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With a brilliant burst of summer weather over the weekend, there were blue skies all around. Many made the most of the sunshine and flocked to the beach, while others headed for Churchill Island to enjoy the latest Ocean Sounds music festival, with headliners John Butler and The Waifs. More photos on page 4 and on [www.pisra.com.au](http://www.pisra.com.au). Photo: Leo Spyrou.

## New parking app: not happy

The “Bass Coast Parking” mobile app – launched at the end of December to help Cowes’ drivers find a park – has been described as a “\$2 shop, budget” version, apparently failing its basic purpose.

The app was launched by Bass Coast Shire in parallel to the controversial \$377,000 sensor parking, which saw 506 underground sensors go live at the end of December: 375 in on-street bays on Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street and The Esplanade; and 123 off-street bays at the Cowes Transit Centre; as well as 262 in Wonthaggi.

Electronic signs – on Thompson Avenue on Church and Chapel streets – have also gone live to alert drivers to the direction of and distance to available car parking.

However, Island Voice spokeswoman Linda Marston said she and her husband Andrew uploaded the app once it was available to download for free from Google Play store for An-

droid and Apple Store for iOS.

Their experience was not positive. “The refresh rate is so slow and you definitely need a second person in the car to keep poking it,” Linda said.

“If you are a solo driver it’s a nightmare, especially because you’re not meant to be touching the phone.”

“When you drive north from the Esplanade, up Thompson Avenue and cross Chapel Street, you have to change zones manually, so it’s not like Google maps where it automatically takes you to an area.”

Linda said when they used the app on the evening of December 22 the app showed nine available parking bays, yet when they drove to those spots they were occupied.

“It was frustrating. I felt like throwing the phone out the window and we just ended up driving around anyway.”

“I think we have bought a poor imitation of what is found in Melbourne, a \$2 shop version.

“I’d be interested to know other people’s experiences and comments on how they found the app. Maybe the shire has started ironing out the teething problems?”

On the Advertiser’s Facebook page, other users reported issues with the app.

“It’s quicker to drive around the block three times,” said Kevin.

“Won’t waste the space on my phone for this app,” wrote Margie, while another said it just encouraged use of the phone while driving.

“It’s useless,” claimed Suzi.

“You can’t use it while driving, and as soon as one person leaves a park, another pulls in ... and internet during Xmas holidays is vile ... it takes ages just to load.”

“When you get there, your space is taken,” posted Brendan.

“Or you’ve been booked for using your phone while driving. Just revenue raising disguised as council “helping” the public.”

### Signs

A Bass Coast Shire spokesperson late last year said while the electronic sign to the transit centre carpark was active in December, the two signs on Thompson Avenue were “ready to be turned on and are waiting for the electricity company”, with an estimated start time in January.

Linda said the signs were so small, with one hidden behind a cypress, that “if you don’t know where they are you’ll miss them”.

“You don’t see them until you’re three metres away.”

CEO Ali Wastie has argued the sensors would “notify parking inspectors when a car has overstayed its time limit”, meaning more fines will be issued, but “the sensors are not paid parking”.

“Smart parking” will not have an impact on the current number of parking bays and there won’t be any changes to parking limits/restrict-

tions, the shire states.

Linda said if the aim of the whole system was to alert parking inspectors to those who should be fined “then it is a success”.

Mayor Michael Whelan said the “smart-parking” technology would make it easier to find a park.

“Our population across Bass Coast has grown 25 per cent from 2016 to 2021 and we are one of Australia’s premier tourism destinations,” Cr Whelan said.

The sensors will provide council with visibility around space occupancy including duration of stay, usage trends, peak usage, as well as reporting and data insights to use for future planning decisions.

The sensors have come under heavy criticism by the community because they were introduced with no consultation, with many arguing they were not needed outside peak tourist season and would push parking into residential areas.

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## POLICE BRIEFS

### Gunshot

Police are investigating after a man was located in Cowes with a gunshot wound on December 24. The man sought assistance from staff at the Urgent Care Centre in Cowes at about 3pm. The man was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The exact circumstances surrounding the incident are yet to be determined at this stage. Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

### Missing boat

A boat was reported stolen from its moorings off Ventnor Beach last week. However, it appears the boat actually broke away from its moorings and police said it was later located at Sandy Point.

### Vehicle stolen

A vehicle was stolen from the Island Surfboards carpark in Cowes on Sunday evening. The owner said his keys were stolen while he was at work on Friday, and then the vehicle was stolen on Sunday evening. Police are investigating the incident.



PICAL has moved to its new home at 16 Warley Avenue, and from this week, resumes normal operating hours.

## PICAL opens in new location

The relocated PICAL – Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre Inc. has opened at their new home at 16 Warley Avenue, Cowes.

From this week, normal hours resume on weekdays:

- Reception: 9am – 3pm
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## Less weird, more deadly

This week's "weird stuff found on the beach" is more of a warning.

This little fella, cute and beautiful as he appears, was found on Silverleaves' beach and the barefooted walker nearly trod on it.

Yes, it's a blue-ringed octopus, one of the world's most venomous marine animals.

Despite being teeny-tiny —12 to 20 cm — they are extremely dangerous to humans when handled.

Their venom contains the powerful neurotoxin tetrodotoxin, which is also found in pufferfish, which can cause loss of sensation and paralysis of voluntary muscles, including the diaphragm, and stops breathing.

The octopus are normally found in rock pools, but this one was washed ashore, but still alive.

So it's a timely summer warning to beach goers.



This blue-ringed octopus, one of the world's most venomous marine animals, was found washed ashore on Silverleaves beach.

## Covid cases

Covid cases remain relatively stable in Bass Coast, as Victorian case numbers dropped by 25 per cent last week.

As of January 6, the state government reported there were 91 new cases in Bass Coast in the first week of 2023.

Phillip Island and San Remo accounted for the majority of the cases (30), followed by Wonthaggi and Inverloch.

The government said its wastewater analysis showed there were multiple Omicron variants active in the state, saying the "genomic outlook is rapidly changing", but confirmed a new subvariant has been detected, with four cases so far in Victoria.

An increase in social gatherings and events over the summer holiday period have added to the transmission risk.

However, by taking the simple preventative steps, that risk can be reduced:

- Plan your party or family gathering outside when possible
- Get tested if you have symptoms or you're going to a party or family gathering
- Keep homes well ventilated, with windows and doors open
- Wear a high-quality mask, especially where you can't physically distance from others
- Isolate for at least five days and until you have no symptoms
- Check if you are eligible for Covid medicines
- Get your next vaccine dose
- Protecting yourself is the best way to protect you and the community – If you don't get Covid, you can't spread Covid

### Tests

Free PCR and Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are no longer available via Bass Coast Health.

Free RATs for eligible people are available from Bass Coast Shire Council customer service centres in Cowes, Wonthaggi and Grantville and Visitor Information Centres at Phillip Island and Inverloch.

The local council RAT program is available to those aged 70 and above; have a disability, are immunocompromised or a carer; hold a Seniors, Pensioner Concession, Commonwealth Senior Health Care, Low Income Health Care, or Department of Veterans Affairs Gold, White or Orange card. Eligible people can get five free tests. People with disability and their carers can get 20 free tests.

A referral from a GP is now required for a PCR test, or people can attend their nearest Respiratory Clinic.

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# Phillip Island should be free of offshore turbines: group

Wind turbines should be ruled out within 50km of the coast between Phillip Island and Wilsons Promontory, according to a newly-formed community organisation.

In late December the Federal government formally declared Australia's first official offshore wind zone about 15,000 square kilometres offshore from Gippsland, from Lakes Entrance in the east to south of Wilsons Promontory in the west.

At the announcement Energy Minister Chris Bowen said the Victorian and Commonwealth governments would consider the Gippsland coast west of Wilsons Promontory "over the coming year", including further consultation with Traditional Owners and taking into account community feedback on environmental risks.

Community group Responsible Renewables co-founder Laura Jennings said the group was "pro-renewables" and supported Australia's target of net zero emissions by 2050, but "the pursuit of a clean environment cannot be at the cost of the environment itself".

"We call on the government to expressly rule out wind turbines within 50km of the coast between Phillip Island and Wilsons Prom," Laura said.

The group co-founded by Laura and Waratah Bay resident and engineer Robert Boelen – includes the Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) – who say they have heard from "hundreds of community members concerned about 260-metre or higher turbines in Bass Strait".

"Experts are telling us that the fields of towering turbines could disturb migratory birdlife, calving and breeding for Southern Right Whales, and colonies of fur seals, little penguins and other important fish species," Mr Boelen said.

"With the significant environmental impact juxtaposed with the disruption of vista and amenity ... these plans are akin to erecting turbines next to the 12 Apostles, Uluru or the Great Barrier Reef."

PICS president Jeff Nottle said he believed offshore energy could significantly contribute to energy needs, but it needed "to be carefully managed and adverse impacts on the environment and the local economy need to be minimised".

"It is widely accepted that the Phillip Island environment is the Phillip Island economy," Jeff said.

"Protection of marine life and sea birds is paramount and the location of the turbines and the method of construction is key. Further consultation is required to ensure protections for the economy and the environment."

The Federal government consulted on its plans to declare an area open to renewable energy from August to early October, which Laura said was "a brief process of which few local residents, business owners and visitors were aware of, or took part in".

Laura said with 15,000 square kilometres declared along the Gippsland



"We call on the government to expressly rule out wind turbines within 50km of the coast between Phillip Island and Wilsons Prom," says community group Responsible Renewables. Photo: Viktor Hesse, Unsplash.

coast, it was "unclear why there would need to be any consideration for extending the zone".

"Star of the South is currently proposing that 500 square kilometres can deliver 2.2GW – meaning the entire declared zone can deliver well beyond the Victorian state government offshore wind target of 9GW by 2040," Laura said.

## Bass Coast

In October, Bass Coast Shire made a submission to the Federal government saying while they supported renewables, they were concerned turbines were too close to shore and would impact "an environmentally vulnerable and sensitive marine environment".

At that time the shire said since the Federal government made the announcement in August, they had been "approached by several potential offshore wind proponents".

"Council is concerned about how it will be able to contribute effectively to any approval processes which includes Commonwealth approval, state approval, and local land use planning approval, all of which will require significant resourcing," the submission states.

In late December mayor Michael Whelan welcomed the announcement that eastern Bass Strait would become an offshore wind zone, including a 10km buffer zone to reduce the visual impact, size reduction and eastern location (instead of the 5km that was previously declared).

Cr Whelan said he was "grateful" the government listened "to the passionate voices of the Bass Coast community on the plans".

"We look forward to working with the state and Federal governments on responsible and equitable planning of any offshore wind projects in Bass Coast," Cr Whelan said.

"We urge for strong custodianship of marine ecosystems – with no harm to fisheries, marine mammals, endangered species like the southern right whale, and important habitats. We also insist these plans must consider our visitor dependent economy."

He said rigorous impact assessments, community consultation and strict environmental protections "must still be included".

"We fully appreciate the Victorian coastline has significant potential for world-leading offshore wind facilities.

"Council also acknowledges that while offshore wind provides critical benefit to our future by reducing carbon dioxide emissions, like any major infrastructure project, there can be negative impacts."

## 2023

Minister Chris Bowen did not rule out the potential for South Gippsland to be reinstated in the plan.

"I look forward to working with Lily D'Ambrosio and the Victorian government to further consider that area west of Wilsons Promontory over the coming 12 months to see if those community concerns can be dealt with and environmental concerns can be dealt with," he said.

He said Gippsland would help deliver two gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind energy by 2032.

He said the target was to increase that to four-GW of offshore wind energy by 2035 and nine-GW by 2040. The Victorian government has set the same targets.

Feasibility licence applications for offshore wind projects in Gippsland will run from January 23 to April 27.

Minister Bowen gave major project status for Star of the South, off Port Albert, which will support more than 2280 jobs during construction and 300 jobs during operations.



Confusion and anger about fortnightly kerbside red bin collection has continued this summer, although compared to past summers, more residents than usual have defended the system, arguing it is best for the planet.

# Red bins: still anger, but more acceptance

Confusion and anger about fortnightly kerbside red bin collection has continued this summer, about six years after Bass Coast Shire introduced the three-bin system.

Although compared to past summers, more residents than usual have defended the system, arguing it is best for the planet and they have learned to change their behaviours.

And many say they have taken the shire's option to trade in their existing 120L bin for a 240L bin, at an additional cost of \$98 per year; or retain their existing 120L bin, at an additional cost of \$128.42 per year.

In social media posts, several people highlighted that since the major supermarkets ditched soft plastic recycling at the end of last year, their bins were fuller.

Kylie said her red bin used to be half full.

