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Be beach safe this long weekend

Stay safe and swim at one of the island's three patrolled beaches this long weekend: Woolamai, Smiths Beach and Cowes.

SAFETY

This Friday marks the one-year anniversary of the Forrest Caves drownings, where four people lost their lives.

The tragedy was the worst incidence of mass drowning in the state in nearly two decades.

In findings handed down late last year, Coroner Sarah Gebert identified a particular risk of coastline drownings for those from multicultural communities and CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) backgrounds.

The anniversary is a stark reminder of the importance of understanding local conditions and only swimming between the flags at a patrolled beach.

Currently Woolamai, Smiths Beach and Cowes foreshore beach are patrolled daily between 10am and 6pm.

In the last few months, new signs have been erected at the bottom of staircases and at the direct entry point of several high-risk beaches across Phillip Island and Bass Coast.

The signs read: "Warning. Swimming not advised," and have a QR code link to the Life Saving Victoria Beachsafe App - which provides information on which beaches are patrolled in a multi-lingual format.

Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club President Jason Close cautioned people from swimming at unpatrolled locations.

"Phillip Island has approximately 100km of coastline and life savers and lifeguards cannot be everywhere all of the time.

"There are simply not enough volunteers or resources available to be at every beach.

"There are also a number of

beaches which due to their remoteness, limited accessibility and beach conditions, that we simply do not want people to swim at."

The club president stressed that swimming at any unpatrolled beach is not advisable, but Anzacs, Colonnades, Forrest Caves, Surf Beach, Berrys Beach and Kilcunda were of particular concern.

"Each of these beaches is unpatrolled and can be hazardous for swimming.

"Their remoteness means it takes time for help to arrive, and this can often mean it is too late.

"Some of these beaches can also be very difficult for first responders to access."

Warning

With visitors expected to head to the coast for the Australia Day weekend, a further warning has

been issued on the dangers of mixing swimming and boating with alcohol.

Royal Life Saving Australia said alcohol can heighten the risk of drowning, noting that 23 per cent of drowning deaths each year record a blood alcohol level of 0.05 per cent or more.

Statistics also show alcohol related drowning is more likely to occur during public holidays than any other time of the year.

Important beach safety tips

- Plan ahead.
- Always swim between the red and yellow flags at patrolled beaches. If lifesavers can't see you, they can't save you.
- Check the Beachsafe app for more information about which beaches are patrolled and for beach and weather information: beachsafe.org.au/apps
- Read safety signs and assess

conditions before entering the water.

• Be sun smart: www.sunsmart.com.au/protect-your-skin

• Stay hydrated. Stay safe and enjoy the beach responsibly.

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Berninneit adds to its impressive tally of awards, winning the Public Building category in the 2024 Sustainability Awards.

Berninneit wins ... again

COUNCIL

Berninneit has added to its impressive tally of awards, winning the Public Building category in the 2024 Sustainability Awards.

The building beat out entries from the City of Sydney, upgrades to Redfern station, the Northcote Aquatics and Recreation Centre and an animal rehoming centre in Blacktown.

The Sustainability Awards is described as Australia's longest running and most prestigious award program dedicated to acknowledging and celebrating

excellence in sustainable design and architecture.

There were over 250 entries submitted to the 2024 awards, from all across Australia.

This is the fifth award for the building:

- 2024 National Architecture Award for Public Architecture
- William Wardell Award for Public Architecture at 2024 Victorian Architecture Awards and was shortlisted in three other categories: Regional Architecture, Sustainable Architecture, and Interior Architecture.
- Bass Coast Shire Council and

the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation received an Excellence in Geographic Place Naming award at the 2024 Victorian Geospatial Excellence awards

- The Australian Interior Design Award for Public Design.

The award for Berninneit was one of three won by architectural firm Jackson Clements Burrows, who won "Best of the Best" and the award for Commercial Architecture for their T3 commercial building in Collingwood. The firm was also highly commended for its Clifton Hill Primary School Project

Election fund donors declared

COUNCIL

Only two successful Bass Coast Shire councillors in last year's council elections have declared election fund donations.

Under the Local Government Act, all candidates in the election are required within 40 days after the election day to lodge a campaign donation return with the CEO.

The return shows Island Ward Cr Ronnie Bauer received \$4000 worth of auction boards from Alex Scott Real Estate and \$800 worth of auction board signwriting from CC Signs.

Cr Bauer also received \$1300 from Meredith Doig, a former campaign manager, who paid for a direct mail to residents.

However, Cr Bauer last week explained many residents never received the mail-out in their letterboxes and he has since lodged a complaint with Australia Post to receive a refund, adding he would take the issue to the ombudsman "if I don't hear back from Australia Post".

Bunurong Ward Cr Mat Morgan declared \$3000 in funds were donated by Peter N McKenzie, while he also declared he provided \$3000 of his personal funds to his campaign.

"Peter McKenzie personally contributed to my campaign, he is a local Bass Coast Greens member," Cr Morgan told the Advertiser.

"Unlike the major parties, The Greens don't take corporate donations and are very



Councillors Mat Morgan and Ronnie Bauer (far left) were the only two successful council candidates to declare they received donations for their election campaigns.

transparent about the donations we do receive."

Failed former councillor Leticia Laing received \$1300 from Amaryll Perlezz and \$500 from Sharon Green.

Failed candidate Prudence Scholtes declared she received \$760 in printing and postage from Inverloch resident and shire browbeater Kevin Griffin.

No other councillors or candidates declared any donations.

In Melbourne, several successful candidates have come under the spotlight for receiving donations from developers, with Bass Coast Shire immune to such political interference.

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Are we killing Phillip Island's appeal?

CONGESTION

Has Phillip Island reached saturation point?

If drivers on the Phillip Island Road stranded in a crawling and lengthy summer gridlock were asked that question, the answer would likely be yes.

Anyone watching our water supplies diminish over the holiday period to about 50 per cent supply – after also being topped up from Melbourne's dams – may also concur.

As may drivers in Cowes or San Remo seeking a car park in the commercial area over January.

The question of saturation – and have we now reached that point, has been jointly raised by three community groups: the Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS), Island Voice and the Bass Coast branch of the National Trust.

The groups – which have not always been like-minded – agree Phillip Island should be the “jewel in Victoria's tourism crown” and must be protected from suburban growth and more commercial developments.

And they are now working together to this end.

Island Voice president Peter Paul said he could not foresee a time the island would ever become less popular, “but will it become less enjoyable?” he queries.

Peter said current congestion was set to increase once major new projects have opened, such as the Isle of Wight in Cowes and the Hot Springs at Newhaven, which are set to attract about 73,000 new visitors to the island in their first year of operation.

“Developments like the Rhyll distillery have not even started yet,” Peter said.

“So the question is, how many more developments can we cope with on this island? What is the character of the island we want to maintain?”

“There's a point of saturation. Are we at that point? Everything suggests we are heading that way. We have been in reactionary mode for a long time and we can't keep doing that.”

National Trust Bass Coast president Ross Lloyd said what made the island attractive to tourists was the natural environment.

“If you destroy that you are destroying the tourism potential,” Ross said.



There won't be a time the island will become less popular, “but will it become less enjoyable?”, three community groups ask.. “There's a point of saturation. Are we at that point? Everything suggests we are heading that way.”

“There's a lot more potential, more value, to this island than continued growth.”

PICS president Greg Johnson agreed.

“The classic metaphor of killing the golden goose is the island's dilemma. There is a real danger the island will be so over-developed that it will kill what we have here that makes it so appealing.”

Capacity

Ross said the Phillip Island and San Remo Visitor Economy Strategy, released in 2016, confirmed the island even at that stage was operating beyond its capacity.

The 2016 strategy recommended the island adopt an optimum capacity limit of 24,500 visitors per day, while the bridge has a carrying capacity of 1500 vehicles per hour.

The island at that time received 18 per cent of its annual visitation in the month of January, which was about 28,600 visitors on a peak day.

“While the region's infrastructure copes with this level of visitation, its optimum capacity is slightly lower than these peaks,” the strategy states.

Peter Paul said that unlike other areas of the Bass Coast, there was just one road in and one road out of Phillip Island.

“Even if you double that, you just have different points where you're cramming and jamming. That doesn't give you more fluidity in moving traffic.”

Solution?

The three representative groups agree that the State Government's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Strategy (DAL) – once finally released – could provide solutions, locking in town boundaries and protecting significant landscapes.

“Hopefully the DAL will protect what is appealing on the island and help modify growth,” Greg said.

“Once the DAL is in place there should be a whole of shire tourism policy to ensure we don't over-tax resources.”

Recall BURT

The groups have also renewed calls for Bass Coast Shire to scrap its controversial Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism strategy (BURT), which makes way for rural land to be rezoned from farming for tourism developments.

As reported last year, a public meeting organised by island farmers and PICS voted to request the council to scrap BURT, because of its potential to damage the environment and lead to overdevelopment outside of town boundaries.

BURT was passed by council in March 2023, but farmers and conservationists became alarmed by its potential detrimental impact demonstrated last year after the Victorian Planning Minister intervened to approve the Vietnam Veterans Museum at Newhaven (rejecting a previous VCAT decision), on land zoned for farming. This precedent, they say, “effectively identifies all of Phillip Island as being suitable for tourism uses”.

The groups said the DAL and BURT are in conflict with DAL aiming to protect rural land and landscapes, while the BURT aims to develop it.

They believe by adopting BURT, council has acted without understanding the potential consequences.

In October PICS joined with Island Voice to oppose the expansion of town boundaries across the island and San Remo ahead of council elections.

The three groups said they hoped for more organisations to come on board so their messaging could become a strong movement.



Planning observers have flagged the sale of the airport land at Newhaven could suggest the owners have got “cold feet”, as the property may be outside the Cape Woolamai town boundaries once the DAL is released. However, others are concerned the advertisement of “residential land” may signal the opposite.

Community rumours on airport land

DAL

An alliance of Phillip Island community groups has written to the State Government expressing their “alarm” at the possibility Cape Woolamai and Newhaven's town boundaries may be expanded.

Island Voice, the Phillip Island Conservation Society and the Bass Coast branch of the National Trust have jointly written to Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny expressing concern, after the controversial 47-hectare Phillip Island airport land was this month put on the market for sale.

Melbourne estate agents Raine & Horne have advertised the 1 Veterans Drive Newhaven site – which is zoned farming – as “residential land” and a “land bankers delight”, with “endless possibilities”.

In the letter to the Minister, the alliance of groups stated the sale has sparked “anxious community rumours” as to whether this indicates Cape Woolamai's town boundaries are about to be expanded.

The land is owned by Glen Waverley Real Estate and was hotly debated during the state government's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) consultation process.

Under draft DAL details released in 2022, a protected

settlement boundary was proposed for Cape Woolamai and Newhaven, which did not include the airport land.

Developers – including Glen Waverley Real Estate – pushed back against the initial DAL proposed boundary.

Ms Kilkenny is under increasing pressure to approve the DAL, after she has extended the deadline for its finalisation four times.

The three local groups are concerned the developer has now triumphed.

“We hope that this is not the case.”

Their letter states “continued uncertainty” around the conclusion of the DAL was a source of great frustration.

“Our three organisations reflect a community view that uncertainty and speculation about township boundaries and land rezoning is undermining confidence that Phillip Island's appealing rural character will be preserved for all.”

“There is an urgent need for DAL to be finalised and implemented, to provide certainty.”

The letter adds it is now more than six years since then Premier Daniel Andrews promised to implement “the strongest planning protections that Phillip Island and the Bass Coast have ever received”.



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Airport won't be developed; hints on final DAL outcomes

PLANNING

The Phillip Island airport land – currently listed for sale as “residential” – will not be rezoned to allow housing development, according to the State Government.

The government has also given the strongest indication yet of what Phillip Island can expect in the much-anticipated Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL), expected to be released about April.

MP for Bass Jordan Crugnale late last week responded to concerns by local groups, who have been critical of the Victorian Planning Minister delaying the DAL announcement four times, and also “alarmed” at the airport land sale’s promotion as residential land (see separate story).

