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A lifetime of racing success recognised

Retired Ventnor horse trainer Cefn Price was honoured with a life membership of the Woolamai and District Racing Club following the running of the 2022 Woolamai Cup on Saturday. Ninety year old Cefn was a leading horse trainer in South Gippsland in a career with horses which has spanned six decades, beginning at the age of 14 in 1945 as a strapper for Keaston Sambell, then owner of Trenavin Park, at stables located on the site where the new penguin parade building now stands. He holds the record to this day for training the most winners at the Woolamai race course, roughly about 450, and took out 30 trainer premierships prior to his retirement in 2004. Cefn (right) was presented with his life membership by Garry Buckley, Manager of Picnic Racing, Country Racing Victoria. Excerpts from an interview with Cefn, conducted by the Advertiser in 2018, recounting the work involved in training winning horses on Phillip Island, and the joys of racing at Woolamai, can be found on page 23.



North Pier manager Kimberley Brown with food and beverage staff Sian Bates and George Anderson. Staff continued to experience "agitated patrons" when asking for vaccination ID or to wear a mask.

Summer "disappointment" for businesses

It has been a mixed summer for hospitality and tourism traders, with some reporting moderately strong success and others hit harder because of closures, staff shortages and supply disruptions due to Covid.

Industry insiders described the season as "disappointing" with many traders "fatigued".

A Maze 'N Things owner Geoff Moed said business was "very slightly up over last summer (at two per cent)" but the second half of January was not as strong as the first half.

December figures were more than 10 per cent higher than any previous December, he added.

"This was particularly pleasing as we were still unable to operate Skytrail or magic shows and had no seating in the café," Geoff said.

"Our retail sales and take away food sales were strong, which shows us there are still lots of people with plenty of money."

"So our thirtieth summer season at A Maze 'N Things was our best yet, but with some very strange operating circumstances."

He said the attraction stayed open every day and when density limits were reintroduced "we did detect a slight change in customers attitudes".

"It didn't affect our operations because we already had them in place, but people seemed to be a bit more apprehensive."

North Pier Hotel manager Kimberley Brown said summer trade was quieter than previous years.

"Although the hotel accommodation was booked out solidly for weeks, the bistro and bar felt there was less foot traffic," Kimberley said.

"This was possibly due to Covid isolation requirements and people more reluctant to venture out."

"The lower numbers however suited us given the increased staffing issues across the region at the moment. It would have been difficult for us to sit at full dining capacity 100 per cent of the time."

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Australia Post contractors swiftly restored the missing letter box to its rightful position in Thompson Avenue on Monday morning.

Red alert for missing mailbox

Residents arriving to post their mail in the letter box outside the Cowes post office on Monday morning were shocked to find the post box was gone.

And no-one in the post office at 9am in the morning seemed to know quite what had happened to it.

All was revealed a few hours later when Australia Post contractors arrived on the site to restore the box to its rightful place and bolted it back into the position it has held in Thompson Avenue for about the last 50 years.

Apparently vandals had ripped it off its mooring overnight and dragged it around the corner.

Users are pleased that it is safely back in its place in the street and commend Australia Post on its prompt restorative action.

On Monday afternoon, an Australia Post spokesperson said: "The street posting box outside Cowes Post office which had been removed from its footing was quickly repaired, and we thank customers who posted in-store during the short time the box was unavailable."

New Cowes RAT distribution

Eligible Phillip Island residents can now access Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) from an annex to the Phillip Island Health Hub.

The new service started on January 31 and is available to eligible community members from 9am-2pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

RATs are not available from the Hub at other times and RATs will not be distributed for people to stockpile at home for future use.

BCH staff determine if community members are eligible for a RAT but generally they are if they: have symptoms; or are a confirmed contact of someone with Covid and require a rapid test on day one and day six; or are another contact such as a work, social or education contact, or a member of a high-risk industry surveillance group.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said testing was vital to reduce the spread of Covid as much as possible.

"The earlier Covid is detected in a person, the sooner they can isolate and not interact with other people, and avoid spreading the virus to family and friends," she said, adding 119 RATs were distributed from the Hub last week.

"It's reassuring to see islanders taking advantage of this new service in order to limit the number of Covid cases on the Island and also on the mainland.

"Rapid Antigen Tests have been in short supply until now and Bass Coast Health is pleased to be able to save islanders time and effort through this new service."

Covid symptoms include a runny nose, headache, fatigue, dry cough, fever and muscle pain.



Bass Coast Health staff member Kelly gives a Rapid Antigen Test kit to Kally of Newhaven to take home and perform. Last week BCH distributed 119 RATs to eligible community residents from the Hub.

Drainage renewal works for Settlement Road in Cowes

Stormwater drainage renewal works along Settlement Road in Cowes began last week.

Bass Coast Shire Council said the project will help increase stormwater capacity, renew existing pipes and alleviate localised flooding experienced at the rear of some properties.

Construction is expected to take around four weeks to complete.

The works will include the construction of new underground stormwater drainage pipes or pits and the modification of existing drainage infrastructure. Most of the works undertaken will be at the rear of properties between 276 and 284 Settlement Road and 57 and 59 McKenzie Road.

Appropriate traffic and pedestrian control measures will be in place during the construction period. Local and emergency access to properties will be maintained at all times.

The works will include the use of heavy plant and machinery and might be noisy at times. Council understands that these works may present an inconvenience to nearby residents and appreciates their patience during these times. The contractor will make every effort to minimise disruptions during construction.

This \$89,000 project is fully funded by the council as part of its Capital Works Program.

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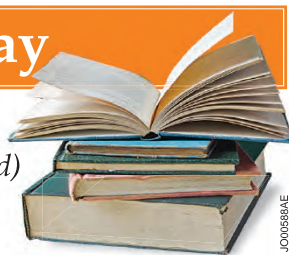
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Should the state government buy this land for wildlife?

Admittedly it's an ambitious idea. But that is not stopping Cowes resident Ron Day.

Ron – better known as the citizen scientist behind the Cowes-Rhyll Road wildlife roadkill trial – is now lobbying to protect conservation land from development.

In particular, Ron would like to see a 32ha farm on the Cowes-Rhyll Road, which is currently on the market for sale and has a curious history, returned to public ownership.

“My main concern is that there is more and more pressure on land for growth and this property has high conservation values, right next to the Rhyll Inlet. It's a wildlife haven,” he said.

“Unless we act now, this land could be lost to development forever.”

Ron said ideally the state government should buy the property, which would then be managed by the Phillip Island Nature Parks.

“Or alternatively it could even be bought as part of a crowdfunding campaign if there's enough community support.

“At the moment I'm just putting it out there to see if there is any support from government or the public.”

As bold as the proposal is, it's not the first time land has been bought for conservation, with the family of satirist John Clarke gifting 8ha at Rhyll for conservation two years ago.

In the 1970s a Rhyll farm was bought by local conservationists through fundraising to create what is now popularly known as Conservation Hill, to prevent it becoming a marina.

Phillip Island Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield welcomed the proposal.

“The Rhyll inlet is environmentally significant and forms part of a Ramsar wetland,” Ms Basterfield said.

“The Nature Parks would welcome any opportunity to ensure the privately-owned wetlands are managed in an environmentally sensitive way.



This private property for sale on the Cowes-Rhyll Road has a curious history and now a resident is lobbying for it to be bought for conservation management.

“If there is a future opportunity for the privately owned wetlands to be transferred to public ownership, the Nature Parks would be willing to take on management of the land.

“Bass Coast Shire Council has taken a strong position to protect this land from development and I believe that this would continue into the future, regardless of changes in ownership.”

History

The property has a curious history. In 2020 the landowner was willing to gift about 40 hectares of the property to the Phillip Island Nature Parks, in exchange for planning approval of a low-density home on a

separate 2.3 hectares.

The landowner was even willing to promise never to further subdivide in the future.

Yet Bass Coast Shire councillors rejected the offer, arguing it would effectively expand Cowes' town boundaries and would allow development – albeit small – in an environmentally sensitive and flood-prone area.

The offer came after years of negotiations between the shire, conservation groups, the Nature Parks and the landowner.

They all agreed the landowner – at their own expense – could seek a planning amendment, which would require public submissions and the Planning Minister's approval, be-



Ron Day, better known at the citizen scientist behind the wildlife roadkill trial, said it was a “shame” the land had not been given to Nature Parks for management by the council in 2020.

cause the land is environmentally sensitive and flood-prone.

Shire planning officers even recommended councillors should give the green light to initiating that planning amendment.

“The proposal represents a modest expansion to the Cowes and Silverleaves settlement that will result in no overall change in terms of total dwellings,” the planning officers stated at the time.

Cr Bruce Kent in 2020 described the deal as a “pretty good outcome” and Cr Julian Brown said “on balance the application is positive”.

However, Cr Michael Whelan (currently the mayor) successfully moved an alternative motion putting a halt to

the deal.

Cr Whelan said the whole site, which is to the west of the Rhyll Inlet, was subject to flooding – both from Western Port and severe rain storms – and “I don't agree with the principle of putting people in harm's way”.

“This is fraught with problems and latent liabilities to councillors down the track,” he said, adding that by today's planning standards many homes in the low-lying area of Silverleaves would not be built.

Cr Whelan said the land was outside the town boundaries and “I seem to remember councillors here promising not to increase town boundaries”, and the entire parcel should instead be in public ownership.

“Having my parents support me when I came out made me feel safe and loved.”

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The owners of the Mercedes car smashed through the front window of the Wing Ho restaurant, into the table that seated four of their friends, whom they were meeting for dinner.



The restaurant owner has a front CCTV camera, with footage given to police.



Staff took this photo inside the restaurant – showing tables and chairs smashed and scattered.



The following day the car had been removed and the wall of the restaurant was still standing, but only just.

Mayhem as Mercedes smashes Wing Ho window

Customers dining at the Wing Ho restaurant in Cowes were injured last Wednesday night when a car ploughed through the front window. The car, driven by a couple, mounted the curb on Thompson Avenue about 7pm and smashed into the front brick building, hitting a table where – according to restaurant staff – they were due to dine with four friends.

Some of those friends fell to the

floor when the car smashed the table and chairs.

Waitress Bless said she narrowly missed being hit, two metres from the impact site.

“The glasses and wine went flying and the table and chairs were broken,” Bless said.

“The people on the front table were waiting for the man and woman in the car, for a table of six. Two customers were on the floor because

their chairs were broken.

“It’s hard to describe. It’s like blink. We didn’t see it coming.”

Ambulance Victoria confirmed a woman in her 60s was taken to Wonthaggi Hospital in a stable condition with minor injuries and a number of other people were assessed at the scene but weren’t transported to hospital.

Bless said she and fellow staff then helped customers evacuate the building while emergency services

tended to the wounded.

“We could hear creaking in the ceiling so we wanted to get out.

“We had a lot of customers inside and they offered to pay but we just left.”

She said there were over 20 customers in the restaurant at the time and about seven staff.

Restaurant owner Kim said she was cooking in the kitchen at the time of the accident but heard the

loud bang.

“When I heard the sound I thought it sounded like a car hitting the front,” Kim said, adding the restaurant had a front CCTV camera and footage was given to police.

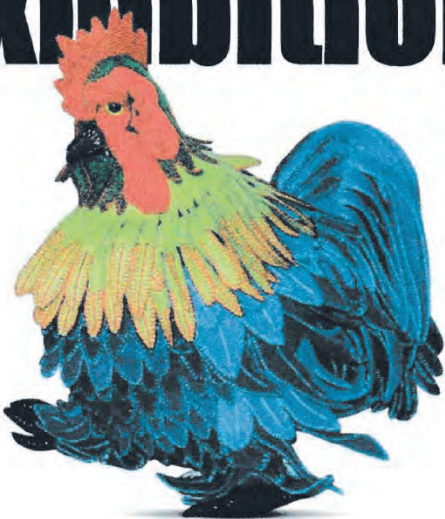
Victoria Police said the incident was under investigation and they couldn’t provide comment on the cause of the crash.

Police, CFA, SES and paramedics all attended the incident.

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A 20-acre block in Veterans Drive Newhaven, which includes 170 metres of beach frontage sold prior to auction for \$6 million.



A holiday homeowner paid \$3.6 million to stop developers building on this foreshore property in Cowes.

Multi-million-dollar real estate records tumble

Two new records have been set for real estate sales on Phillip Island in the past month.

A property at 8 Roy Court Cowes (pictured) – on Lovers Walk – was sold for \$3.6 million at auction by O'Brien real estate, \$300,000 above the reserve.

"It was a very competitive auction with two buyers fighting it out," O'Brien agent Josh Dunstan said.

"One was wanting to develop the site and the winning bidder – who owns in the street – wanting to secure the site so it would not fall into the hands of developers.

"It is a new record for the foreshore Cowes."

Josh said the owners of 8 Roy Court – a home on about half an acre – had developers "over the years knocking on their door to see if they wanted to sell".

The owners paid about \$100,000 for the property 50 years ago.

Meanwhile Josh said they recently also sold 20 acres at 75 Veterans Drive Newhaven – which included 170 metres of beach frontage – prior to auction with an unconditional offer of \$6 million from a Melbourne buyer.

"This would also be record price for the area," he said.

"Being in a farming zone it would be very difficult to develop the land or build further dwellings, but the buyer plans to renovate the existing home and improve the 20 acre site."

Josh said both sales showed strong and increasing interest in coastal real estate, especially unique foreshore properties.

"More buyers are discovering the hidden gem that Phillip Island is and the value for money it represents compared to other coastal locations," he added.

Council Update



Council Meeting 18 February

Council's next meeting, scheduled to be held in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi, will now be held virtually. The meeting will be livestreamed at 1.00pm on Wednesday, 16 February. Join us via the link at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings. The agenda is released on our website on Friday, 11 February at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings. 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.

Have your say on Local Law Review

Council is currently reviewing its Local Law to ensure it continues to meet community needs. This review aims to identify what is working well, find any gaps in legislation and to create new items to address new and emerging issues. A Summary of Key Changes has been drafted, which highlights proposed changes to the Local Law. We welcome feedback on these proposed changes, as well as anything that is in our current Local Law or anything that you think may be missing. You can review this document, our current Local Law (2012), have your say on proposed changes and suggest any new items at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/locallaw. This draft document is available for feedback until 13 February 2022.

Road closures in Rhyll - Tuesday, 15 February

The Tour of Gippsland cycling event will run from Sunday, 13 February until Tuesday, 15 February and take in the Bass Hills, Woolamai, Inverloch and Rhyll. Please be mindful of cyclists when on the road. Visit www.tourofgippsland.com.au for further information.

Stage 1: Woolamai Circuit Road Race: Sunday, 13 February, 8.00am to 5.00pm

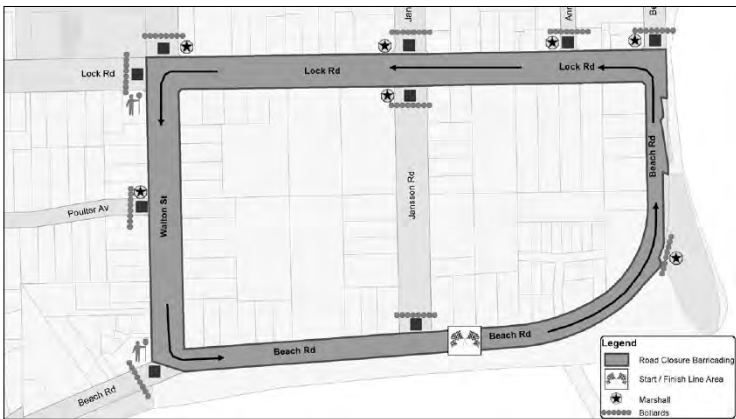
Stage 2: Inverloch Road Race: Monday, 14 February, 8.00am to 5.00pm

Stage 3: Rhyll Criterium road closures: Tuesday, 15 February, 10.00am to 2.00pm

Criterium Circuit

- Beach Rd start/finish area will be closed from 7.00am to 3.00pm (100m east of Jansson Rd).
- The Criterium closures will be in place from 10.00am to 2.00pm and will include the following roads:
 - Lock Rd from Walton St to Beach Rd
 - Beach Rd from Loch Rd to Walton St
 - Walton St from Beach Rd to Loch Rd

There will be restricted access to the Rhyll Jetty during road closures.



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High risk rock fishing life jacket trial

Lifejackets will be required for recreational rock fishing at three high-risk locations around Phillip Island and San Remo from March 1.

The requirement is part of a two-year state government trial to be rolled out at 10 locations across Victoria, including Pyramid Rock, and San Remo at the southern end of Potters Hill Road, as well as Punchbowl Rocks.

The rollout comes after the body of a 43-year-old woman was recovered on New Year's Eve, after she went missing while fishing with family near the George Bass Coastal Walk and Punchbowl Road.