"And now no soft plastics its back to being chockers again with pavers to hold the lid down so the crows don't come and trash my joint while the bin sits there stinking away for a fortnight," she commented.

The three-bin system – introduced in Bass Coast in September 2017 – has come under heavy criticism in past summers, which has continued this season.

Naomi said with seven people in her house, "some of us don't have a choice".

"Although we try to buy responsibly, we still always have overflowing bins and that's with everyone trying to keep things in check," Naomi said.

"The rubbish is a real problem for us. It's so expensive to get rid of excess."

Tony wrote on the shire's Facebook page that "extra red bin collections on the island are desperately needed over January".

Kris replied "don't make excuses for poor behaviour – people need to take responsibility for their own waste", suggesting if people had more rubbish they should upgrade to a bigger bin.

Mina commented on the community noticeboard Facebook page it was the "norm" for councils to make weekly red bin collections, but Matt said that would simply increase costs for ratepayers.

Sharon said if Mina was using the three bins correctly "there should be very little in the red bin and more in green bin".

Darren said his red bin was put on the kerb once a month, or sometimes every second month.

"If you sort correctly, and it's easy to do you'll end up with very little in the red bin and yellow bin anyhow," Darren said.

"Unless we all wish to pay even higher rates just because of rubbish disposal issues, we really do have to sort our disposables better as a community, or we will end up paying a lot more; and it's also doing the right thing by the planet too."

Many public bins around the island have been overflowing daily, with many people saying that problem was worse than residential bins.

Residents added they now regularly use the shire's Snap Send Solve app to report overflowing public bins.

# Locals call for intersection upgrade

After a fatal accident at the intersection of Ventnor and Red Rocks roads on Christmas Day, plus reports of several near misses, locals are calling for a safety upgrade.

Many local residents have called for increased signage and lighting at the area, with others suggesting a 60km/h speed limit or a roundabout, saying the intersection was notorious for "near misses".

"That particular spot has a serious blind spot," was a comment posted on the community noticeboard recently.

"As locals we are aware and we double and triple check before pulling out, but our visitors aren't aware and that's when disaster strikes."

Beth Liley, Regional Director (Gippsland), Department of Transport and Planning said any life lost on Victorian roads was one too many.

"Our thoughts are with everyone affected by this," she said.

"Safety is always our priority and we'll continue to work with Victoria Police to understand the cause of this crash."

Red Rocks Road is a council owned road and Ventnor Road is an arterial road, so the department said it would work with police and Bass Coast Shire Council to assess if any improvements were needed.

Bass Coast Shire Council was approached for comment.

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# The Ocean Sounds of summer

Having fun in the sunshine and at Ocean Sounds. Front: Dannielle Proietti, Georgia Bisset. Back: Dan Seale, Mia Ale, Todd Livingstone, Patrick Ale, Arnika Martin and Flick Oriander. More photos at [www.pisra.com.au](http://www.pisra.com.au)



One of the brilliant line up on Saturday was San Remo's Steph Strings with mum Joanne Avramidis.



Proving Ocean Sounds is a family affair, Louisa, Eliza and Bob Poll, with Ella Solohub and Jonny Ippel.



Perfect vantage point for Jack, Pat and Leigh Caffery and Steve Turner.



Youki Innes and Tony Sullivan were all smiles at the Ocean Sounds Festival at Churchill Island



Paul Kelly, Selina Dronryp, Paul Patten, Carissa Nyalu and Sally O'Neill find some welcome shade at the Ocean Sounds Festival on Saturday.



EVs are becoming a more frequent sight on Phillip Island. EV owner Bhavani Rooks seen here with the family's Nissan Leaf, purchased in 2022.

## EVs are driving change

Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) in association with Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary, is hosting a Solar and Electric Vehicle information event on January 20 from 4pm – 7pm, as part of the Rhyll Twilight Market, at Lock Road.

This is to enable the community to experience Electric Vehicles (EV) first-hand, talk to EV owners and hear industry expert Bryce Gatton speak about how the community can transition to EVs.

Local solar businesses will have displays to answer questions about solar, batteries, inverters and the like. Community member John Lovell will share his experience navigating the technology for a home solar system.

A spokesperson for TRPI said everyone now knows about climate change.

"The majority of the world now accepts that fossil fuel emissions will destroy life as we know it, unless we increase our action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"Around the world transport is a significant contributor to the high level of emissions. In the Bass Coast Shire, 30 per cent of emissions are from the transport sector. The transition to Electric Vehicles powered by renewable energy is essential to meet the Shire's net zero 2030 Climate Action Plan."

TRPI believes understanding the broader EV landscape can help people plan their transition to Electric Vehicles.

The information sessions will be presented by EV transition consultant and EV writer/commentator Bryce Gatton. Bryce will provide a guide to the basic technologies, systems and charging options for EVs, give an overview of the current (and coming) Australian choices for buying new and second-hand plug-in EVs and finish by showing how to evaluate which is the right one for your needs. (Or how long it might be till one that does hits our shores).

Some of the other owners who will be at the event: Bhavani Rooks/Nissan Leaf, Steve Fury/Zero Motorcycle, Sarah Disher/Tesla Model 3;



The TRPI information sessions at the Rhyll Twilight Market on January 20 will be presented by EV transition consultant and EV writer/commentator Bryce Gatton Bryce.

Wendy Farmer/Polestar 2; Zoe Geyer/Hyundai Kona; Cr Michael Whelan, Mayor of BCSC/Hyundai Kona.

Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary Public Relations spokesperson Judy Lawrence said Rotary was delighted to partner with TRPI and include the Solar and EV event as part of the final Rhyll Twilight Market for January.

"These are topics many people are interested in and want more information on. We look forward to seeing the EVs, talking to their owners and having the information sessions available for those interested to know more."

It's anticipated there will be a high level of interest in the event and TRPI has commissioned community member Terry Melvin to video record the information sessions.

These will be available (once edited) for those unable to be accommodated in the hall, or unable to attend, after the event.

Information will be posted on the TRPI website and Facebook page.

The EV owners and their vehicles and the solar businesses will be in the area around the hall and available to speak to people from 4-7pm.

For more information contact Mary Whelan, Chair TRPI: [maryf-whelan@gmail.com](mailto:maryf-whelan@gmail.com) or 0408 055 867.

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# Vulnerable species could be impacted by scheme

Five endangered or vulnerable plant species, as well as hooded plovers and short-tailed shearwaters could be impacted by a proposal to build roads and drains in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay.

The biodiversity assessment was commissioned by Bass Coast Shire Council as part of the preliminary investigations into the Special Charge Scheme proposal for the area.

It covered the township areas as well as outfall areas to the south of the Esplanade and north of Phillip Island Road.

The report said while no flora or fauna species listed under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC) were recorded in the study area during the assessment, five species listed as vulnerable or endangered under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act (FFG) could potentially grow throughout the coastal reserve.

The report recommended targeted surveys to determine if the species were present.

It also said the hooded plover and short-tailed shearwater could be impacted by construction activities, including erosion of nesting sites, excessive trampling of nesting sites during construction work, artificial lights and human disturbances.

“Appropriate mitigation measures can avoid implications under the EPBC Act,” the report stated.

The report also said the coastal reserve south of the Esplanade was an area of high quality native vegetation.

“It is understood that infrastructure is required to impact this vegetation, therefore every effort should be made to minimise the footprint and revegetate where possible.”

Vegetation throughout the road network was described as “low quality”, that “has emerged in the absence of regular maintenance of the road reserves”.

However the report recommended the impacts to this vegetation be minimised, as the patches of vegetation “may function as a bio link for some fauna species to transition between the coastal reserve and to the rural landscape to the north”.

The report made a number of design and construction recommendations, including:

- Due to current “insensitive drainage measures”, each drain be assessed prior to any infrastructure works and appropriate media-



Five endangered or vulnerable plant species, as well as hooded plovers and short-tailed shearwaters could be impacted by the proposed Special Charge Scheme in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay.

tion measures adopted.

- Vegetation protection zones established around remnant vegetation before work starts.
- Any disturbance to native vegetation south of the Esplanade be kept to a minimum. Weed control measures should be regularly implemented and supplementary planting considered.
- Any infrastructure installed should use existing outfalls and drainages.
- A combination of existing drainage and a series of wetlands be used to ensure no additional hydrological pressures added to the saltmarsh vegetation along Westernport.
- A detailed hydrological assessment to ensure the wetlands constructed have the capacity to store the increased volume of stormwater generated by the proposal.

- Construction work for the outfalls south area to only happen during May-July, to avoid the breeding seasons for the hooded plover and short-tailed shearwater.
- Construction of the wetlands be best practice and complement existing vegetation.
- Enhance the vegetation bio links along Sunderland Bay Road, Batman and Seafoam streets.

## Response

Local residents have described the findings as “alarming”, with one saying the impacts on endangered species and the increased stormwater levels entering the wetlands were “major concerns”.

However a council spokesperson said the assessment will assist it to “plan the designs in a suitable manner to avoid and minimise

environmental impacts”.

“There are recommendations to undertake a cultural heritage management plan and also targeted surveys for flora and fauna,” the spokesperson said.

“These are all normal findings and expected. As the designs progress, further environmental investigations/reviews will be undertaken to ensure endangered and threatened species are not impacted with the potential works.”

Residents and the opposition Say No group have repeatedly called on council to look at more “environmentally sensitive” and less expensive options for the area, including dust suppressants

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

The group says feedback from residents during the initial consultation phases have shown many residents do not want the scheme.

It has also questioned why the council would not consider an option to seal major roads like the Esplanade, while leaving smaller roads unsealed.

Council has stated the scheme must include all the roads in the estate and include footpaths on every road to increase safety and provide “a fair treatment across the entire estate”.

Options for the scheme were sent to all property owners before Christmas. Council is expected to adopt a preferred treatment in February or March.

At this point, every property owner will have the opportunity to make a submission – either in support or opposing the special charge scheme.

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

The scheme would be abandoned if there were 51 per cent or more property owners that opposed the special charge scheme.

You can find a full copy of the Flora and Fauna due diligence reports and information about the special charge scheme at [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surfbeachroads)



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# Shire patrolling for dog breaches

Dogs must be on a lead at all times in summer – in all public places in Phillip Island and San Remo – unless in the five designated off-leash areas, Bass Coast Shire has warned.

The shire added it was carrying out regular patrols to make sure all dogs were on a leash when out in public and not in a designated off-leash area.

Failure to do so can result in an infringement of \$185.

Summer regulations relating to dogs on beaches are now in effect, with dog owners required to follow the regulations at: [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dogwalking](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dogwalking)

Dogs must be kept on a leash when walking along tracks through the foreshore.

- Off-leash areas on the island include:
- Ventnor Beach area between Graydens Road and Ventnor Beach Road – dogs are allowed off-leash at all times.
- Cape Woolamai Beach (Cleeland Bight) between Palm Beach Avenue access track 350m south to Southport Avenue access track – seasonal restrictions apply: dogs on-leash December 1 – January 31 and Easter school holidays 9am-6pm: off leash all other times.
- Cowes West beach between Yacht Club access track to approximately 50 metres short of the Cowes Anderson Boat Ramp – Designated off leash area seasonal restrictions apply: dogs on-leash December 1 – January 31 and Easter school holidays 9am-6pm: off leash all other times.

- Blue Gum Reserve, Dunsmore Road, Cowes.
- And at San Remo:
- Foots Beach from the Back Beach Road access track through Lions Park to Marine Parade beach access track. Designated off leash area seasonal restrictions apply: dogs on-leash December 1 – January 31 and Easter school holidays 9am-6pm: off leash all other times.

When using the off-leash areas with your dog:

- You must carry a leash and use it immediately if the situation calls for it;
- Your dog must be under effective voice control at all times;
- Your dog mustn't rush, jump on any person or attack any person or animal; and



Bass Coast Shire Council said it was carrying out regular patrols to make sure all dogs were on a leash when out in public and not in a designated off-leash area.

- You must keep your dog in sight at all times.

Additionally, dog owners using off-leash areas on Phillip Island and San Remo must also bring their dog under effective control when within 50 metres of a signed threatened species wildlife refuge area.

This helps to protect Hooded Plover nesting sites, which may be located within a designated off-leash area. Failure to follow these rules could result in enforcement action.

Council officers will be patrolling beaches, off-leash areas and parks throughout summer and where appropriate, officers will issue infringement notices to dog owners who are found doing the wrong thing.

You must also pick up after your dog when out in public and carry bags with which to do so. Failure to pick up after your dog or carry bags carries an in-

fringement of up to \$370.

Last week council did not respond by deadline to the question of how the public can report bylaws breaches after hours.

