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Dozens of local homeowners are counting the costs of the collapse of Langford Jones Homes, while businesses and tradies on Phillip Island and San Remo are owed over \$800,000.

Dreams shattered as company collapses

Homeowners locally and elsewhere are counting the costs of the collapse of Langford Jones Homes.

Many have been left with unfinished homes, while some have seen their deposit disappear into thin air.

Others have finished houses with a list of deficits they had been chasing the company to rectify.

Liquidators RSM Australia said there were around 65 building projects in "various stages of completion".

Bass Coast Shire Council has not been able to confirm how many

building or planning permits are currently on its books from the company.

It is estimated that dozens of the unfinished building projects are located in San Remo or Phillip Island.

In addition, there are over 30 creditors on the island and surrounds, owed over \$800,000. Creditors for the shire top \$1 million (see separate story).

Langford Jones Homes is a family company, set up by Bruce Langford Jones in 1975, with both his sons Sam and Paul working for the company.

More recently, Sam took over running the company and is listed as a director on the company website.

When the Advertiser contacted Paul Langford Jones he said he had not worked for the company for over a year and was not a director.

He confirmed he set up design company Drawn & Co about two years ago, and it had "nothing to do with Langford Jones Homes".

He described the company collapse as "very, very sad" and said he "had no idea" about the situation.

Drawn & Co operate out of the same Scanlan Street address in East Bentleigh as Langford Jones Homes.

Paul told the Advertiser he hadn't worked for months and was "going to finish up" his company, but that "most of our staff have new jobs".

The Langford Jones Homes collapse has been described by liquidators as a perfect storm of supply chain delays, shortage of skilled labour, rising costs, as well as a cyber-attack, which meant "it's become unsustainable".

However, Langford Jones clients who have contacted the Advertiser shared stories of non-payment of trades, requests for advance payments or unapproved variations, poor workmanship, poor communication and bad record keeping, for some time.

People who built with Langford Jones Homes before the pandemic, between 2009 and 2018, recounted similar experiences (see separate story).

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This replacement pole in Bass Avenue is part of AusNet maintenance and replacements works around Cowes to improve local electricity supply.

Electricity improvements underway

You'll be seeing a flurry of activity around local electrical poles in the coming weeks. The work is part of Ausnet maintenance and asset replacement works around Cowes to improve the reliability of the local electricity network. An AusNet spokesperson said residents can expect to see a significant amount of activity, especially during late July and early August. "AusNet is currently conducting a range of

maintenance and asset replacement works on Phillip Island to improve the reliability of the local electricity network," the spokesperson said. "This work will continue through July and early August so residents can expect to see an increased presence of our workers on the Island. We urge motorists to take care when passing our worksites. "Some of the works will require interruption to electricity supply to allow our workers to safely complete activity and affected residents will be notified in advance." On Tuesday June 12, AusNet worked on the main electricity line that brings power from the mainland to the Island. "Approximately 7000 customers had their power interrupted between 9am and 5pm that day," the spokesperson said. "We planned the works to minimise disruption as much as possible and arranged to bring together multiple jobs during the outage window to avoid future planned interruptions." AusNet maintained power supply for key shopping areas, emergency services and schools. Work on the main line includes additional maintenance and replacement of wires and equipment in the vicinity of the fault that resulted in the outage on Phillip Island during the June long weekend. Investigations are still underway into the cause of that fault, but AusNet said it is believed to have been triggered by a bird strike. Customers can find tips on how to prepare for an outage on the AusNet website: www.ausnetservices.com.au/en/Outages/Prepare-for-an-electrical-outage.