Ms Crugnale released a statement that guarantees the airport land will not be rezoned, while also hinting that while San Remo’s town boundary is likely to be expanded to Punchbowl Road, other areas will likely be free from expansion including Smiths Beach, Newhaven West, and Ventnor West – although here there’s potential for small changes.

“Regarding the Phillip Island Airport land, at 1 Veterans Drive, Newhaven, it is zoned farming zone and cannot accommodate residential development,” Ms Crugnale said in the definitive statement.

“The proposed protected settlement boundary for Cape Woolamai does not include this site and once the Bass Coast DAL is in place, it will have the additional protections of the DAL to prevent urban encroachment and protect the ecological values of the area.”

Ms Crugnale went on to say

Cape Paterson was the only boundary within the DAL that required further public consultation to confirm where it should be, with consultation closing at the end of January.

She said all other protected settlement boundaries would be implemented following this final consultation process and were “subject to a decision of the Minister”.

“As per my quote back in December, I expect the remaining boundaries to align with the community feedback and Bass Coast Shire’s endorsed submission,” Ms Crugnale said.

In February 2024 Bass Coast Shire councillors recommended the State Government approve new land for housing through to Punchbowl Road.

But at that same meeting councillors voted that Ventnor’s town boundary should not be expanded because it was a sensitive coastal environment and new housing there was not needed.

So, if Ms Crugnale’s statement is correct, and the boundaries will align with the shire’s endorsed submission, San Remo will double in size and Ventnor will remain largely or totally unchanged.

There have been no further submissions – or public consultation – about proposals to expand the town boundary at Newhaven West, behind the Chocolate Factory, or 34ha at Smiths Beach, which would have expanded that hamlet’s boundaries towards Sunderland Bay, suggesting these areas will remain unchanged.

San Remo

In February 2024 councillors voted on an updated State Government Department of Plan-



Reading between the lines, San Remo will be given the green light to double in size; Newhaven West and Smiths Beach will remain unchanged; and Ventnor will remain largely or totally unchanged. The government has given the most definitive statement on the airport land, saying it won't be rezoned for development. Photo courtesy of Garth Lisle Real Estate.

ning DAL submission, which provided landscape details for San Remo and Ventnor.

This came after the owners of 140 Punchbowl Road, Springway Corporate Group, believed to be a Chinese investor, sought for their 124ha property to be included in San Remo’s town boundaries.

Two neighbouring landowners on the Phillip Island Road, who have a total 78 hectares (Adrian Abrahams and Franlaw Pty Ltd) – between the Springway property and the Silverwater Resort – also sought for their land to be open for housing development.

In February 2024 councillors and shire planners agreed with the Planning Department that San Remo’s town boundary should be expanded to include the land north of the ridgeline to Punchbowl Road, “with appropriate urban infrastructure to accommodate growth”.

“The additional supply will alleviate market pressure experienced due to the introduction

of town boundaries around all Phillip Island settlements,” shire planners stated.

Cr Rochelle Halstead at the time voted against the recommendation, saying San Remo had “shouldered significant expansion and with this recommendation the growth will continue”.

Then Cr Michael Whelan said rural views and the green wedge were vital to the tourism economy, on which Bass Coast was dependent, but added “the horse had bolted” on San Remo’s development.

Ventnor West

At the same February meeting, the updated State Government Department of Planning DAL submission recommended: planning controls for Ventnor extend further east to align with Grosard Point Road and Ventnor Road; “consider the removal” of the north-western part from planning controls; and identify “an intermediate zone that transitions between these two areas,

where development may be considered subject to detailed site-specific analysis”.

However, councillors and shire planners disagreed with the State Government’s assessment and voted that Ventnor’s town boundary should not be expanded – including the contentious 24 hectares at 34 Bingley Crescent, called Ventnor West.

Councillors and shire planners said the Bass Coast Housing Strategy provided further evidence Ventnor West was “not required to meet the municipal land supply”, and the town was designated minimal change “due to a lack of urban infrastructure” and to its sensitive “environments that constrains housing growth”.

In 2009 Planning Panels Victoria rejected rezoning of the Cadogan land, describing Ventnor as a dormitory suburb of Cowes, with little or no services and facilities, and little demand for infill housing in that location, given the lack of services and facilities.

In 2009 Nature Parks also objected to the proposed subdivision because of its environmental impact.

However, in 2011, Matthew Guy – in his former role as Planning Minister – used his special ministerial powers to approve the residential rezoning of 34 Bingley Crescent, against his own department’s advice and that of Bass Coast Shire. This was ultimately slammed by the state ombudsman and resulted in a confidential taxpayer funded settlement said to be worth \$3 million.

Local residents fought the proposed rezoning because of the impact, but also the planned attempt to overturn a 10-year planning process.

Sharing Our Shores

WILDLIFE

Phillip Island Nature Parks staff and volunteers were out spreading the word about protecting our local wildlife alongside the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club Nippers, earlier this month.

More than 200 people attended the Sharing Our Shores pop-up education and awareness stall, learning how we can all enjoy our beaches safely, and help look after our shorebirds.

Residents and visitors to Bass

Coast are encouraged to do their bit to help wildlife “nest and rest” by taking these easy steps:

- Stay on tracks and avoid walking on dunes
- Keep your distance from wildlife
- Leash your dogs and keep cats indoors
- Take your rubbish with you

The Sharing Our Shores campaign runs until April 30.

Project partners include Birdlife Australia, Bass Coast Shire Council and the Conservation Regulator.



Nature Parks’ Jon and Peter engaging with visitors as part of the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club Nippers program in January.



Evelyn Rose Sirianni shows off her designs on the campaign poster for Sharing Our Shores, which aims to educate residents and visitors on how we can enjoy our beaches.

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Jackson and Indie swing into action

COMMUNITY

A trip into the city to the Australian Open turned into a Good Samaritan mission of sorts, for Phillip Island's Jackson Voce.

The 17-year-old, who is about to start year 12 at Bass Coast College was on the train heading to the tennis on Wednesday January 15 with his friend Indie Chrystie, when a woman sitting opposite them called out for help.

"The woman yelled out, can you boys help me," explained Jackson.

"Her eyes were fixed and she was shaking a lot, so we jumped up straight away."

The woman, who was suffering a severe vertigo attack, asked the boys to find the medicine in her bag.

"We got the medicine and got her water," he said.

Jackson said no one else on the train offered to help or got up to see if the woman was okay.

Noticing how agitated she was, the boys kept talking to the woman, to distract her and help keep her calm.

"I mentioned I lived on Phillip Island and worked at a pharmacy, and Indie talked about how he worked at BCF.

"We asked her where



Phillip Island's Jackson Voce (left) and his friend Indie Chrystie were hailed as "extraordinary young men" after helping a woman who suffered a severe vertigo attack on a Melbourne train.

she was getting off and discovered she was getting off at Richmond too.

"She seemed really out of it and was stressing herself out," Jackson said.

Concerned about her state - "she didn't look like she could walk" - the boys helped the woman off the train, and asked a PTV worker to call an ambulance.

They then walked her out from the station to Olympic Boulevard and found her a seat, making sure she was okay before heading on their way.

The woman, Lucy Dunkin, later took to social media, posting her thanks on the local Phil-

lip Island community noticeboard.

"Today I had a massive vertigo attack on the train near Richmond station," Lucy posted.

"Two beautiful young men from Phillip Island helped me get off the train and waited with me until I got help.

"If you are their parents, you have raised extraordinary young men, kind, caring and compassionate and made you proud," Lucy wrote.

"If you are the boys reading this, I thank you so much for showing your compassion and helping me get to the hospital ultimately."

Jackson's parents Lea Bowen and Matt

Voce said they were "super proud" of how the boys responded to Lucy's call for help.

"There's nothing more satisfying as a parent; someone making a big deal of something our kids would do naturally," Lea said.

"We're so proud of both boys. They had their day planned, but they stopped and put other people first."

Tennis

That plan was a visit to the Australian Open, and after the dramatic start to their day, Jackson and Indie made it to the tennis.

They watched Naomi Osaka win her match against Karolina Muchova, Aleksandar Vukic defeat Sebastian Korda, and the first set of the Kokkinakis/Draper match.

They said the Osaka match was their favourite.

The two boys have been friends since childhood and before Jackson moved to Rhyll three years ago, went to school together at De La Salle in Malvern.

The pair were modest about their actions, saying they tried "to do the right thing".

"We were just trying to help out a person in trouble."



The PICAL course and community group guide for Term 1 is out now, and it includes a Girls on Tools course, along with 15 different community-based activities.

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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

PICAL has released its course and community group guide for term 1.

With a focus on connecting with others, PICAL has 15 different community-based activities on offer including gardening, cooking, woolshed spinning, Spanish, applique, embroidery/craft group, and walking.

There are also opportunities to learn canva, digital support, girls on tools, RSA, food handling, barista basics, first aid and cheesemaking.

"There will be something of interest for everyone," said centre manager, David Rooks.

"If you have an idea for a group that PICAL can help support, please let us know."

A new initiative starting in February is PICAL's Fix it Café located at their Blue Gum Garden reserve site.

Full details of the Fix it Café will be available soon, David said.

"However for now, if you have something that needs fixing, put it aside ready for the Fix it Café opening date of Tuesday February 4, from 11am to 3pm.

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Orca spotted at Seal Rocks

WILDLIFE

Last week an Orca was spotted in the waters off Seal Rocks.

The whale was spotted by former ranger and local surfer Graeme Burgan, who also works for Wildlife Coast Cruises.

Graeme spotted the Orca when he was checking on conditions for a possible boat trip out to Seal Rocks.

He said he was checking for seals in the water and couldn't see any.

"Then out of the corner of my eye, off the northern tip, something big came out of the water vertically."

Graeme initially thought it might have been a seal leaping out of the water, but soon spotted the dorsal fin again, moving quickly through the water.

With only his iPhone on hand, Graeme snapped some shots and video of the visitor.

Graeme said the dorsal fin was huge. "It was a large unit. Biggest I've seen around here."

"No wonder there were no seals in the water around Seal Rocks."

He was asked to submit his video to Killer Whales Australia, who believed the orca might be one known as EA_0001.

However after examining the footage, the team reported back saying they believed there were two Orcas caught on film. "We suspect these two animals are EA_0005 (Ripple) and EA_0007 (Bent Ripple), two quite well-know individuals".

Georgia Bissett, Environmental Officer for Wildlife Coast Cruises said they have sightings of Orcas recorded throughout the year in both Wilsons Prom and Phillip Island.

"Some of our earliest notes and records date back to 2011 and have been at all times throughout the year."

Studies

Paola Lacetera, who also works for Wildlife Coast Cruises is currently studying Orca movements for her PhD at Deakin University.

She said, unlike humpback whales, Orcas are not migratory and "literally follow their food".

"They go wherever the environment is more productive; wherever they can find prey."

Paola said there was very little infor-



Former ranger and local surfer Graeme Burgan photographed the visiting Orca on his iPhone near Seal Rocks last week.

mation about Orca behaviour in this area. "Orcas are not comparable to humpbacks or southern right whales; they don't behave the same."

"We have lot of Orcas around the world and they eat and behave very differently from each other, and from other whales."

"The fascinating thing is how different they are. Each pod is very different."

Although last week's sighting was initially thought to be a lone Orca, Paola said it was very unlikely the animal was travelling alone.

"They are pretty social animals and normally there are bigger pods," she said.

"While this Orca was alone, the rest of the family was probably nearby. Usually there are no lone Orcas."

Paola hopes her PhD will increase our knowledge of the Orcas.

"We really don't know much about Orca behaviours in this area. That's why I'm trying to gather as much information as possible."

"For sightings, we need to know the time, date and location."

"Orcas can literally be anywhere; offshore, very close to the shore ... it really depends on what they are doing."

"We don't really know what they eat here, although we know generally they eat fish and steal food off fishing lines."

Paola said sighting of Orcas in the area were rarer than other whales, mainly due to their lack of migratory patterns.

"For humpbacks, we know what they do and know when to be looking for them."

"While for Orcas, you just have to be very lucky."



