by a narrow margin of 3 shots to Toora 1, 75 shots to 72.

Division 3 Phillip Island defeated Foster on all 3 rinks with 90 shots to 50.

Division 5 Phillip Island won against Foster/Fish Creek on all 3 rinks 73 shots to 51.

With only two more rounds to go in this shortened season it's getting very competitive.

The Ladies 100 Up begins this coming week.



21 Up Ladies runner up Karen Cashen (left) with winner Marlene Puncher.



Men's 100 UP Handicap winner Jimmy Kirk.



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Sat 13	3.00am 2.84m	8.41am 1.05m	2.53pm 2.49m
Sun 14	3.52am 2.90m	9.35am 0.90m	3.54pm 2.58m
Mon 15	4.37am 2.92m	10.21am 0.78m	4.45pm 2.65m
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PIDCC A1 team photo on the day, Charith Keerthisinghe set the record as the first Phillip Island District cricketer to play 100 A grade Division 1 games in the Leongatha District Cricket Association.

A century celebration for Charith

On a day in which club coach Charith Keerthisinghe set the record as the first Phillip Island District cricketer to play 100 A grade Division 1 games in the Leongatha District Cricket Association, the Island went down to Inverloch by five wickets in their one-day game at Inverloch Turf.

On an overcast day, Island skipper Max Royal won the toss and elected to bat. From the outset, the Sharks were on the back foot due to some quality bowling from the Inverloch openers.

They exploited the conditions beautifully and the Island simply had no answer.

Wickets steadily fell and with 'extras' top scoring, the Island were eventually dismissed for a mediocre 74. Keerthisinghe showed some resistance at the end with 17 and at the change of innings, the Island knew they had to get wickets early to stand any chance.

Simon Kirton (3-14) and Royal (1-17) opened the bowling and within a blink of an eye had Inverloch reeling at 3-11.

From that point, the Sharks didn't do a lot wrong and pushed the home side to the end. But 74 was never going to be enough, with Inverloch eventually bringing up the winning runs in the 35th over with the loss of five wickets.

A disappointing result on such an important occasion in the club's history.

A huge congratulations to Charith Keerthisinghe on his 100 A1 games for PIDCC. Charith has been an absolute star of the competition since his arrival to the Island in 2013.

We are truly blessed to have



Charith Keerthisinghe pictured with wife Chamari and daughter Dilasna at the completion of his 100th A1 game for PIDCC.

Charith and his beautiful wife Chamari and daughter Dilasna part of not only the PIDCC but the broader Island community.

Congratulations Charith and we cannot wait to see what the next 100 games bring.

Final Scores: PI 10/74 def by Inverloch 5-75

B Grade

B grade were looking for another win this week at Cowes, this time against Inverloch, who won the toss and decided to send us out for a bowl.

Tom Niven opened from the top end and was looking sharp from

the start, with his first over being a Maiden.

It was then up to Josh Excell to back him up from the other end, which was going to be difficult in the windy conditions.

He ended up being dragged after four overs he would rather forget.

Dave Womersley who had a good couple of overs replaced him.

Meanwhile at the other end, Tom made a breakthrough, bowling a beautiful ball that took the off stump of Inverloch's biggest hitter.

Tom bowled out his 8 and finished up with 1/15.

After the drinks break Geoff Odgers and Liam Dayson had a beautiful bowling partnership putting pressure on the opposition with the next breakthrough coming in only the third over after drinks.

Liam Dayson bowling Inverloch's number 3 and opening the floodgates, the next 2 wickets falling for 3 runs, an additional one, for both Odgers and Dayson.

Then enter Kev 'The Destroyer' Taylor, after being criminally under bowled throughout the season, it was his time to shine.

And shine he did, taking 2 for 1 off his first over.

Kev's first wicket was a remarkable sight, a well-placed half-track wide ball that was paddled to Odgers at mid-off.

His next was a more orthodox ball caught behind by Finno.

Not to be outdone, Dayson bowled a beautiful ball getting a plum LBW meaning that the Island boys had Inverloch 8/74.

The Island ended up bowling all 40 overs and needing 123 runs to win.

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