Vaccine expanded as cases rise

Covid case numbers are on the rise again on Phillip Island. In the first 10 days of July, the shire averaged around 50 new cases every day. Case numbers were over 340 at the start of the week, with a third of these recorded in Phillip Island and San Remo. Cowes (3922) currently has the highest number of cases of any postcode in the shire. Last week ATAGI (Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation) updated its vaccine advice, recommending adults aged 50 to 64 years now receive a fourth dose. Anyone aged 30 to 49 years can also receive a booster dose, however ATAGI said the benefit for people in this age group is less certain. The booster can be administered three months after a Covid infection or previous vaccination. People aged over 65 have previously been eligible for the winter booster and are being urged to get vaccinated if they have not already done so. A winter booster is also available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people aged 50 and older, people who are severely immunocompromised (this will be a fifth dose), people aged 16 years or older with certain medical conditions or with a disability or complex health needs. ATAGI noted the number of people in Australia ill from respiratory virus infections, including from COVID-19, has increased over the past



Gippsland Region Public Health Unit's mobile vaccination van will visit Marine Parade San Remo on July 22, from 10am – 2pm, and Wonthaggi on July 14, 30 from 10am – 2pm at the Town Hall. few months, placing an increased strain on the Australian health care system, particularly hospitals. A surge in cases of COVID-19 BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants is a contributing factor and is expected to worsen in coming months. Health authorities continue to advise people wear masks in indoor situations where it is not possible to physically distance. The Gippsland Region Public Health Unit's mobile vaccination van will visit Marine

Parade San Remo on July 22, from 10am – 2pm, and Wonthaggi on July 14 and 30 from 10am – 2pm at the Town Hall. People can access their initial Covid vaccination, booster or winter dose at the van. No appointment is necessary, but please bring your Medicare card. Children must present proof of age. Vaccinations are also available through GP clinics and pharmacies. Pharmacy bookings can be made online at www.findapharmacy.com.au.

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John Fleming remembered

Bass Coast Shire's Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan paid tribute to former Wonthaggi councillor and Mayor, John Fleming. On behalf of Bass Coast Shire Council, I would like to acknowledge the recent passing of John Fleming," Cr Whelan said.

"John was Councillor and Mayor of the Borough of Wonthaggi prior to amalgamation. He also served as one of the three Commissioners for the new Bass Coast Shire, for three years following amalgamation. "John was with the State

Coal Mine for over 20 years, and he gave more than 50 years of service to the CFA and Lions Club of Wonthaggi. John has made an outstanding contribution to Wonthaggi over many years, helping to make the town what it has become."

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After 1190 roadkills, research concludes

A three-year study into wildlife deaths from vehicles has concluded on the Cowes-Rhyll Road, with researchers now set to recommend solutions.

A total of 1190 animals across 25 species were victims of roadkill on a 3.6km stretch of the road, the study found.

Citizen scientist and Cowes resident Ron Day began monitoring roadkill on the road in April 2019.

It is the end of an era for Ron, who has driven the same stretch about four times a week, or more regularly at holidays and peak season, in total clocking up about 8000km over the three years.

"It has become part of my routine over the years so I now feel guilty because I'm not keeping up with it anymore," Ron said.

"What I hope now is this data and information is acted upon. I don't want this to drag on and become irrelevant."

While his research influenced last year's Regional Roads Victoria's speed change review across Phillip Island – with a stage two speed review for the island's dirt roads expected later this year – Ron's data has also been used in a virtual fence trial.

Ron initially collected roadkill data for a period of 12 months to establish a base line ahead of Bass Coast Shire's installation of virtual fences on the Cowes-Rhyll Road: solar-powered devices mounted to roadside bollards at 25 metre intervals, which emitted an alarm and flashing lights when activated by approaching vehicle headlights to alert and repel animals.

Following each installation, Ron then carried out a further roadkill count for comparison.

"This road is recognised as the most



Citizen scientist Ron Day has wound up his three-year tally of animals killed on the Cowes-Rhyll Road.

prolific wildlife roadkill road on the island," Ron said.

"Results of the trial will determine if virtual fencing is installed and deployed permanently in other locations of roadkill concern across the shire."

With results now finalised, the data will be analysed by Dr Christine Connelly from Victoria University and Dr Duncan Sutherland from Phillip Island Nature Parks.

In about a month their report will go to council.

A shire spokesperson said the report would detail the effectiveness of the trial and "help us improve our knowledge around better safeguards for our local wildlife".

After two years of research, the

data found wallabies made up the major proportion of roadkill, followed by possums.

"This number represents an average of one kill per day over the period of the count," Ron said last year.

"About 24 per cent of the overall kills are non-nocturnal species meaning they are daylight kills."