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9.30 am	Reformer	Reformer	Reformer	Reformer
10.15 am	Pilates Mix	Pilates Mix	Pilates Mix	Pilates Mix
11.00 am	Reformer	Reformer	Reformer	Reformer
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4.00 pm	Barre Pilates	Barre Pilates	Barre Pilates	Barre Pilates
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Hooper at the Creek

Ella Hooper and her band performed at Archies Creek Hotel on the weekend and Ella caught up with local Damian Jones.

Several near misses at local surf beaches

RESCUES

It was another busy weekend on local beaches for surf life savers, with over 40 rescues in Bass Coast on Saturday alone.

According to Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club President Jason Close, life savers were kept busy at Phillip Island's patrolled beaches Woolamai, Smiths Beach and Cowes.

There were numerous rescues across the weekend and over 1000 preventative actions.

A preventative action is when a lifesaver prevents a potential rescue situation by guiding swimmers away from rips and to a safe location between the flags at a patrolled beach.

According to Lifesaving Victoria, over the weekend there were 17 rescues recorded at Smiths Beach and one at Woolamai.

Jason said one concern over the weekend were several after-hours incidents which could have ended badly, if not for the actions of off-duty life savers and other beachgoers.

At Woolamai Beach on Saturday at about 6.30pm after the patrol had packed up for the day and most swimmers had left the beach, life saver Ash Smith in the clubhouse building noticed a lone swimmer in a rip between Woolamai and Magiclands waving for assistance.

Lifesavers quickly returned to the beach and Ash and fellow lifesaver Lachlan Casey took the club buggy and a rescue board to help the swimmer back to shore.

Some of the same lifesavers



Woolamai Beach SLSC life saver Lachlan Casey after he helped a lone swimmer caught in a rip at 6.30pm on Saturday evening. With a long weekend ahead, the club is appealing to beach goers to only swim between the flags at patrolled beaches.

then responded to an incident at Smiths Beach after the club received a call close to 7pm reporting that two young girls were caught in a rip.

Fortunately some boogie boarders at the beach intervened to assist, and lifesavers arrived shortly after and carried out a basic first aid assessment.

"These incidents highlight the dangers of swimming at surf beaches outside of patrolled hours," Jason said.

"In each instance the people were extremely lucky that they were seen.

"It is much safer to swim between the flags during patrolled hours as life savers are watching

and can usually prevent a dangerous situation or very quickly respond.

"As nice as our beaches can be on a warm evening, when the lifesavers take the flags down at the end of the day, this is the best time to leave the water and go home safely."

With a long weekend ahead

and warm weather, the club is appealing to beach goers to only swim between the flags at patrolled beaches.

Cowes, Woolamai and Smiths Beach will be patrolled between 10am to 6pm over the long weekend and throughout the school holiday period by lifeguards and volunteer lifesavers.

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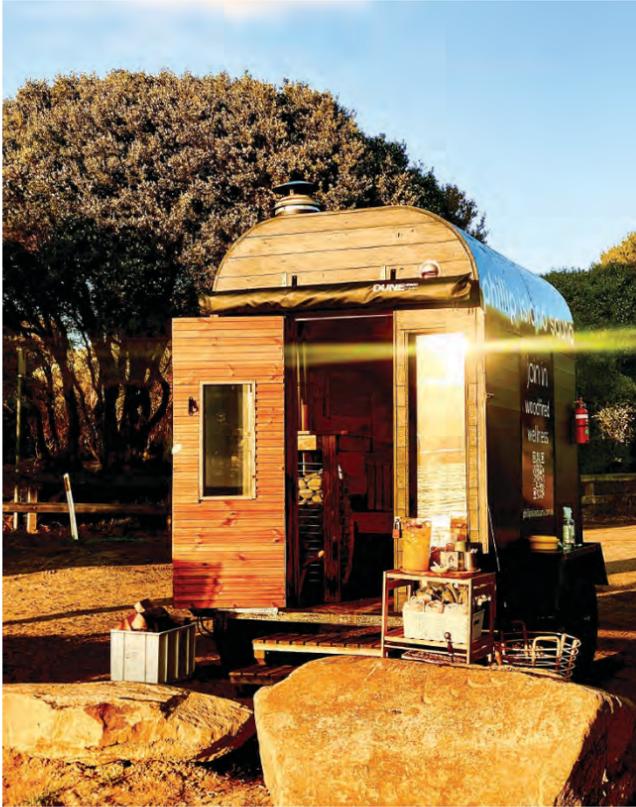
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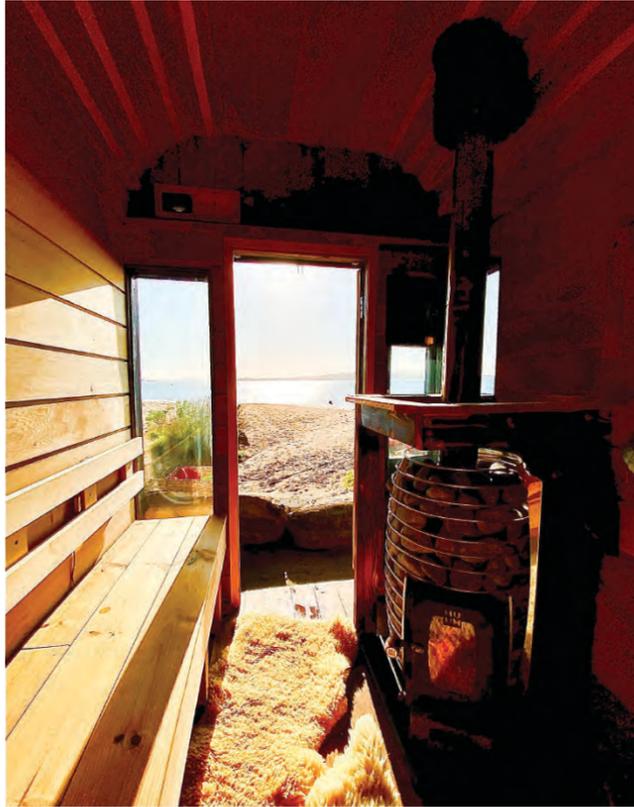
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Nestled on the shores of Cleeland Bight Beach in Cape Woolamai, Phillip Island Sauna offers guests an unforgettable experience in one of the island's most stunning locations.



Owners Ben and Tanja have transformed an old horse float into a mobile sauna creating something truly unique.

Wellness and connection

BUSINESS

Nestled on the shores of Cleeland Bight Beach in Cape Woolamai, Phillip Island Sauna has become a cherished destination for wellness and connection. Co-owned and operated by Cape Woolamai local husband-and-wife duo

Ben and Tanja, the sauna is a space where people can relax, rejuvenate, and bond. The idea for Phillip Island Sauna began during a quiet sauna session with Randal from Sheltered Glamping Co. Ben was inspired by the sense of connection and relax-

ation saunas foster. Tanja with her Danish roots and deep appreciation for sauna culture, immediately embraced the vision. Together, they transformed an old horse float into a mobile sauna creating something truly unique. From its humble begin-

nings in 2024, the mobile sauna has quickly gained a following and is still growing. It offers guests an unforgettable experience in one of the island's most stunning locations. It's a unique experience sitting in the comforting warmth of the sauna, gazing out over the calm waters of the beach. Afterward, stepping into the cool ocean provides the perfect balance to the heat, completing a time-honoured hot-and-cold therapy that leaves you feeling revitalised.

This combination of natural beauty and wellness is at the heart of what makes Phillip Island Sauna so special.

For Ben and Tanja, the sauna is about much more than physical health benefits like improved circulation, stress reduction, and muscle recovery. It's about community and connection. It's not just about the heat, but about the shared experience.

Their location at Cleeland Bight Beach offers the best of both worlds: easy accessibility and the peaceful seclusion of nature. Whether you're a local looking for a regular retreat or a visitor exploring Phillip Island, the sauna provides a perfect escape from the busyness of life.

It's a place to relax, reflect, and reconnect - not just with nature, but with each other.

If you haven't visited Phillip Island Sauna yet, now is the perfect time. Ben and Tanja warmly invite you to experience the magic of Phillip Island Sauna.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Armed robbery

A young teenager riding his scooter on Settlement Road, Cowes, was the victim of an armed robbery in January.

According to Cowes police, the teen was on Settlement Road near Seagrove Way on Sunday January 12 about 9.45pm when the four occupants of a dark four-door hatchback vehicle pulled up, produced a knife and demanded his property.

Wonthaggi Criminal Investigation Unit is now investigating and are urging the public for any CCTV or dashcam footage that may help in their investigation. Phone 03 5671 4100.

Car thefts

There has been a spate of thefts from cars in Cowes in the past week.

Three cars in Warley Avenue had items stolen from inside the vehicle, or thieves attempted to steal valuables, in the evening of January 15 or morning of January 16.

Police said it was possible there were attempted thefts from other cars.

"Homeowners have heeded the call to lock their doors, with a drop in home invasions in the past week, but now people need to be locking their cars," Sgt Adam Mottershead said.

"We have noticed a marked improvement in soft target burglaries. We're rapt the message appears to be getting through to lock your doors."

Car stolen

A black Mitsubishi Lancer was stolen from a driveway in Ventnor Road, Cowes on January 15.

The next day the car was recovered from Wonthaggi after it was involved in a collision.

Police are requesting any information from the public to track down the offender. Phone 03 5671 4100.

San Remo police station access

Police are weighing in on local council issues, calling for a footpath to access the San Remo police station.

Officers said they had been hearing repeated concerns that access to the station off Phillip Island Road was difficult for the public, with the only entry a narrow driveway.

Cowes ebike hoons caught by police

Two teens posing a "serious risk" to public safety, after driving ebikes at speeds up to 100km/hr down Thompson Avenue and the Cowes

Esplanade, have been caught by police.

Cowes police last week called for the public's help on social media to track down the offenders, who had been riding the ebikes for about a week wearing a white and black helmet to cover their faces.

Senior Constable Mark Stapleton said the teens had been talking to local teens and were described as aged between 14-16.

"They have been baiting police to chase them, which we didn't do because of the danger," Snr Const Stapleton said.

"These ebikes are very powerful and can reach high speeds.

"They were posing a serious risk to the community."

Snr Const Stapleton said the teens, who were wanted on numerous driving offences, were identified following the call for help on social media.

"We would like to thank the community for their help. The matter has been resolved."

Unlicensed, unregistered

On January 17, at approximately 10.15pm, police observed a silver BMW bearing "self-anointed registration plates", approach the roundabout of Chapel Street and Thompson Avenue.

Police intercepted the driver of the vehicle, a 50-year-old male from Chirside Park. Police checks revealed the driver was allegedly disqualified from driving and the vehicle was unregistered.

It is then alleged that the male refused to undergo a preliminary oral fluid test.

As a result, the vehicle was impounded for a period of 30 days at a cost of \$1275.

The male will be receiving a summons for offences including driving whilst disqualified, fraudulently use of registration plates, driving an unregistered motor vehicle, and refusing to undergo a preliminary oral fluid test.

Positive drug test

On January 18, around 5pm, police on patrol in Cowes conducted a routine intercept of a vehicle in Chapel Street.

It is alleged the driver, a 49-year-old female from Cowes, returned a positive result for Methyl-amphetamine.

She was served with 24-hour driving ban, and police said she can expect to receive an infringement notice, and have her licence suspended for a period of six months.



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Major projects to watch in 2025

PLANNING

In the wake of inflation, which saw construction costs spike and subsequent delays, 2024 saw many major projects across Phillip Island slow and stall.

But 2025 looks to be a re-set. Want to know what to look out for and where?

Read on for the top 10 ...

1. Sports hub

In 2023 the council adopted the Phillip Island Recreation Reserve Master Plan, which recommended more than 35 projects be built at the proposed new sports hub on the corner of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads.

The projects were prioritised in the short term (one to 10 years), medium (11 to 20 years) and long-term (21+ years), including a pool, football oval and a series of multipurpose courts.

Given the long timelines, residents should not hold their collective breath.

However, all Island Ward candidates in last year's council elections – including the three successful current councillors – agreed the sports hub should be the top priority for council. Watch this space.