Since 2000 there have been six deaths of anglers at Punchbowl, which represents a third of all rock fishing deaths in Victoria in the last two decades.

The rollout follows consultation by the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA), which established Victoria's most dangerous rock fishing spots, with others including Bushrangers Bay rocks (east of Cape Schanck) and Cape Bridgewater (near the blowholes car park).

The trial will aim to reduce the chance of drowning with a properly fitted and well-maintained lifejacket, should a rock fisher end up in the water.



Three of the 10 high-risk rock fishing locations to be part of the Victorian lifejacket trial are in this area. Since 2000 there have been six deaths of anglers at Punchbowl, which represents a third of all rock fishing deaths in Victoria in the last two decades.

Lifejackets will need to comply with Australian Standards and be a type 3 or greater for adults. Children under 12 must wear a lifejacket at the 10 sites even if they are not fishing, and they must be a type 1 or greater model.

The trial will also see the VFA work with recreational fishing groups on an improved safety and education program. Fishing and Boating Minister Melissa Horne said life jackets save lives, and for rock fishers, can "drastically reduce the risk of drowning should the worst happen".

"Rock fishing is an increasingly popular pastime for recreational anglers. However, we know that it can also be deadly if precautions to stay safe are not taken," she said.

Information, including maps and details of compliant lifejackets: vfa.vic.gov.au/rock-fishing.

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Dog owners celebrate

Dog owners last week celebrated the first day of a range of new off-leash restrictions with a group dog walk on Cowes west beach.

Last December Cr Ronnie Bauer successfully moved a motion "borne out of frustration and inaction" from dog owners to change rules on council-managed beaches, including:

- extend off-leash dog beach access 350 metres from McKenzie Road, Cowes, to 50 metres short of Anderson boat ramp; and at San Remo from the existing Footh Beach through to Marine Parade;
- allow access to off-leash dog beaches annually from February 1 to December 1, effective from February 1, 2022, which extends by two months the current restrictions on Phillip Island, which start in April;
- from December 1 to February 1 dogs must be on a leash on the dog off-leash areas from 10am-6pm, with dogs currently not allowed on beaches at all in that period on Phillip Island; and
- immediately provide dog waste bags and dispensers at all current dog beach entrances across the Bass Coast Shire.

Cr Bauer on February 1 led a group of about 20 dog owners who walked the length of the new off-leash beach from the Cowes Yacht Club to Devon Avenue, just short of the boat ramp.

He said while neither new signs nor dog waste bags and dispensers had been rolled out he had been guaranteed by shire staff they would soon appear.

"They are delayed but staff have assured me that until they appear no one will be penalised for following the new rules and walking their dogs," Cr Bauer said.

"Staff have told me the dispensers will be up by the end of February and they're currently working on messaging for the signs and I believe they will appear at the same time."

Cr Bauer said the only people walking on the beach last week at 10am were the dog owners.

"The response from owners has been extraordinary. I didn't expect it to be so over-



Cr Ronnie Bauer with about 20 dog owners, who celebrated new off-leash rules that came into effect on February 1 with a walk on Cowes west beach on the same day.

whelmingly positive. One woman on the beach jumped into my arms and thanked me."

Shire CEO Ali Wastie explained the changes applied to council-managed beaches at Cape Paterson, Inverloch, Ventnor, Cape Woolamai safety beach, Cowes West and San Remo.

"These are beaches where dogs were not permitted on the beach during daytime hours over peak periods," Ms Wastie said.

"Dogs will now be allowed on these beaches during these times, on a leash. We are currently working on updating all our signage to reflect this. Poo bag dispensers are currently on order and we anticipate delivery within the coming weeks."

Response

President of the Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association Cheryl Owens said owners were "thrilled" at the new rules.

"Now the kids are back at school and our beaches are deserted dog owners are able to exercise their dogs on the beaches in accordance with the rules," she said.

"We are glad common sense has prevailed for our communities."

Phillip Island Conservation Society president Jeff Nottle said the new rules were "most unfortunate ahead of the promised community consultation".

"Council agreed to establish a dog off-leash working group to provide guidance and recommendations on improving off-leash areas. Neither of these promised actions have occurred," he said.

Details of off-leash areas are available at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/pets-animals/where-can-i-walk-my-dog, however the dates on the website have not yet been updated to reflect the motion passed at the December 2021 Council meeting.



Despite a motion at the December 2021 Council meeting, neither new signs nor dog waste bags and dispensers had been rolled out, however Cr Ronnie Bauer said he had been guaranteed by shire staff they would soon appear.

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Residents battle social housing plans

Cowes west residents say a “wildlife corridor” and parkland should not be destroyed for social housing construction.

Residents say they are planning to fight a Bass Coast Shire and state government project that would see social housing built on six residential streets in Cowes, land owned by the shire as surplus road reserves, totalling 4,600m².

The sites include: Seascape, Raywood, Highland and Wyndham avenues, as well as Anderson and Roydon roads.

Wyndham Avenue residents said they planned to form a committee to protest the project, saying the section of vegetated vacant land in their street was used by local residents as parkland, as well as by wildlife.

Eric Williams has lived on the street for 27 years and said he was surprised to learn of the social housing plans late last year.

“This land is a wildlife corridor. The council is quick to protect their gazetted corridors yet they’re prepared to rip up one like this,” Eric said.

Robert Cooper, who lives opposite the land, said the trees were home to a variety of animals including owls, yellow-tailed black cockatoos, lorikeets and rosellas, while wallabies were also often spotted.

“Children play there, there’s even cubby houses in the trees, people walk their dogs and go for runs and play footy and cricket,” Robert said.

“It’s a nature reserve valued by both holiday homeowners and residents. This is a battle not just for our street but the whole community.”

Michael Whitfield said his three children aged nine, six and one played on the land with other local children.

“I first heard about the plans in the Advertiser and I wasn’t impressed,” Michael said.

“Then I met state government (social housing) and shire representa-



Wyndham Avenue residents from left Eric Williams, Robert Cooper, Tina Hanen and Michael Whitfield are concerned about plans for social housing in their street.

tives on the site and I explained my concerns and the government representatives ignored me.

“They said there’d be face-to-face discussions with locals but I’ve never heard back.”

Michael said the trees on the site were significant for wildlife.

Plans

Late last year the shire was nominated to receive \$25 million worth of grants under the state government’s Big Housing Build, one of nine local government areas targeted by the government in a total \$5.3 billion fund.

Under the build, registered community housing organisations (CHOs) apply for the grants. The land is then made available for free or at a discount by the shire for the homes to be built.

Two CHOs have indicated they

would like to apply for the grants in Bass Coast, including in Cowes and Wonthaggi, where it would total 6880m², or up to 10 houses.

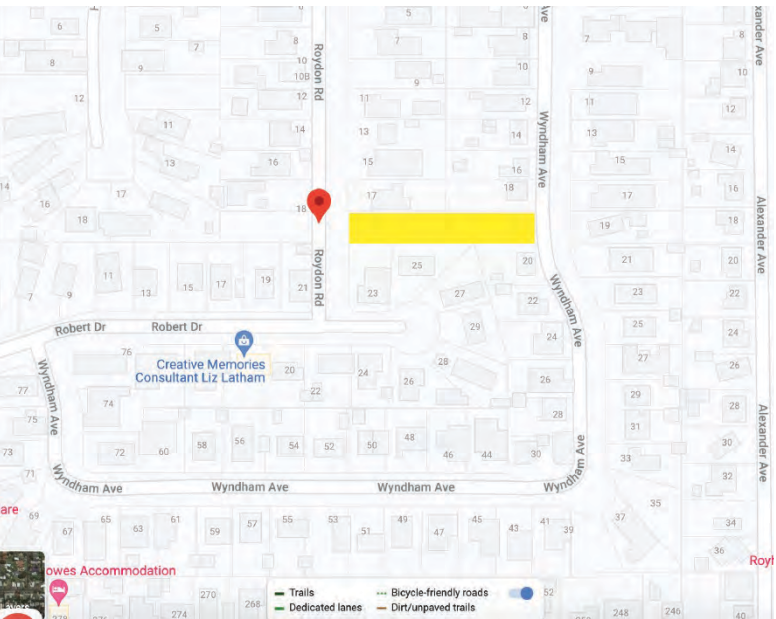
Wyndham Avenue resident Karen Williams said Wonthaggi was better serviced to cater for social housing. “It seems ridiculous to have social housing in Cowes when all the services are in Wonthaggi, such as the hospital, Centrelink, and day care,” Karen said.

“Wonthaggi is closer to public transport, there are more jobs there and more social workers. It’s practically impossible to get that here in Cowes.”

Support

Housing Matters Committee last year held a meeting in Wonthaggi to support the social housing project.

“Homeless people are forced to



These streets in Cowes have been earmarked for affordable social housing: Seascape, Raywood, Highland and Wyndham avenues, as well as Anderson and Roydon roads.

sleep rough; the housing waiting list is rising while local businesses are having trouble finding staff who can afford to rent in our area,” committee member Beth Banks said.

“We are looking forward to a quick build, as housing availability is in crisis in our area.”

Committee member Jessica Harrison confirmed Cowes already had social housing and those who would secure the six homes to be built would come from the Department of Housing waiting list.

“Some would be local while others would be Victorians who have nominated the area as one of their preferred places to live,” Jessica explained.

“Homes Victoria have stated that the number of social housing dwellings in Bass Coast were 381 representing 2.5 per cent of total dwellings.”

Jessica said women over the age of 55, living alone were identified as a group at serious risk of homelessness across Australia.

What next

CHOs will now undertake due diligence – including a site survey, town planning assessment and feasibility modelling – and confirm which sites they will include in their grant submissions, with confirmation of sites announced in early 2022.

Under the grant conditions, community consultation would be held in March and April, construction of homes must start by June 2023 and be finished by June 2025.

Three councillors voted against the project last year because, they said, the shire had not yet finished creating its own affordable housing strategy.

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Auxiliary steps up support for cancer services

Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary brings together over 200 donors for cancer services.

Steeped in the history of the Wonthaggi Hospital, the Bass Coast Health Ladies’ Auxiliary (the Ladies Auxiliary) continues to garner community interest in and support for health services today.

The Auxiliary’s recent gift to Bass Coast Health of a Signature Quilt reflects the ladies’ 110 year tradition and the future of our health services.

The Ladies’ Auxiliary does not shy away from an ambitious project and the members certainly delivered, garnering support from 207 donors and local organisations, each lovingly represented as part of the Signature Quilt that now hangs on the walls at the Wonthaggi Hospital.

The Signature Quilt has multiple embroidered names each representing donors to Bass Coast Health cancer services. The tradition of creating Signature Quilts dates back to the 19th century; the Ladies Signature Quilt will leave a lasting legacy.

“The Signature Quilt tells a story that we want all of our staff, patients and community to learn about,” said Jan Child, CEO Bass Coast Health.

“We are so grateful to the Ladies’ Auxiliary for their extraordinary efforts and to each and every one of the donors that made this possible.

“The \$14,000 raised by the Ladies Auxiliary is incredibly important as it helps us



Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child (centre) with Marlene Talbot, Treasurer of the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary (right) and Anna Kenny, Nurse Unit Manager of the L. Rigby Centre, with the Signature Quilt.

to purchase essential equipment needed for cancer services, now delivered through the L. Rigby Centre.

“More than the money raised, every name on this beautiful quilt signifies support for our patients, staff and our services; an uplifting daily reminder that inspires our care for patients with cancer,” Ms Child said.

Anna Kenny, Nurse Unit Manager of the L. Rigby Centre said the team sees the difference local cancer care makes for the community every day.

“We are so grateful to the Ladies Auxiliary and the 207 community donors for their contribution to this service,” she said.

Marlene Talbot, Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary, said they were thrilled with the community response to the project.

“Our members have worked on this project for the past two years. While Covid impacted its progress we are excited that the Signature Quilt is now complete for everyone to enjoy.”

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Thank you to our generous donors



Bass Coast Health wishes to thank the volunteers of the Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary and the community for raising more than \$14,000 for the L. Rigby Centre.

The members of the Ladies Auxiliary created a Signature Quilt to raise funds for the Centre, which provides treatment for community members with cancer and other conditions.

The quilt comprises 207 squares, each naming the 207 donors who contributed to the fundraising appeal.

Bass Coast Health wishes to express its appreciation of every donor, whose kind gifts have enabled us to provide first class treatment to patients closer to their homes. We also wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary members who gave their time and expertise to lovingly bring the Signature Quilt together.

The Signature Quilt hangs at the entrance to the L. Rigby Centre from Sleeman Ward at Wonthaggi Hospital.

For 110 years, the Ladies Auxiliary has been raising funds for your health service. For the ladies' dedication, commitment and effort, Bass Coast Health is truly grateful.

The Ladies Auxiliary wishes to thank Kerryn Drennan from Fabrics and Beads, Virginia Wheeler for the embroidery, Phillip Island Patchworkers for the quilting, Bunnings Wonthaggi for materials, Inverloch Men's Shed for the frame with special mention to Lindsay Bell and Julian Sellers, and Paul and Mandy Taranto from Talum Windows for the glass.

Pictured above: Ladies Auxiliary Treasurer Marlene Talbot with the Signature Quilt.



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Cape Woolamai mum independent Federal candidate

Cowes lawyer Deb Leonard is used to the rough and tumble of court room battles.

But has it prepared her for the battle ground that is Federal politics?

The 41-year-old mother-of-two, who was last week nominated as the Voices for Monash independent candidate for this year's Federal election, says law is the perfect grounding for parliament.

"Being in court is all about advocating for your client and using powers of persuasion to get a point across," Deb says.

"Politics is the same, it's about advocating for the community and fighting for what the community wants."

Deb is all about tapping into the community zeitgeist.

She says she has been associated with Phillip Island her whole life, having holidayed here as a youngster, when she had summer jobs at Isola di Capri, Hotel (then the Jetty) and the Cowes IGA.

She always wanted to live here and a couple of years after completing her law/commerce degree at Melbourne University, in 2008 she moved to Cowes to establish her own legal practise.

For the past few years she has worked casually, having employed two partners to work in her business, overseeing criminal law to commercial, conveyancing and wills, allowing Deb time to work with various local groups including the Phillip Island Boardriders, the San Remo pre-school committee as well as being involved with Rural Australians for Refugees.

"I had the perfect life," says Deb who lives in Cape Woolamai with her husband Tim and children aged 5 and 7, who both attend Newhaven primary.

"My youngest started school this year and on the first day (last Monday) I had a whole day of freedom and that night it was announced I was the successful candidate for



Deb who lives in Cape Woolamai with her husband Tim and children, aged 5 and 7, is the Voices for Monash candidate. She says her key policy platform includes: action on climate emergency, inclusivity, a push for a Federal anti-corruption body and Covid recovery support for small businesses.

Voices for Monash.

"I'm a glutton for punishment."

Politics

Politics has always bubbled in the background.

"When I was 10 I told my parents I wanted to be Prime Minister because I didn't think Paul Keating was doing a good job. I don't think my policies were very sound at the time, though."

"Politics is always something that has been in the back of my mind and when Voices for Monash were looking for candidates it seemed the

right time.

"It doesn't scare me, it excites me."

Deb says the 'Voices for' movement initially started in 2013 when independent candidate Cathy McGowan took the safe Liberal seat of Indi in Victoria, which "sparked inspiration for other independents around the nation".

The movement is backed by Simon Holmes à Court, son of the late billionaire businessman Robert Holmes à Court and a long-term climate philanthropist, with other 'Voices for' groups around Australia.

"I have never really felt the main-

stream parties represent what I want to represent," Deb says.

"In the back of my mind I thought if I run it will be as an independent."

Six months ago she came across the Voices for movement and in January submitted an expression of interest to 50 Voices for Monash members, then making an online presentation against one other nominee.

Members then carried out a private vote, with Deb's nomination announced on January 31.

"It has been a whirlwind," she admits.

Policy

While Deb hopes to apply for campaign funding from Holmes à Court, Voices for Monash is a loose affiliation largely allowing her independence, but with several key policy platforms: action on climate emergency, inclusivity, a push for a Federal anti-corruption body and, Deb adds, Covid recovery support for small businesses.

"Voices for doesn't dictate policy. We are free to vote with either major party depending on what policies are best for the community."

To gauge community issues, Deb will hold a range of in-person and online "kitchen table conversation" meetings between now and the Federal election, which will most likely be in May.

Deb - who will run a carbon neutral campaign - acknowledges that there is not one community voice but adds "there are strong themes that are important to people".

"I'll try and work out the majority views and not just the views of the squeakiest wheels."

Deb will be up against incumbent Liberal Russell Broadbent in the safe seat, as well as ALP's Jessica O'Donnell and the Greens' Mat Morgan.