This week a spokeswoman told the Advertiser there was no avenue to report bylaws breaches after hours unless it was "urgent and serious", which includes contained stray dogs, aggressive dogs wandering, dog attacks and livestock on road.

"If the member of the public is able to identify the offender, they are encouraged to report this to council the next business day for investigation," she said. "Although council do conduct scheduled patrols on weekends."

For more information, please contact Council's Community Safety Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dogwalking](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dogwalking).

## Praise for hoodies protection

Dr Diana Fraser, from the Australia's Threatened Species Commission, has praised the efforts of Phillip Island Nature Parks to protect hooded plovers on beaches over summer.

Visiting the area, Dr Fraser tweeted her congratulations and posted photos of signage at Cape Woolamai and the Colonnades.

"Nice work @PhillipIslandNP and @BassCoast – really clear signage and beach regulations to protect our gorgeous nesting hoodies," she posted.

"Take care if you're on a family holiday at our southern beaches, especially with a pet pooch – these birds are easily frightened off their beach nests."

Rangers from Bass Coast Shire Council, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) and Phillip Island Nature Parks are patrolling local beaches over summer to ensure people are adhering to dog restrictions (see separate story), designed to help protect hooded plover nesting sites.

Dr Diana Fraser, from Australia's Threatened Species Commission, has praised the efforts of the Bass Coast Shire and Phillip Island Nature Parks to protect hooded plovers on beaches over summer.



## Cancer patients to benefit from exercise expertise

Cancer patients in the Bass Coast will benefit from an advanced training program to be undertaken by a senior physiotherapist at Bass Coast Health.

Michelle McMahon will complete the EX-MED cancer training program, with support from the Gippsland Regional Integrated Cancer Service.

The program provides training in delivering safe and effective exercise for people with cancer, and complements Michelle's role as a physiotherapist and lymphoedema practitioner, and her passion for oncology/cancer care.

"The evidence for integrating exercise into all phases of cancer, pre-treatment through to palliation, is overwhelming and is recommended as part of evidence-based treatment for all people experiencing cancer," Michelle said.

"Bass Coast Health has an amazing oncology team which supports our community with cancer care, and having the opportunity to improve skills and knowledge to complement this is terrific."



Bass Coast Health Physiotherapist and Lymphoedema Practitioner, Michelle McMahon, works with patient Pamela Nicka.



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## Boring, but very important

If there's one issue local residents should pay attention to this year, it's the state government's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) project.

Yes a very boring name. But don't be fooled.

This is a critical issue for your backyard, your street, the future of Phillip Island and Bass Coast.

In 2019 the government declared Bass Coast a DAL (behind the Surf Coast and Macedon Ranges) to guide future land use, last year releasing the final document for community consultation, the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP).

The SPP recommends, for example, Cowes town boundaries be locked in and proposes a series of beefed-up planning controls to protect significant landscapes, such as the coast and hinterland between Cape Woolamai and Ventnor, as well as the Rhyll Inlet, and areas north of Cowes-Rhyll Road to Newhaven.

About 750 written submissions to the SPP have been referred to a Standing Advisory Committee, which will start on March 6 and run for up to six weeks before handing an independent report to the Planning Minister.

To save you the work, the Advertiser has ploughed through most of those 750 submissions.

They make for an illuminating read.

The submissions highlight a splintering in our community, which will only increase in coming years.

On the one hand, there are developers, a real estate agent and large property owners who have come out swinging against the DAL, calling for unrestricted development growth.

One unnamed submission states their client lives on about 60ha on the fringe of San Remo, writing this land should be included in the township boundary, because more land is needed for housing affordability and competitive land pricing.

More landowners are pushing for their property to be included in Newhaven's town boundary so it can be a new housing subdivision, overlooking Churchill Island.

On the other hand, resident and environment groups have pushed back against pressure from developers, supporting the proposed new planning controls to protect Phillip Island's landscape.

"We are fast becoming an extension of Melbourne," summed up the sentiment in one resident submission, while another said, "if we continue at the same

rate of development, the urban sprawl will destroy the very values that attract people to Bass Coast".

One submission asks how many people can inhabit a place like Phillip Island without damaging it environmentally, losing its character and overloading services?

One real estate agent agrees, saying there may not be enough water to supply the population here in dry times.

And this is a critical point.

Both sides of this debate can be said to be acting in self-interest: "not in my backyard" residents; or alternatively "in my backyard" developers.

Although, we would question whether the "affordable housing for staff" argument stands up to scrutiny when such eye-watering profits are in the offing; and when affordable housing is specifically targeted for Wonthaggi, against the backdrop of skyrocketing property prices on the island.

Above all, there are facts in this debate that can't be argued:

1. Growth has an insatiable appetite with no off switch: Australia's population (currently 25 million) will reach 30 million by about 2029 and 35 million by as early as 2038. Yes people need homes, but ...

2. Phillip Island is finite: Bass Coast Shire's submission concedes this ("Council accepts that outward expansion of our settlements is finite" and "Cowes is at a pivotal point in its development"). Being an island, we do not have elastic sides. At some point growth must stop.

3. Phillip Island's environment is world-recognised, with a tourist economy that relies on it. We are home to the world's largest colonies of little penguins, short-tailed shearwaters and Australian fur seals. We are recognised by both the United Nations as a Biosphere Reserve and the International Ramsar Convention for wetland conservation, with a bird sanctuary for 65 per cent of Victoria's threatened bird species. Once gone, it is gone forever, like so many habitats under threat across the globe.


A line in the sand will come.

When and where that line will be is now being determined under the DAL process.

We urge those responsible to act in the long-term interests of the inhabitants of both the human and natural world.

On the following pages (8 and 9) we outline some of the key issues raised by submissions to the Advisory Committee.





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# D-day for DAL

Land developers are set to go head-to-head with residents and conservationists in an upcoming state government committee hearing on new planning controls for Bass Coast.

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

About 750 written submissions to the SPP have been referred to a Standing Advisory Committee, set to start on March 6 and run for up to six weeks.

Those submissions have now been released to the public, ahead of the committee hearing, with passionate arguments put forward by developers, the tourism industry, residents, Bass Coast Shire and sand miners (see separate stories).

Submissions have come from across the nation and include Birdlife Australia, the National

Trust, Victorian Farmers Federation, the Urban Development Institute of Australia and hundreds of individual submitters, with many opposed to sand mining in Grantville and housing development in Cape Paterson.

The committee will provide an independent report to the Planning Minister, with members including Kathy Mitchell, Peter Edwards (who were both on the Surf Coast DAL committee), as well as Jess Tulloch.

They will hear submitters by video conference, or in person.

### What is the DAL?

- **Planning controls:** There will be a series of beefed-up landscape planning controls to protect six Bass Coast areas that have been declared state or regionally significant, including the coast and hinterland between Cape Woolamai and Ventnor, as well as the Rhyll Inlet, and areas north of Cowes-Rhyll Road to Newhaven.

en. For example, at San Remo, the draft SPP says no buildings should protrude above natural topography, and significant views should be protected from the George Bass Coastal Walk.

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



Developers hoping to build a housing subdivision in Newhaven west – overlooking Churchill Island – have lodged a submission with the state government, critical that proposed new planning rules exclude their land.

## Development should not be “restricted”: industry

Developers, a real estate agent and property owners have come out swinging against proposed state government planning rules, calling for unrestricted growth for housing.

One unnamed submission to the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) planning panel states their client lives on about 60ha on the fringe of San Remo, writing this land was currently excluded from the town boundary but should be included, because more land was needed for housing affordability and competitive land pricing.

One of Bass Coast's major construction companies, TS Constructions, has written a submission saying their key concern was lack of land would force house prices up, which will impact housing affordability for staff.

“By creating restrictive growth boundaries many people will be forced to live a long way from their place of work,” TS Constructions states.

“The children of Bass Coast have the most to lose from this.”

### Estate agent

A real estate agency said they objected to proposed protected town boundaries and planning controls.

“Where are the studies and discussion of supply and demand that will support these boundaries?” that submission says.

“Boundaries need to allow for growth and or higher densities and be reviewed regularly in line with demand and supply statistics.”

The submission states the DAL should, instead, be showing how to plan for the “unstoppable tide of growth already overflowing” into Bass Coast from Melbourne; and residential development should, instead, “be decided on its merits at the time”.

“The demand for housing and the increased visitors needs to be planned for and not restricted,” the submission states.

“Bass Coast's proximity to Melbourne is seeing strong demand for affordable housing and this will be unavoidable and should be catered for.

“Growth of towns needs to be planned. There is currently a shortage of available land for housing for the current and projected future 50-year demand at each township.”

While the DAL proposes a hierarchy of settlements, with growth in larger towns such as Wonthaggi, and limited growth in smaller hamlets such as Newhaven, Alex Scott said they believed there should be no hierarchy.

Furthermore, current demand has exceeded current supply in every town, they said.

“All towns within Bass Coast need to plan for growth and encourage growth to cater for the increasing demand.”

Protected town boundaries, the submission argues, will lead to multi-storey developments.

The submission alleges a conflict of interest with Bass Coast Shire councillors and officers who are advocating to lock in town boundaries.

“If land supply is restricted then

property values across Bass Coast will rise giving a pecuniary interest in such a decision to those land holders and any interest should be disclosed.”

The submission also expressed concern that the shire's population growth will mean there “may not be enough water supply in times of drought”, while they were also concerned there was no planning “for better roads, another bridge or tunnel to Phillip Island, and a bypass for Wonthaggi”.

The submission states they objected to the DAL community engagement process, including the lack of public meetings.

### Developer

A submission by Phillip Island Experience – which represents such attractions as A Maze'N Things and Panny's Amazing World of Chocolate – lodged a submission stating the DAL's proposed town boundary for Newhaven was “ill-conceived” and showed “poor knowledge of the location”.

The boundary, which finishes at Boys Home Road, “will have a long term detrimental environmental, economic and social effects”, according to the Phillip Island Experience submission.

As reported last year in the Advertiser, Geoff Moed, known to many locals as the former owner of A Maze 'N Things, said he bought 30 acres of land several years ago because he believed it was earmarked by the shire for future housing development and within Newhaven's town boundaries.

The 30 acres is currently zoned farming and runs from the chocolate factory to the water's edge overlooking Churchill Island.

According to the 2010 San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai structure plan, the land – which is low lying and environmentally sensitive – is “future residential subject to a detailed structure plan and coastal vulnerability hazard assessment”, with the town boundary finishing at Samuel Amess Drive.

The Phillip Island Experience submission states Newhaven West “will be further degraded by being left in the farm zone”.

“Business who have planned on Bass Coast Council plans for more than 20 years will have no certainty. Those who have invested money, time and effort – based on local and state planning guidelines – will be devastated,” says the submission.

“The general public will never have access to the extraordinary views from the land to be excluded from the township boundaries as there will never be a walking or cycling path to directly connect Newhaven township with Churchill Island which will happen with a rezoning.”

The land backs on to the Churchill Island Marine National Park and an ecological study included in the DAL states Newhaven could be home to threatened species such as the orange-bellied parrot, growling grass frog, and swamp antechinus, which need protection.

## Shire pushes against locking in town boundaries

### “Disregard for managing population growth”

Bass Coast Shire has urged the state government to leave the door open to further housing development in Cowes, Newhaven and San Remo, arguing proposed protected settlement boundaries were restrictive.

However, the shire has gone into bat for the environment and farmers, calling on the government to buy the old Phillip Island airport land at Cape Woolamai to protect the landscape, and calling for an end to sand mining in Grantville.

In its submission to the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), the shire acknowledges “outward expansion of our settlements is finite”.

But the shire – which relies heavily on rate revenue from landowners – argues that because of “historically high” population growth “additional housing supply is crucial” and won't be able to be accommodated within existing town boundaries.

It urges the government to hold off locking in boundaries, saying the draft SPP was inconsistent with the government's own policy to accommodate projected population growth over at least 15 years and “fails to understand” land values, pricing, construction and infrastructure costs.

“The draft SPP has complete disregard for managing population growth,” the shire's submission states.

“In fact, the draft SPP and supporting documents fail to properly understand the impact the protected settlement boundaries will have.

“There is a serious concern the introduction of proposed settlement boundaries in the absence of understanding if there is an adequate buffer of supply (ie 15 years) could exasperate (sic) housing affordability.”

The shire also argues protected town boundaries will limit retail, commercial and industrial land in Cowes, San Remo and Newhaven.

### Cowes

The shire supports a town boundary for Cowes and Silverleaves that includes the Phillip Island Golf Course, but won't support the broader Cowes protected settlement boundary until further planning work is undertaken, including the creation of a Cowes



Under the DAL, the old Phillip Island Airport site is located in a landscape of state significance and will remain outside the settlement boundary.