2. Cowes streetscape masterplan

The Federal Government last year announced \$8 million funding to the Cowes streetscape masterplan, which will see Thompson Avenue become a one-way thoroughfare and car parks removed.

This was despite all seven Island Ward candidates in the council election being critical of the masterplan, saying any available funding should instead go as a priority to the proposed sports hub.

The funding announcement comes in response to the council's 2024 Federal Advocacy Priorities report, which requested \$25 million total investment for the Cowes streetscape masterplan, also listing \$12 million investment to deliver stage one and two of the project.

Stage one will see The Esplanade become one-way between Warley Avenue and Bass Avenue from Thompson Avenue.

Stage two is to "reimagine" Thompson Avenue north, "where outdoor dining and trading and open space facilitate a people focused town centre".

Stage three to six requires detailed design before construction for Thompson Avenue



The Phillip Island Community Hospital – originally due to open in late 2024 – now has an expected completion date of later this year.

South, Chapel Street, Church Street, Bass Avenue and Olive Justice Place can take place. Watch this space.

3. Phillip Island Community Hospital

The multi-million-dollar, double storey Phillip Island

Community Hospital at 50-56 Church Street, Cowes, was originally due to open in late 2024. It now has an expected completion date this year.

A Victorian Health Building Authority spokesperson last year confirmed delivery is underway.

"This includes the first stage of the project – the new building and finishing touches and testing of key spaces will follow thereafter with project completion expected in 2025," the VHBA spokesperson said, explaining it was a "complex" project.

Managed by Bass Coast Health, the hospital will be an expansion of the current Phillip Island Health Hub and is being delivered in stages to ensure the services provided by the hub can continue to operate with minimal disruption.

The expanded Urgent Care Centre will be located on the ground floor of the new hospital, with day surgery theatres and an area for chemotherapy and dialysis located upstairs.

The new hospital will also include a radiology precinct offering CT scans, ultrasound and general X-ray, and a central sterile supply department.

The final hospital will also

offer mental health services, allied health and rehabilitation and pharmacy services.

4. Isle of Wight

It wasn't exactly the first turning of a sod.

But it was nonetheless the first signs of life on the former Isle of Wight site in many years, suggesting building is not too far off.

Late last year, developer Moda carried out vegetation removal at 2-8 Bass Avenue and 9-10 The Esplanade, Cowes.

A Bass Coast Shire Council arborist was on site to meet contractors and ensure protection of the heritage listed Moreton Bay fig tree and hoop pine.

The \$130 million Isle of Wight development is due to start construction this year ahead of an opening in 2027.

In September 2023 councillors unanimously approved the seven-storey (27.5 metres) development, the biggest in the island's history.

There will be a mixed-use hotel to the north featuring: 163 hotel rooms; four food and beverage premises (pub, bistro, hotel dining, signature restaurant); three retail spaces (including a yoga studio, gym, and wellness centre); two function



Phillip Island Hot Springs will feature mineral as well as thalassotherapy bathing, a thermal zone for hot/cold and other therapies, two dining areas and wellness experiences.

rooms; outdoor pool terrace with a bar and outdoor beer garden on the corner of Bass Avenue and The Esplanade.

There will also be a separate three storey tourist/worker hostel (14.5 metres) with: 49 one-bedroom units; a manager's apartment and a rooftop basketball and tennis court. Retail premises on the north-eastern corner with a 259sqm retail space along the northern frontage will also be provided.

Last year the Victorian Planning Minister took the extraordinary step of intervening to fast-track the commencement of the development, in the face of delays it was experiencing at VCAT.

Following "unforeseen" delays, the Phillip Island Hot Springs project "is back on track", with a confirmed opening date for later this year.

In 2021 the project was set to cost \$10 million and projected to open the following year.

But in the wake of the pandemic and subsequent construction delays and cost increases, the hot springs now has a price tag of about \$55 million.

Under construction at the 35-acre 1215 Phillip Island Road property, the hot springs will feature mineral as well as thalassotherapy bathing, a thermal zone for hot/cold and other therapies, two dining areas and wellness experiences.

It will include a main arrival building, sizeable lagoon and various bathing experiences.

There will be a casual, all-day dining area, as well as an apothecary and gift shop selling their own skin care range, 5EA, or Fifth Element Apothecary.

The hot springs in 2022 received \$5.2 million in State Government funding.

A new brewery and distillery at 11 Beach Road, Rhyll has faced several delays after being approved with amended conditions at VCAT in 2023.

The proposed development includes a microbrewery, two

bars, a still and restaurant able to seat 120 patrons, including outdoor dining. It received \$1.2 million in State Government funding in 2022.

A Victorian Government spokesperson late last year confirmed new project signage is expected to be erected on site in early 2025.

"It is estimated that construction will begin in 2025," the spokesperson said.

"We're currently working with Rhyll Brewery and Distillery on the timelines of the project."

7. Transport, parking

The Draft Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) is set to be presented to councillors early in 2025, following consultation last year.

The council says the ITS will help solve a range of traffic headaches facing the island, not just focusing on building new infrastructure, but with a focus on alternatives to car use, including walking, cycling, and public transport.

"By 2036, our population is expected to increase by over 14 per cent. If we keep using our transport system the way we do now, we may see more traffic and congestion, on both our major roads and local streets," a council spokesperson said.

Transport issues flagged so far include: a proposed new fleet of public electric buses, booked or hailed like a taxi, in a planned three-year trial across Phillip Island and San Remo and a range of State Government proposed upgrades to San Remo.

And slow, steady or stalled:

8. Vietnam Veterans museum

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum (NVVM) board has cranked up its fundraising effort for their new museum, with a trip to the USA planned this year.

The Board has also hired a professional funding organisation to raise remaining funds, with \$16 million in state and federal government grants so

far promised for the project. Last year the Planning Minister called in and approved a new NVVM application.

The first application was initially approved by Bass Coast Shire councillors in 2022; but was then later rejected by VCAT after an appeal by two objectors against the decision.

The ministerially-approved permit now green lights the construction of a new museum at 24 Churchill Road. While plans are similar to the original application, they incorporate a number tweaks that take on VCAT's concerns.

Once funding is secured, it will take up to three years to complete Stage One.

9. Boys Home, new hotel

Plans for a \$15.6 million redevelopment of the old Boys' Home in Newhaven have stalled in the past year.

The proposal includes a 72-room hotel, 13 townhouses, restaurant, gym, and function centre for 1.4 hectares at 54-61 Forrest Avenue, which local residents have labelled an overdevelopment focused on profit motive, over the rights of neighbours.

The current plans are an amended version of a previous

planning permit approved in 2010 by VCAT, which would see demolition of heritage buildings, as well as a 21-lot subdivision, 10 dwellings and six apartments.

The developer has stated said that if the hotel plans are unsuccessful, he will revert to the 2010 VCAT approved plan.

In the meantime, he has been restoring rooms "back to and beyond their original 1928 glory".

In addition to the old Boys' Home, the developer owns the Ellis Arcade in Cowes, and has plans for a new, \$2.5 million, triple-storey hotel at the rear at 13 Warley Avenue.

The residential modular hotel will include 15 suites, prefabricated and modular construction and will be just over 10 metres high.

10. Health farm

The owners of a Ventnor property that received approval more than 20 years ago to build a health farm and golf course there have confirmed they have applied for a permit extension.

In 1999, the 18ha property on Pyramid Rock Road was granted a permit for a mixed-use development to be known as Wintertersun, including a convalescent or health farm, host farm, golf course, and 24 dwellings.

That permit was due to expire at the end of last year, but the owners confirmed a request to extend the expiry date has been lodged with council.

The request was part of a separate permit to build a house on the property, which was approved in the VCAT case Pyramid Rock Pty Ltd v Bass Coast SC.

And more

• In 2022 objectors lost their bid to overturn approval of a five-storey hotel at 85 Thompson Avenue, which will be 17.1 metres high and with a parking waiver of 29 car spaces. In the meantime no progress has been made at the site.

• The former one acre Warley Hospital site was granted a permit in December 2022 to build a \$25 million five-storey, 91-apartment development,

with a maximum height of 16.2 metres which is within the shire's permitted height limit for that particular site. The property's sale fell through and is still on the market.

• A four-storey development at 151 Marine Parade, San Remo, was last year approved by councillors. The \$2.5 million commercial office and retail building has a waiver of the statutory car parking requirement of nine spaces.

• VCAT in 2024 approved a 59-lot residential subdivision – and removal of vegetation – for Cowes west at 273-297 Church Street, opposite Anchor Belle Holiday Park.

• A proposed 36-lot housing subdivision at 205-223 Thompson Avenue, next to the RSL, has been waiting in the wings for years.

• A proposed dinosaur trail, running 40km from San Remo to Inverloch.

• Stage two of the speed limit review has been delayed. The review was to focus on high-speed unsealed gravel roads, which currently have a default speed limit of 100km/hr, including Pyramid Rock, Harbison, Watts and McFees roads, and Veterans Drive.

The Cowes-Rhyll Road and Coghlan Road (both 80km/hr) were deferred to be considered in stage two.

• A renewed permit for the four storey, 22-apartment complex with four retail shops at 131-133 Marine Parade, adjacent to the San Remo IGA, was lodged, which now has a start date of February 7, 2026.

Very early stages:

Plans mooted in the early stages, according to the shire's planning permit register include:

• 115 Marine Parade San Remo: Buildings and works and a reduction in the car parking.

• 127 Marine Parade San Remo: Construction of a four storey mixed-use development, comprising of five retail spaces and nine apartments and 15 car parking spaces.

• 435 Phillip Island Road, San Remo: A winery and a dwelling is proposed.



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A new brewery and distillery at 11 Beach Road, Rhyll, is – after several years delay – flagged to start construction this year.



Cam Moore (centre) is running from Melbourne to Cowes to raise funds for cancer after the death of his family friend, San Remo resident Les Blick. Les' children Cam (left), and Jordan are pictured with Cam.

Melbourne to Cowes fundraising run

FUNDRAISER

A 500km charity run – culminating in a single day run from Melbourne to Cowes – will raise funds to fight cancer, inspired by the death of a San Remo resident last year. Melbourne butcher Cam Moore is dedicating his month-long running challenge to his family friend, San Remo's Les Blick, who passed away in November from cancer. The 32-year-old will be running 500km in March, which is the Cancer Council's March Charge challenge, culminating in a single-day-120kms run from Chelsea Heights to Cowes on March 27, with celebratory drinks and a "parma" at Hotel at

the run's conclusion.

Cam said he grew up holidaying at his family's caravan in Rhyll and Ventnor and chose to run to support the Cancer Council challenge.

"I've chosen this run and distance to help honour my friends and family close to me who have and still are battling cancer, more recently the Blick family, who lost dear Les.

"In doing this run I want to highlight the message to keep fighting and pushing.

"Last year I raised over \$1000, so this year I've aimed higher and am aiming to run further."

During the run his father and sister will be support crew

at two pitstops at Koo Wee Rup and Bass.

"I keep fit running every day – about 100km every week – and skateboarding," he said, adding he will leave Chelsea around 2am on March 27.

Les Blick's son Jordan said his mother still lives in San Remo, moving there with Les about 10 years ago, and owning a holiday house in Ventnor for about 15 years before.

To donate: www.themarchcharge.com.au/fundraisers/cammoore/2025

Follow Cam's progress on Instagram [instagram.com/lecammylove](https://www.instagram.com/lecammylove) or Strava www.strava.com/athletes/113865646



HEALTH MATTERS

New measles case reported

A new case of measles has been reported in Victoria with a patient who was infectious in the Cranbourne area during late December.

The exposure sites include Cranbourne Bunnings on December 27 (7.20pm – 8.20pm) and Chemist Warehouse in Cranbourne North on December 28 between 11.30am and 12.40pm.

There has been an increase in notified cases of measles in returned travellers across Australia in recent weeks. Growing outbreaks have been reported internationally including in Vietnam and Thailand.

A full list of exposure sites: www.health.vic.gov.au/health-alerts/new-measles-case-in-victoria-4

Rotary mural brings joy to patients and visitors

Patients and visitors to Wonthaggi Hospital can now enjoy a bright, colourful and captivating mural in the courtyard of Kodowlinun acute ward.