Does she think she's got a chance of winning?

"I don't by any means think it will be an easy election but I think it's possible."

"There's a lot of disillusionment with the two main parties, which makes opportunities for independents to be elected."

"It seems our current member is pushing his own agenda and not acting in accordance with community values, such as voting against marriage equality when the vast majority are in support of it."

"Even if I'm not successful if I can shake things up and make our seat more marginal and get more attention and funding into the electorate, that will be a good outcome."

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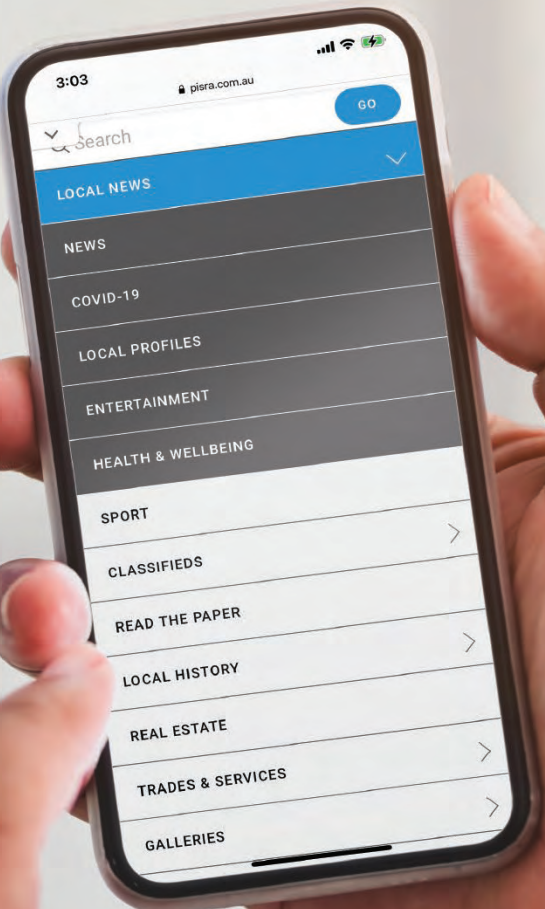
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BCH say boosted is best

Bass Coast Health is calling on more people in the community to get a Covid booster to give our community greater protection against the virus.

While most people in the community received two doses of a Covid vaccine, uptake of the booster across Australia is low, despite health authorities now advising people to get three doses to give themselves optimal protection.

Over 30 per cent of older Australians vulnerable to serious COVID-19 infections are yet to receive a booster.

Less than 30 per cent of people aged under 40 have been boosted.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said boosters remain our best de-

fence against the Omicron strain of the virus, which is responsible for the current surge in cases.

"Someone who is vaccinated is less likely to catch Covid and less likely to be as sick if they do.

"They're also less likely to spread the virus to others, particularly to family and friends who have compromised immune systems and are more vulnerable to experiencing serious illness should they get COVID," she said.

"While two doses of a vaccination give protection, only three doses will give you the best protection available and that's why we want to see more people in the Bass Coast boosted."

Bass Coast Health is helping more people access a Covid booster and

vaccination by holding outreach vaccination clinics across the region.

Outreach clinics have been held at Cowes, Grantville and the Bass Valley Children's Centre at Corinella in recent weeks, providing walk-in opportunities for everyone, including children aged 5-11.

The clinics were well supported by locals who seized the opportunity to have a vaccination closer to home and in settings familiar to their children.

"We understand people do not always have the resources to come to our Community Vaccination Clinic at Wonthaggi – even the time to do so – and that's why it's important that we take the vaccination service to the community," Ms Child said.

"It was pleasing to see many families having their children aged 5-11 vaccinated at the outreach clinics ahead of school returning and during the first week of school.

"We urge families to have their children vaccinated to give their children the best chance of protection as students interact at school and are at greater risk of catching the virus."

The Community Vaccination Clinic at the Wonthaggi Town Hall is open seven days week: 9am-4pm every day apart from Wednesday, when the clinic is open 10am-6pm, with walk-in opportunities every day.

Chantelle Poulton had her children Chaze and Hope Poulton vaccinated

at the Bass Valley Children's Centre outreach clinic.

"I wanted to ensure the teachers are protected and the kids are protected and to keep us all safe too because we have a baby at home. If the kids get Covid, hopefully they won't get it as bad," she said.

Sharyn Holmberg of Grantville received her booster at the Bass Valley Children's Centre, which she runs.

"I need to be seen as a leader and I need to lead by example to keep the community safe," she said.

Ms Child urged people who are vaccinated to still wear masks indoors when they can't be 1.5m away from others, to gather outdoors, avoid crowds and sanitise their hands often.

Summer "disappointment" for businesses

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Bass Coast Shire Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said feedback from businesses showed while there was some revenue growth in December, the increase in COVID-19 cases in January had a "noticeable negative effect".

"There is a sense of disappointment among local business owners, particularly those in the hospitality or tourism industries, as they were geared up for a strong summer and holiday season and unfortunately instead experienced significant disruptions which has left some feeling fatigued," Cr Whelan said.

"Many businesses had to close at least once during January due to isolating or infected staff and disruptions to the supply chain and some businesses shortened their business hours to manage."

Staffing

Kimberley said North Pier closed for four days in the second week of January because staff had contracted Covid or were close contacts.

"A lot of our front of house workers who are daily working face to face with the public over the peak of New Year contracted Covid or were forced to isolate at a time when they are ordinarily excited about working lots of hours and saving for university.

"As a business we needed that time to reassess our staffing rosters, separate staff and move staff from other departments so we could continue to trade."

San Remo Fisherman's Co-op general manager Paul Mannix said the summer vibe was "great but crikey it was crazy busy".

"It was a wonderful problem being so busy but it was a challenge. We had just enough staff at the beginning of the season, but then staff needing to isolate really put us under pressure," Paul said.

"The team kept putting their hands up for extra shifts and double shifts, working lunch and dinner on the same day. They were inspirational."

At A Maze 'N Things, Geoff said some staff did contract Covid from activities outside work, "but fortunately no one caught anything at work".

"We were strict on staff maintaining distances from each other and providing facilities where they could stay safe. Having no seating in the cafe helped in this regard also."

Angry?

Kimberley said staff continued to experience agitated patrons when asking for vaccination ID or to wear a mask.

"Staff are often met with people expressing their "rights" or are made to feel bad, but they are just doing what the law and government requires," she said, adding staff were also required to ask for ID and don't serve alcohol to anyone under 18.

"Whether one agrees with it or not is not a conversation or debate that needs to happen at our front door with staff trying their best to comply with the ever-changing situations."

Geoff said customers were "supportive and cooperative" following the mask and distancing guidelines, and they had "very few instances of non-cooperation".

"If people had to be reminded to pull up their masks they did so without any issues in almost every case."



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Planning: our future

In this second last week of our planning series we look at planning from both an objector and developers' perspective, battles, failures and controversies.

VCAT hall of fame

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) is the state body that makes rulings on planning disputes, aiming to find common ground between objectors, developers and the shire.

There are numerous examples over the past decade of VCAT battles, showing developers often but don't always win, and ultimately – and critically – VCAT is guided by our local policies.

CARAVAN PARK

For five consecutive years, a controversial camping and caravan park has been proposed at Forrest Caves, with VCAT set to hand down its findings any time early this year.

Called Surf Park Phillip Island, the plans propose 207 camp sites – including 27 drive through caravan sites, 37 large camp sites and 114 tent sites – as well as a reception building, two amenities blocks, and caretakers residence.

Under the plans, the 8ha site would have 18 car parks, as well as parking for vehicles at each camp site, with a left and right turn lane land at the entrance to Phillip Island Road.

The plans received 59 objections and one submission in support, and once again went to VCAT for a five-



day hearing in October last year.

Shire planning officers recommended refusal of the plans be-

cause they contravene state and local planning policies.

OVERDEVELOPMENT #1

In 2011 councillors were unimpressed with a VCAT determination that allowed the development of 10 dwellings at 232 Settlement Road in Cowes.

Councillors refused to support the application, on the basis that it was an overdevelopment of the site, and because of the continuous mass of building extending along the site.

The council decision was overturned by VCAT, which commented that while a continuous length of wall was not likely to be appropriate in a conventional residential area of the Cowes township, the site was within the Cowes commercial area activity zone, and was a designated area for a more intensive residential development.

Councillors, while opposing the



level of density the decision would allow, realised the structure plan adopted by them the previous year

was what had allowed the development to happen.

RHYLL'S 13 YEAR FIGHT

Rhyll locals fought a 13-year battle against a proposed development at the old Swan Bay caravan park on Lock Road.

Since 2007, five various planning applications were proposed, including a restaurant, childcare facilities, café and bar, gym and swimming pool, conference centre, serviced apartments, and retail shops, variously rejected by the shire, appealed and rejected by VCAT.

Objectors included the group Rhyll RAID (Rhyll Residents Against Inappropriate Development) who argued plans were too dense, too high, out of character with Rhyll, and with many submissions objecting to the



removal of trees.

But in 2020, the long-running battle came to an end when VCAT

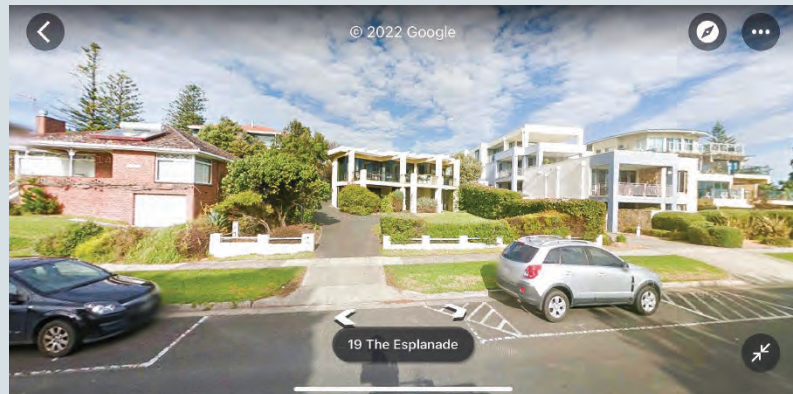
snubbed councillors and gave a green light to a \$4.6 million proposal for 15 townhouses.

OVERDEVELOPMENT #2

An apartment complex proposed for the Cowes Esplanade that was initially rejected by councillors for being a “gross over-development”, was given the go-ahead in 2018 after being challenged at VCAT.

The development for 19 The Esplanade was initially for a 22-unit, four-storey apartment building, but following the VCAT decision was reduced to 20 – although the development is yet to go ahead.

VCAT handed down its decision following an appeal by the developer.



REJECTED

In an unprecedented move, VCAT last year refused a planning permit for a proposed development on Cowes' renowned Lovers Walk because it would “loom large from the foreshore”.

VCAT member Michael Deidun ruled he would not give a permit to the application in Charmandene Court, which was to build one double storey dwelling in the northern section abutting Lovers Walk and a single storey dwelling in the south.

The owners took the shire to VCAT for a failure to decide on the permit within the prescribed statutory timeframe.

Councillors agreed with shire planners that a planning permit be refused because it failed to minimise coastline impact and was at odds with neighbourhood character.

The owners of the property



lodged revised plans, with councillors at the July meeting again voting to reject.

The permit received seven objections and during the VCAT hearing objectors approved the revised plans.

However, VCAT refused the permit

A historic Norfolk pine tree, which was more than a century old, was cut down by the owners in 2019 and Mr Deidun questioned the date and motive for other vegetation removal, concluding “it is arguable whether the trees have been removed to gain a development advantage”.

PLANNING: OUR FUTURE

What's our game plan?

A series of weekly columns on planning issues by Island Voice

We've spent the last few weeks talking about planning.

But a key – yet simple – question is: when do you need a planning permit? What is the process? And how do you object to something being built?

I'm not a planner, just an ordinary ratepayer, so I may miss some of the fine points, but this is my understanding of the general process.

Firstly, many buildings do not need a planning permit at all, just a building permit to certify the building complies with the relevant building regulations.

These are often issued by private contractors, not the council.

Many inspections during construction are carried out by licensed inspectors who also work for private companies.

This means council may have little to do with a standard build until the Certificate of Completion is issued, and hence council can little oversight over the project.

A planning permit – on the other hand – is required only if triggered by certain issues, such as requiring vegetation removal, a parking waiver, being over-height, or a sub-division.

This means many buildings will be erected without consideration

of local character, which Island Voice considers to be a significant problem if we want to protect township character.

An application for a permit requires filling out a form and lodging it, with payment, at council.

During the advertising phase planning applications are viewable on the council website.

After advertising, the application will normally be processed by council officers unless it is called in by the councillors, the project exceeds \$3 million, or there are five or more objections lodged, when it will be decided at a council meeting.

The process

But how do you learn about a proposed development?

The notification process for affected neighbours appears to vary in different cases, which is confusing.

In the past, notices had to be posted on the property, letters sent to affected neighbours, information placed in the press and made available from council.

Now neighbours are supposed to be informed by letter, although we have heard of people not receiving them.

Regarding posting notices on premises, I have been told of an incident where locals saw it was posted on a fence, photographed to prove it had been posted and

then pulled down immediately. If you were not there at the right moment, then you would have missed it.

To object to a planning application then you can complete a form (on the Bass Coast Shire website) or email council detailing why the application affects you adversely.

Objections will then be considered before an application is approved, approved with conditions, or rejected.

Planning officers will identify the reasons that an application has been refused, enabling a developer to modify their application and try again.

Now this is where the wheels can fall off and control of the project leaves council's hands.

VCAT

Let's say that after considering the objections, council rejected an application.

The developer can appeal to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) where council has to defend its decision.

The Tribunal may accept or reject the appeal but will base its decision upon documentation provided and the law, not how the community feels or whether the planned building is the best solution for the location.

This means the planning scheme is a very important document and the language used in the

scheme is equally as important.

A clearly written and tailored scheme should make it easier for planners to make decisions but will also affect how VCAT can respond.

We believe it is much easier to enforce guidelines that quantify factors such as density or maximum height.

The Surf Coast Planning Scheme, for instance, says “achieving a density of 15 dwellings per hectare”, whereas the Bass Coast Shire Planning Scheme states “encourage medium density residential development”.

And we would encourage council to shape the planning scheme using quantifiable factors. Notably, in the three cases that refer to density per hectare two of them refer to chickens and pigs. The other case applies to the initial application for a development.

As it is very expensive and time consuming to defend cases at VCAT, reducing the number of cases that are appealed makes a lot of sense and means that our rates can be spent on things that benefit the community.

I know where I'd rather see the money go.

Our last article in this series next week will be a summary of some of the things we think should be addressed in the upcoming planning scheme review.



A reader who has followed our weekly planning series during January spotted this elevated “stack” of shipping containers on Phillip Island, “seemingly being built up into a structure.” “It hardly seems appropriate to me,” he said, explaining he then asked shire planners about the structure and was told the shipping containers required no planning permit, but they did require a building permit. “It seems the good intentions of the Phillip Island and San Remo Design Framework are just that and carry no weight,” the reader added. “I’m a bit shocked that this kind of development can proceed with seemingly no neighbourhood or character oversight. It reinforces to me that the planning scheme needs more definitive statements.”

Bass Coast Shire: how it rates

How does Bass Coast Shire's planning department compare to other similar sized rural councils around Victoria in 2020/21:

- Time taken to decide planning applications = 110 days (compared to 64 days for similar councils). “The increase in median days from 99 days in 2019/20 to 110 days in 2020/21 is due to staff

vacancies, complexity of applications and the technical challenges of working remotely during COVID-19,” explains the shire.

- “Planning applications decided within required time frames = 53 per cent (compared to 73 per cent for similar councils). “A decrease in the overall result from 66.87 per cent in 2019/20 to 53 per

cent in 2020/21 can be attributed to staff vacancies, complexity of applications, increased customer enquiries and the technical challenges of working remotely during COVID-19,” the shire says.

- Cost of statutory planning service per planning application = \$2270 (compared to \$1872 for similar councils).

- Council planning decisions upheld at VCAT = 50 per cent (compared to 50 per cent). “Of the 500 planning applications determined in 2020/21, there were two VCAT decisions. One set aside Council's decision whilst the other upheld Council's decision.” Source: [knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/](https://www.knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au/)

Time has run out for capsule search

A disappointed Stan Gates given up his quest to locate the time capsule buried outside the Cowes Cultural Centre back in 1978.

In spite of his best efforts, time has run out.

Work began on the new building this week, with contractors moving in and Stan locked out.

The elusive time capsule contained items of interest for future residents to discover 100 years hence, and a stone with plaque attached was placed over it in the grounds outside the building at the time.