### Structure Plan to guide planning.

“Council is of the opinion that a critical point in time has been reached where the exhaustion of available land supply is approaching, and any decision to continue the consolidation of urban development within the existing settlement boundary must be well considered because not doing so could have serious implications for both the physical and social structure of Cowes.

“It is Council's preference that before the protected settlement boundary is put in place further strategic work is undertaken that ensures the community understands the full implications of retaining the settlement boundary in its current locations.”

The shire also asks the government to delay locking in the town boundary until their controversial Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism Strategy (BURT) is completed.

Last year BURT received stinging criticism from conservationists who said Phillip Island would be changed forever under the proposal, which was a “land grab for massive developments”.

### Newhaven, San Remo

Under the draft SPP, San Remo's ultimate township boundary will be Punchbowl Road.

However, the shire's submission states before it will support this boundary, more planning work must be carried out to understand issues including “if infrastructure servicing

will impact the yield and feasibility of growing San Remo”.

At Newhaven, the SPP locks in Newhaven's town boundary at Boys Home Road.

According to the shire's 2010 San Remo, Newhaven and Cape Woolamai structure plan, the town boundary finishes at Samuel Amess Drive, overlooking Churchill Island, with land there earmarked as future residential “subject to a detailed structure plan and coastal vulnerability hazard assessment”, because it is low lying and environmentally sensitive.

But the shire states before it accepts Newhaven's protected settlement boundary, there must be “further investigation into the opportunities to develop Newhaven West in a manner that can protect its environmental values” (see separate article).

### Cape Woolamai

According to the draft SPP, the Phillip Island Airport site is located in a landscape of state significance and will remain outside the settlement boundary.

The shire says while the draft identifies these priorities, it is “silent about protecting these environmental values from threats that can result from retaining this land in the farming zone”.

The shire says before it can accept the draft, it “requires the identified areas of remnant native vegetation be acquired by the state government”.

“This will ensure the long-term protection of these attributes from all threats.”

### Farming, character

Local farmers and the Victorian Farmers Federation have lodged submissions critical of the draft SPP's planning controls, which will require farmers to get planning permits for fences and farm buildings.

The shire submission states it does not support these controls “as a number of seemingly minor agricultural activities will now require planning consideration”.

It calls for the rules to be redrafted to ensure buildings and works associated with agriculture be exempt from planning permit requirements.



## David v Goliath: miners take on residents

One of Victoria's largest sand miners has called for proposed state government planning rules to ensure Grantville's sand mines have no restrictions.

The call flies in the face of hundreds of individual resident submissions, which have been lodged ahead of the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) planning panel in March, which call for an end to sandmining in Grantville.

And it comes as several high-profile organisations, including the Bass Coast Shire, the Royal Botanic Gardens of Victoria and the Western Port Biosphere also call for a mining ban to protect Grantville's woodlands.

In its submission to the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), Holcim – which operates two mines through Grantville Sand and Gravel – notes “a small minority in the local community are actively attempting to gain support to preclude current and future quarry operations from being located within the Bass Coast Shire”.

“Given its standing in the top 20 Strategic Supply local government areas (LGA), the Bass Coast is currently listed as the highest priority LGA in Victoria to secure extractive resources through bolstered planning controls,” Holcim states.

Holcim operates more than 50 quarries, supplying such projects as the Wonthaggi Hospital, the North East Link, Sorrento Hotel and Monash Freeway widening.

Their submission states “demand for extractive resources is projected to double between 2015-2050 and a significant shortfall is forecast”.

“It is imperative both existing quarries and areas likely to host significant sand resources are not subject to restrictive planning controls. This will ensure Melbourne continues to benefit from access to affordable construction materials, close to the market.”



*Hundreds of residents and several high-profile organisations call for a mining ban to protect Grantville's woodlands.*

The company states the draft SPP should be strengthened in their favour.

It argues the draft's expansion of Significant Landscape Overlays (SLOs) should avoid sand quarries and should also “be removed where they currently sit over approved quarry operations”.

“The strategies should include the prioritisation of protection and quarry development within extractive areas.”

Holcim states landscape protections would be “in conflict” with the Victorian Government's Strategic Extractive Resource Areas (SERA) project, as well as the Bass Coast Shire Planning Scheme, which states the shire will: “protect known and potential sand resources in the long term; and manage extractive industry in response to surrounding land uses and the natural environment”.

### Push back

Bass Coast Shire joined the chorus of submissions against sand mining, arguing the draft SPP must provide greater certainty about how to balance the protection of significant biodiversity, including threatened species, “from unnecessary destruc-

tion and encroachment from sand mining”.

“For Council to endorse the draft SPP, it must be amended to have a strong position about the protection of the environmental values in the Lang Lang to Grantville corridor,” the shire's submission states.

### More support

Scientists and land managers at the Royal Botanic Gardens of Victoria also lodged a submission to the draft SPP “stressing” protection for the Western Port Woodlands.

“These areas of native vegetation are significant not only in the context of the Bass Coast area, but across the entire west Gippsland plain, one of the most cleared areas of the state,” the Royal Botanic Gardens states.

The Western Port Biosphere's submission called for strengthened planning controls to create a biolink and wildlife corridor across the eastern side of Western Port, where there are currently a number of existing or planned sand quarries.

“The Foundation recognises the need for economic development, so is not opposed to sand quarries per se – but this area is of high conservation value and needs better protection,” the Biosphere submission says.

There are also countless individual submissions – the most on any issue – calling for environmental protection against sand mining in Grantville.

“We don't want a veneer of forest hiding devastation,” wrote one.

“The draft SPP is written from a human perspective with human needs and wants having priority over the needs of all the other varied lifeforms which have no voice and no choice in this process,” stated another submission.

As previously reported in the Advertiser, other submissions supporting a ban on sand mining included the Phillip Island Conservation Society and Save Western Port Woodlands.



*How many people can inhabit Phillip Island without damaging it environmentally, losing its character and overloading infrastructure services? Island Voice has called for a thorough analysis.*

## Residents defy developers: “stop the destruction”

Resident and environment groups have pushed back against pressure from developers, supporting the state government's proposed new planning controls to protect Phillip Island's landscapes.

Peak resident group Island Voice lodged a submission to the state government's upcoming planning panel on Bass Coast's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) saying they “strongly supported” locking in town boundaries to “protect the island from overdevelopment, settlement creep, and over-population”.

“This is the single most important issue in maintaining the island environment and liveability for islanders,” the submission states.

“Residents and visitors to Phillip Island and other coastal areas of Bass Coast have chosen to live and visit because of the special nature of these places.

“These areas cannot be allowed to become urban sprawl located by the sea and the DAL, if implemented well, can prevent this.”

Furthermore, the Island Voice submission calls for the DAL to determine population limits.

“How many people can inhabit a place like Phillip Island without damaging it environmentally, losing its character and overloading the services, as human population and development are the major threats to the environment and to reducing the island's attraction for visitors.”

The Island Voice submission calls for clarification in the DAL where high density development and infill can occur, and which can be supported by existing infrastructure, such as water, schools, sewage and parking, while also still retaining town character and habitat.

It also questions why the DAL will be reviewed every decade.

“Yet this document is meant to guide development and provide certainty for 50 years. What will be reviewed?”

### Protection

There are numerous individual submissions in favour of the planning controls and town boundaries, proposed in the DAL.

One submitter wrote the DAL was “overdue”.

“We are fast becoming an extension of Melbourne. The strategies – if and when implemented – will stop the destruction and start repairing the damage.”

Another said: “The character and boundaries of small coastal townships needs to be maintained”.

“Increased tourism often destroys the very qualities that attracted visitors in the first place,” they added.

A Phillip Island resident said the proposed town boundary already allowed for “a lot of increased urban development and sprawl”.

“Phillip Island has a lot of pressure to develop more housing. Urbanisation needs to be contained.

“San Remo character has morphed from a fishing village into an ugly suburb. The coastal habitats

are long gone. So it needs to be contained.

“Developers need stricter guidelines about preserving our environment ... I look forward to not seeing indiscriminate destruction of habitat that happens now as new housing is constructed.”

A San Remo resident wrote: “If we continue at the same rate of development, the urban sprawl will destroy the very values that attract people to Bass Coast both as residents and tourists.”

Several people agreed the coastline was “special and should be preserved” and “expansion would destroy the character that the residents so highly value”.

### Newhaven, National Trust

The Newhaven Resident's Group urged the DAL to retain the character of Newhaven “as a village with its historic underlay”, adding it should not be absorbed or merged into Cape Woolamai or San Remo.

“It must retain its own identity,” the submission stated.

The Bass Coast branch of the National Trust welcomed the DAL, saying it “gives us great hope for the future of Bass Coast and we share many of its ideals”.

The Trust submission states new residential development in the green breaks between settlements should be discouraged.

“All new development should be controlled so that its size and architectural style is appropriate to, and respects the neighbourhood character of the settlement in which it is located.”

There were numerous submissions opposing large residential development at Cape Paterson.

### Dogs

Birdlife Australia also lodged a submission stating increased human visitation had a serious impact on beach-nesting birds and other beach-dwelling wildlife.

“Increased human visitation results in an increase in the number of off-leash dogs and they have been identified as a major threat to beach-nesting bird breeding success.

“Therefore, beaches need to be identified as a critical landscape feature and their habitat value needs to be considered in strategic planning processes.”

Birdlife Australia called for the DAL to give the coastal environment – beaches and dune systems – high environmental, biodiversity and ecological value.

It added that building physical barriers, such as rock walls, should be “an option of last resort”.

“It is imperative that future sea-level rise and climate change impacts are considered in planning and decision-making with particular emphasis on the negative flow-on impacts on coastal habitats,” Birdlife Australia says.

Parks Victoria's submission highlighted that proposed new planning permits for buildings and works – including vegetation removal – would duplicate existing requirements.

## Tourism development first, then landscape protection: industry

The tourism industry has called on the state government to ensure planning controls on Phillip Island don't deter new tourism businesses.

Destination Phillip Island's submission to the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) planning panel, said the proposed planning controls should “not result in a blanket prohibition of new and expanded regional tourism opportunities”.

Operators of the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit say their 370ha property is impacted by a proposed significant landscape overlay, describing the changes as “inappropriate and unnecessary”, imposing “further bureaucratic controls”, including vegetation removal.

Phillip Island Nature Parks argued it supports a “careful balance between protecting the character and enabling economic growth for the region”.

“The Nature Parks has long sought to protect the boundaries of the park from the effects of inappropriate development by advocating for ‘buffer zones’, and the new proposed significant landscape overlays, along with the containment of urban growth within settlement boundaries, will go a long way to achieving this while also protecting the unique features of these landscapes,” PINP's submission states.

“While this protection is highly valued, it may also present some challenges to developing Phillip Island as a desirable destination through high quality and environmentally friendly development.

“The Nature Parks supports some appropriate development to strengthen the visitor economy.”



*Operators of the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit have lodged a submission arguing proposed landscape protections were “inappropriate and unnecessary”.*

PINP states while the majority of tourism development can be built in town boundaries, developments such as wineries and “environmentally immersive accommodation opportunities” were better suited to rural land.

It states Nature Parks supports the controversial Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism Strategy (BURT). Last year BURT received stinging criticism from conservationists who said Phillip Island would be changed forever under the proposal, which was a “land grab for massive developments”.

PINP suggests the government should retain strong landscape control for Phillip Island “but provide an opportunity for appropriate development where sympathetic designs can be achieved”.

The submission then goes on to say several of Phillip Island's tourism developments “may not have evolved in the way they have” if the DAL was in place when they started, including the penguin parade.

“The Nature Parks would encourage this policy to include an objective within this section or the Sustainable Economic Development that enables the renewal of such critical tourism infrastructure.”

Nature Parks also said while the DAL seeks to protect views from land, it fails to recognise perspective from the sea.

DPI

Destination Phillip Island's submission acknowledges that while “the environment is a major part of our economy”, this should nevertheless not take precedence over new tourism opportunities.

The submission states attractions such as the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, A Maze'N Things, Phillip Island Chocolate Factory and Nature Parks are not inside existing town boundaries.

“There are also many other small-scale businesses including rural accommodation, farm gate sales, and restaurants that co-exist with traditional farming activities outside of settlement boundaries,” DPI says.

“Particularly as Phillip Island and the visitor economy recovers from the global pandemic, these existing businesses should rightly be given the opportunity to grow and thrive.”

It calls on the government to reduce the impact of planning approvals on businesses in the farming zone, especially those under proposed Significant Landscape Overlays.

Phillip Island tourism contributes 16 per cent to the regional economy.