The mural, entitled Manna Gum Retreat, was painted by Inverloch artists Amanda Watts and Raewyn Petracca, and funded by the Rotary Club of Inverloch, to the tune of \$15,000.

Community raises \$31,000 for cancer camera

Bass Coast Health (BCH) thanks the local community after they raised \$31,000 for a camera for the early detection of prostate and bladder cancers.

The funds were raised at the

2024 BCH Fundraiser Golf Ball Drop and Ambrose Golf Day at Wonthaggi Golf Club on November 17.

The successful event was held by Melissa Stirton of Headlines Hairdressing, Wonthaggi; Allison Adams of Revive Beauty and Spa, Wonthaggi; and Michael and Sue Turton of The Cape Tavern, Cape Paterson, as part of their ongoing annual fundraising for BCH.

Nursing partnership with Alfred Health

Bass Coast Health (BCH) is partnering with Alfred Health in an innovative secondment program.

Registered Nurses from Alfred Health have been working at BCH's Wonthaggi Hospital on secondment, helping to enhance BCH's nursing workforce and skillset by passing on their skills while also learning about nursing in a sub-regional health service.

BCH Operations Director Kylie Martin said the secondment program was an advantage of BCH partnering with a metropolitan health service.

Stroke data

Bass Coast Health (BCH) has been recognised for contributing to the enhancement of stroke care across Australia.

BCH recently received a certificate of achievement for outstanding contribution to the Australian Stroke Clinical Registry (AuSCR) after reaching the milestone of providing data for 500 episodes of care for stroke.

Read the full stories at pisa.com.au/health-wellbeing

Ticks leave locals scratching their heads

HEALTH

A Ventnor resident claiming to have been bitten by a tick near her home has left long-term locals scratching their heads.

For decades, tick bites have been unheard of on Phillip Island, but Lisa wrote on the community noticeboard she had been bitten, which prompted others to share their tick stories.

"Does anyone have any intel on ticks on the island?" Lisa asked.

"I was starting to feel itchy

and noticed bites on my legs and arms. I thought they may have been flea bites but on closer inspection I found a tick.

"Now I'm a bit worried I might get ill."

Local resident Heather said last summer she had one on her shoulder "that I'm guessing dropped out of the bush above me where possums go".

"Someone else at the time said their child had one. They're here on the island," she said, adding the area was home to plentiful marsupials.

"I ended up having to go to the doctor as I got an infection about the size of a 20-cent piece from it. Got antibiotics all good. No need to be frightened."

Heather said she used a product with her dogs that provided tick protection.

"Once you know they're there you can be on the lookout and take precautions."

Martin commented he had seen a tick on one of his backyard blue tongue lizards.

"I'm pretty sure it was a paralysis tick," he said, "I have nev-

er seen one before on anything."

According to the Australian Government, globally, there are almost 900 species of tick, and 17 in Australia that may attach and feed on humans, but only six of these tick species are able to spread diseases to humans, with the worst the deadly paralysis tick, found on the east coast from northern Queensland to Victoria.

A spokesperson for Bass Coast Health said they had no record of tick presentations, but tick bites could lead to a variety

of illnesses, from allergic reactions to paralysis and Q fever.

If you or someone near you has trouble breathing or collapses after a tick bite, call triple zero (000) and ask for an ambulance. Most ticks need humidity and mild weather to survive, so they are most frequently found in the warmer months, but can be found throughout the year.

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- Situated on approx. 1840m² of land in the quiet township of Rhyl, close to the General Store and only moments away from the waters' edge
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17 HASTINGS STREET, VENTNOR



- Beautifully presented home with self-contained cottage providing ample space
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20 SANDERS ROAD, SILVERLEAVES



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6 PINEDALE AVENUE, CAPE WOOLAMAI



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34 SANDERS ROAD, SILVERLEAVES



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27 BINGLEY CRESCENT, VENTNOR



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58 BRAZIER STREET, GRANTVILLE



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- VENTNOR:** Wimbledon Heights, GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT, Smith Beach, Sunderland Bay, Surf Beach, Surfers Point, Phillip Island Rd, Back Beach Rd, Ventnor Rd, Phillip Island Rd.
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- NEWHAVEN:** Cape Woolamai, Woolamai Surf Beach, Patrolled weekends and public holidays until April 14 Sat 1pm-5pm Sun/Public Holidays 10am-4pm.
- SAN REMO:** Cape Woolamai State Fauna Reserve.
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Happy Australians Day! Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.



Gathering of Neighbours at Rhyll

The Phillip Island and District Historical Society along with the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo invite you to join them on Sunday January 26 for a delightful family day at the Rhyll Park.

The Gathering of Neighbours includes live music, entertaining activities for the kids, and a complimentary sausage sizzle as well as beverages for the adults. This event promises a perfect blend of fun and reflection for everyone.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 26.

When the festivities kick off at 11am, Rhyll Park will transform into a hub of excitement and camaraderie.

President Doug Waugh, at the helm of the Historical Society, shares the theme of the day: "Reflect, Respect, Celebrate." These three pillars embody the essence of the society's operations.

"We take pride in reflecting on and sharing our rich history, respecting the legacy left by those who came before us, and, of course, celebrating the fact that we are fortunate enough to call one of the world's most beautiful locations our home," Doug said.

He also acknowledged the assistance for the event from the Australian Government through the National Australia Day Council.

The day promises to be a treat for families, history enthusiasts, and anyone looking for a unique way to celebrate Australia Day.

Live music will set the tone for a festive atmosphere, creating the perfect backdrop for an array of fun activities designed to entertain the younger members of the community.

And let's not forget the free sausage sizzle, a quintessential part of any Australian celebration! The enticing aroma

of sizzling sausages is sure to draw a crowd, adding to the festive spirit of the day.

So, gather your family and friends, pack a picnic blanket, and head to Rhyll Park for a day of sharing, fun, and celebration.

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Join the Gathering of Neighbours at Rhyll Park from 11am on January 26, to "reflect, respect, celebrate" this Australia Day. Karen Brunetti with David, Bree and Gracie Pascolo enjoying last year's celebrations.

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Ways to celebrate Australia Day

Australia Day Community Breakfast

Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.
7.30am – 11am.
Hosted by the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi.
Breakfast from 7.30am followed by entertainment, address by Rotary Australia Day ambassador and presentation of Rotary Community Awards.

Gathering of Neighbours

Rhyll Park, Lock Road.
11am – 3pm
Hosted by the Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary Club.
This free family-friendly event promises a day filled with music, fun, and reflection on the unique

privilege of calling this beautiful region home.

Oz Day at the Daly

Dalyston Recreation Reserve.
4pm – 10pm.
Adults \$20, children under 18 free.
Music from Phillip Island duo The Times and singer songwriter Imogen Price, plus local bluesurf band Ozone Street. There's also children's activities, carnival rides, food and drinks, with 9.30pm fireworks.
Tickets: trybooking.com

Australia Day Fireworks

9pm at The Island Summer Carnival.
Cnr Phillip Island and

Ventnor roads (diagonally opposite the RSL).

Australia Day at Glen Alvie Recreation Reserve

Glen Alvie Community Hall
10am – 12.30pm
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Kilcunda Lobster Festival

Foreshore car park, Kilcunda
10am – 3pm
Skate Comp from 11am – 2pm.



Oz Day at the Daly from 4pm until 10pm includes music, children's activities, carnival rides, food and drinks, with 9.30pm fireworks.



Celebrate Australia Day at the Gathering of Neighbours at Rhyll Park from 11am – 3pm, hosted by the Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary Club.

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This Australia Day at Woodleigh, meet Bonnie and purebred Jersey cow Estelle, as part of celebrations organised by the hall committee, starting at 8.30am.

Meet Bonnie and Estelle on Australia Day

Try something different this Australia Day, and join a special celebration at the Woodleigh Hall.

The farming area of Woodleigh is located between Grantville and Loch and the hall committee has organised a very unique Australia Day event.

Everyone is invited to meet Bonnie and her purebred Jersey cow Estelle.

You'll be able to pat Estelle, get a photo with her, or even try your hand at milking.

There'll be an egg and bacon breakfast (cash only), the chance to meet some local dairy farmers,

hay rides behind a vintage Grey Ferguson tractor and gumboot throwing.

You can also check out Woodleigh's renovated hall and see some historic photographs.

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Exhibition inspired by beauty, and pain

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Armed with brush and paints, when Sharnee Taylor visits any of Phillip Island's beaches she's ostensibly there to capture the beauty on canvas.

But as much as she loves the art of landscape painting, the beach is also health-giving, a tonic.

"I started painting Phillip Island's beaches as therapy after years of pain and surgery. Being there calmed me," the 36-year-old artist says.

"My paintings try to capture a sense of peace, just like the feeling you get standing at the beach. When I'm at the beach, I go into a zone and lose time.

"I started sharing my paintings on social media and the feedback was I was making other people feel calm."

The result of this work is Sharnee's first exhibition in 12 years - titled Soothing Sunsets of Phillip Island - showing at

Clay and Co from February 1 to 16.

The mother of four-year-old Adele says the exhibition is personally poignant, coming after recovering from a two-decade battle with endometriosis, a disease that can cause severe pain in the pelvis and make it harder to get pregnant.

Sharnee, who lives at Surf Beach, is donating 10 per cent of the profits from the exhibition, as well as a painting to be auctioned, to Endometriosis Australia to help others suffering with it.

"I want to bring awareness to endometriosis as it is such a debilitating illness that can be very isolating.

"I want to share my work and story with others to inspire them and help raise money for Endometriosis Australia to help others."

Support

For Sharnee, the light at the end of a long, dark



As part of her recovery Sharnee Taylor started painting again, gravitating to the beach for healing. The exhibition now showcases those paintings created since the surgery, with Sharnee donating 10 per cent of the profits from the exhibition, as well as a painting to be auctioned, to Endometriosis Australia to help others suffering with it.

tunnel came when she had a partial hysterectomy in September 2023.

"It doesn't work for everyone, it's not a cure, but I'm so much better now. It has given me my life back

after suffering for 20 years with pain.

"I'm enjoying just feeling like I'm a normal person.

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Remarkably her husband Jacob has also suffered years of pain since he was involved in a car accident in 2009 at Surf Beach, when he was given a five per cent chance of survival and given 36 litres of blood.

Jacob has gone on to be

one of Victoria's most generous blood donors, and a rare plasma donor, also telling his story at voluntary public speaking events.

In a similar way to Jacob, Sharnee hopes to raise awareness about her hidden disease - including through the exhibition. She also hopes to be a support for others suffering in silence locally by creating a support group.

"I want to tell them to speak up for themselves and not let medical people tell you you're wrong, they need to push for the answers.

"For all those years I wished I had someone who understood how I felt. So I want to be that person for other people, to give advice but also to listen."

During the exhibition, Sharnee will also be running her regular art classes at Clay and Co - normally held at her home studio or the Ventnor Store - where she creates a calming space and supportive environment for participants.

Details: www.sharneyartillustration.com/
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Jordan Crugnale MP with volunteer Yvonne Rogers and Manager Kerryn Ladell from the Corinella and District Community Centre, which received \$21,445 funding through the Community Food Relief Program.

Boost for Waterline food relief

FUNDING

The Corinella and District Community Centre (CDCC) has received \$21,445 through the Community Food Relief Program.

The grant is for new efficient refrigeration, storage and cooking equipment for the community pantry and lunch programs which will increase provisions through the food pantry and supply of fresh food options. Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said the grants are designed to increase the capacity of local community organisations to provide food relief, through expanding food relief activities, facility upgrades, support and upskilling of volun-

teers and delivering initiatives that address the underlying causes of food insecurity.

“The CDCC is an extraordinary organisation that is all heart and all community,” Ms Crugnale said.

“Centre Manager Kerryn Ladell and the team of volunteers provide a remarkable service, have a wide-ranging array of programs on the go, connecting people to each other and to support services, run many activities and interest groups and I thank them for all they do.”

Kerryn Ladell said the centre was delighted to receive the grant.

“This grant will go a long way to supporting our volunteers who

look after the community through our Emergency Food Relief Pantry here at the Centre.