Stan was a local councillor in 1978, who went on to serve on the old Shire of Phillip Island for 19 years prior to council amalgamations.

Fast forward 43 years and the stone and plaque have disappeared, with the council buildings demolished.

Following the demolition, and finding the capsule was not a consideration of the council in its plans for the site, Stan was determined to find and relocate it, so it could be opened by a future generation of islanders in 2078, as originally planned by his council.

Over the last 12 months, the publicity that surrounded his search brought forward suggestions and support from the community; but to avail.

He was joined in his search by Mat Bowtell and Warren Maag, with metal detectors capable of detecting objects to a depth of one metre, who offered their assistance.

A couple of expeditions on to the site failed to find the capsule.

The council dumping about 10 tonnes of rubble on to the exact area they had mapped out for their continuing search did not help with the project.

Stan thanked Matt and Warren for their support and help during the search.

"Matt and Warren gave up two of their Sundays using their specialised metal detectors to methodically search for the time capsule, after clues came forward from our community to its whereabouts. I am very grateful to them.

"I would also like to thank the many people who contacted me with their memories of the



Mat Bowtell (right) and Warren Maag (left) offered their assistance in Stan Gates' quest to find the time capsule buried in 1978 outside the Cowes Cultural Centre, using their high-powered metal detectors. Their efforts were somewhat hampered when council contractors at one stage dumped 10 tonnes of rubble on the exact area they had mapped out for searching.

1978 ceremony and suggestions re the location. "It is still there somewhere, with our history in it," he added.

"But it will now be built over, wherever it is."

Stan, a former Phillip Island councillor, including six years as shire president, has expressed his disappointment with Bass Coast Shire Council, who ignored his quest and offered not a jot of help.

He called the shire back in 2020 and enquired about arrangements for relocation of the 1978 time capsule, when he became aware a new building was to be erected over it on the site.

He was ignored and extremely disappointed at the time no-one from council got back to him; but set out on a mission to find it.

"I wanted to see it was moved to a new site for future generations to open, and that the intent of that 1978 project was honoured. The capsule contained many items of interest for future residents to discover."

In response to media publicity in 2020 after the old building came down, the shire indicated to the Advertiser they would be happy to assist with the search.

While awaiting a return phone call from

council that never came, Stan made extensive enquiries to former councillors and Shire of Phillip Island staff from the 1970s and 1980s era, and examined old newspapers and photos, but was unable to pinpoint its location.

Everyone from those days remembered the capsule burial ceremony. Just not the precise location.

When, why and by whom the plaque and stone above it were removed remains a mystery. Stan is scathing about the council's lack of interest.

"The council is interested in the future, but have a complete disregard for our past, which so many of us in the Phillip Island community respect.

"When it comes to civic and historic records important to the people here, the only conclusion I can draw is that the current council administration could not care less.

"All they needed to do was go back into the Phillip Island Shire archives. The dates are known. The answer lies there.

"We are in this position now because the council in 2020 rushed to pull down a building which was a valuable asset to this community, well over 12 months before this needed to happen.

"One can only wonder at their motive.

"Their undue haste has deprived our community of essential facilities.

"We are without a hall, kitchen facilities that were well utilised, meeting rooms, and a council service centre.

"This has had a terrible effect on our community as far as annual exhibitions and events go.

"Lack of council services for an island which contributes almost half of the entire shire rate is a disgrace."

Stan now declares defeat.

"Time has run out! It's over and out for me now. I tried and failed. The outcome may have been different if I had been given any support by council.

"The lack of interest in my quest by council is what we as a whole have come to expect on Phillip Island," he concluded.



Key members of the Hospital In The Home - COVID Home Monitoring Program are, from left, Nurse Unit Manager Liam Nancarrow and Registered Nurses Claire Plymin and Laura Marshall.

Home care for Covid sufferers

Health services are assisting people with COVID-19 to recover in their homes where possible, via the COVID-19 Positive Pathways South Gippsland Coast Partnership.

Patients receive tailored treatment plans as part of the Hospital In The Home - Covid Home Monitoring Program. The service entails medical, nursing and allied health clinical services - as required - delivered via telehealth using remote monitoring technology.

For a small number of patients the clinical staff may need to do a home visit.

This treatment approach ensures patients remain comfortable in their homes if their health allows, while minimising the need to present to hospital. Patients whose health does not allow them to be treated at home will be conveyed by ambulance to hospital.

Patients that live in Bass Coast can be referred to the Covid Home Monitoring Program by the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit, by a GP or by another hospital.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) is part of the South Gippsland Coast Partnership which also includes Gippsland Southern Health Service, South Gippsland Hospital and Kooweerup Regional Health Service.

Bass Coast Health will head up the program

and enlist the other health services to provide care as required.

BCH CEO Jan Child said during this Covid surge the team is providing an essential service in our community, caring for up to 40 patients at home each week.

"We as a health service are doing all we can to provide the best care possible to our community during the Covid pandemic," she said.

"The Covid Home Monitoring Program is essential to this and the community can take heart in knowing this program is in place.

"At the same time, we urge everyone in the community to be vaccinated where they are eligible as people who are vaccinated are at a lesser risk of falling ill to Covid and if they do contract Covid, they are likely to experience a less severe degree of illness.

"It's those people who are likely to be treated as part of the Covid Home Monitoring Program."

The CEOs of Gippsland Southern Health Service, Kooweerup Regional Health Service and South Gippsland Hospital all agree that "it is important to ensure our community receives the safe care that they need as close to home as possible. Care in your home can't get any closer".

Training future doctors

Phillip Island's Madison Rogerson was born at Wonthaggi Hospital and studied at Wonthaggi Secondary College.

So the student doctor felt right at home when she was one of several student doctors to begin working at Bass Coast Health (BCH) this month.

"I wanted to come back and see what the hospital was like, and will maybe look at setting up an internship as I hope to do that in a rural setting," said Madison, a fifth year medical student.

"I wish to use this opportunity to help inform my decision about where I wish to spend my career.

"I'm also interested in paediatrics and I know there will be paediatrics in the new hospital."

BCH is once again partnering with Monash University to train tomorrow's doctors.

The health service is currently hosting the student doctors, exposing them to a variety of hospital settings.

Dr Bruce Waxman (Clinical Dean) and Dr Renee Kelsall (Chief Medical Officer) welcomed the students and were confident they would entice them to work at BCH in the future.

"Workforce planning is a priority for our health service and will be even more so when Wonthaggi Hospital expands later this year," Dr Kelsall said.

"The placement program gives medical students an experience of rural medicine and an experience of living in a country community.

"We know that medical students who are raised in the country are likely to practise in the country, however we also need doctors who have grown up in the city to also see the value and appeal of rural medicine."

Dr Kelsall said the advantage of working in a rural setting was students received broad exposure to a variety of medical settings, while helping them to determine the area they would like to specialise in going forward."

The student doctors are from Monash University's School of Rural Health at Churchill and will undertake placements in the Emergency Department, Aged Care, Acute Ward and Theatre.

BCH offers medical students six placements of six weeks a year.

This year's first placement is of fifth year medical students: Vikram Amara, Alana Johnson, Weiann Tan and Madison.



Mandie Heffernan (centre) from Bass Coast Health's Learning and Development Team with medical students, from left, Alana Johnson, Vikram Amara, Weiann Tan and Madison Rogerson.

Minister officially opens new San Remo campus

Minister for Education James Merlino last week officially opened the San Remo campus, which will cater for up to 500 students between Years 7 and 9.

The new campus means families who previously had to travel to Wonthaggi from areas like Phillip Island, San Remo, Coronet Bay, Corinella and Grantville will now have

less travel time to attend school.

Mr Merlino said the campus was delivering on an election promise.

“We heard from so many Bass Coast families who were sick of travelling so far to get their kids to school – and we’ve delivered, with a brand new campus of Bass Coast College in San Remo for up to 500 local students.

“This new campus at San Remo Secondary is proof that we’re keeping pace with demand for great schools right across the state.”

Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale was also on hand for the official opening.

“This new San Remo campus is magnificent and will be a source of huge pride for the Bass Coast school

and wider community,” Ms Crugnale said.

“I am thrilled to see it open, ready for students and staff to bring it to life and create a nurturing learning environment for our students to flourish in.”

The start of the school year also saw the former Wonthaggi Secondary College change to Bass Coast

College, with campuses across Bass Coast.

The new San Remo campus features a specialist science, technology and design learning space, a performing arts and physical education building, dedicated administration and library spaces, an oval and several sports grounds, as well as spectacular ocean views.



The cutting of the ribbon to officially open the Bass Coast College by the Minister for Education James Merlino with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Wonthaggi Secondary College Principal Darren Parker, Bass Coast College San Remo campus Principal Emma Harris and students.



Minister for Education James Merlino, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale with Wonthaggi Secondary College Principal Darren Parker, Year 9 students Lucy Aylett and Fynn Canobio and Bass Coast College San Remo campus Principal Emma Harris.



Minister for Education James Merlino addressing the first ever students at the new Campus.



Bass Coast College San Remo campus Principal Emma Harris with Year 9 students Lucy Aylett and Fynn Canobio.

Piano lessons for novices to virtuosos

Is your child a musical beginner – at home with a performance of chopsticks – or a maestro able to belt out Mozart?

Either way, piano teacher Priscilla Alderton can help.

Offering private lessons from her studio in Woolamai – in the hills looking out over the island, Bass Coast and the bay – Priscilla teaches creative lessons in piano, harpsichord, theory, improvisation, active listening and analysis.

As an AMEB (Australian Music Examinations Board) examiner, she also teaches exam and performance preparation for students from beginners to professionals, young and old.

“My focus is on working with students’ own learning style and musical interests to cultivate a lifelong love of music and an expansive engagement with its practice,” she said.

“I work on all fronts: theory, technique, improvisation, reading, to understand the tools that are used to build music so that learning or creating music is alert and cognitively fulfilling.”

She said she loves working with a student to bring a program together “in a way that extends and inspires, delivering positive results with a smile”.

“I enjoy when a student chooses to undertake an exam, using that as a springboard to a whole new commitment to music making and performing,” she added.

She has taught privately for many years, as well as in schools, most recently for over 13 years at PLC in Melbourne, where she worked with their most advanced students.

Her students have ranged in age from five to 80, in learning from beginners to teachers, professional performers and masters of music students.

Priscilla said she earned the bulk of her income from professional performance on the harpsichord for over 20 years.

“Having been on stage, I have an acute aware-



Priscilla Alderton is an Australian Music Examinations Board examiner, who most recently worked for over 13 years at PLC in Melbourne and whose professional performance has been on the harpsichord for more than 20 years.

ness of the delights, pitfalls and intricacies of performance.”

She said she was equally at ease with young beginners and high-flyers.

“My focus is always creating a space in which the student can become and express more of who they are, while extending their learning skills.”

Her qualifications include B Mus Hons (Performance), LTCL, FTCL, and Grad Dip (Counselling).



Cormac Flynn, Sam Scott, Flynn Dengerink, and Oliver Parson enjoying their first day in year 7.

College welcomes students back

Newhaven College teachers and staff welcomed new and current students back to the classrooms last week, with a raft of Covid-safe measures.

During the first four weeks of term 1, teachers, staff, and students will conduct rapid antigen tests twice per week (at home) to ensure positive Covid cases are identified as quickly as possible.

Masks will continue to be part of the uniform for years 3-12 students and Hepa air filtration machines have been installed in essential learning and workspaces.

Prep students settled into school life thanks to the College’s successful prep transition program, with prep parents treated to a morning tea in the College’s open-air amphitheatre with principal, Tony Corr and head of junior school, Ralph Arceo.

A special forum day was held for the year 12 cohort, with specialised programs designed to prepare students for their last year of school.

Ben Taylor from the “English Lab” presented a study skills and time management workshop and students enjoyed lunch with Mr Corr and head of senior school Jason Scott.

Students finished the day with goal setting activities that set them up for a successful year from a study and well-being perspective.

While new year 7 students met teachers and connected with new friends, year 5 students spent their first day in middle school.

New teachers

Mr Corr welcomed those new to the College including 18 new staff: counsellor Christina Aitken, and music teachers Pamela Christie, Diana Clark, Kerryn Lockhart and Jason Xanthoudakis.

Other new staff included: performing arts administrator Karina Kennedy; senior school

teachers Peter Clerks, Nick Franich, Carly Heislars, Emily Pirrotta and Rebecca Power; junior school library teacher Meg Oudshoorn; trade skills teacher Andrew Schmutter; teacher’s support Kellie Thompson; marketing and communications manager Steph Thornborrow; director of learning Karen Milkins-Hendry; director of operations Brett Torstonson; and ICT Nathan Louwdijk.

2021 College graduates Hayden Smith and Shontelle O’Connor will stay on at Newhaven College as this year’s AFL Sportsready trainees.

Hayden will be working in the sport department and Shontelle in performing arts.

Both trainees will undertake training provided by Sportsready and will graduate at the end of the year with a nationally-recognised qualification.

New builds

Newhaven College will further develop the College’s facilities, with the summer break allowing building and facility upgrades.

In addition to regular maintenance and upkeep, construction has continued with the new performing arts wing.

Due for completion at the end of term 1, the facility will feature a rehearsal hall, black box 120-seat theatre, music technology room, and a range of individual and small-group music teaching spaces. 160 solar panels will produce 50 per cent more energy than the building consumes – making it beyond carbon neutral.

Enrolments are commencing for 2023, with limited places still available in some 2022-year levels.

Contact registrar Belinda Manning for details or to arrange a college tour (subject to restrictions) - (03) 5956 7505 or visit www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au



Discover our College

Newhaven College is an independent, ecumenical and co-educational school which was founded in 1980, and now caters for over 900 students from Prep through to Year 12.

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Exciting times for Star of the Sea

It's an exciting time for Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Since its early days, opening with just 18 students in portable classrooms, the new school campus has expanded and the school now has the capacity for up to 180 students.

The stage two extensions finished in the second half of 2021 included four classrooms and a library/discovery centre, as well as landscaping, a purpose-built outdoor kitchen, and a roof over the basketball courts.

A new synthetic oval includes goals for soccer and football, as well as cricket pitch markings and a three laned running track.

A new soft-fall surface has been installed in the school amphitheatre, and a bird hide added to the biodiversity area.

As part of the latest work, the school's car-park was also upgraded with extra parking spaces, as well as providing a new walkway for students to safely access the pedestrian crossing on the Cowes-Rhyll Road.

The new classrooms and outdoor areas will help the school cater for an influx of new families moving to the area.

A great environment

The spacious and light filled school buildings provide a warm and welcoming environment for students.

There's a strong focus on each student's individual strengths.

"We value each of our students," said Principal Cathy Blackford, stressing the importance of respect in the school's culture.

"Our staff are compassionate, accepting and not judgemental. I'm very proud of the inclusive community in our school."

The school offers a stand-alone prep class, and composite classes for Years 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6. There is also the capacity for students to work outside their standard grade.

The school grounds provide another learning space, with classes incorporating the vegetable garden, orchard and biodiversity area.

"We are teaching the students to value the environment, and that's why science is a specialist subject for us, and the kids are outside every day.

"The Pope has said we are to be stewards of

the earth and we're teaching them to value our unique environment," Cathy explained.

Alongside the environmental focus, the school provides the standard Victorian curriculum, as well as science, art, music, drama and digi-tech.

The school's designated second language is French and it takes a school-wide approach to the subject.

"Instead of just doing one class a week, we learn French together – all the students and staff – for 15 minutes every day," Cathy ex-

plained.

Most importantly, the school provides an accepting and tolerant environment, allowing children to thrive and grow.

"Our school delivers the values of the Gospel – compassion, understanding and to love one another," Cathy said.

"And it provides a vibrant and inclusive learning space for children, adapted to their needs and abilities."

Please ring the office and speak to Alison on 5951 1700 if you would like a tour.



The expanded new facilities at Our Lady Star of the Sea can cater for up to 180 students.



The school grounds provide another learning space, with classes incorporating the vegetable garden, orchard and biodiversity area.

Our Lady Star of the Sea

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Great start for Bass Coast College

A new name and a new San Remo campus are just some of the exciting developments for the former Wonthaggi Secondary College.

After several years of planning, the new College also kicks off with an overhauled curriculum in Year 10, new STEAM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Arts-Maths) subjects in Years 7 and 8, Literacy and Numeracy enrichment programs in Year 8, and developmental skills sessions in Years 10 and 11 to support the areas of study strategies, ‘careers and pathway’ planning, and a holistic ‘respectful relationship’ enhancement program.

All this alongside the established traditional offerings long associated with the College.

College Principal, Darren Parker, is extremely proud of the work that the staff have contributed to set up for the very special time in the history of the College.