Ron said he was due to finish the study at the end of April but at that time found a new species of roadkill "not recorded before": a rakali, water rat.

"I discussed this with Nature Parks and they didn't understand why after three years the species would suddenly show up," Ron said.

"So I continued the count through May and in total came across five rakali."

Fence

Ron has now removed all 40 virtual fence devices – leaving the posts.

Last year he told the Advertiser it was not his role to assess the virtual fences' effectiveness with many aspects "outside of his expertise", but he added wallaby kills in the sections of virtual fencing were lower.

"It is the responsibility of the scientists involved to determine and declare the overall efficacy of the system."

Ron said a virtual fencing trial in Tasmania indicated a 50 per cent reduction in roadkill of the Tasmanian devil.

"This reduction was due to a significant reduction in roadkill of other animals, which were enticing devils onto roads to feed at night, which in turn was leading to their death."

There are 22 virtual fence installations in Australia, including three in Victoria.

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The staircase to Forrest Caves beach from the main car park will be closed for approximately two weeks from July 18 while Phillip Island Nature Parks carry out upgrades to strengthen the staircase. Entry to the beach will be via the Bruce Avenue access track. Photo courtesy of PIBC.

Forrest Caves stair repair

Phillip Island Nature Parks is carrying out upgrades to strengthen the staircase to Forrest Caves beach in coming months, in response to ongoing coastal erosion.

The Nature Parks said works will involve large machinery on the beach that will install 10 screw piles to stabilise the staircase.

The work was originally scheduled for mid-May but wet weather delayed the project, which is now due to begin on July 18.

The staircase to Forrest Caves beach from the main car park will be closed for approximately two weeks while the works are occurring. All access

to the beach and Forrest Caves during this period will be via the Bruce Avenue access track.

Nature Parks Projects and Planning Manager Jarvis Weston said erosion had impacted the staircase footings and the works were important to ensure ongoing safe access.

"These vital works will stabilise and strengthen the staircase structure to ensure ongoing safe access to Forrest Caves so the local community and visitors can continue to enjoy this beautiful beach," Jarvis said.

"We'd like to thank the community and visitors for their patience while we complete these important works."

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Cat curfew to be introduced

There has been general support for the announcement of a 24-hour cat curfew in the shire.

Bass Coast Shire Council said the curfew would come into effect from July 1, 2023 and was part of its Domestic Animal Management Plan, which aims to foster safe and responsible pet ownership.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said the plan was developed after a thorough community engagement process.

"One of the main issues identified through this process was the management of cats across the Shire," Cr Whelan said.

The curfew means cats must be kept on their owner's property at all times.

"It's important to note that the curfew does not mean cats need to be confined indoors 24/7, however, if you plan to let your cat roam in your yard, you will need to effectively cat proof it, to keep your cat safe and secure.

"This order is being put in place to protect cats, as well as our local wildlife, and to reduce the issues that straying pets can cause in the community."

Cr Whelan said during 2020-21, 155 cats were found roaming and ended up at Council's pound.

"These are the fortunate ones; many are killed and some become feral and do untold damage to our native fauna."

The Plan includes measures to support cat owners to adjust to the new requirement to contain cats to their property.