“Our Centre supports people needing additional food for single people and families. We cater for up to 20 people per week with our Community Lunch program,” Kerryn said.

“The grant will help fund food for our community lunches, and this attracts people who feel isolated in our community to come along and enjoy the good food and good people.

“These programs are all run by volunteers who give of their time willingly and want to give back to their community. There is lots of laughter and joy at our lunches.”

Island artist honoured on world stage

ART

Last December, island-based artist David Taylor was bestowed a lifetime achievement award at the world's largest watercolour festival in Dehli, India.

The internationally acclaimed master watercolourist was also invited as the guest artist of honour to the Olympiart festival, which saw watercolour artists from more than 100 countries travel to India to celebrate the medium.

David said the event drew artists from all across the globe, including places like Iran, Italy, Russia and Ukraine.

“All the places you wouldn't believe” said David, “but they're all united as (watercolour) masters from around the world.”

The second edition of Olympiart aimed to connect and encourage artists, as well as raise the standard and popularity of the watercolour medium.

Having held regular solo exhibitions in Australia as well as internationally since 1975, David has seen the approaches to watercolour – from artists to viewers alike – change dramatically.

“Art supply shops now have a huge market for the medium of watercolour, because we as watercolour artists around the world have taken it that step further than anyone else,” Da-



Phillip Island's David Taylor received a lifetime achievement award at the world's largest watercolour festival in India, in December. His work is part of the Living Moments exhibition at Iluka Gallery in Silverleaves until January 31.

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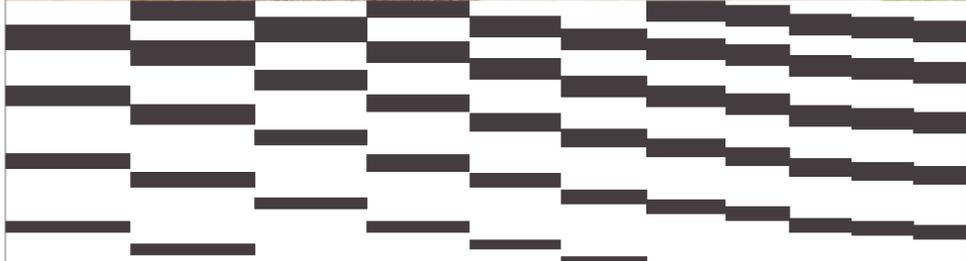
“You can see, basically, what has taken place over the years is that watercolour has developed, and developed so far that many people now want to take it up. Also because it is a very immediate medium.”

David has also been long pushing the standards of watercolour across the world, not just through his own breathtaking work but also through educational workshops and demonstrations.

The island artist was also instrumental in the development of Baohong Watercolour Paper, a paper made of 100 per cent natural cotton and used by some of the best watercolour artists in the world.

Along with Diana Edwards, David is currently showing an exhibition, Living Moments, in Silverleaves at Iluka Gallery on 28 Settlement Road. The exhibition includes several pieces painted of and on Phillip Island and runs until Friday January 31.

David and Diana said what's particularly special about Living Moments is the relaxed nature of the exhibition. While many shows have an air of formality, David and Diana said as much as selling artwork, Living Moments was about sparking discussion, talking about the beauty of watercolour painting, and musing on art as a way of seeing the world.



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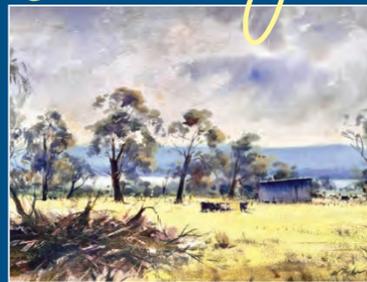
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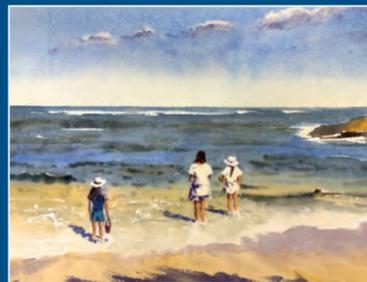
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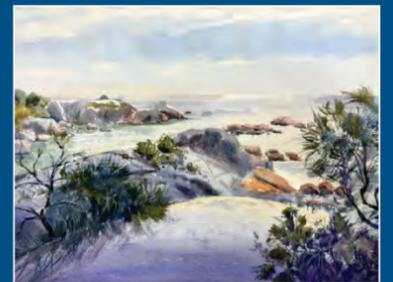
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Art that heals

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The Phillip Island Movie Club presents American independent film *Ghostlight* at Berninnet on Wednesday January 29, at the new time of 7.30pm.

Ghostlight (2024) focuses on a construction worker drawn into a production of "Romeo and Juliet," and is a drama about traumatised people healing themselves through art. It's messy in the way that life is messy. But there's a purity and earnestness to what it's doing that's increasingly unusual in American independent cinema.

Co-directed by the Chicago-

based filmmaking team of Kerry O'Sullivan and Alex Thompson (O'Sullivan wrote the script), the story focuses on a family played by an actual family of working actors.

The father, Dan (Keith Kupferer), is a construction worker. He lives in a suburban neighbourhood with his wife, Sharon (Tara Mallen), and their teenage daughter, Daisy (Katherine Mallen Kupferer). This is a troubled family. You can see that long before the movie reveals all the pieces of their trouble and lets you examine them.

It is a film that reminds you of the unifying power of great

storytelling and brings together topics such as grief, love, forgiveness and community in an emotionally engaging manner.

Please note the film begins at 7.30pm, the movie club's new starting time for 2025.

This screening is for movie club members only, and you must have your membership ticket and your Trybooking receipt to enter.

Tickets will be issued from 6.45pm. Please arrive in enough time to collect your ticket and purchase drinks or food.

As there will be 260 people all collecting tickets and purchasing food or drinks prior to 7.20pm so the film can start on time, please factor this into your arrival time.

Ghostlight is a comedy/drama and plays for 115 mins.



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After a battle with cancer.

Treasured sister in law of Alyn and John Spencer.

Auntie Nette of Emma and Zane, Jack and Mackenzie.

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All our love to Andrew and family



Kevin Kendall

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The President, Committee, Members, Management and Staff of the Phillip Island RSL Sub-Branch deeply regret to announce the passing of Kevin Kendall, a respected Service Member of our Sub-Branch. Our sincere condolences are extended to The Kendall Family.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Weekly meetings Bass Coast Shire, Wonthaggi — Tuesday 8pm; AA Cowes Big Book meeting at St Philip's Church (opp. Coles) — Tuesday 7pm, 0417 317 470; Salvation Army building, McKenzie St., Wonthaggi, Saturday 11am, 5672 3627. Phone head office 9429 1833.

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Sunday 16th February 2025 at 10.30am

Business includes confirmation of minutes of previous AGM, presentation of annual reports, and election of new committee of management for 2025.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

COWES CARNIVAL

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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**Fight them on the beaches**

I'm reminded of the quote from Winston Churchill by defiant locals against all levels of government, demanding action to arrest beach erosion. The adversary in WW2 was just a megalomaniac and his military. This time, humanity has picked a fight with Mother Nature. Does it look like dominion by humanity is more like delusion than domination?

Track record with hard walls is that erosion does continue, with level of sand descending, eventually undermining big masonry. Relatively quickly, area of sand, at high tide, tends to zero.

Bigger picture is to be wary about sea level rise leading to inundation of Silverleaves from Rhyl Inlet. Is anybody yet demanding a tidal barrage to prevent this? Will there be a levy on rates to pay for it?

When each of us have looked at permanent living down here, obviously we've looked at Silverleaves. But it's low lying, previously wetland.

In years gone by, there were huge scams about real estate fortune hunters selling beach side blocks, especially in places like the Gold Coast and Florida, which were actually swampland at the time. Obviously Silverleaves wasn't quite so bad, but not worth the risk.

When a convention centre and condo complex was proposed, adjacent to the golf club back nine, on the eastern side of Coghlan Road, somebody managed to get a fine detailed survey map of Silverleaves.

For height of sea level, it's determined against AHD (Australian Height Datum) which is mid-point between high and low tide levels. Evidently minimum and maximum high tide levels

are between two and three metres. At two metres, sea level is one metre above AHD. But some properties are only 0.5m above AHD! If you go to Dutton Institute at e-education.psu.edu, sea wall was as high as six metres but ineffective.

If you go to Coastal Risk Australia.com.au, you can enter your location and see what area is submerged by sea level rise. Prediction is still set at just 0.8m but all such predictions have been underestimated. Or check manual and set your own level.

Bernie McComb, Cowes

Be sun smart

This summer we reflect on a milestone in our state's fight against skin cancer. January marks a decade since Victoria banned commercial solariums – a landmark decision that has undoubtedly saved countless lives. Before the ban, solariums were linked to an estimated 2800 skin cancer cases across Australia every year.

But while we've come so far, recent events remind us there's still more to do.

TikTok is flooded with worrying videos glorifying tan lines and even encouraging Australians to use the UV index as a tanning tool rather than a warning. There's been controversy recently about access to shade at the beach, with the space cabanas occupy sparking national debate. And adding to the concern, nearly 300 Victorians, including many children, presented to emergency departments in public hospitals last year with sunburn.

Meanwhile skin cancer remains Victoria's fifth most common cancer, with more than 3000 Victorians diagnosed with melanoma in 2023. And UV ex-

posure – be it from the sun, the few remaining illegal backyard solariums, or even misleadingly rebranded solariums marketed as “collarium” or “collagen beds” – is the biggest risk factor.

The good news? Skin cancer is almost entirely preventable and it's never too late to start protecting your skin. When the UV index hits three or above, remember to slip on protective clothing, slop on SPF 50 or 50+ sunscreen, slap on a wide-brim hat, slide on sunglasses, and seek shade.

Enjoying the outdoors is a cherished part of Victorians' lives, but it shouldn't have to come at the cost of your health. Our message to all Victorians is to make SunSmart practices part of your daily routine this year to protect yourselves and for the sake of the people you love.

Emma Glassenbury, Head of SunSmart, Cancer Council Victoria

Open letter to Planning Minister

Forty-seven hectares of Farm Zoned land on the edge of Newhaven, Phillip Island, is currently being advertised for sale, described as “Residential”.

The realestate.com.au online advertisement carries a map showing it to be the Phillip Island Airport land: 1 Veterans Drive, Newhaven. Anxious community rumours now circulate as to whether this indicates Newhaven's town boundaries are about to be expanded under a compromised DAL final decision.

We hope that this is not the case. Our three organisations reflect a community view that uncertainty and speculation about township boundaries and

land rezoning is undermining confidence that Phillip Island's appealing rural character can be preserved for all.

The continued uncertainty as we wait for the promised, but long delayed final DAL Statement of Planning Policy, you would appreciate, is a source of great frustration. There is an urgent need for DAL to be finalised and implemented to provide certainty.

It has been more than six years since former Premier Daniel Andrews promised, “the strongest planning protections that Phillip Island and the Bass Coast have ever received (including) permanent town boundaries ...” We need the Premier's visionary promise implemented immediately.

Can you provide an update on when the DAL will be announced?

Peter Paul, President Island Voice

Ross Lloyd, President Bass Coast Branch National Trust

Greg Johnson, President Phillip Island Conservation Society

Heartfelt call

As REDFEB, Heart Awareness Month, approaches this February, Heart Research Australia is urging all Australians to come together and take action to safeguard both their heart and brain health.

This year, we are shedding light on the crucial link between cardiovascular health and cognitive function and sharing effective day-to-day strategies to support both. It's crucial to understand that what supports the heart also benefits the brain.

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in Australia, and its effects reach far beyond our hearts. Conditions

such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol can not only cause damage to the heart, but can also increase the risk of cognitive decline, and the development of dementia.

By 2054, the number of Australians living with dementia is expected to double. So, protecting our heart and brain health now is more vital than ever, not only for our own health and wellbeing, but to reduce the pressure on our health system as it braces for the impact of an ageing population.