“The staff have been amazing! At a time when Covid challenged our lives so much, our team has not only survived, but they have also thrived! Their focus on supporting students through the remote learning experience, while still planning for the unique opportunity that was available to our young people in 2022 has been remarkable.”

In fact, it is easy to see the amount of change the College has coped with by considering how staffing has changed from last year. With an enrolment approaching 1600 across the College, there has been approximately 35 new staff employed, while around 30 currently employed teachers sought a change of campus. An incredible amount of change for the proud school that in 2022 is also celebrating the 100th year of government secondary education in the Bass Coast area.

It would be understandable that such an amount of change could bring about nervousness, but the College has started extremely well, with positive learning communities up and running at all four campuses.

“The campuses have all started in an extremely positive manner,” said Darren.

“San Remo has been a highlight and the students and staff have been



A highlight of the new year for Bass Coast College was the new San Remo Campus, which was officially opened last week.



Students lost no time testing out the new campus basketball courts with the ocean glistening in the background.

fantastic in setting a positive culture in our amazing new facilities.

“Our established Dudley campus has also had a great start with the reduced numbers having an immediate impact, and staff and students there are also creating a fantastic environment in those new conditions,” he continued.

“The senior Wonthaggi Campus has commenced particularly well with students adapting impressively to the new arrangements in place. Our FLOW Campus, in the

old Webb’s Shed’ continues to grow and we do look forward to coordinating an additional building to the site this year to provide further facilities for the students undertaking their individualised programs there.”

Another highlight sees an embedded mentoring program at the junior campuses with Year 9 students working alongside Year 8 and 7 students in groups to develop leadership and role modelling skills, and house-based competi-

tions and opportunities.

This is another great example of how staff took the opportunity that 2022 provides to develop even further the support and development opportunities for students.

“We are now seeing the fantastic outcomes that have been part of our planning for some time,” Darren said.

“We look forward to a particularly successful year. I encourage parents and carers to reach out to our Campus Principals if they need

any assistance (Dudley – Mike Shone; San Remo – Emma Harris; Wonthaggi – Ross Bramley and Phil Hughes).

“Assistant College Principal (School Improvement), Leith Cummins, and I are also available and welcome the opportunity to work our extended leadership team to support you.”

A great start to the year!

Bass Coast College looks forward to sharing even more successes with its community.

It takes a Village!



Allstars (level 2-6) students prepared, served and cleaned up lunch on the Phillip Island Village School's first day (Thursday, January 27). Three of these students; Riven, Olive and Isis, are pictured presenting lunch.



Students, including Ollie loved getting back into the garden to bond with the school chickens, collect eggs and feed them food scraps.



Students have launched back into working on their independent projects and learning activities, with mentors available to support them and discuss ideas. Shiana offering some advice to Eli.

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San Remo Primary Grade 3-4 students arriving for school: Lucy, Kaden, Leila and Indi-Lee.



It was straight to work at San Remo Primary, as Jack in Grade 2-3 showed.

A sunny start to 2022 for San Remo Primary



San Remo Primary welcomed 28 new preps for 2022.



Parents Julie, Troy and Logan were treated to a coffee at drop off on the first day back at San Remo Primary School.



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Kody, Madison and Jacob are loving their new room with Mrs Huther and getting straight into learning.

Cowes Primary settles in for a fantastic year

It was a wonderful first week at Cowes Primary School for both students and staff.

The new Prep students have settled in well thanks to the support and guidance provided by their dedicated classroom teachers and education support staff.

This year Ms Tori Cleeland has joined the Prep team after spending the last two years in Year 6.

Mrs Bec Burgan also returns after a period of parental leave and Leticia Atkinson has joined the Cowes Primary School team (Year 4) after relocating from Spotswood. Kate Eastcott has also joined the Year 4 team after working in leave replacement roles in 2021.

All classrooms spent the first week getting to know each other, building relationships and going through expectations that will assist them to maximise their success this coming year.

Principal Rod McKenzie said it has been lovely to see students interacting with each other and staff as they settled back into the classroom.



Kate Eastcott has also joined the Year 4 team after working in leave replacement roles in 2021.



Whitney celebrates her first day of Prep at Cowes Primary.

The glorious weather has ensured students are maximising their use of the school pool and preparations are well underway for upcoming carnivals.



Leticia Atkinson has joined the Cowes Primary School team (Year 4) after relocating from Spotswood.

New Horticulture Program for the Bass Coast

A Horticulture Certificate III program has been recently developed and is being offered at the Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre (BCAL) in Wonthaggi. The Certificate III is the Horticulture Industry standard qualification and is nationally recognised.

This program is well suited to school leavers interested in exploring a career in horticulture, those looking for a change in direction and people who are developing a new business and would like to hone their horticultural expertise.

The Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre (BCAL) is a local Adult Education Provider which prides itself on providing quality education and training in a supportive and flexible learning environment. Class sizes are small and all training is provided both face to face and online providing a balance of flexibility and support.

A feature of this program is the emphasis on learning through practical and hands on experiences, while presenting opportunities to develop industry contacts. The field-based training utilises training venues throughout the Bass Coast and provides partici-



A Horticulture Certificate III program at the Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre is a great introduction for those interested in horticulture and provides face to face, online and practical hands-on experience.

pants with ideal opportunities to gain the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in the horticulture industry.

Local Horticulture Trainer and assessor, Adrian James has been delivering horticulture training throughout the Bass Coast for 10 years and is excited about providing vocational training and learning opportunities that are local and accessible.

"This program is great because it creates an opportunity for local residents to access an industry recognised accredited training program locally, something they would other-

wise have to travel significant distances to for," Adrian said.

The Certificate III Horticulture program will be conducted from the Bass Coast Adult Learning (239 White Road Wonthaggi).

Training commences on Monday, February 14 and runs three days per week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) from 9.30am – 3pm. Transport to venues, support and flexible learning arrangements are provided.

For more information contact the Bass Coast Adult Learning: Bill Street on 5672 3115 or www.bcal.vic.edu.au.



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Technical School, Wonthaggi, Vic.

The Wonthaggi Technical School opened for the first time in February 1922.

One hundred years of secondary education in Wonthaggi

On February 2, 1922, the doors to Wonthaggi Technical School opened for the first time with a staff of ten male and one female teachers. The school started with 130 students.

The Principal, Mr. J. D. Connor, and Headmaster, Mr. W. M. Oakley, addressed the staff and students at that opening day assembly. The students would have assembled in the quadrangle with the staff overlooking them from the balcony.

The original wooden building had an internal verandah on three sides. The buildings along Watt Street were dedicated to trade classes with rooms for wood and metal classes. The woodwork room would be the only specialist room used for a single purpose for the 98-year life of education at the McBride Avenue site.

A news report in The Argus newspaper in July 1922 highlights the immediate success and the strong community of the new Wonthaggi Technical School.

“Opened this year, the Wonthaggi Technical School has an attendance of 130 scholars during the day, and at the evening classes instruction in all branches of technical work is given to over 100 young workers from the State Coal Mine and the town,” the article said.

“Twenty traders of Wonthaggi inspected the school and expressed satisfaction with the work being done by giving, through their president (Mr. Wishart), £10 towards the library fund. For the piano fund £45 was raised at a concert, and a similar sum is in credit of the library fund.

“Working bees of scholars on Saturday mornings have transformed the school grounds from a tea tree scrub into a fairly good field where on sports afternoon two football matches are played concurrently to determine the premiership of the four houses into which the school has been divided.”

The students at the school had been divided into four “houses” named Red, Blue, Green and Yellow. Friday afternoon sport quickly became a strong feature of the school.

There could be two games of football played at the same time on the two ovals on the east end of the school grounds.

Several years later woodwork students from the school, with the help of apprentices and teachers, built a pavilion to overlook the sport fields.

It had a bath sunk into the floor for the players to wash the mud off after the games on the muddy fields.

The pavilion stayed on the school grounds until a re-build sixty years later.

The opening in February 1922 followed almost a decade of effort by the Borough of Wonthaggi councillors, mine administration and other significant members of the new town, lobbying state government officials.

As far back as 1918 the State Coal Mine, fed up with the lack of action from the state government, set up a temporary secondary educational site.

Classes were conducted in the Llewellyn building in the evenings and in the Mine work-



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shops on weekends.

Mine staff gave their time free of charge for a three-month trial which aimed to show the interest and need for a school.

“The classes comprised: Electrical engineering, and wiring, Carpentering (sic) and Joining, Fitting and Turning, Mining engineering, Mathematics, Bookkeeping, Typing and Shorthand.”

Classes continued in 1919 but with some disruption as the Spanish Flu epidemic hit Wonthaggi. Students were charged fees of 15/- per quarter to help pay for their instruction.

The state government started moving in early 1920 with the new school site selected and set aside. There were plans to use returned soldiers to construct the building under the instruction of Mr. Charlie Notley, the head carpenter in the mine.

Progress was too slow though, so tenders were put out later in the year.

Soutar and Sons, a firm from Malvern, won the contract with their success announced in September 1920.

The cost of their contract was £5233 to construct the school.

Construction took place in 1921 with the school staff appointed later in the year.

The battle was won.

The youth of Wonthaggi and district now had the prospect of gaining an education and the work choices that would go with their education.

Students have now been travelling to Wonthaggi, from as far as Phillip Island for their education for 100 years.

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Cr. balance, 31/12/18	27	17	7	
Fees	97	15	0	
Sale of books and requisites	37	14	8	
Government grant	450	0	0	
	£613	7	3	
Expenditure.				
	£	s	d	
Lighting	14	19	1	
Labour, building material	7	14	2	
Refund of fees	0	9	0	
Printing, advertising	7	13	6	
School requisites	58	8	3	
Cleaning school	7	0	0	
Instructor's fees	247	0	0	
Stamps	0	10	0	
Cartage	0	8	3	
Bank charges	1	6	8	
Bank balance	£268	1	11	
Less overpaid 1/7/19	0	0	1	
Less outstanding cheque	1	0	0	
	267	1	10	
	£613	7	3	

A budget for the school from 1919.



Jeff Sharp (Marketing and Communications Manager), Roland Pick (Interpretations and Projects Officer), Michaela Salvato (Board Member), Kevin Love (Board Chair), Catherine Basterfield (CEO), Peta Wittig (General Manager, Tourism Operations), Delyce Colin (Commercial Manager), Nicole Hill (Acting PR and Communications Manager) and Gretel Templeton (Visitor Experience Supervisor) at last week's awards ceremony.

Nature Parks wins top gong

Phillip Island Nature Parks' campaigns to bring joy to local and global audiences during the pandemic have been recognised at last week's Victorian Tourism Awards.

Nature Parks won the award for Tourism Innovation and Resilience in Regional Victoria for the world-first Live Penguin TV, which started during the early Covid-19 lockdowns.

The live streaming of the Penguin Parade commented by rangers was watched by more than 25 million people across 85 countries.

Nature Parks also created bi-lingual streams for Japanese and German audiences and a special Live Penguin TV for fans in the United Kingdom during their lockdown.

Nature Parks scored a global coup when BBC sports commentator Andrew Cotter created a

video of his commentary of the Penguin Parade, which has had more than 45 million views.

Nature Parks' CEO Catherine Basterfield said she was proud her team was recognised for helping put smiles on the faces of audiences around the world during the pandemic lockdowns.

“When Covid-19 forced us to close our doors to tourists we had to think creatively about how we could continue to bring our Little Penguins to the public every night,” Ms Basterfield said.

“Not only did we successfully achieve that goal, but we found new audiences around the world who fell in love with our Little Penguins.

“We look forward to seeing our new fans in person on Phillip Island when the borders fully open.”



Wildlife Coast Cruises' John Dickie loading the EcoBoat on to a truck bound for Western Australia last year. The departure marked the end of about seven years of operation for the tourism venture.

EcoBoat has left our shores

Phillip Island has officially farewelled the EcoBoat.

Starting in 2014, the EcoBoat venture was the result of a \$1.2 million state government grant awarded to the Phillip Island Nature Parks, who appointed Wildlife Coastal Cruises as the operator.

In 2020 Nature Parks confirmed the high-speed boat, called Sea Sprinter, was not operating, with the 14-metre long vessel then running private charters for just under two years before it was sold late last year.

Wildlife Coast Cruises' Ben Dickie said the boat had been shipped off to Shark Bay in Western Australia where it was now running

whale watching tours.

“The EcoBoat finishing up was due to our contract with the Nature Parks coming to a conclusion, and as we still have our larger vessels operating daily we didn't require the EcoBoat,” Ben confirmed.

He said the Phillip Island Seal Cruise was still sold and presented through both the Nature Parks website and Wildlife Coast Cruises website, with the cruise onboard either the Kasey Lee or Brianna Lee.

Ben said they were preparing to take on another boat in their fleet, but said he could not reveal details other than to say it would be another catamaran.

Racing honour for Cefn Price

Retired Ventnor horse trainer Cefn Price was honoured with a life membership of the Woolamai and District Racing Club following the running of the 2022 Woolamai Cup on Saturday.

Ninety-year-old Cefn was a leading horse trainer in South Gippsland in a career which spanned the decades, from the end of the war in 1945, at the age of 14 until his retirement in 2004. He began as a strapper for Keaston Sambell, who built Trenavin Park, riding to work for him at his stables, which were located on the site where the new penguin parade building now stands, and was racing his own horses by the fifties. He holds the record to this day for training the most winners at the Woolamai racecourse, roughly about 450, and has taken out 30 trainers premierships at Woolamai over his years of racing there.

Cefn was one of five valued and long-standing members presented with a life membership of the Club on Saturday, following the running of the Woolamai Cup, by Garry Buckley, Manager of Picnic Racing, Country Racing Victoria.

Cefn is no stranger when it comes to being presented with life memberships during a lifetime spent in the Phillip Island community.

He was a life member of the Phillip Island Racing Club, as was his father; a life governor of Warley Hospital; and is a Life Member of the Phillip Island Pony Club.

This week, The Advertiser presents excerpts from an interview with Cefn conducted in 2018, to commemorate the island's 150th birthday.

A horse trainer and farmer, the work involved in training a winning horse, and the joys of racing at Woolamai which has always been a big part of the Price family, are recounted.



Cefn Price trained racehorses from the 1950s right up to the age of 73.



Cefn holds the record for training the most winners at the Woolamai racecourse.

In Cefn's own words

Racing horses on Phillip Island

When I was a kid all I ever wanted to do was be a jockey. Dad was an amateur jockey who rode mainly for Gren Harris of Ventnor.

I was born into horses.

I attended the first race meeting at Woolamai in 1945. Back then they had two meetings at Woolamai.

In 1946 they formed a club at Wonthaggi and one at Phillip Island, and they each had a meeting, so four meetings a year were held there in all.

I trained my first winner at Woolamai in 1957 with a horse called London Boy, bought by my father and I for 15 pounds. He beat a field of 14 from the old six-furlong barrier.

In the mid-1970s, Rising Flame won several races at Woolamai, and still holds the 1600 metre record.

Other winners I had included Fast Seal who won 15 races, including a triple dead heat at Stony Creek. There has only been three triple dead heats in Australia, and none since that photo finish came in.

In the 1980s I had many horses win at Woolamai, and also win at the professionals elsewhere.

Island Beau was my best Woolamai horse, winning 10 races there.

My best horse for distance was Island Pride. He won from 1000 metres to 2400 metres. He was so quiet I could put a couple of kids on his back and lead him around. But his half-brother, Island Beau, was not so good natured.

1986 was my best year, winning 38 races for the season. From the 1990s to 2004 I had many winners.

I was the leading trainer in Gippsland in 1986, the leading trainer at Bairnsdale for 1995-96, and the leading Victorian Picnic Trainer in the 1990s.

During 2000 to 2003, my final year's training, I won the horse of the year at Woolamai on each occasion.

The high points of my career included winning the Woolamai Trainers trophy 30 times, winning about 200 races at Woolamai and winning about 450 races overall.

Training

Phillip Island was a wonderful place to train racehorses. We've got the beaches and undulating country. Horses don't mind a bit of wind – it blows the flies away. What they hate is muggy weather.

A typical training day for us would be to start about 5am, which was still dark in the winter and we'd have the lights on in the stables.

Horse training is such a labour-intensive job that you have to start early to get through the work. Also, the flies aren't as bad early in the morning.

At the most I had a dozen horses and they all had to be worked. I had a 1000 metre sand track and a grass track on the place and the horses would be trotted, cantered and galloped or whatever they needed.

I also trucked them down to Ventnor Beach and we rode them on the sand, sometimes as far as Trenavin Park at Woolshed Bight, which is about 4km.

On the way back we'd walk them in the water from Grossard Point back to Ventnor Beach because the sea water is great for any heat or other problems in the legs.

Keaston Sambell had racehorse stables at Summerlands in the 1940s and used to gallop them on the Penguin Parade beach. He had four stables on the left of where you go into the Penguin Parade now. I used to work my horses there in the winter in the 1970s.