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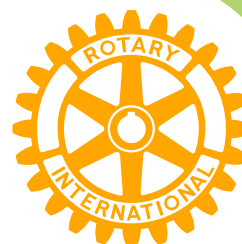
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# Andy Scott's Honky Tonk swings into Cowes

Phillip Island Jazz presents Andy Scott's Honky Tonk Swing Band on Sunday, January 15, from 2pm – 4pm at the Phillip Island Bowling Club.

This year Andy Scott and band are back with a more string based western swing band in the tradition of Billy Jack Wills and brother Bob Wills.

The more jazz-based swing bands of the 1920s through to the late 50s shared a fair amount of repertoire with western swing bands of the era. The western bands included country music, fiddle tunes and blues played on stringed instruments as well as piano, bass, drums and trumpet. Expect melodic standards with vocals by Andy and Matt and instrumentals western style.

Lineup: Matt Kirch on guitar and vocals, Sam Lemann on guitar, Steve Grant on piano, Lachland Wallace on drums, Steve Temple on trumpet and leader Andy Scott on bass and vocals.

For those not aware western swing music is a subgenre of American country music that originated in the late 1920s in the west

and south among the region's western string bands.

It's dance music, often with a tempo beat, which attracted huge crowds to dance halls and clubs in Texas, Oklahoma and California during the 1930s and 1940s until a federal war-time nightclub tax in 1944 contributed to the genre's decline.

The movement was an outgrowth of jazz. The music is an amalgamation of rural, cowboy, polka, old-time, Dixieland jazz, and blues blended with swing; and played by a hot string band often augmented with drums, saxophones, pianos and, notably, the steel guitar. The electrically amplified stringed instruments, especially the steel guitar, give the music a distinctive sound. Later incarnations have also included overtones of bebop.

Western swing differs in several ways from the music played by the nationally popular, horn-driven big swing bands of the same era. In western bands, even fully orchestrated bands, vocals, and other instruments followed the fiddle's lead. Additionally, although popular horn bands tended to arrange and

score their music, most western bands improvised freely, either by soloists or collectively.

Prominent groups during the peak of Western swing's popularity included The Light Crust Doughboys, Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, Milton Brown and His Musical Brownies, Spade Cooley and His Orchestra and Hank Thompson And His Brazos Valley Boys. Contemporary groups include Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen, Asleep at the Wheel, Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys and the Hot Club of Cowtown.

According to country singer Merle Travis: "Western swing is nothing more than a group of talented country boys, unschooled in music, but playing the music they feel, beating a solid two-four rhythm to the harmonies that buzz around their brains. When it escapes in all its musical glory, you have western swing." And does it swing? You betcha!!

Venue is Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes commencing at 2pm. Entry is \$20 for members and \$25 for visitors.

Please contact Robin – 0432 814 407 or Jill – 0417 416 300 to purchase tickets.



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## Melodies to make your day

The dates for Morning Melodies have moved, but don't worry, you'll still be able to enjoy world-class entertainment at The Centre, 223 Settlement Road, Cowes.

Morning Melodies is now on the second Friday of the month at 10.30am, so make a note of these dates and get in early to secure your tickets.

Upcoming shows:

Friday, February 10: Gavin Chatelier Legends and Love Songs

Friday, March 10: ABBA Tribute with Sister Diva

Friday, April 14: John Rowles/Tom Jones/ Engelbert Tribute with Eddie James

Friday May 12: The Great Classics of the 50s, 60s and 70s Show

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Morning Melodies in Cowes on the second Friday of the month at 10.30am, at The Centre, 223 Settlement Road, Cowes. Eddie James' tribute to Tom Jones, John Rowles and Engelbert Humperdinck is just one of the fantastic shows on offer.

## Reflect, respect and celebrate

Gathering together and having fun is the primary objective of the Australia Day celebrations to be held in the Rhyll Hall and Park on Thursday January 26.

With the underlying theme of Reflect, Respect and Celebrate, the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo along with the Phillip Island and District Historical Society hopes people of all ages and from all nationalities, cultures and backgrounds will join together for an afternoon of fun activities, music, art and food.

Doug Waugh, President of the Phillip Island and District Historical Society said: "There are so many activities for the family, from the stilt walker, to the balloonist, face painters and clowns and of course the amazing African drumming group Djembe, who will also provide those interested with a workshop. This is in addition to the great music from the Rockhouse Band

and Gary Maher."

Those wishing for a more sedate afternoon can enjoy the art exhibition inside the historic Rhyll Hall which will feature works from world-famous award-winning artist David Taylor, as well as other award-winning artists, Dianna Edwards, Carolyne O'Callaghan, Jenny Jackson, Joy Brentwood and many others.

"By special request the Phillip Island Historical Society will offer rarely seen historical photographs in its collection for sale," said Doug.

There will be a variety of food vendors offering their delights. The event starts at 11am and goes until 3pm on Thursday January 26 at the Rhyll Mechanics Hall and Park in Rhyll.

"We are all in this together," said Doug.

"Let's reflect and celebrate our good fortune in living in this wonderful land."



Melbourne's African drumming group, Djembe, is one of several bands appearing at the Australia Day celebrations at the Rhyll Hall and park. The event is being organised by Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo with the Phillip Island and District Historical Society.

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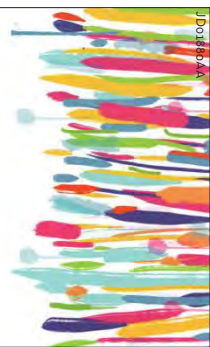
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DAK's recycling pelican sculpture sits proudly on the San Remo foreshore. Photo: Michelle Diggins.



This DAK sculpture is at the entrance to Scenic Estate, one of many adorning public spaces and private homes across Phillip Island.

# Farewell DAK

Friends of well-known Phillip Island artist DAK (David Alexander Kopelman) gathered at the Phillip Island Boardriders Club this week to celebrate his life.

A unique and colourful character, DAK's artwork adorns homes and public spaces across Phillip Island and San Remo.

His decorated panel van was a familiar sight around the island, and he was usually seen with his duck by his side.

This comment from Mat Bowtell, from Free 3D Hands summed up the sentiments of messages left on social media.

"The reason he was such a good artist is be-

cause he had such a beautiful, pure and kind soul. He understood the beauty in the world that most of us take for granted. I am so saddened by his passing but so grateful to have known him. DAK was truly a legend in our community that will be greatly missed ..."

Many commented on the incredible legacy he left behind, saying his memory will live on in his artwork.

A video showcasing his metal work is on the ACMI website: <https://www.acmi.net.au/works/117268--dak-david-alexander-kopelman/>

[www.stuffbydak.com/about](http://www.stuffbydak.com/about)

# A taste of surfing history

A stunning collection of vintage surfboards on display at Bang Bang Bar and Food in Cape Woolamai is capturing the history of Victorian and Phillip Island surfing.

The brainchild of local surfer Lindsay Becker who runs Tattoo's by Lindsay and founded Phillip Island Surfboard Display and Bang Bang's owner Pat O'Garey, this is a museum with a twist.

The boards have been mounted on the roof and walls of the popular bar and restaurant. There's no entry fee and surfing enthusiasts are welcome to wander in, enjoy a beer and take in the surfing history.

Anyone dining in the restaurant will also get to enjoy the display which reflects the pair's passion for surfing and for the history of board making.

"We have a real appreciation of the history and craftsmanship of board making, both in Victoria and nationally," Pat explained.

"It is an amazing array of surfboards and there are some special ones that are really historically significant."

The boards date from the 60s through to the 1990s, with a focus on the 70s and 80s.

Board makers such as Klemm Bell and Russell Francis, as well as shapers from Island and Islantis eras are included in the showcase. It also features many shapers from Victoria's west coast, such as Pat Morgan, Wayne Lynch, Greg Brown and Don Allcroft.

"We picked what we thought was relevant for the display or for the history of surfing around Victoria," Pat said.

While many of the boards have been ridden, Pat said some are "old school boards and you wouldn't want to ride and damage them". He said the craftsmanship of the old boards is what is most appealing.

Pat believes the display is unique in Victoria, with the only other major surfboard display in the Australian National Surfing Museum in Torquay.

A way to showcase the rich surfing history of the area, he said it was another way of supporting the surfing community - "a bit of giving back".

"We live on a surfing island and people love and are passionate about surfing."

And there's plenty more to come.

"It will be an evolving display, so we might hang up some more, or change the boards."

"We've got a plethora of boards still to run through the display. We could have had two Bang Bang's and it still wouldn't have fitted."




Coming soon is a QR code system for each board, so people can scan and get some background and history of the board and shaper.

Get a taste of surfing history with a visit to Bang Bang at 13/18 Phillip Island Road, Cape Woolamai. Open from 2pm every day over summer except Wednesday.

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# Pop Up art continues

The fourth PICES Pop Up Exhibition held a special opening night, to celebrate a month showcasing local and regional artists.

Over four weeks, 26 talented artists from Phillip Island and beyond will be showcased at the exhibition at Ramada Resort.

Week one of the exhibition included David Bell, Pauline Grotto, Cassie Leatham, Jenny Loft, Kim McDonald and Jillian Mitchell.

The exhibition runs until the end of January.

**Week Two, January 11 – 16:** Adam Cox, Sue Guildford, Carolyn Goldberg, Ajanta Judd, Lindy Patterson, Karen Preston, Ellen Taylor.

**Week Three, January 18 – 23:** Tamara Bailey, Diana Bannister, Imelda Bailey, Janis House, Jeremy Kasper, Margaret Langtip, Kim Wood.

**Week Four, January 25 – 30:** Sian Adnam, Karen Allen, Karli Duckett, Tessa Hubble, Anne Mestitz, Helen Phillip.



Several of the artists who will showcase their work at the Art show: Cassie Leatham, Kim McDonald, Karen Preston, David Bell, Karli Duckett, Pauline Grotto, Karen Allen, Jillian Mitchell and Imelda Daly.



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The house has a well-established garden and the property also includes farm shedding and stock handling facilities. Auction this Saturday, 12 noon on site.



The property is set on 18 acres (approx.) with a creek frontage and water reserve crown lease which adds at least another five acres of grazing. Auction this Saturday, 12 noon on site.

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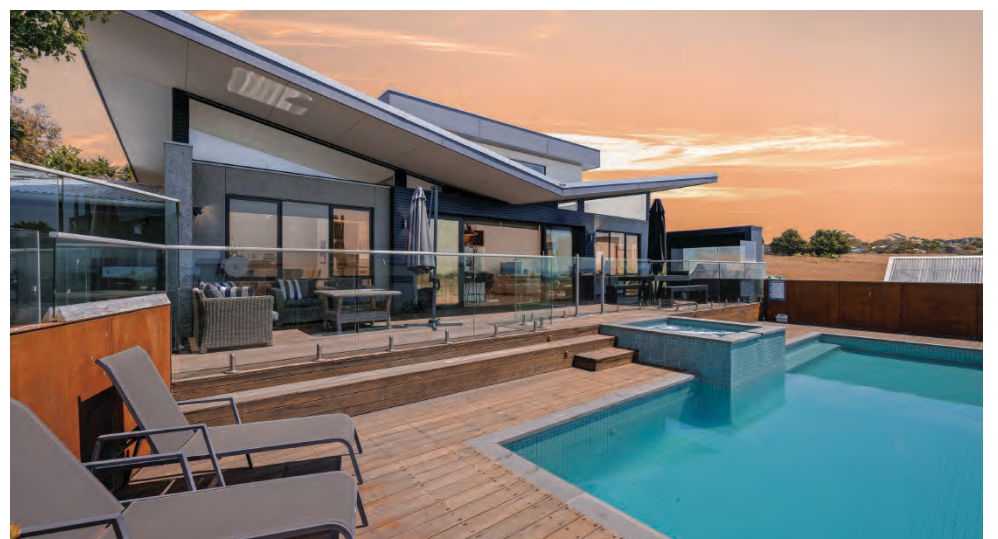
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The rear, covered deck has incredible views, a 10m x 4m solar heated horizon pool and gas heated spa.

## Iconic coastal lifestyle

In an enviable position and privately nestled within a gated community, this exquisite San Remo property delivers a coastal lifestyle like no other.

Situated on an expansive 2093sqm (approx.) parcel of land, the architecturally designed five-bedroom home with an enhanced contemporary focus has been perfectly positioned to make the most of the northerly aspect and spectacular views across Westernport Bay.

Entry to the property leads to the thoughtfully executed floor plan with four bedrooms all with built in robes. The master suite and third bedroom have their own private ensuites with the remaining two bedrooms sharing access to another bathroom with shower, bath and toilet. The fifth bedroom is accessed from the dining area and could be utilised as a study/office space or extra guest accommodation.