In our communities, the impact of heart disease and dementia are deeply felt. We see it in our families, friends, and neighbours. The path forward begins with simple, actionable steps. Heart Research Australia's 4-M Approach – Meals, Movement, Measurement, and Mental Wellness – guides us to take small, meaningful actions today, which can protect both our hearts and our minds.

At Heart Research Australia, we are committed to reducing the devastating impact heart disease has on families and the community. This REDFEB, we are asking Australians to come together to wear red, raise awareness, and contribute to the vital research that will change lives.

By taking action today, we can reduce the devastating effects of heart disease tomorrow. Together, as one community, we can make a difference for our future.

To learn more about Heart Research Australia's 4-M approach and support Heart Research Australia's critical research, please visit www.heartresearch.com.au.

Nicci Dent, CEO, Heart Research Australia

The secret lives of Phillip Island's divorcing penguins

WILDLIFE

Forget Married at First Sight, or Real Housewives of New York, if you want an insight into marital drama, look no further than Phillip Island's little penguins.

According to research by Monash University and Phillip Island Nature Parks, life isn't always a beach for our little penguins, who have been found to divorce their partners and find a new mate if they aren't satisfied with the number of young filling the nest. But it's a risky decision that can lower success in their next breeding attempt.

New research conducted over more than a decade by Monash University and Phillip Island Nature Parks has taken a deep dive into the complicated love lives of the species to determine what it can predict about the colony's reproductive future.

Researchers found the rate of divorce among the penguins is a more reliable predictor of the reproductive success of the colony than environmental factors like habitat change or behavioural traits like the time they spend foraging for prey, with more divorces and pairings in a breeding season resulting in lower reproductive



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success across the colony.

Phillip Island is home to 37,000 little penguins, the world's largest colony of the species.

Professor Richard Reina, Head of Monash's Ecophysiology and Conservation Research Group in the School of Biological Sciences, has studied penguins on the island for 20 years and said contrary to popular belief, not all penguins partner for life.

“In good times, they largely stick with their partners, al-

though there's often a bit of hanky-panky happening on the side,” Professor Reina said.

“However, after a poor reproductive season they may try to find a new partner for the next season to increase their breeding success.

“Our study looked across 13 breeding seasons, tracking which individuals changed partners, or divorced, from one season to the next.

“We recorded nearly 250 penguin divorces from about a

thousand pairs throughout the study, and we found that years with a lower divorce rate resulted in higher breeding success.”

Phillip Island Nature Parks Marine Scientist Professor Andre Chiaradia said the divorce rate was an accurate predictor of success because it more accurately correlated with breeding rates than other factors impacting the penguins.

“Our findings on lower divorce rates among little penguins at Phillip Island under

favourable environmental conditions highlight the importance of considering social dynamics alongside environmental factors when designing strategies to protect vulnerable seabird species,” Professor Chiaradia said.

Matt Simpson worked with Professor Reina and Professor Chiaradia on this research as his Honours project while completing a Bachelor of Science at Monash University.

“I'm proud to have been able to make a significant contribution to the conservation of these fascinating birds by helping find new ways of identifying patterns that indicate the health of these bird populations,” Simpson said.

“This has been a long time in the making and a lot of work went into it.

“It was also a fantastic opportunity to gain real-world experience in the field while completing my studies.”

This research is the latest in a decades-strong collaborative relationship between Monash University and Phillip Island Nature Parks.

The full paper was published this month in the peer-reviewed journal *Ecology and Evolution* and is available online: doi.org/10.1002/ece3.70787



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Run for the Kids expands

RUNNING

The Deb Rielly Run for the Kids returns next month, on Sunday February 23.

This year, the popular community event has been expanded to include a half marathon and for the first time, it will also be a timed event.

Organised by a sub-committee of the Dalyston Football Netball Club, Run for the Kids is held in honour of Deb Rielly, a much loved and inspirational part of the Bass Coast community who passed away in 2019.

The reinvigorated event was relaunched last year, and embraced by the local community.

Frank Angarane from the organising committee, said this year's expansion reflects Deb's vision for the event.

"Deb was a serious competitor, and she wanted the event to include serious athletes as well as

community groups and families," Frank said.

"Deb was passionate about being fit and getting out and about in our amazing environment and this event encourages as many people as possible to get active and appreciate our surroundings."

Half marathon

For the first time, the Run for the Kids will include a half marathon, alongside 2km, 5km and 10km runs and a family friendly walk, with prizes awarded in different age categories. It will also be a timed event.

The event is one of a series of multi distance runs happening in Bass Coast between the end of January and March, offering an opportunity for keen runners to test themselves.

Online registrations are now open.

Organisers are also encouraging sporting clubs, schools, workplaces and

other groups to register as a team.

The team with the most participants will win a cash prize.

The run starts at the main Kilcunda Foreshore car park and runners and walkers will all cross the iconic trestle bridge and take in the fantastic Bass Strait coastline.

To register online (teams and individuals) go to: raceroster.com/events/2025/98253/deb-rielly-run-for-the-kids

Profits raised from the event will be used for the Dalyston Football Netball Club junior development program with a component donated to support charities or programs consistent with Deb and her family's wishes and the event philosophy.

For further information contact event coordinator Frank Angarane on 0418 529 310 or ontheroad3995@gmail.com.

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Newhaven College AFL SportsReady Traineeship

EDUCATION

Social, sporting and cultural development of students, as well as their academic growth is a school focus, says Newhaven College.

"During their Senior School years, students make decisions that shape their future career paths," a college spokesperson stated.

"The aim is for every student to graduate with a clear vision of their future opportunities, whether that's further study or entering the workforce."

For the past few years, Newhaven College has offered AFL SportsReady traineeships for one or two lucky departing students.

AFL SportsReady is a not-for-profit company dedicated to helping young Australians develop careers through traineeships, cadetships, direct employment and educational opportunities. Traineeships provide an excellent opportunity for trainees to earn while they learn, gaining real-world experience and invaluable skills along the way.

In 2024, the role was adeptly filled by 2023 alumni Lucas Chihotski.

"Lucas proved to be instrumental in the smooth running of many of Newhaven College's sporting events," the college spokesperson said.

"With close mentoring from Head of Senior School Sports, Stewart Bathgate, Lucas went from strength to strength throughout the year."

Lucas reflected on his time as an AFL Trainee.



2024 Newhaven College AFL SportsReady Trainee Lucas Chihotski took great pleasure in supporting students of all ages. In 2025 the college will offer two more AFL Trainee placements.

"This year has been incredibly fulfilling, providing me with invaluable life experiences and insights that I know will benefit me in the future.

"The support and camaraderie of the staff and teachers at Newhaven have made this journey even more enjoyable. I will always cherish the memories and opportunities this role has provided."

Jenna Harman who held the role in 2023, returned to Newhaven College in 2024 in the part-time role of college nurse. This opportunity provided Jenna with some invaluable experience as part of her nursing training.

In 2025, there will be two AFL Trainee placements at the College. One will assist in sports/PE and the other will be located in the Year 9 Environmental Centre, assisting with the extensive outdoor education and camps program, as well as being a support educator in the Year 9 Centre.

Sharks victorious against OMK

CRICKET

C Grade

The Island's C Grade Sharks took on OMK at Royal Rhyl on Saturday January 18, for Round 7 of the season.

The Sharks lost the toss and were sent into bat.

Openers Hodson and Francis kept their good form going getting the Sharks off to a solid start.

Hodson was caught for 19 bringing Niven to the crease.

Niven and Francis then took the team past 100 and both reached half centuries shortly after.

Niven, stumped for 51 and with seven overs to go, gave the Sharks a decent launching pad.

Enter Captain Cleary who then set about tearing the opposition's attack apart.

Francis continued to turn over the strike as Cleary peppered the boundary with the final over witnessing Cleary hit three consecutive sixes, taking the score to 2/237.

Ending on 81-not-out, Francis continued his red-hot form with the bat. Cleary ended on 70-not-out off 30 balls with five sixes and five boundaries.

After a magnificent spread for lunch, the Sharks headed into the field.

Kleverkamp set about destroying the OMK top order, taking two unassisted wickets in his first over.

He then proceeded to grab two more, along with McMillan taking his first leading OMK to slump to 5/6.

McMillan got another wicket and Sachin clean bowled two batters, dismantling the middle order in the process.

The OMK youngsters in the tail dug deep, putting up resistance until keeper Paterson got a runout and a catch, giving Parry a wicket.

Ryan Hughes then bowled a brilliant spell without reward – seven overs 0/12 with OMK bowled out for 75.

Kleverkamp finished with sensational figures – 4/1 off seven overs, along with McMillan (2/28) and Sachin (2/10). The Sharks took home a fantastic 162 run win.

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Phillip Island's Justin Tilley took out the win for the second year in a row. Photo: Geoff Neild.

Series off to flying start

AQUATHON

The Cape Paterson Aquathon on Sunday saw the 2025 Bass Coast Series off to a flying start.

The event attracted a record number of entries, with 350 people competing.

Ray Rust, President of the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club said the great weather on the day saw the water calm down after rough conditions on Saturday.

"Justin Tilley achieved a clean sweep for the second year running," said Ray.

He also paid tribute to Rod Kimmins who completed his 25th aquathon and club life member Tony O'Connell competing in his 15th aquathon.

Two others, Jenny Hollins and Marcus Bond were recognised for 10 years of participation.

Ray said the smooth running of the event was a credit to the over 100 volunteers involved on the day, including water safety, head counters, road marshals and the set up crew.

Results

Overall winner was Phillip Island's Justin Tilley, with another local, Mark Rowe taking out second place.

Both men competed in the Masters category.

Tynan Bressan (Senior Male) came third.

There were two women in the top five places overall, with Alice Baquie the first woman across the line in fourth place, closely followed by Zoe Adams.

Four of the top five competitors were local residents.

For Justin Tilley, it was a triple win - taking out the number one spot overall, in the Master Male category and the fastest local competitor with a time of 0:23:23.4.

The local Masters female category was won by Sarah Smith.

Local Senior Men's category was won by Tynan Bressan, with Joel Barry, Andrew Hetebrueg, Finlay Cameron and Eli Richards making up the Top 5.

Senior Females local category was won by Zoe Adams, followed by Bethan Barrett, Tiarnie Ellingworth, Mackenzie Wain and Emma McLellan.

The local Junior Male category was won by Finlay Cameron, followed by Archie Jobe, River Henderson, Jaxson Brouwers and Archer Cameron.

Keeping the youngsters on their

toes, in the local veteran categories, Rob Fleisner took out top spot in the Males, followed by Marcus Bond, Romano Studer, Andy Chisolm and Scott Aiken.

The top five local female veterans were Suzie Herrington, Rebeka Fincher, Emma Moore, Kellie Burns and Carolyn Rushford.

The Team Relay was won by Team Corbett (Jim Corbett and Luke Nicholson), with C&M (Matthew Charlesworth and Christian Slattery) in second, and McStrong Girls (Aleisha McConnell and Emma Armstrong) in third.

The top two team overall winners were local competitors.

In the local category, the top five teams consisted of three male teams, one mixed and one female.

There were some familiar names in the local line up, including Bob Hoskings, who raced with Ethan Tilley, coming in in sixth place, and Ella Angarane and Tracey Allison (Breakers) in eighth.

The Cape Paterson Aquathon is the first leg of the Bass Coast Series. The second event, the Cowes Classic is on February 8, with the San Remo Channel Challenge on March 1.

Full aquathon results at mytimes.com.au

Results from the green

GOLF

Tuesday, January 14

Men's Stroke 18H Midweek Medal

Overall winner: Syd Hadley (13) with 68 pts C/B.

A Grade winner: Syd Hadley (13) with 68 pts C/B.

B Grade winner: Ray Reid (15) with 69 pts.

C Grade winner: Geoff Williamson (30) with 68 pts.

BDL: 75 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Mario Amato, 7th Rick Connell, 10th Christian Zderski, 17th Peter Gray.

Men's 9H Stableford

Overall winner: Laurie Petrusch (25) with 18 pts C/B from Brian Baker (21) on 18 pts.

BDL: 14 pts C/B.