I also used to take horses to Woolamai racetrack to train them, and I think that is why I had so much success there.

When we got them back they'd have a roll in the sand, then we'd hose them down, feed them in the stables, rug them and put them out for the day in their paddocks.

I had two to a paddock and they got on well. They were stabled again at 5pm.

The last feed would be at 8pm when we would do a last muck out of their stalls for the night.

I also kept their paddocks clean, so it was about a 16-hour day, with a bit of a break in the middle.

Christmas Day was the busiest for us because the staff would have the day off, so we had to do it all ourselves. I'd have Christmas lunch with the family and a bit of a nap for an hour or so, then back into it.

Race day

On race days we'd drive up to five hours to whatever track we were racing at that day. You had to have the horses there 90 minutes before

the race.

When you get your horses to the course you have to give them a good walk to loosen them up. After the race you have to get them to have a good drink or else they become dehydrated. You hose them down, then walk them to cool them off.

I usually took two or three horses, but have taken up to seven.

I've gone as far as St Arnaud and Wodonga to the races. We usually got home about 10pm if we'd had a long trip.

Maurie Duffy was with me the whole of my career and he would drive to the races while I had a sleep, then help with the horses, then I'd drive home.

Maurie was my offsideer through all of this. He was a character and had quite a few funny sayings.

He'd say: "you can't help bad luck" and "you can't educate idiots". He also said "an expert is a drip under pressure".

I only ever had at most 12 horses in work. I always worked the horses six or seven days a week.

It was easier to get a good jockey for a race than it was getting good track riders for training, so we were lucky and we were grateful for our staff. They didn't work for us, they worked with us.

A special gift

Phyl (Cefn's wife) was never a horse person – she never rode in her life – but she knew how to run a stable and keep the staff happy.

Phyl had a share in most of the horses I trained.

She was the stable foreman. She always kept the young ones in order and shared a joke with them.

She also did her share of mucking out the stables. We also had staff stay with us, so she had to cook for them too. I could never have done what I did without Phyl's help. She kept everyone happy and of course that's good for business.

Racehorse training has been special for me because I've had lots of high points and met lots of people with the same interests. I've made life-long friends really.

And on the track everyone is equal. It doesn't matter how much you pay for the horse, it's how it all goes on the day.

The thing I enjoyed most was all the good people that I trained for and the good people that I met through racing.

Many are life-long friends. Maurie Duffy was with me all the years I trained. Caroline Ferguson and Deidre and David Opitz worked with us for 12 years and they were all part of the family.

I think everyone has a special gift, and mine has been with the horses and livestock.

I love working with animals, and I've been very lucky to have had such success.

I couldn't have done what I did without Phyl and my family, and my loyal employees.

And for those yet to experience a race day at Woolamai: Woolamai Races are a great day out for the family, with the shady old trees, and the spectators are so close to the action.

What's On This Week?

Wed 9 Feb

10.00am Licorice Pizza [M] 2h13m
12.45pm House of Gucci [MA15+] 2h48m
4.00pm The King's Man [MA15+] 2h11m OCAP
6.45pm West Side Story [M] 2h36m

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[M] 1h30m [German]

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**Wednesdays
Feb 2 - Apr 6**

House of Gucci [MA15+]
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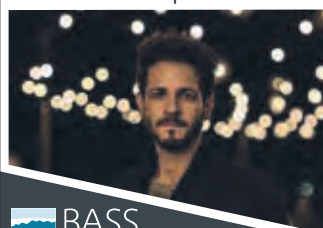
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Melbourne chamber music finally comes to Cowes

Join Melbourne chamber music group Julie Houghton and Friends for an afternoon of popular vocal classics, music theatre, Gilbert and Sullivan, piano duets and more.

The event, called Beyond the Sea, will be on Sunday, February 13 at 3pm at St John's Uniting Church, Chapel Street Cowes.

Julie said due to Covid, this was their third attempt in 16 months to stage the concert on Phillip Island.

"I have been spending time on the island for decades and am thrilled to be bringing my singers and pianist here," Julie said.

"If you enjoy leaving a concert humming the tunes, this is the show for you. There will be highlights from well-known operas, classical music theatre, parlour songs and some piano mastery for two and four hands."

Julie said performers in the concert would include accompanist and solo artist David McNicol, a sought-after classical accompanist who studied in London with eminent pianist Geoffrey Parsons.

Soprano Suzanne Shakespeare enjoyed a stellar career on the opera stages of Britain, with many concert appearances at the Albert Hall.

"Since retiring to Australia a few years ago with her young family,



Julie Houghton, "the driving force" behind chamber music group Julie Houghton and Friends, who will perform in Cowes on February 13.

she is in demand for opera, oratorio and concert work."

Baritone Christian Smith is Melbourne-born but sang professionally in England on the cathedral and oratorio circuit.

"He was a lay clerk (professional chorister) at Croydon Minster, appeared as soloist on BBC Radio Three and made his debut as Mes-

siah bass soloist with the London Mozart players.

"He was the runner-up of the Royal Melbourne Philharmonic in 2018 and has now returned to Melbourne as a freelance singer, and maths teacher at Melbourne Girls' Grammar."

Julie said she was a professional voice actor and compere, and "the



Solo artist David McNicol is a sought-after classical accompanist who studied in London.

driving force" behind chamber music group Julie Houghton and Friends.

The concert will be followed by afternoon tea.

Tickets for double vaccinated concertgoers only are \$25 or \$20 concession and can be bought at the door or booked by ringing Gayle 0429 821 671.

Offshore Theatre at Rhyl

The Offshore Theatre is presenting a dramatised reading of the iconic Australian Play "The One Day of the Year" by Alan Seymour from February 17 to 26 at the Rhyl Hall.

The cast and crew of Offshore Theatre's latest offering are counting down to the days.

This play was controversial and offended audiences when it was first staged in the late 1950s because it vehemently questioned the pub crawl style in which Anzac Day was being celebrated.

A closer look (and listen) reveals that Seymour's play is so much more.

It portrays an Australia in the aftermath of WW1, WW2 and the Korean War.

Huge social change is about to explode.

Migration, feminism, anti-war attitudes, social mobility through

free education, rock and roll and the sexual revolution are just starting to change the country and particularly the younger generation.

Central to the play is the clash of opinions between the father, Alf Cook (played by Rod Shell) and his son Hughie (Steven Boon) regarding Anzac Day celebrations referred to by Hughie as one great big booze up.

Gay Findlay (Director) says the cast bring the characters to life with intense emotion and commitment.

The play is about ideas but the characters make it.

It is both confronting and heart-warming.

Audiences will connect with Hughie's inner conflict and Alf's struggles to be 'someone'.

Dot Cook played by Melissa



Elenor DiPaolo as Jan and Steven Boon as Hughie in rehearsal for Offshore theatres upcoming production of The One Day of the Year.

McMillan is the devoted and loyal wife and mother.

Wacka (Ash Reed) is a returned WW1 and WW2 veteran who although very easy going is full

of surprises.

Jan Castle, Hughie's uni girlfriend from North Shore Sydney, is a young woman struggling to find where she fits in a changing Australia.

The story shows where we have come from and ultimately celebrates freedom.

Tickets are limited and selling fast so make sure you don't miss out on this fabulous production and secure yours today.

Performances are Thursday to Saturday from February 17 until February 26.

Tickets are available online on TryBooking.com or over the counter at Alex Scott Real Estate in Cowes.

Audiences are invited to pack a hamper of their favourite food and drinks and enjoy a wonderful night of entertainment. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start.



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Concert patrons will need to be double vaccinated.



Two members of the auxiliary with the winning painting: Grant Wadeson and Adrienne Ware.



Winner of raffle Philip Dingley.

Auxiliary raises over \$5000 for maternity services

Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary raised more than \$5000 from their recent raffle.

A painting donated by local artist David Taylor of Iluka Gallery was won by island resident, Philip Dingley.

Auxiliary secretary Gill Scrase thanked all those volunteers who sold tickets and all who supported the fundraiser by buying tickets.

"The monies raised will contribute to supporting the upgrading of maternity ser-

vices provided to our local community," Gill said.

She said their next venture was the race day at Woolamai Racecourse on March 6.

"Come along and bring your friends for a great country day out."

Smart Parking a step closer

Bass Coast Shire Council has awarded the tender to install 730 sensors to parking management company APARC.

The Smart Parking system is expected to be operational before Easter.

Council said the new system will provide a better way to manage free parking in Cowes and Wonthaggi, saying Smart Parking decreases the time it takes drivers to find an available parking spot, improves traffic flow and gives better access to businesses.

It will also decrease congestion in the two busy precincts.

This week, Council staff will be randomly surveying drivers in Cowes to capture the current state of parking,

asking how difficult it was to find a car park and the time it took.

This data will be compared against responses from a survey carried out after the system has been installed.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan is looking forward to the improvements Smart Parking will bring to Bass Coast.

"After seeing how Smart Parking has worked in other towns and cities, I'm excited about the benefits it will bring to Bass Coast," Cr Whelan said.

"There's no doubt that this technology will reduce the amount of circling that drivers do while looking for a car park. This will ease congestion, especially in our busy tourist areas at

peak season.

"We know that customers are influenced by every single experience they have with an area, so even something as simple as finding a carpark more easily may improve their overall impression of their visit.

"As well as new street signage, a mobile Smart Parking App will help drivers find available parking spots in real-time," Cr Whelan concluded.

The contractor will begin installing small sensors in parking bays in March, with minimal disruption to drivers and businesses. For further information on this project, visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smart-parking.



Bass Coast Shire Council has awarded the tender to install 730 sensors to parking management company APARC. The Smart Parking system is expected to be operational before Easter and is designed to better manage free parking in Cowes, says council.

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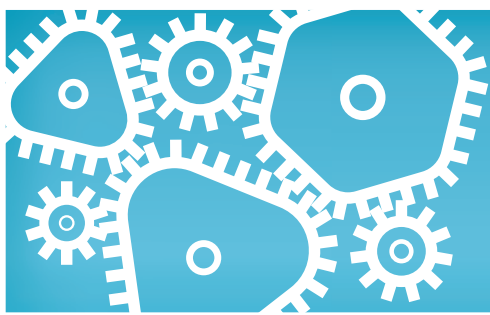
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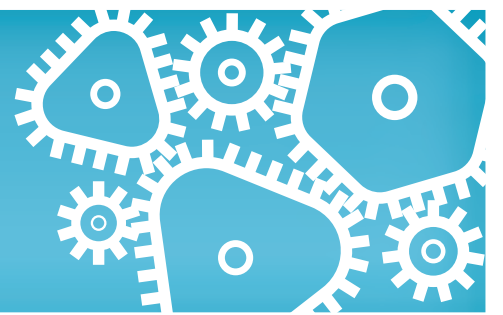
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MERCER, Debra Ann:
28/8/58-07/02/2022
Mum passed peacefully at home and is now at rest. She will be missed by her 3 beautiful daughters & 5 loving grandchildren.

WALKER, Roger:
Passed away peacefully on Feb. 3, 2022.
Dearly loved husband of Shirley Walker.
Loving step-dad to Malcolm and Kate.
Treasured Memories.

WILLIAMS, Ronald James: "Jimmy"
12.3.38 - 6.2.22
Cherished husband of Christine (dec). Father to Kevin and Susan. Stepfather of John, Peter, Mark, David, Kristien and partners. Adoring Pop of Amber, Carly, Ruby, Ariane, Georgia, Ashleigh, Jackson, Paige and Cody. Great-grandfather of Layla, Lexi & Ravi. Now reunited with his beloved Chrissy. A great man who will be sadly missed.



WILLIAMS, Ronald James:
12.3.1938-6.2.2022, Jimbo,
I was lucky enough to have you as my father. You have given me so much to remember in one life.
I think of all the memories and can't keep myself from missing you.
Thanks for the sacrifices you made for me and Marzie, you are reunited again.
Time to lay the blanket on the ground together. Will always love and miss you mate.
Love Roughhead.



WILLIAMS, Ronald James:
12.3.1938-6.2.2022
Pop,
I'm so sorry your journey with us has ended so soon.
You filled our hearts with so much love, laughter and appreciation everyday. Your famous meatloaf and spuds, red flannelette shirts, creative handiwork and love for scotch whiskey will be deeply missed and forever fill our hearts.
I know you are at peace now and back together sharing your McBites with Nanna and Mont. Your legacy will live on forever and I'm so proud to have called you my Pop.
Love you forever, Ruby.

DEATHS

WILLIAMS, Ronald James:
12.3.1938-6.2.2022
We are so saddened by the news Jimbo! We feel extremely grateful to have had you in our lives. You will be remembered as the best boardmans, the one who had every tool, the one who cooked the best meatloaf and the one with the funniest stories.

We will miss you in your bulldogs colours, egg and bacon in hands supporting both of us playing sport on a Saturday!

We miss you so much already, you will forever be in our hearts!

Love you Poppa Jim, Matt & Amber

WILLIAMS, Ronald James:
Beautiful Jimbo,
Thank you for having me in your life and thank you for everything you have done for us all. From your visits many times each week for a cuppa, bringing around your roses & veggies, to cheering on the girls & Matt at netball & footy. Your funny stories at our Sunday night dinners and your advice and help with anything and everything will be sadly missed. Now reunited with Chrissy & Monty. Will miss you dearly Jimbo.
Love you, Leah

WILLIAMS, Ronald James:
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Poppa Jim, words can't express how much we will miss you. Thank you for all your stories, yummy roasts at Christmas and all the handyman skills. You are now at peace with Nanna Marzie and Mont.
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WILLIAMS, JIMMY:
Jimmy, you were a very special part of our family & we will miss you terribly. Our many chats over a cuppa will be precious memories to keep forever.
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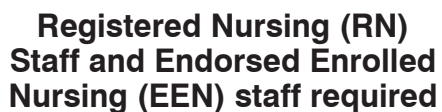
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That experience was unbelievable. I checked all the shelves – wildlife, theme parks, boat trips, koalas and penguins, motorbikes and surfing, but nothing on Aboriginal history, culture, sights, language – nothing. I asked the staff - nothing at all. There was no opportunity for me to get one single piece of information about the 60,000 year cultural history of this Island. As I left, the plaque out front told me that Woolamai was named after a racehorse (Wollomai) of an early settler - of course!

If I do not act I become the abuser. I refuse to join in this

They talk about a two speed economy, “them that’s got and them that’s not”. In peak holiday time, many properties are occupied, making lots of demand for lots of businesses. Now we have Covid so there’s too few employees, and more

M Johnston, Silverleaves

Important health services continue during Covid

Dialysis patient Donald Mackie is among those com-

The health service has established a Covid Response

"Our staff know this and that's why they are working so hard and long to care for their community. I'm so proud of the fabulous staff that we have here at Bass Coast Health."



Artist Carolynne O'Callaghan with Bass Coast Council Community Planning officer Shirley Egan.



Artist John Adam and PICES President Sandra Peeters.

Pop-Up popular with summer crowds

Artists, local politicians and community members celebrated at the closing night of the successful 2022 Pop Up Exhibition on Monday, January 31.

Guests included Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, Mayor, Michael Whelan, Cr Bruce Kent and Greg Thompson, Centre Manager Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL), alongside Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space Inc (PICES) members, artists and supporters.

An amazing variety of artwork by 28 talented artists from Phillip Island, Bass Coast and beyond, curated by Warren Nichols, was displayed over four weeks, attracting many very appreciative visitors.

Locals again looked forward to seeing a different array of works each week while short-term visitors to the Island expressed regret that they could not view them all. The gallery became a cheerful meeting place for people to see and buy

unique pieces of art.

Despite the continuing threat and impact of Covid, the four weekly exhibitions remained open as planned throughout January.

Visitation numbers of over 644, and payments to artists from sales of around \$10,000 were pleasingly very comparable to earlier years.

There was strong support expressed for the development of a permanent community gallery in the proposed Cowes Cultural Centre.

PICES president Sandra Peeters said this will sadly be PICES last Pop Up Exhibition at this venue, as PICAL is moving from this site later in the year.

"We look forward to supporting artists and art lovers again next summer with another similar event at a yet to be announced new venue and eagerly anticipate curating many exciting exhibitions in the new Cowes Cultural Centre Gallery," Sandra said.



Artists from the PICES Pop Up Exhibition: Eirian Chapman, Norma Stack-Robinson, Mandy Gunn, Chris Farrell, Arnaud Barraud, Marian Quigley, Shirley Collins and Carolynne O'Callaghan with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan at the closing evening of the four-week exhibition.



Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan and Cr Bruce Kent with the PICES committee: Chris Farrell, Peter Walker, Carolynne O'Callaghan, Sandra Peeters and Christine Ash.