This unmatched residence enjoys the beauty of water and rural views from nearly all spaces with a bright and airy feel. The massive open plan living space has a hostess kitchen with Miele appliances, butler's pantry and island bench and adjoining dining area. The spacious living area with combustion fireplace leads to the rear, covered deck with its incredible views, solar 10m x 4m solar heated horizon pool and gas heated spa. Enjoy the spectacu-

lar sunsets, kangaroos coming to visit in this private oasis you will never want to leave!

This impressive package offers a multitude of other features including but not limited to: ducted heating and cooling, French Oak flooring, double glazed windows throughout, 25,000 litres of water tanks, 10KW solar panel system.

A 1.5 car garage with internal access and driveway space offering plenty of extra parking for boats/caravans is surrounded by landscaped gardens; including its own greenhouse and outdoor shower with hot and cold water.

You will find everything has been thought of at this unique property.

Situated at the gateway to Phillip Island and only a short walk to the sandy beaches of San Remo and its village, the location of this unique property is further enhanced.

Currently achieving a great return on holiday rental, this will appeal to investors as well as those who want to enjoy living in a slice of paradise.

Address: 5 Breeze Court, San Remo  
Price: \$1,890,000  
Contact: Jaime Morris, Stockdale & Leggo, 0408 367 310.



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**143 PYRAMID ROCK ROAD, VENTNOR**



- 'Kurana' – one of the districts finest farms set on 156 acres (approx.)
  - Four-bedroom home with an additional two bedroom cottage
  - First time offered in 80 years
- CONTACT AGENT**

**10 GLAMIS ROAD, VENTNOR**



- Secluded 3.7 acres (approx.) with sweeping views of Bass Strait
  - Well fenced for horses or small number of livestock
  - Double garage, shedding & workshop
  - 5 bed/2 bath/8 car
- \$2,600,000 to \$2,800,000**

**216 COWES-RHYLL ROAD, RHYLL**



- Totally self-sufficient, 7-star energy rated home.
  - Set on 4.48ha (approx.) with sweeping views of Westernport Bay and French Island
  - 3 Bedrooms/1 Bathroom/4 Cars
- \$3,100,000**

**3 GLAMIS ROAD, VENTNOR**



- Breathtaking location, directly above one of the Island's most spectacular surf breaks with uninterrupted views of Berry's Beach and surrounding headlands
  - Tennis court & ornamental lake situated on approx. 2.5 acres
  - 3 Beds/2 baths/2 cars
- EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**85 RIDGWAY ROAD, KILCUNDA**



- First time offered in 60 years, set on 18 acres (approx.) with creek frontage
  - Well maintained 2-bedroom brick home with open plan living and established gardens
  - Sweeping views of the Kilcunda Coast
- AUCTION SAT 14TH JANUARY 2023 @ 12PM ON SITE**

**43 BATMAN STREET, SURF BEACH**



- Located on The Esplanade at Surf Beach with superb ocean views from Cape Woolamai to Pyramid Rock
  - Massive 3 bay garage with entry to the home
  - 3 Bedrooms/1 Bathroom/4 Cars
- \$1,950,000 to 2,100,000**

**7 SETTLEMENT ROAD, SILVERLEAVES**



- 3.5 acres (approx.) with a modern farmhouse
  - Adjacent to Cowes Golf Club and walking distance to popular Silverleaves Beach
  - 4 bed/2 bath/2 car
- \$1,800,000 to \$1,900,000**

**10 DUNVEGAN CRESCENT, SURF BEACH**



- Historic homestead with amazing water and rural views
  - Set on an impressive 1956m<sup>2</sup> allotment with established gardens
  - 4 bed/2 bath/3 car
- \$2,000,000 to \$2,100,000**

**23 BOOBOOK GROVE, COWES**



- Double storey home with open plan living
  - Covered alfresco area leading to inground pool
  - 4 bedrooms/2 bathrooms/2 cars
- \$890,000 TO \$930,000**

**LOT 2 COWES-RHYLL ROAD, COWES**



- Approx. 80 acres with views over Westernport Bay and the Rhyll Inlet
  - Offering excellent sites for a home STCA
- \$1,500,000 to \$1,600,000**

**349 COGHAN ROAD, SILVERLEAVES**



- Situated only 100m to the beautiful north facing Silverleaves beach
  - Large north facing open plan kitchen, dining & living area
  - 4 Beds/2 Baths/2 Cars
- \$1,400,000**

**28 FISHER STREET, VENTNOR**



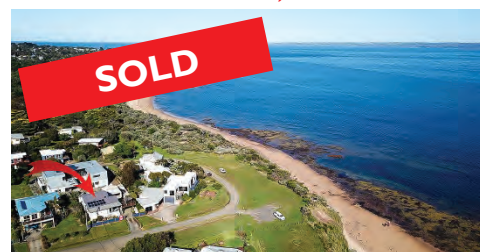
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**603 VENTNOR BEACH ROAD, VENTNOR**



- Situated on a large 1600m<sup>2</sup> (approx.) allotment
  - Short 1 minute stroll to the beach
  - 3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms/3 cars
- \$1,500,000 TO \$1,600,000**

**18 DOUGLAS ROAD, COWES**



- What a location! One street from main shopping strip
  - Set on a huge 1949m<sup>2</sup> allotment
  - 3 bed/1 bath/2 car
- EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**340 SETTLEMENT ROAD, COWES**



- Perfectly positioned, close to all Cowes has to offer
  - Great investment opportunity
  - 3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms/double carport
- \$749,000**

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This superb family home at Newhaven is beautifully and tastefully renovated top to bottom, combining modern living with elements of its original vintage.



A one-bedroom luxury apartment located above the single garage enjoys commanding water views, with a new kitchen reverse cycle air-conditioning, modern and sparkling bathroom, hardwood floors and spacious open-air deck.

# Newhaven charm – location perfect

Beautifully and tastefully renovated top to bottom, inside and out and enjoying modern living combined with elements of its original vintage, this superb family home at Newhaven will not only surprise you, but will provide comfort and enjoyment for years to come.

Set amongst charming and established gardens, every aspect of the property has been designed to accommodate, including four bedrooms at ground level (two with own bathrooms), and a spectacular self-contained guest apartment above enjoying sunlit bay and regional views. You'll not discover another quite as luxurious in the region.

Offering dual access, the property has been tastefully redesigned and renovated to include a brilliant one-bedroom luxury apartment located above the single garage. This exclusive premium retreat enjoys commanding water views. A new kitchen with stainless steel appliances, new reverse cycle air-conditioning, modern and sparkling bathroom, hardwood floors and spacious open-air deck, makes this modern apartment the ideal guest retreat or idyllic home office space.

Traditionally set front living room and master bedroom with walk in robe plus built in robes are all preserved in very much the original style, with both presenting a refreshing garden outlook and enjoying the morning light.

In addition rooms retain original cornice detail, polished floorboards, stained glass feature door, mantel, and sash windows both up



The dining room overlooks the cleverly designed enclosed atrium – a stunning alfresco dining and lounge area framed by established grape vines and lined with a textural stone.

to date and double glazed. The gas woodfire heater is temperature controlled by the touch of a remote and remains true to the era.

There are a further two bedrooms, both with built in robes, one with serene atrium outlook and the other self-contained with its own ensuite. The original section of the home pays tribute to the past while embracing the new and the inclusion of a spa-

cious, modern bathroom including rich timber vanity, a highlight within this superb family residence.

The fourth bedroom again with ensuite, is perfect for guests or live-in accommodation, featuring its own grape vine draped veranda to the backyard and separate entrance. The home office overlooks the atrium offering natural light. The spacious and versatile laundry

has direct access to the rear garden and enjoys a tranquil outlook.

The hub of the home, the modern kitchen, featuring 900mm cooktop, signature splashback and Caesar stone island benchtop and stunning hardwood flooring opens to the dining room and overlooks the cleverly designed enclosed atrium – a stunning alfresco dining and lounge area framed by established grape vines

and lined with a textural stone, a feature throughout the property. This is perfect for use in all seasons, with stacker doors seamlessly connecting indoors to out.

The separate entrance, independent garage and car spaces make it perfect for income potential or simply a welcoming haven for family and friends.

Set privately amongst magnificent established trees and gardens, including fruit trees and fragrant herbs, this property is truly one to enjoy "staying in". With dual access, sealed driveways and two remote controlled garages, one single and one double with oversized ceiling and extra storage, internal access and a garden shed, the property is well suited to accommodate extra vehicles and or a substantial workshop.

Located in the quiet seaside town of Newhaven, the home is superbly located to enjoy the local shopping strip, Saltwater Restaurant and lovely waterside strolls, including the local Marina. Set ideally between the larger townships of San Remo and Cowes with local schools and kindergartens to choose from and surrounded by magnificent beaches and coastal walks, this tranquil family home is placed perfectly for the ultimate beachside lifestyle and all a brief and convenient 90 minute drive from the South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne

**Address:** 18 Forrest Avenue, Newhaven.  
**The property is held by** Garth Lisle Real Estate San Remo 3/129 Marine Parade, San Remo VIC.  
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**19 Hazelwood Rd San Remo**  
**Price:** \$629,000  
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**14 Harrington Dve San Remo**  
**Price:** Expressions of Interest  
**4 bedrooms / 3 bathrooms / 4 cars**

This charming property offers space and convenience and allows for room to improve. Perfectly suited as a family home or investment property.

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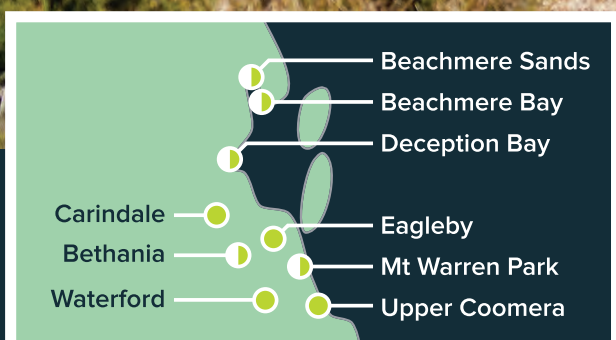
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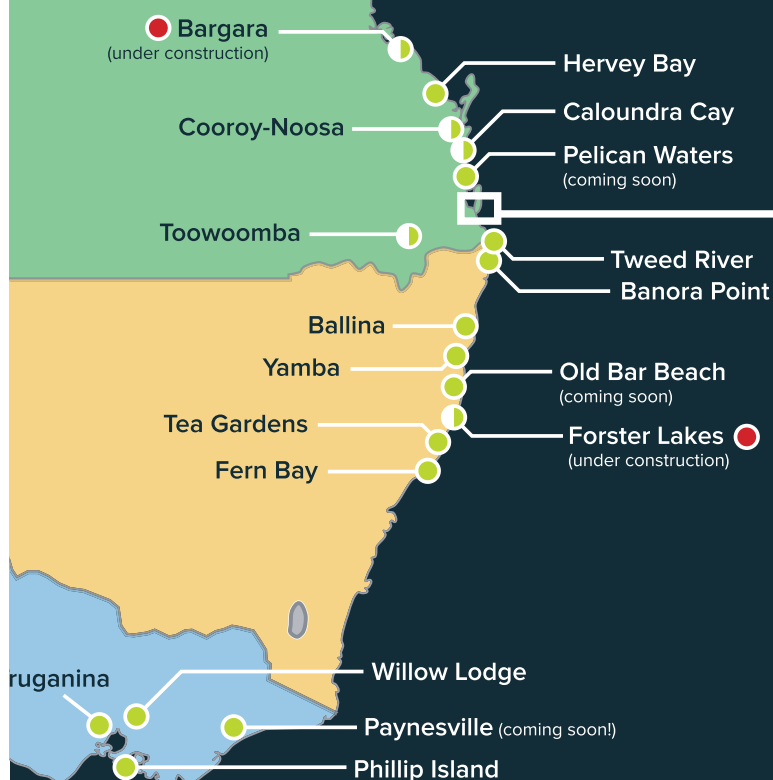
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All the thought that has gone into this property means you don't have to do a thing – just move in and enjoy.

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Address: 23 Hope Way, Cowes  
Contact: Michael McLeod, First National Real Estate, Cowes on 0412 712 034  
Price: \$1,100,000 – \$1,200,000  
Features: Four bedrooms, two bathrooms, three car space.



This original Sunset Strip property is low maintenance, with ample room to spread out and enjoy this quiet location.

## Perfect home/lifestyle/location/investment

This original Sunset Strip home covers all the bases. The low maintenance property has ample room for expansion, to further enjoy this quiet location.