Wednesday, January 15

Women's Drop Out 18H Am-brose

Overall winners: Susan Morris, Janette Borgolotto, Karen Vogl and Tracey Cuff (63.75) from Dawn Andrews, Mary Smith, Rhonda Boyd and Jen Bilson (66.5).

BDL: 75.625.

NTP: 5th Michelle Par-doe, 7th Cheryl White, 10th Sheryl Smith, 17th Kim Rippon King.

Women's 9H Stableford

Overall winner: Judy Griffin (36) with 19 pts from Lorraine Brown (37) on 18 pts.

BDL: 13 pts C/B.

Thursday, January 16

Open 18H Par

Overall winner: Jeffrey Sellenger (19) +6.

A Grade winner: Wayne Morris (10) +3.

B Grade winner: Jeffrey Sellenger (19) +6.

C Grade winner: Neil Donoghue (29) +2.

BDL: -2 C/B.

NTP: 5th Beau Davies,

7th Allen Sherlock, 10th Ian Smith, 17th Ben Walsh. Great score: Finn O'Brien (eagle hole - 18).

Open 9H Stableford

Overall winner: Steve Rieger (24) with 22 pts from Alan Tindale (31) on 19 pts C/B.

BDL: 17 pts C/B.

Saturday, January 18

Men's 18H Stableford

Overall winner: Brenton O'Brien (15) with 39 pts C/B.

A Grade winner: Charlie O'Garey (12) with 39 pts.

B Grade winner: Brenton O'Brien (15) with 39 pts C/B.

C Grade winner: Michael Janson (32) with 35 pts C/B.

BDL: 33 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Jack Ross, 7th Peter W Innes, 10th Barry Gibson, 17th Lee Cleary.

Women's 18H Stableford

Overall winner: Naoko McRae (34) with 37 pts from Jane Sellenger (32) on 36 pts.

A Grade winner: Tracey Cuff (20) with 35 pts.

B Grade winner: Naoko McRae (34) with 38 pts.

BDL: 33 pts.

NTP: 5th Joanne Disher, 7th Lesley Meadowcroft, 10th Helen Coghlan, 17th Barb Haydon.

Open 9H Stableford

Overall winner: Clive Hill (29) with 20 pts from Basil Moloney (13) on 18 pts C/B.

BDL: 18 pts C/B.

Sunday, January 19

Open 18H Stableford

Overall winner: Brodie Mabilia (9) with 37 pts from Lyn Smyth (23) on 36 pts.

BDL: 29 pts.

Open 9H Stableford

Overall winner: Kerri Deaton (44) with 18 pts from Belinda Beckham (47) on 66 pts.

Red Rocks results

GOLF

Saturday January 18

Four Ball Stableford: winners Peter and Kate Crock with 45 pts, runners up Michael Blackney and David

Pearce with 38 pts C/B.

Sunday January 19

Stableford: winner Bernard Cashman (11) with 40 pts C/B, runner up Zac Brown (16) with 40 pts.

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Duncan Firth displays one of the five tuna that were weighed-in over the RPIAC competition weekend.

Angling comp returns for new year

FISHING

The Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club (RPIAC) resumed their 2024/25 angling competition with the seventh competition for the season (and the first for 2025) on January 18 and 19.

With a lacklustre long-range weather forecast, Saturday proved challenging with wind speeds exceeding 20 knots and only a few determined anglers opting to brave the elements.

Sunday however, brought calmer weather resulting in a productive day of fishing and several standout catches.

A total of 42 fish and five game fish were weighed-in at the RPIAC clubrooms during the designated timeslot (4pm-5pm over Saturday and Sunday).

RPIAC weigh-in master and Club Captain, Chris Leonardos was assisted by Paul Goodwin and Russ Gallagher ensuring the weekend's weigh-in was swift and focused.

The range of eligible species included snapper, King George whiting, tuna, flat-head, trevally and pike.

As Sunday's weigh-in concluded the results were tabulated and the pace slowed to island-time.

Anglers and supporters gathered at the RPIAC clubrooms creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for the post-competition presentation, enjoying a meal of Cafe Bazarre pizzas to celebrate the weekend's achievements.

Again, a great deal of effort from volunteers particularly Lorraine, Julie and Matt along with the great team who made the whole weekend another success.

The RPIAC's Extraordinary Catch Incentives for eligible species (caught by members on competition weekends) remain banked.

Following Nigel Firth's success last year with a King George whiting which exceed 1000g, none of the remaining \$1000 first-to-catch prizes were claimed.

Although many remain optimistic about catching another eligible species that equals or exceeds the nominated weight: snapper (10kg), gummy shark (20kg), mulloway (25kg) and kingfish (25kg).

Results

With the holiday season offering an abundance of summer recreation, the Squidgie competition (for anglers aged nine and under) celebrated the wonderful achievement of angling-gun Harley Griffin.

Harley presented two fish worth 35 points for weigh-in and claimed first place.

The Junior's competition (for anglers aged 10 to 16) saw Jacob Magro return



James Nicolaci won the game fish competition with a 17,250g tuna and the Senior Points competition with an RPIAC record pike worth 3995 points.

in style to win the Junior Points and Junior Weight prizes with a King George whiting worth 994 points (355g) along with a mackerel weighing 280g.

With an abundance of fish in Westernport and the ocean-side of Phillip Island, the challenge was to find the biggest.

The Senior Heaviest Weight competitions were won by Len Bates with a 935g snapper and Tenille Preddice with an 850g trevally.

James Nicolaci dominated in the Male Senior Points competition, setting a new RPIAC record with a massive pike reminiscent of an anaconda worth 3995 points (3995g).

Tenille Preddice returned to the podium to claim the Female Senior Points competition with a sleek King George whiting worth 1540 points (550g).

Despite reports of massive gummy sharks in Westernport, only the smaller specimens were being caught and nothing close to RPIAC's 60cm minimum partial-length made it to weigh-in.

James Nicolaci triumphed again in the game fish competition, weighing-in a clean and chunky 17,250g tuna.

The Secret Weight prize was awarded to Chris Leonardos who was closest to the secret weight with a 345g King George whiting (secret weight: 343g).

The RPIAC clubroom is located adjacent to the Rhyll boat ramp and is open to members and visitors on Fridays (from 5pm) and competition weekends coinciding with weigh in.

The next angling competition will be held across February 1 and 2. For further information about the club, events, competitions and rules please visit their website: www.rpiac.com



SGB competitors Hugh, Will, Zac and Mostyn prepare for the week ahead.

SGB prepare to remain a dominant force in country comp

SWIMMING

There was a large presence on Friday morning (January 17) at the Mildura Waves Aquatic Centre as the 50 South Gippsland Bass Swim Club (SGB) competitors took to the pool for a final training session prior to the 2025 Victorian Country LC Swimming Championships held across January 18 and 19. With 658 swimmers taking part in the competition, SGB had one of the largest club presences with 74 contestants travelling from the South Gippsland and

Bass Coast region.

Coach Dylan was thrilled at the turn out.

"This is our second biggest team ever at Country Championships, only beaten by 76 last year at Traralgon.

"The fact that so many families have committed to the team is really pleasing.

"Competitors are lifted by the support along with their friends and family at home watching on the live feed.

Coach Caiden also stated that "I couldn't be prouder of the dedication and progress demonstrat-

ed by the team."

"Reflecting on their journey from early in the season, I commend the swimmers for their relentless commitment and positive attitude.

"The upcoming meets will be a celebration of their efforts and I can't wait to see how they shine."

Club President Janelle Croatto says that "we are so lucky to have such supportive families who have made the trip up for the three days of racing."

The event is live streamed on Kayo Freebies and Swimming Victoria's YouTube channel.



Congratulations to last week's winners on 33 points: Dianne Hessen (L), Sue Stansfield (3), Bill Williams (2) and Rob Jeffrey (S).

Midweek paradise at Lang Lang

BOWLS

Last week, Lang Lang hosted the midweek crew for their weekly competition.

Players were welcomed by Pauline and John whilst Peter arranged teams.

On the green, it was a bowler's paradise with mild weather and low

winds.

Congratulations to winners on 33 points: Dianne Hessen (L), Sue Stansfield (3), Bill Williams (2) and Rob Jeffrey (S).

Runners up on 32 points: Gillian Harper (3), Mick Sheers (S) and Aggie Gratton (L).

Best one game winners on 19 points: Elias Capsa-

lis (L), Peter Gratton (S) and Max Summers (3).

The club thanks to Neville for his work on the green, David and John for cleaning up both the green and the hall, Marianne and Colin for looking after drinks, along with Jenny and Bev for their work in the kitchen.

This week the club will meet at Corinella.

TIDE GUIDE

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

	WED 22 JAN	THU 23 JAN	FRI 24 JAN	SAT 25 JAN	SUN 26 JAN	MON 27 JAN	TUE 28 JAN
LOW	12:43 am 0.92 m	1:18 am 1.02 m	1:55 am 1.13 m	2:35 am 1.25 m	3:20 am 1.37 m	4:15 am 1.47 m	12:04 am 2.55 m
HIGH	7:04 am 2.74 m	7:30 am 2.68 m	7:59 am 2.61 m	8:32 am 2.52 m	9:13 am 2.42 m	10:02 am 2.33 m	5:21 am 1.53 m
LOW	1:09 pm 0.63 m	1:41 pm 0.60 m	2:13 pm 0.60 m	2:49 pm 0.63 m	3:31 pm 0.66 m	4:24 pm 0.69 m	11:07 am 2.27 m
HIGH	7:46 pm 2.58 m	8:27 pm 2.58 m	9:11 pm 2.56 m	10:00 pm 2.54 m	10:58 pm 2.53 m		5:28 pm 0.70 m

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Eddie Maier was victorious in the Cadet Males taking out first place. Photo: Andrew Lidsey (@bunpix).

PIBC's Twinny Specialty comp

SURFING

The Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) held their Twinny Specialty event on Saturday January 18.

It proved a resounding success showcasing a fantastic day of surf, camaraderie and competition at the second car park of Cape Woolamai.

With waves delivering all day, Club Captain Ash Easton and his team were treated to excellent conditions.

President Jake Eisen said "it was particularly exciting to see a strong turnout of groms, cadets and juniors embracing the twinny boards, with many riding a twin fin for the first time."

PIBC would like to give a special thanks to shaper Leigh Johnstone of Desert Ocean Surfboards for generously providing three twin fin boards for the competition, including a brand-new board



Dannielle Baylis took out a stellar first place in the Open Women's category at PIBC's Twinny Specialty competition last weekend. Photo: Andrew Lidsey (@bunpix). More photos at pisra.com.au/sport

that had its debut ride at the event.

Also to Beachside Bakehouse for their donations of bread and doughnuts, along with Craig Anderson and Andrew Lidsey for their photography work.

A thank you from the club to sponsors (for the competition's prizes): Tracks Mag, Atoll Travel, Sin Eyewear and Creatures of Leisure.

The event concluded with an end-of-day presentation hosted by local Cape Woola-

mai restaurant Bang Bang Bar & Food.

Results

Open Women: 1st Dannielle Baylis. 2nd Abbey Clarke. 3rd Scarlett Rennie.

Open Men: 1st Harry De Roth. 2nd Ash Easton. 3rd Blake Green.

Legends (60+): 1st Mal Gregson. 2nd William Yusko. 3rd: Andrew Lidsey.

Junior Male (U18): 1st Rye Cicero. 2nd Lachie Eastwood. 3rd Toby Davies.

Cadets Female (U16): 1st Evie Lutz. 2nd Scarlett Rennie. 3rd Phoenix Stedman.

Cadets Male (U16): 1st Eddie Maier. 2nd Ryan McKenzie. 3rd Denver Preddice-Firth.

Awards

Most Improved: Phoenix Stedman.

First Time on a Twinny: Denver Preddice-Firth.



PIBC President Jake Eisen with award winners Denver Preddice-Firth (First Time on a Twinny) and Phoenix Stedman (Most Improved).



PIBC President Jake Eisen with first place winner Evie Lutz of the U16s Female Cadets.



PIBC President Jake Eisen with Mal Gregson (winner of the 60+ Legends category) and Treasurer Jo O'Reilly Stubbs.

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