Artists and local art fans enjoyed the PICES Pop Up Exhibition Closing Night.



President of PICES Sandra Peeters says a few words at the PICES Pop Up Exhibition Closing Night.



Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan at the PICES Pop Up Exhibition Closing Night.



Sue, Helen, Andrew, Kim, Dave and Fred have been enjoying an annual outing to the Woolamai Races since they met "many" years ago when their kids first started playgroup. The group come across to Woolamai from the Yarra Valley for their annual get together and say they would not miss the race day for quids.

What a day at the races!

The 2022 Woolamai Cup was run on Saturday in front of a capacity crowd, in perfect weather conditions. There was a thrilling

finish to the race with outsider Peppino coming from last place in the field at the turn for home, to take out the Cup in a close finish.



From left Ron Jacks, Greg Allen, Michael Ryan and Gerard Ryan had picked a few winners on Saturday, early in the day, and are pictured settling in for the afternoon. The four friends never miss the Woolamai Cup, they said.



Three generations of the island's Price family were kept busy at the Woolamai races on Saturday. Imogen Price (pictured) kept the crowd entertained from the stage; her dad Greg, a sponsor for the feature race of the day the Alex Scott and Staff Woolamai Cup, presented the winner's trophy; and her grandfather Cefn was honoured after the Cup was run, with the presentation of a life membership for his six decade contribution to the Woolamai Racing Club.



Islanders Clarrie Cleeland (left) and Phil Becker examine the form guide under the magnificent shade trees at Woolamai, before heading off to place their bets.



Enjoying the beautiful sunshine on the rails at the Woolamai races on Saturday were (back) Cowes solicitors David Luscombe and Meaghan Crouch, and front Jacqui Luscombe and Jennifer Grimwade.

Peppino takes the Cup



Damian and Debbie Walkley, owner/trainers of Peppino, the winner of the 2022 Woolamai Cup at Woolamai, accepts the winner's trophy from Greg Price, of Alex Scott, major sponsor of the race, on Saturday afternoon. Winning jockey Melinda McDonald looks on.



The Woolamai and District Racing Club presented life memberships for the first time ever on Saturday, to celebrate its most long standing and valued members. From left Garry Buckley, Country Racing Victoria, with life membership recipients Helen Matthieson, Cefn Price, Don Matthieson, and Robert Carmichael (absent: Bev Carmichael).

Life memberships presented at Woolamai Racing Club

The Woolamai and District Racing Club presented life memberships for the first time ever on Saturday, to celebrate its most long standing and valued members, following the running of the 2022 Woolamai Cup.

The presentations were made by Country Racing Victoria's Manager of Picnic Racing Garry Buckley.

Recipients were Bev Carmichael, Club secretary for 18 years and a tireless club worker; Don Matthieson, whose has held many positions with the Club over an association of fifty years, and is the current official racing judge; Helen Matthieson, a secretary and assistant secretary at Woolamai over many years; Cefn Price, President

of the Phillip Island Racing Club from the late 60s to late 70s before its amalgamation with Wonthaggi and Woolamai, and a leading horse trainer holding the record of most wins at Woolamai and 30 trainer premierships; and Robert Carmichael, Woolamai president for the last 14 years and a well-known horse trainer.

Island goes to the Open



Phillip Island Tennis Club only had a small number this year attend the annual Australian Open outing, due to reservations regarding Covid 19. A great day was had watching some fabulous tennis on Rod Laver Arena, the highlight being the match between the exciting young Australian Alex De Minaur and a young Italian, L. Musetti, which De Minaur won.

Phillip Island bowls results

Midweek pennant bowls

Division 1: Played at home against San Remo and came away with the win 69-52.

Division 2: Played at home against Wonthaggi went down overall 58-73.

Saturday Pennant: Results from round 10 of Pennant

Division 1: Played against Corinella at home and had a win 74-67.

The other Division 1 played at Korumburra went down 66-71.

Division 2: Played at Inverloch and went down overall 73-83.

Division 4: Played at home against Corinella and came away with the win 82-53.

Division 5: Played at home against Fish Creek and took the win 87-71.

Social Bowls

We had 22 players turn out on yet another beautiful summers day here on the Island to participate in a social game of triples and the winners were: John Routley, Glenda Grazules and Elaine Severino and the runners up were: Michael Haack, Lyn Rogerson and Eric Wild.

Corporate bowls

Thursday night saw another great turn out of players enjoying a beautiful summers evening with friends for the third round of competition and sitting on top are: Bluesteel followed by Holland Transport and the Incredibowls.

Men's and Ladies 100 up

We are getting to the pointy end of



The very distinguished Jack from San Remo keeping an eye on pennant proceedings once again!

this competition and heading into the semi-final for the men is George Mol who will take on John Parker and Hans Olierook will play John Matthews which will see the winners of these matches progressing into the final.

We saw a fantastic game between bowling legend Marilyn Forrest taking on one of our newbie bowlers Glenda Grazules.

This is a handicap event and Glenda played off scratch and Marilyn off a 30 handicap and Glenda held her nerve and almost came away with the win 91-100.

Well done, Glenda, the spectators were on the edge of their seats.

Marilyn will now play Karen Cashen to earn a spot in the final.

Beb Hyslop will play Lynne Rogerson this week to go into the other semi-final against Sandra Read and the winner will progress into the final.

Phillip Island Golf results

Tuesday, February 1: Men's Stableford

Division one winner: Lawrence Ferrari (9) with 40 points from Ron Davies, Barry Grazules and Mike Fitzmaurice with 39 points.

Division two winner: Michael Coghlan (21) with 37 points from Christian Zderski (25) with 36 points.

Nine-hole competition winner: Bob Pascoe (12) with 20 points from Len Fenton and David Gladman.

Wednesday, February 2: Ladies Stableford and qualifying for Walton Knockout

A Grade winner: Lesley Meadowcroft (15) with 33 points.

B Grade winner: Mary Taylor (30) with 39 points.

C Grade winner: Vicki Amato (41) with 37 points.

NTP: 5th – Miyuki Yamaguchi, 7th – Stacey Meder, 10th – Vicki Roff-Smith and Liz Gleeson, 12th – Second shot Ros Reid.

Thursday, February 3: Open Stableford

Division one winner: Mario Amato (15) with 39 points from Rob Davison (13) with 38 points.

Division two winner: Camille Morris (27) with 39 points, r/up was Carl Russo and Ron Davies with 36 points.

Saturday, February 5: Stroke and Mens Monthly Medal sponsored by Bass Coast Podiatry

Men's:

A Grade winner: Adrian O'Gorman (10) with nett 67 from Stuart Carson (12) with nett 69.

B Grade winner: Ron Owen (17) with nett 68 from Daryl Vernon (14) with nett 72.

C Grade winner was Daniel Bourke (31) with nett 70 from Heath Kolac (24) with nett 72 on countback.

NTP: 5th – Lawrence Ferrari, 7th – Trevor Hamilton, 10th – John Payne and 17th – Alex Andrews.

Ladies:

The Ladies winner: Ros Reid (28) with 37 Points from Kris Anastasiou (16) with 36 points on countback.

NTP: 5th – Ada Anglin, 7th – Ros Reid, 10th – Lesley Meadowcroft and 17th – Ada Anglin.

Nine-hole stableford winner: Basil Moloney.

Gorilla award: Matt Brown.

Next Week's competition is Stableford.

Sunday, January 6: Open Stableford

Winner: Hans Carlborg (16) from Commonwealth GC with 31 points from Cameron Dombkins (21) with 29 points on c/back.

Nine-hole winner: Mary Whelan (31) with 20 points on c/back From Peter Lawrence (40).

Phillip Island Bridge club results

It was great to see players returning with seven tables competing on Monday, January 31.

The club welcomed visitors and National championship players Justin Mill and Andrew Macready-Bryan.

North /South winners were Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson on 59.52 per cent.

Trish and Don Stewart-Uden came second on 56.25 per cent, with Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman in third position on 54.46 per cent.

Justin Mill and Andrew Macready-Bryan were the pair to catch for East/West with an impressive 79.17 per cent.

Matti Shub and John Quale followed on 52.98 per cent and just a

fraction behind were Beth Banks and Marie Sands on 52.08 per cent.

Wednesday, February 2

First place went to Karen Klym and Paul Waylen on 64.98 per cent. Second place was a tie between Moya Crowley and Leng Haggith and Clare and Jim Murphy on 54.17 per cent.

Wendy and Graham Mckergow finished fourth on 53.12 per cent.

It is with deep sadness that we share with our members the passing of Roger Walker, much loved husband of Shirley Walker.

Sincere sympathies from all her friends at the Phillip Island Bridge Club.



The Tour of Gippsland will be held in Bass Coast from February 12 – 15.

Tour of Gippsland races into town

By Jamie Finch-Penniger

The most recent Aussie to step onto the Tour de France podium, Richie Porte, has lauded the talented cyclists within the National Road Series (NRS) peloton, saying that it's likely that one will be able to match the amazing feats of Cadel Evans, Australia's only Tour de France winner.

And this region is about to host one of only two NRS races in Victoria next weekend, with the Mitchelton Tour of Gippsland to get underway from February 12-15.

The Tour de France star and former national champion Porte is nearing the end of his career, but he saw up close that many young riders are ready and willing to take up the mantle of the sport in Australia when he retires at the end of the season.

"Some of the Aussie kids racing here are absolutely brilliant ... this is the breeding ground for Aussie cycling," said Porte in an interview with AusCycling at the recent Adelaide Festival of Cycling.

Porte began his own journey to become one of Australia's most successful professional cyclists in history within the NRS, transitioning over from triathlon to focus his attention full-time on the bike.

The next stop for the National Road Series will be the Mitchelton Tour of Gippsland, which this year will focus on the Bass Coast, with the iconic Phillip Island the scene of the final day's racing.

Bass Coast

What shapes as three days of hard, attacking racing amidst the picturesque terrain will see the top men's and women's team of the domestic scene looking to hold their form from the recent National Road Championships and the Festival of Cycling.

The final day's competition, a criterium on Phillip Island, will be streamed live on SBS On Demand and the SBS Cycling Central Facebook page from 11.40 am on February 15. However, the best spot to

watch the racing will be roadside, up close with the riders.

Stage 1: Sunday, February 13 – Woolamai Circuit Road Race

Starting and finishing at the beautiful Woolamai Racecourse riders will race multiple laps of the 27.7km undulating circuit which takes in the most spectacular views of Western Port Bay.

Stage 2: Monday, February 14 – Inverloch Road Race

Inverloch plays host to Stage 2 with the road race-course taking in the locals favourite climb, 'Mount Misery'. Both the NRS races will start and finish in Inverloch and finishing in Kongwak.

Stage 3: Tuesday, February 15 – Rhyll Criterium

Rhyll plays host to the final stage of the Mitchelton Tour of Gippsland. The 1.4km circuit along the waterfront will be a picturesque finish to the tour and will test the riders with different wind directions around every corner.



The first stage of the Tour of Gippsland will be held in the Woolamai hills, starting and finishing at the Woolamai Racecourse.

Strzelecki region – South midweek pennant bowls

Division 1: Phillip Island (1) 12-69 d San Remo (1) 4-52; Meenian (1) 15-81 d Corinella (1) 1-37; Leongatha (1) 14-75 d Korumburra (1) 2-60 Inverloch (1) – Bye.

Ladder: Inverloch (1) 98 +145; Leongatha (1) 83 +16; Corinella (1) 83-27; Meenian (1) 80 +46; Phillip Island (1) 68 +11; Korumburra (1) 53 -15; San Remo (1) 15 -176.

Division 2: Phillip Island (2) 2-58 lt Wonthaggi (1) 14-73; Tarwin Lower (1) 16-73 d Toora (1) 0-34; Inverloch (2) 0-44 lt Foster (1) 16-91; Lang Lang (1) – Bye.

Ladder: Wonthaggi (1) 118 +207; Foster (1) 102 +106; Tarwin Lower (1) 63 -41; Phillip Island (2) 62 -35; Toora (2) 59 -34; Inverloch (2) 52 -73; Lang Lang (1) 24 -130.

Division 3: Mirboo North (1)

0-35 lt Wonthaggi (2) 12-49; Tarwin Lower (2) 0-25 lt Port Welshpool (1) 12-45; Loch (1) 12-57 d Inverloch (3) 0-20; Fish Creek (1) 12-54 d Korumburra (2) 0-27.

Ladder: Fish Creek (1) 94 +111; Port Welshpool (1) 87 +102; Wonthaggi (2) 72 +171; Tarwin Lower (2) 54 -79; Korumburra (2) 51 -62; Inverloch (3) 50 -19; Loch (1) 48 -36; Mirboo North (1) 24 -188.



Winners of Midweek bowls played at Corinella were Gillian Harper (3), Vern Elliott (S) and Elaine Williams (L).



Rob Jeffrey (S), Elaine Fitt (L), Phil Wright (3) and Bill Williams (2) were the runners up of midweek bowls.



Best one game winners were Bob Arnold (L), Michael Dady (S) and Laurie Bell (3).

Midweek bowls results

Thursday, midweek bowls was played at Corinella with 28 happy bowlers.

The day started cold with light rain but that did not deter our determination to have a great day bowling. Thankfully the weather improved as the day went on.

Winners were Vern Elliott, Gillian Harper and Elaine Williams.

Runners up were Rob Jeffrey, Phil Wright, Bill Williams and Elaine Fitt. One Game winners were Michael Dady, Laurie Bell and Bob Arnold.

The green was in good condition which made it a very enjoyable day of bowls and Corinella club is looking lovely after their improvements.

As usual there was some high scores recorded: winners 38 points, runners up 34 points and One Game winners 24 points.

The laughter and banter could be heard across the greens, it was a lovely atmosphere.

Thank you to the members who brought in treasure for the free raffle table, please look at home and if there is anything you don't need bring it in for the table.

A few of our members had wrong Bias so the RCH was not forgotten, and they paid up gratefully.

Thank you to Phil Wright in the bar and his lovely wife Sue Wright for kitchen duty.

Next week we will play at San Remo at 10am at the club for a 10.30am start. BYO lunch.

For more information or to register please call Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 the night before. Everyone welcome.

See you on green.

Strzelecki region – South - Saturday pennant bowls

Division 1: Leongatha (1) 14-79 d Inverloch (1) 2-67; Phillip Island (2) 14-74 d Corinella (1) 2-67; Wonthaggi (1) 16-98 d Leongatha (2) 0-43; Korumburra (1) 12-71 d Phillip Island (1) 4-66.

Ladder: Wonthaggi (1) 122 +154; Leongatha (1) 98 +112; Phillip Island (2) 83-6; Inverloch (1) 82 +71; Phillip Island (1) 80 -18; Korumburra (1) 73 -112; Leongatha (2) 50 -102; Corinella (1) 42 -99.

Division 2: Mirboo North (1) 16-96 d Korumburra (2) 0-43; Loch (1) 14-74 d Fish Creek (1) 2-70; San Remo (1) 14-81 d Toora (1) 2-59; Inverloch (2) 13-83 d Phillip Island (3) 3-73.

Ladder: Loch (1) 101 +106; Mirboo North (1) 99 +174; Toora (1) 94 +42; San Remo (1) 79 -4; Phillip Island (3) 78 -67; Fish Creek (1) 74 -21; Inverloch (2) 60 -78; Korumburra (2) 55 -152.

Division 3: Foster (1) 12-73 d Inverloch (3) 4-66; Loch (2) 0-51 lt Wonthaggi (2) 16-83; Mirboo North (2) 2-52 lt Wonthaggi (3) 14-81; Lang Lang (1) 16-74 d Meenian (1) 0-58.

Ladder: Wonthaggi (3) 128 +156; Lang Lang (1) 101 +33; Foster (1) 95 +67; Inverloch (3) 85 +80; Wonthaggi (2) 84 +102; Meenian (1) 82 +18; Mirboo North (2) 36 -159; Loch (2) 29 -297.

Division 4: Port Welshpool (2) 16-77 d Tarwin Lower (1) 0-48; Phillip Island (4) 16-82 d Corinella (2) 0-53; Korumburra (3) 14-74 d Toora (2) 2-66; Inverloch (4) 2-68 lt Leongatha (3) 14-71.

Ladder: Phillip Island (4) 128 +204; Port Welshpool (1) 96 +11; Tarwin Lower (1) 89 +85; Leongatha (3) 84 +33; Korumburra (3) 78 -80; Inverloch (4) 59 -7; Toora (2) 54 -106; Corinella (2) 42 -164.

Division 5: Wonthaggi (4) 16-108 d Tarwin Lower (2) 0-44; Phillip Island (5) 14-87 d Fish Creek (2) 2-71; Lang Lang (2) 2-57 lt Meenian (2) 14-83; Mirboo North (3) – Bye.