A tenant currently enjoys all the features of this property, including self-contained bedroom and bathroom. En-

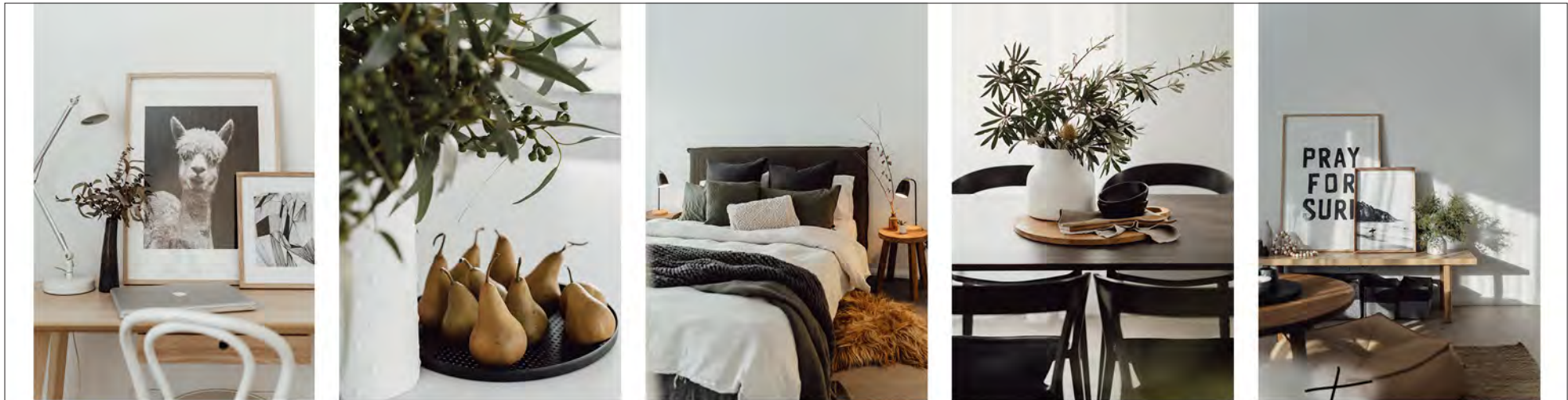
tertaining family and friends is easy.

Beach access to Smiths Beach is but a very short bike ride, with access to all of Phillip Island bike paths another feature. The period features only add to the character of this property.

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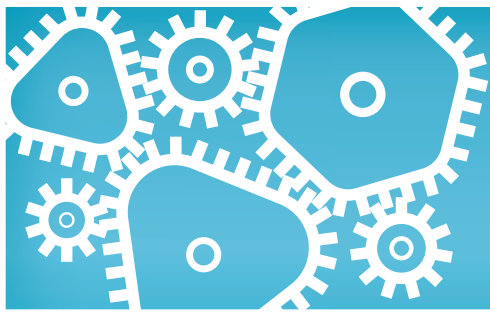
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Permanent Part Time – Closes 29/01/2023

#### Associate Nurse Unit Manager – Emergency

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Permanent Full time – Closes 22/01/2023

#### Medical Workforce Manager

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# Who was Olive Justice?

Olive Justice Place in Chapel Street, Cowes, is becoming better known in the local community, and is even being used for little events run by the Council and community. For example, last Saturday the Phillip Island Conservation Society hosted the annual free Animals of Oz presentation there.

Visitors are also beginning to take advantage of the picnic tables and open space in this pocket park in the middle of the Cowes business district.

While there, visitors can read the signage which tells them a little bit about Olive Justice having lived on that land, and shows her smiling face when she was aged in her 40s.

As one of Olive's great-nieces, local historian Christine Grayden is currently producing a series of short YouTube videos using audio from old cassette tapes onto which Olive recorded some of her memories while aged in her 90s.

The videos include photos from Olive's collection, and from other sources such as the Phillip Island and District Historical Society's collection. As more information about Olive comes to light, Christine is also supplementing Olive's memories with extra information

added into the videos.

Eventually a QR code on the information sign at Olive Justice Place will link directly to the YouTube channel. However, a YouTube search for "Olive Justice – Phillip Island Memories" will also quickly find the channel.

So far Christine has uploaded a video of Olive's memories as a teenager working on the family's dairy farm in Anchorage Road, Ventnor, and another of Olive's account of the Cowes regatta, circa 1915, at which her then-boyfriend Reg Justice and one of her two brothers won the regatta in their old boat against lots of "swanky boats".

Future videos will feature Reg as a blacksmith and also operating the San Remo to Newhaven punt for 15 years; Olive's interest in fashions; her sister Marguerite Grayden; and Marguerite's autograph book which reads like a Who's Who of the extended Grayden clan and their friends over the first 40 years of the 20th century.

Christine encourages everyone curious to know more about Olive Justice, whose long life spanned almost the whole of the 20th century, to visit the YouTube channel and hear about Olive's life in her own words.



*Olive Justice striking a pose in her bathers in the garden, approximately 1950s. The pocket park in Chapel Street, Cowes is named in her honour.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Who's gonna save us? Take3

Usually Federal and state governments "put out garbage" when everybody's distracted by events like Christmas. But now here in Bass Coast! The go ahead for Cowes Masterplan is surely a major disappointment, all on the strength of 100 verbals, 43 (multiple choice) surveys and eight written submissions. Does nobody remember the amount of community interaction for 2015 Cowes Activity Plan? Are these "tweaks" or twerks?

Cars are the problem, not solution. Isn't it a worldwide priority to find ways to keep cars out of urban centres? Final tweak to plan, change direction of traffic, from south to north travel, and retain some angle parking, is nothing less than pathetic, lack of leadership. Cars come in convoys, often too close together, even when stopped, for pedestrians to cross. Traffic lights can break the stream but, yet again, tweaked out.

Cowes is an example of vested interest overriding basics of town planning. How much sense is it for everything along Thompson Avenue? How ridiculous must it look that we talk about "rural village feel" with two monster supermarkets, not on the outskirts, but bang in middle of this one street town? Because they're such huge lumps of masonry, we now have Cowes Community Cultural Centre 18 metres tall, which now allows same height for hotels!

How can they be so dependent on three or four car parks? Back during community consultation for the 2005 Plan, consultants did question that the core of town, Thompson between Chapel and The Esplanade, was occupied by so many estate agents, banks, pharmacies and monster newsagent. Could they not be relocated, as in other towns, as basis of broader town centre?

Brett Tessari talks about northbound travel for view of "arrival". Who can pay attention to anything other than rear end of the car in front? Isn't it not until you're out of car that you start to enjoy the view? Through the window, you might just as well stay home, watching on screen. Could Youth Council save us from enduring disappointing perceptions of old codger councillors?

Bernie McComb, Cowes

### Garage sale eyesore

Absolutely love a garage sale. But what annoys me, are the garage sale signs that are left standing on street corners and elsewhere, days and weeks after the garage sale has come and gone. They become an eyesore on our island. Please remove your garage sale signs when your sale is over. If you can put them up, take them down.

Darren Murphy, Cowes

### At what cost?

Residents of Phillip Island and surrounds will be aware of the Council's proposal to implement a project to pave all roads, install footpaths and upgrade the drainage systems for Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach.

What is totally unknown is the financial cost to property owners who are likely to be charged in excess of 95 per cent of the total cost, with Council contributing petty cash.

There is deep concern across the community about the impact not only on the environment, the native flora and fauna and the significant

change to lifestyles this proposal brings, but also the stress many will face in trying to fund their expected contribution.

Estimates range from \$20,000 to \$40,000 per property and while the Council experts tell us they have a range of options to help those struggling with this cost, no one has any idea what the final charge will be.

We can get a good understanding of the Council's financial management skills from the new Cultural Centre. This project was initially budgeted at \$19 million plus a \$1.8 million for design and demolition of the old building.

With the centre nowhere near completed, this project is now budgeted at \$31 million (plus the original \$1.8 milion), a budget blowout of over 60 per cent and it's not even finished. It appears the community was either lied to initially about the cost, or the project management has been more than incompetent.

No wonder those living in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay have little if any confidence in information provided by the Council and are stressed about the final outcome, which will likely be far more than the \$30,000 or \$40,000 suggested.

This proposal must be voted out. If you are a property owner you can add your name to the NO vote by signing the petition available at Ms Dipitys Coffee Van or the Bottle-O, on Phillip Island Road, Surf Beach.

To do nothing is tantamount to support of this proposal and exposes us all to a crippling financial burden from which many will never recover.

Rob Chandler, Surf Beach

### Drainage maintenance

In December an elderly resident was out at 6am trying to unblock the outlet to a council pipe in Surf Crescent at Manly Place as water was flowing into Manly Place due council's negligence to maintain their own infrastructure. This resulted in a property in Manly Place flooding with flood water flowing through a number of properties in Phillip Island Road.

A check of a number of VicRoads culverts, shows that a majority of them are blocked with silt, weeds, pruning and vehicle debris. The worst blockage occurs about 80 metres toward the San Remo side of Sunderland Bay Road where the grated drainage pit in Phillip Island Road even now has water backed up to the level of the kerb. This blockage causes the water from Sunderland Bay Road to flood the ocean side of the intersection and not allow stormwater to escape from Sunderland Bay Estate.

It is time for both VicRoads and Bass Coast Shire Council to inspect their infrastructure and maintain it regularly as is listed in their maintenance policies. Council has stated maintenance for the estates will continue through this Special Charge Scheme consultation but I believe there is an ulterior motive for lack of maintenance. That is to drive ratepayers to accept Council's Special Charge Scheme and for each ratepayer to pay an average of more than \$25,000 per lot for the privilege of still having our roads flood every five years as is stated by council.

So come on council. Spend some of that money paid over the past 60 years by ratepayers of Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach Estates on our unique estates. Unique is a word continually used by council in describing our estates but to

council it is a throwaway word soon forgotten. Council's plan is to urbanise our estates to be another concrete and bitumen jungle to the detriment of residents and our abundant wildlife. This is not the reason that we bought or built in our unique estates.

Philip Davy, Surf Beach

### Sensor parking fail

The Council have spent \$377,000 installing sensor parking on the shopping streets in Cowes. This has proved to be a complete waste of funds. Why? Because visitors are now parking in the supermarket car parks where there are no restrictions and the elderly and disabled now cannot find a parking spot close to where they shop. Can the Council please have a rethink on this?

Trish Van Loon, Cowes

### Do doo the right thing

You and Fido are out for a nice walk one day. Nature calls Fido so you pause on your way. Enjoying the view, the bird song and trees, While Fido does doos then looks up pleased.

So you do the right thing, pick up fido's poo Into a bag. Now what do you do? Since it's bagged can you leave it on the ground? Cos in all that grass it will never be found. And you did buy a bag that said 'biodegradable' It all 'breaks down' it says on the label.

Well here's the drill folks, I'll put it to you straight That biodegradable bag is just not great. Give it 200 years it may all break up – Into microscopic fragments. That's ok right? Nup! Cos meantime it's shedding its toxic bits Of plastic chemicals wherever it fits. In dirt and in water and out to the sea And if I eat a sushi, plastic ends up in me!

But hang on you say "my bag is 'compostable' so the ground will absorb it - I'm sure that is possible." Well industrial compost is 60 degrees If the grass got that hot, would you really be pleased? And industrial compost has no air inside Can you walk where it's airless? Not something I've tried!

"No problem," you say "cause I paid extra cash for 'garden compostable', carbon footprint to slash. Any Green Thumb will tell you their compost must be All layered and tended – no critters to see Cos they're all busy under and inside that pile Not up on the surface like where your bag lies.

If your bag is pure plastic and nothing 'eco' It needs to be rid-binned, I'm sure that you know. It's great if your bag is composted at home Contributing to your garden's biome Or dropped in the green bin to go on its way To industrial compost to make dirt – hooray! But now that you've read this I'm sure you'll agree Your bag on the ground is the wrong place to be! Christine Grayden, Cowes



# The power of a football?

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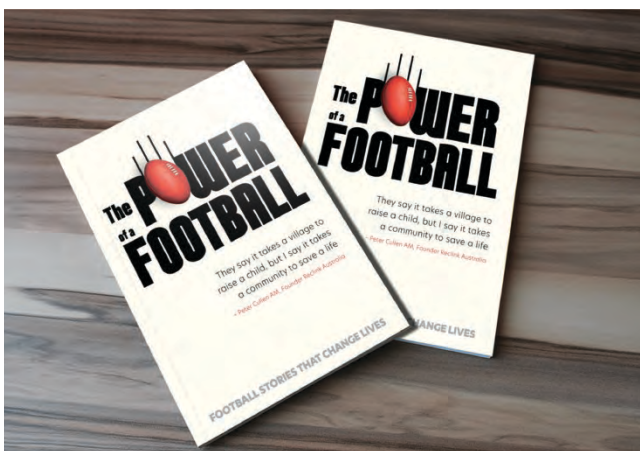
"This role is Reclink footy – footy for people experiencing social disadvantage," Peter said.