Ladder: Wonthaggi (4) 118 +175; Phillip Island (5) 106 +175; Meenian (2) 92 +148; Mirboo North (3) 49 -125; Fish Creek (2) 41 -60; Tarwin Lower (2) 40 -117; Lang Lang (2) 34 -118.

Top spot cricket

A Grade

This week had the A grade boys making the trip to Outrim to take on OMK.

After winning the toss the Sharks chose to have a bat and were on the back foot early due to some strong early overs from veteran Peter Dell.

Openers Richards and Cleeland were both back in the sheds without troubling the scorers and that bought former OMK players Daniel P Mock and Tom Kiely to the crease.

After surviving a close run out call Mock got into his work and made a classy 48 before smoking a pull shot to mid-wicket. Rathnayake came to the crease and was as silky as ever making a run a ball 31 and this combined with some lower order power hitting from Jarrod Black dragged the Sharks total to a respectable 182.

After the break Simon Kirton and Tom Keily both made early break throughs forcing OMK on the back foot early with the score at 2 for 7.

A few partnerships came and went however the Sharks bowlers were able to keep the game in control thanks to some excellent middle overs from Charith Keerthisinghe who finished with match figures of 2 for 12 off his eight overs.

Some big late hitting from OMK batsmen Noel Creed kept the Diggers in the game but the death bowling from Simon Kirton was too good, taking the Sharks to a 22 run win.

B Grade – Division 1

After a convincing win last week, the Sharks were sitting first on the ladder prior to this week's game against Meeniyana at home who were trying to stay in touch of a finals berth.

Yet again Steven McIntyre lost the toss, and the Sharks were sent into the field. The Niven brothers were given the new ball after last week's display, with Tom taking an early wicket.

After Meeniyana's first wicket fell, the Sharks struggled to get their second wicket in a frustrating period in the field, but we were in a strong position with MDU 1/59 off 20.

After the break, MDU really pushed the run rate along as we still searched for our second wicket. Toward the back end of Meeniyana's innings Geoff Odgers was thrown the ball and provided the Sharks' second wicket, with an excellent high catch from Angelo in the deep, removing Knox for 76.

After a rare tough afternoon for Clint Wilson, he managed to grab the Sharks' third wicket of the MDU skipper Zukovskis for 80.

Meeniyana's innings ended shortly after, setting a tough target for the

Sharks with 195 runs to win.

The Sharks opened the batting with Steve McIntyre and Kohen Beaumont and the pair set a great foundation getting us to drinks and setting a 100-run partnership along the way.

Shortly after the break, the Sharks lost two quickfire wickets with Beaumont out for a fantastic 41 and Blackwell 8.

Andrew Finlayson was sent in at four, keeping the Sharks score ticking over with a solid run a ball 19, Odgers came in at five as he helped McIntyre reach his second ton of the season in an excellent display from the Sharks' captain.

Together with Odgers, the pair took the Sharks past Meeniyana's 194 with four overs to spare. Odgers finishing on 16 not out and McIntyre finishing with a brilliant 113 not out.

Phillip Island continued their good form with a seven wicket win over MDU, retaining top spot in the league as they travel to Korumburra this Saturday.

RSL Man of the Match: Steve McIntyre.

B Grade – Division 2

The Sharks hosted Glen Alvie at Rhyll in what was a must win match with both teams on the same points.

Glen Alvie won the toss and elected to bat first.

Cleary and Caffieri opened the bowling with Caffieri getting the first wicket having Alvie 1/15 off four overs.

The Sharks were pushing hard for wicket, but the bowling was a little wayward and Alvie took full advantage hitting boundaries at will.

At the drink break Glen Alvie were 2/120 after 20 overs.

The Sharks were looking at a big total to chase and needed to tighten up. Heath Womersley was bowling well and picked up a wicket to have Alvie 3/144 and Cleary came back on and picked up another wicket to stem the runs a little to have Glen Alvie 4/168.

Dave Womersley came on and bowled with Parsons at the other end picked up a couple of wickets, Parsons finished with 3/29 off eight overs and Glen Alvie finished on 8/219 from their 40 overs.

The Sharks looked for a strong start from Epifano and Taylor but were soon 3/34 needing a big partnership from Womersley and O'Brien.

O'Brien looked on from the first ball finding the middle of the bat, Womersley was just giving him the strike but also hitting the loose ball to the fence.

O'Brien was dominating the Glen Alvie bowlers hitting to the fence and clearing the fence, before he picked out



Ollie Parsons top scored in the U15's match on Saturday against Glen Alvie.

the fielder on the fence for a well-made 61 to have the Sharks in a good position at 4/136 but with some work to do.

Asurumui joined Womersley at the crease who was just cruising along.

Asurumui was looking to hit the loose ball hard to fence while keeping the good balls out and was running hard between the wickets with Wom-

ersley who was doing it easy with some late cuts. Asurumui was out, caught with the score on 200 with the Sharks needing 19 runs off 24 balls.

Parsons and Womersley were trying to score off every ball faced but some tight bowling was making things hard.

Womersley worked one away to bring up his well-deserved 100 that

kept the Sharks in touch all day.

When Parsons fell with the Sharks still needing five runs off seven balls Cleary came in joining Womersley.

Cleary got a single to get Womersley back on strike, who hit a four and the winning runs to finish not out on a brilliant 105, to get the win for the Sharks who now sit back in the top four.



John Manning and Peter Francis shared a 172 run partnership on Saturday in C2 Blue's win over Glen Alvie. John scored a run a ball 101 and Peter finished on 64.



Junior cricket on Phillip Island is alive and well

The Phillip Island Cricket Club fields three Under 12 teams ... giving about 30 aspiring young cricketers an opportunity to play competitively in the district's league competition every weekend. With a League bye scheduled last weekend for Phillip Island sides, the Club took the opportunity to hold an intra club match at its Rhyll ground. The Under 12s are pictured at the happy occasion with their team coaches Ash Larcombe, Darryl Hughes and Tony Hornsby.

Pink stumps fundraiser returns

The Phillip Island District Cricket Club is holding a Pink Stumps fundraiser day on February 13 to raise money for the McGrath Foundation.

The club's two C2 teams will battle it out on the day and Gillian Gilbert from "Wig Sisters" is the event's special guest speaker.

There will also be delicious food, fun for the kids, raffles, drinks and music on offer, as the club raises funds to help make life a little bit easier for individuals and families experiencing breast cancer.

The Club has appealed to local businesses to support the event with donations of funds, goods or food.

It is also hoping the community will get behind them, don their best pink outfits and come along on Sunday,



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February 13 to enjoy a great day for a wonderful cause.

If any local business is able to help the club, they can contact Kim Simraj on 0417 527 645.

Anyone wanting more information on Pink Stumps

day can go to pinkstumpsday.com.au.

To make a donation to the cricket club's fundraiser, visit www.pinkstumpsday.com.au/fundraisers/pidcc/pink-stumps-day-event

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Sage Goldsbury will be competing at the Phillip Island Pro QS1000 this week, alongside Sophie Fletcher and Harry de Roth. Photo: Ethan Smith, World Surf League.

Phillip Island Pro hits the waves this week

Three Phillip Island surfers will be competing in this week's Phillip Island QS1000. Sage Goldsbury, Sophie Fletcher and Harry de Roth have all been offered wildcard entry into the event. Tully Wylie from Jan Juc was awarded a wildcard position for being crowned 2021 Victorian Open State Champion. Sophie Fletcher has been awarded a wildcard for placing runner up after India Robinson declined her position due to competing on the Championship Tour in Hawaii. Both surfers are seasoned Qualifying Series surfers with Fletcher claiming the Mandurah Pro QS1000

in Western Australia in 2018. Harry de Roth and Sage Goldsbury have been awarded the local wildcard positions in conjunction with the Phillip Island Boardriders Club. De Roth and Goldsbury will have the advantage of intimately knowing the waves across Phillip Island putting them in an excellent position against interstate competitors. The Victorian Indigenous Wildcard has been awarded to Anthony Hume of Torquay. Hume was the Australian Masters champion in 2018 and has been a key role model for the Victorian Indigenous Surfing Program since its inception in 1999. "Ensuring Victorian surfers are

well represented on the international stage is a key part of our performance pathway" said Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson. "Events like the Phillip Island Pro are an excellent way for our professional surfers to get experience and gain points to qualify for the Challenge Series. The wildcards that have been awarded will no doubt do Victoria proud!" The Phillip Island Pro QS1000 will be run from February 10-13 at Cape Woolamai. Live scores, Results and Heat Draws: www.worldsurfleague.com/events/2022/wqs/3941/phillip-island-pro



Photo courtesy of Liam Robertson, Surfing Victoria

Longboard titles return to Phillip Island

The Victorian Longboard Titles event is set to return to Phillip Island in 2022 after a one year hiatus in 2021. Round 1 will be held on Phillip Island on February 26 and 27. The titles will conclude at the perfect waves at Point Impossible on Victoria's Surf Coast on May 21 and 22. The event is the key pathway to the Australian Longboard Titles held in August each year that sees Victorian Longboarders go up against their interstate counterparts.

Over 80 competitors are expected across both weekends including former Australian Title holders Ben Considine (Barwon Heads), Emma Webb (Torquay), Greg Brown (Jan Juc) and more. Utilizing the wave rich region at Phillip Island for the opening round, the event's primary location will be Cape Woolamai with back up venues to include Right Point, Surfies Point, Penguin Parade and Smiths Beach.

"The Victorian Longboard Titles has a rich history of incredible surfers and Victoria has proven itself over the years to be one of the top Longboard states in the country," said Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson. "I look forward to seeing the best Victorian Longboarders compete in hopefully some incredible waves!" Entries for both rounds are now open via www.surfingvic.com/events

Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club fishing competition

The Yukers Group, a talented band of musicians, played and sang with the east wind to delight all at the Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club (RPIAC) on Friday. The event brought new faces, good vibrations and smiles to the area on the eve of the resumption of the sixth RPIAC 2021/2022 angling competition season. Despite a weather forecast of sunshine and daytime temperatures in the mid-to-high 20s, the easterly winds discouraged many anglers. The adage "wind from the east, fish bite least" dissuaded some anglers, however other enthusiasts embraced lumpy conditions from land and water to test their mettle. The Rhyll boat ramp webcam confirmed parking was available to those wanting a closer look, either to experience the whitecaps or the brief periods of calm. Otherwise, there were opportunities to seek shelter from the wind and try to catch the elusive east beast feast.

The RPIAC's Extraordinary Catch Incentives for eligible species, caught by members on competition weekends, remain banked. None of these \$1000 first-to-catch prizes have been claimed this season, although many are optimistic about catching an eligible species that equals or exceeds the nominated weight: King George whiting (1000 grams), snapper (10 kilograms), gummy shark (20 kilograms), mullet (25 kilograms) and kingfish (25 kilograms). At the 5.30pm Sunday conclusion of weigh-in, at the RPIAC clubrooms, a total of 23 fish were recorded by Russell Gallagher, the RPIAC weigh-in master. The eligible species included pinkie snapper, King George whiting, flathead, salmon, and trevally.

This weekend's competition prizes were sponsored by Bendigo Bank's Community Bank Cowes and the post-competition presentation gave anglers and supporters an opportunity to re-engage and share some fishy tales and shared interests. Ron Soolsma's Sunday sausage sizzle was supported by Baker's Delight Cowes and was enjoyed by all. Tom Grogan persisted in his weekend fishing quest and was awarded with a participation certificate for his tireless efforts in the Squidgie category, for anglers aged nine and under.

The reigning Squidgie Club champion, Denver Firth, impressed with a mixed bag of four fish, worth 70 points, and was awarded with the first prize. The Junior Weight and Junior Points competitions were a clean sweep for Isabella Bland, who kept fishing in lacklustre conditions to finally triumph with a snapper of 480 grams and a King George whiting worth 714 points (255 grams), respectively.

The Senior Heaviest Weight competitions were won by Duncan Firth and Carrienne Peatey, weighing in a pair of snapper of 670 grams and 545 grams, respectively. King George whiting were the species responsible for victories in the Senior Points competitions, Pat Gleeson had the best of the weekend, worth 1596 points (570



Tom Grogan was awarded a certificate of participation in the Squidgie category for his persistence whilst fishing in tough conditions.



Isabella Bland was awarded with Junior Weight and Junior Points prizes for her snapper and King George whiting, respectively.



Denver Firth, the reigning Squidgie Club Champion, won the Squidgies' prize for a mixed bag of 4 fish worth 70 points.

grams), and Carrienne Peatey's was also worthy, scoring 1176 points (420 grams). The Senior shark competition was uncontested. The Secret Weight prize was awarded to Kate Jinette, for transforming a disappointing 255-gram King George whiting (secret weight 262 grams) into a prize winner. The RPIAC clubroom is located adjacent to the Rhyll boat ramp and is open to members and visitors on Fridays (from 5pm) and competition weekends coinciding with weigh in. The next angling competition will be held over the weekend of February 19 and 20. For further information about the club, events, competitions, and rules, please visit the website: www.rpiac.com

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 9 FEB		THU 10 FEB		FRI 11 FEB		SAT 12 FEB		SUN 13 FEB		MON 14 FEB		TUE 15 FEB	
LOW	12:59 am 0.83 m	LOW	1:37 am 0.95 m	LOW	2:15 am 1.07 m	LOW	2:55 am 1.19 m	LOW	3:41 am 1.31 m	LOW	4:37 am 1.40 m	HIGH	12:18 am 2.49 m
HIGH	7:20 am 2.78 m	HIGH	7:48 am 2.68 m	HIGH	8:17 am 2.57 m	HIGH	8:50 am 2.47 m	HIGH	9:30 am 2.36 m	HIGH	10:23 am 2.26 m	LOW	5:45 am 1.45 m
LOW	1:20 pm 0.45 m	LOW	1:54 pm 0.49 m	LOW	2:30 pm 0.55 m	LOW	3:07 pm 0.62 m	LOW	3:52 pm 0.71 m	LOW	4:47 pm 0.78 m	HIGH	11:30 am 2.20 m
HIGH	8:10 pm 2.70 m	HIGH	8:49 pm 2.64 m	HIGH	9:31 pm 2.58 m	HIGH	10:19 pm 2.52 m	HIGH	11:15 pm 2.48 m			LOW	5:53 pm 0.82 m

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Victorious League T20 competition winners Phillip Island after defeating OMK in the final by 25 runs.
 Back: Andrew Tolley, Henry Shawcross, Tom Keily, Brodie Johnston, Simon Kirton, Jarrod Black and Max Royal. Front: Shiran Rathnayake, Eli Richards, Daniel Mock, Charith Keerthisinghe and Adam Miller.

T20 Premiers cruise to victory

After a rousing comeback win in the semi-final against Leongatha Town the Sharks were playing OMK in the final of the T20 competition seeing the two sides face off against each other twice in a weekend.

The Sharks won the toss electing to bat and opener Shiran Rathnayake came to the party. After his opening partner Eli Richards failed for the third time in two days, Rathnayake and Mock put on 101 runs in just nine overs for the second wicket with the former blasting 68 off just 32 balls.

When Mock was dismissed shortly after the Sharks had to rebuild before launching again in the final few overs posting a very health total of 182.

With a big score to chase


OMK skipper Ryan Williams come out swinging and was consistently finding the middle of the bat. Matching the required run rate OMK got to 72 before the loss of their second wicket taken by Charith Keerthisinghe who again was pivotal finishing with match figures of 1 for 16 off his four overs. The turning point of the innings was when Shiran Rathnayake threw down the stumps leaving Ryan Williams short of his crease after a well-made 69 off 39 balls. From here the Sharks were able to take regular wickets and control the game cruising into what ended up being a 25-run win. Post-game Shiran Rathnayake was named the man on the final after a stellar performance with the bat. Go Sharks.



T20 Man of the Match Shiran Rathnayake who made 68 off just 32 balls for Phillip Island.



Max Royal being presented with the premiers T20 trophy.



 TEAM

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MATCH SUMMARY

T20 GRAND FINAL

PHILLIP
ISLAND

6-182

8-157

OMK

S.RATHNAYAKE

68

2-28

M.ROYAL

D.MOCK

33

2-34

S.KIRTON

M.ROYAL

28*

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- Located on The Esplanade at Surf Beach with superb views from Cape Woolamai to Pyramid Rock
 - Massive 3 bay garage with entry into the home
 - 3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms/3 cars
- \$2,500,000 to \$2,750,000**

292 PHILLIP ISLAND ROAD, SAN REMO



- Once in a lifetime property set on 33.5 acres (approx.)
 - Stunning 4 bedroom/2 bathroom contemporary home
 - Machinery shed, 4 dams and excellent fencing
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14 CLIFTON CRESCENT, COWES



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