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*The Power of a Football is a collection of stories about Reclink's impact on lives and how football has helped it save lives, with 70 per cent of the profits from the book sales going to Reclink.*

are the recurrent themes of hope, passion, inspiration, confidence and the transformative nature of connection and purpose which AFL football provides.

From players graciously sharing their deeply personal stories – such as Raeles, the oldest player involved in Reclink, who credits Reclink with changing her life – to the stories of the passionate volunteers such as Laura. Laura was a year 12 student who found herself unexpectedly upgraded from helping to coaching the team, despite being younger than most of her players.

Read musician Tim Rogers' story on his lifelong love of footy and how stepping on

stage doesn't compare to the fear before he plays in the Reclink Community Cup, and rediscover respected journalist Martin Flanagan's Brave Hearts (first published in The Age) – the compelling story of a game he attended 20 years ago, one which he still considers one of the most memorable AFL games he's ever seen.

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Winners of Midweek bowls on a score of 35 were: Mark Andreatta (S), Luke Monckton (3), Chris Brooks (2) and George Crynes (L).

## Midweek bowls

Midweek bowls was held at Koo Wee Rup last week.

Great to be back following the Christmas break.

We really missed our bowls, but it was lovely to meet up with family and friends.

We started the year at Koo Wee Rup, and can I say what a pleasure it was. The weather was lovely, the green was in tip top condition and the company was excellent.

It was good to see everyone laughing and having fun.

Friendly banter was overheard across the greens, but very few, if any, wrong bias bowls were put down this week.

It is always good to get new bowlers playing. It was also great to see some Koo Wee players turn up to show us how it's done. But win or lose it was great to be back and playing.

Winners on a score of 35 were: Mark Andreatta (S), Luke Monckton (3), Chris Brooks (2) and George



Best One Game winners on 23 were: Terry Floyd (S), Gillian Harper (3), Bill Williams (2) and Cheryl Floyd (L).

Crynes (L).

Runners up on a score of 32 were: Tony Heppleston (S), Frank D'Unienville (3), Michael Saunders (2) and Peter Thorley (L).

And the Best One Game winners on 23 were: Terry Floyd (S), Gillian Harper (3), Bill Williams (2) and Cheryl Floyd (L).

Thank you very much to

George who looked after us behind the bar and also for Luke who cleared up the green when we finished.

Looking forward to this week when we play at Lang Lang.

Hope we can get a few of the locals to join in and keep the numbers up.

We look forward to seeing all our players on site by 10am for a 10.30am start.

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Congratulations to our winners, Skip Barry Grazules, 3rd Michael Frost and Lead Adam Proctor.



Winners of social bowls last week, left to right Michael Frost Barry Grazules and Adam Proctor

## Bridge results

Monday, January 2 saw players return to bridge for the new year.

Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim had another winning day on 71.67 per cent.

Leng Haggith was missing a partner, but with some creative movements stayed and played and

came second on 60.83 per cent.

Third place was shared by Clare and Jim Murphy, and Bron Sund and Shirley Stewart on 46.67 per cent.

On Wednesday, January 4, a visitor to the Island, Denis Loft came by hoping for a game. Shirley Stewart

kindly came and partnered him.

They made a formidable team, winning the day on 74 per cent.

Molly Downing and Miranda Sage were next in line on 55 per cent followed by Bron Sund and Leng Haggith on 53 per cent.

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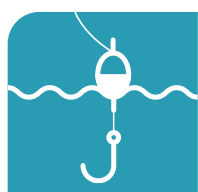
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## AROUND THE BAY

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE

It was a sensational couple of days weather to finish off the end of the traditional two weeks of Christmas holidays. During that two weeks we had many of our customers back for the first time since we moved.

Mel and I would like to say a huge thanks to everyone for the positive comments over the last few weeks, both about the shop and our social media content. We appreciate the comments as they let us know we are going in the right direction.

A big thanks also to those who directed people to our new location. We would love to have signs up everywhere as many have suggested, unfortunately the council don't agree.

Those coming in were surprised by the number of changes we have made and the increase in our product range, and we still have plenty we want to do over the next 12 months.

We are always open to suggestions on what you need for your fishing. Just drop in and have a chat and we'll see what we can do.

Stock update for those waiting: King Brown Teasers, Halco Laser Pro in the King Brown colour, 160 and 190 – this might be the last delivery of these for a while with stock shortages.

We have all sizes in the cooler bags including the small one for the bay fishermen. Wind-on leaders for those waiting to have their gear rigged, 100lb mono for top-shot and we are now in a position to take rod and reel repairs.

We will have other deliveries of terminal stock, rods and reels over the next week or so, but our suppliers are expecting a shortage again because of the closures in China.

### Fishing report

With all the extra people around we have had lots of reports.

As usual the fish in the bay this time of the year can be a little harder to find with so many boats around but there is still some quality to be had.

It seems to be a combination of boat traffic and the sun because the best of the reports have all been coming from very early morning or late evening.

It was a little difficult with the weather and the forecast not matching so many didn't go where they really want to in case of a change.

It is natural that we do see smaller fish through the summer as the big snapper go and the smaller whiting move in but the quality of what is around is well worth the effort.

As for where to fish, it's anybody's guess. We always recommend to start you just head to the places you are familiar with. New to the area? We do have maps in store to help you out.

The corals is always a good starting point,

especially if it's an office hours fishing trip with the kids as there is always something happening there and easier to fish than the deep water.

Many of the fish will be small but some good-sized table fish do show up.

Whiting have been slower and better on the Rhyll side both shallow and deep with Dickies Bay a little inconsistent.

Big Snapper have gone and the trick is getting past the undersized ones to get to the bigger pinkies, when you work it out let me know.

We are seeing the pinkies caught in just about every corner of the bay and while a bit bigger than last year they are still very small.

When you do find a patch of bigger ones some are over 40cm and a welcome change from catching 26cm ones.

Gummies are the same with the majority of the reports about pups and not that many bigger ones showing up.

It has changed from before Christmas where we saw the 15kg models show up as well as a handful of schoolies. Now you will need to head offshore to find the bigger ones.

The other reports from in the bay consisted of calamari which were difficult to find from mid-morning to late afternoon but not too bad on change of light.

If you wanted to stack up the bait freezer, schools of salmon, yakkas and couta were on offer.

Offshore and the opportunity was limited for most but those who persevered were rewarded with a tuna or two.

This year has started exactly like last year with the tuna very patchy to start and very frustrating as you watch them sunning themselves but not interested in taking a lure.

This will change as we get towards the calmer conditions of Autumn and more fish turn up.

We have seen a bigger mix of sizes though this year with tuna from 6kg to 40kg showing up and one barrel.

Lures haven't changed and everyone has a favourite. Skirts, small, still the favoured, unless you are using a king brown coloured diving one it seems, and some swear by teasers while other say you don't need them. Those using them are so far in front for numbers than those without them.

Whichever way you go to be successful you must put in the time, have plenty of variety and make sure your gear is up to scratch just in case you pick up one of the 40kg models or a kingfish decided to jump on.

At the moment 15m to 70m of water, more in the shallow, from Cape Schanck to Inverloch.

# Illegal abalone haul on New Year's Eve

While hundreds of people were preparing to welcome in 2023 last weekend, Fisheries Officers were on deck looking after the bay fishery and thousands of anglers enjoying all it has to offer.

Acting CEO Victorian Fisheries Authority Ian Parks said a targeted patrol at Green Point in Brighton apprehended four men who had allegedly taken 307 abalone, including 272 that were undersize.

"The daily bag limit for abalone is five per person," Mr Parks said.

"Fisheries Officers had observed three of the men duck-diving in the intertidal zone, aided by a fourth man ashore who allegedly acted as their look-out.

"After several hours of diving over a shallow reef, three bags of abalone were allegedly removed from the water, concealed in the men's wetsuits, and taken to the alleged look-out man's white van parked nearby.

"One of the divers got into a second car and allegedly tried to leave the scene but was blocked by a Fisheries car and arrested.

"The other two divers were also arrested, as was the look-out man despite his alleged attempt to blend in with the crowds who were using Green Point as a vantage spot to see in the new year and city fireworks."

Mr Parks said officers returned all the abalone to the water, seized the men's wetsuits and placed the white van on a retention notice for six months. The men will be charged with a variety of offences including taking undersize abalone, exceeding the catch limit and possessing a commercial quantity of abalone.

If you see or suspect illegal fishing, call our 24/7 reporting service, 13FISH (133474), to speak directly to a Fisheries Officer. You can remain anonymous. Make the call and make the difference.



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Tidal predictions for Stony Point, Cowes -0.09 Newhaven -0.31

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LOW 10:42 am 1.02 m	LOW 11:15 am 0.95 m	LOW 11:47 am 0.88 m	LOW 12:19 pm 0.80 m	HIGH 6:53 am 2.80 m	HIGH 7:23 am 2.75 m	HIGH 7:56 am 2.67 m
HIGH 4:37 pm 2.50 m	HIGH 5:17 pm 2.52 m	HIGH 5:58 pm 2.53 m	HIGH 6:38 pm 2.54 m	LOW 12:51 pm 0.72 m	LOW 1:25 pm 0.65 m	LOW 2:01 pm 0.58 m
LOW 10:28 pm 0.61 m	LOW 11:03 pm 0.66 m	LOW 11:38 pm 0.73 m		HIGH 7:22 pm 2.56 m	HIGH 8:09 pm 2.57 m	HIGH 9:01 pm 2.58 m

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Under 15s had a great game on Saturday against Korumburra and these players had some great individual performances in the match. From L-R: Archie Williams 2-14 and hit 20 runs; Jobe Williams 2-8 and hit 41 off 25 balls and; Drew Fusinato got a great hattrick 3-3.

# A2 starts the year with a win!

A2 ventured to Nyora to take on the home side in a one-day fixture; warm weather and a lightning-fast outfield greeted the combatants.

Island skipper Clint Wilson won the toss and elected to bowl, a decision he was pondering after the opposition took 15 from the first over off Tim Niven!

Geoff Odgers was given a chance replacing Tim and he did not fare any better going for 12 off his first four balls before he removed the dangerous Nyora opener Anderson for 16 with a peach of a slower ball.

Tom Niven was bowling sharply from the other end and he quickly grabbed a wicket in his second over to have Nyora 2/29.

From there Nyora skipper Dolphin and the in-form Jake Hackett built a good stand, putting away balls for four regularly,

both batsmen also given a life along the way.

Dave Womersley finally struck clean bowling Dolphin for 45, and not long after, we took drinks with Nyora in a good position at 3/111 off 20.

After the drinks break a guest player for Nyora, Spencer Wilton came to the crease, and with some very clean hitting, he hurried the score along to 150 before Odgy, 2/29/8, had him caught by the skipper for a quick 23, the score now 4/151 with 12 overs still to go.

With Nyora eyeing a big score, Island skipper Wilson had other ideas as he bowled another beautiful spell, 3/20/6, ripping the heart out of the Nyora middle order and starving Hackett of opportunities along the way.

Dave Womersley, 2/30/7, grabbing the last opposition wicket

to dismiss Nyora for 186, Hackett finishing unbeaten on 77.

After a great lunch, Connor Epifano and Kurt Lane ventured out to start our innings. Things quickly turned sour with Wilton trapping Connor LBW and clean bowling Kohen Beaumont next ball with genuine pace not seen in A2 this season to date.

Dave Womersley joined Kurt, and what came next will live long in the memories of those who witnessed it. Kurt launched a brutal assault on an array of Nyora bowlers, launching balls to all parts of the ground for 4 & 6, bring up his 50 in just 20 balls! When Dave was run out for 14 in the sixth over, we were 3/81.

In-form Tom Blackwell joined Kurt, and the runs continued to flow, the Island reaching 104 before Kurt was finally out in the eighth over to a great running

catch on the boundary, for an outrageous 71 off just 29 deliveries.

From there, with so much time left, the Sharks just needed to bat sensibly to reach the target required.

Daniel Bourke (8) looked solid in his first game of the year and Andrew Finlayson (10) both sharing partnerships of 20 odd with Tom.

At 6/145 with still 21 overs to go, Geoff Odgers joined Blackers and the pair steadied the ship, getting us almost to victory when Tom was dismissed for a very well made 36.

Tom Niven came to the crease and helped Odgy get us over the line with still 11 overs to spare, Odgy finishing unbeaten on 28.

A great victory to start 2023, A2 now a game clear in second spot.

RSL Man of the Match was Kurt Lane for his scintillating display of power hitting.

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