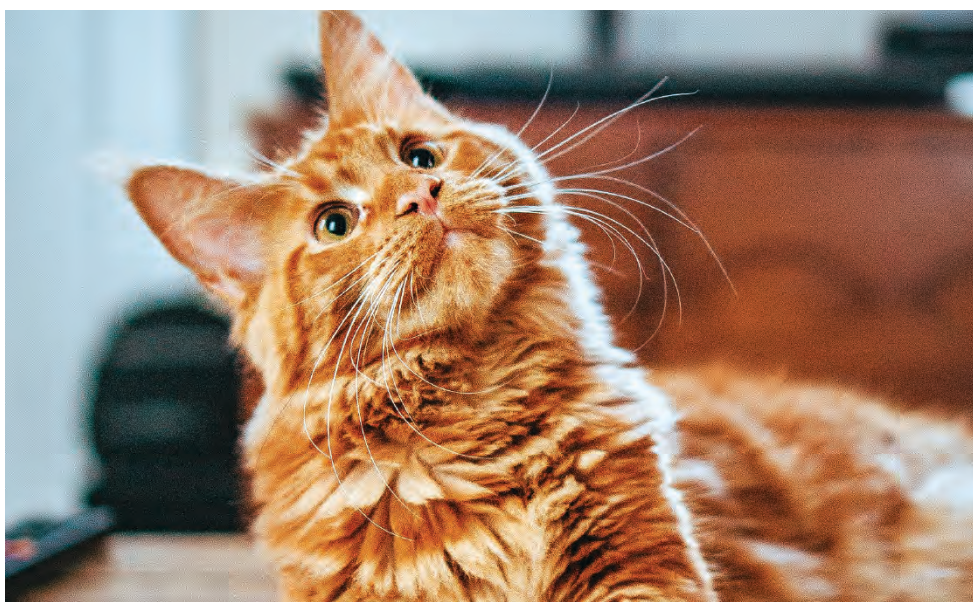
"The roll out of this order will include an education campaign over the next 12 months, before it comes into effect," Cr Whelan said.

"We appreciate this is a new rule for cat owners, so the emphasis will be on assisting cat owners in adapting to the change."

If you are a cat owner, the council said there are some things that you can start preparing now, to create a suitable environment to keep your cat on your property.

"There are a few ways to contain your cat. You can keep them entirely indoors or allow your cat to roam indoors and outdoors while keeping them securely on your property," Cr Whelan said.

"There are several options available to keep your cat secure and safe in your yard, such as cat proof fencing, cat rollers installed on fencing, or cat enclosures. There are many af-



Bass Coast Shire Council will introduce a 24-hour cat curfew on July 1, 2023 and will launch an education campaign to help cat owners transition to the new policy. Photo: Amber Kipp, Unsplash

fordable commercial options available from hardware stores and pet suppliers."

Support

Jessica McKelson, Conservation Manager at Phillip Island Nature Parks said they fully supported the curfew.

"It's something we've been advocating for, for quite some time," she said.

Jessica said the cat containment was part of a plan to see Phillip Island free from feral cats, as uncontained domestic cats can contribute to the feral cat population.

"When our conservation plan launched in 2021, part of the five-year plan was supporting the council transitioning into 24-hour cat containment.

"During the day, domestic cats come into contact with feral cats, can copulate and we end up with unwanted litters."

Contact with feral cats can have another serious consequence.

"Domestic cats can contract diseases from feral cats. Our research shows that 90 per cent of the feral cats we've caught have the toxoplasmosis parasite."

Jessica said feral cats carry the parasite and spread it in the environment, where it can impact native animals.

"We know bandicoots can die within two weeks of contracting it.

"It can be contracted by humans, livestock and wildlife, and people with weakened immune systems and infants whose mothers are infected during pregnancy can develop severe illness.

"We also know toxoplasmosis causes still births in sheep."

Research by the Nature Parks in 2017 and 2019 showed that domestic cats roamed

around six hours a day, and can roam about 700 metres.

"They are exploring neighbour's yards, bushland, crossing busy roads and being exposed to road trauma and injuries."

Jessica said some owners had already built cat aviaries attached to their homes, but would like to see the council provide the community with resources that provide affordable or even free ideas to help keep cats contained.

"The RSPCA have some good tips for containing your cat and Zoos Victoria, through their Safe Cat Save Wildlife program, came up with great materials for people to use to keep their cat enriched indoors.

"What we'd love to see is the community share their ideas on what works and what doesn't. Coming together is how you build responsible ownership."

Jessica said the Nature Parks was keen to work with council in any way it could, to help educate and assist people transition to the 24-hour containment policy.

Bass Coast CEO Ali Wastie said the council was in the process of finalising an education campaign.

"This will include face to face information sessions, attendance at events in Council's Visitor Information Van, a social media campaign, and collaboration with other organisations such as Phillip Island Nature Parks who will share their research on the impacts of cats on local fauna.

"Through the education campaign we will also be providing advice to help cat owners understand how they might build their own cat enclosures by sharing local examples of cat containment and other ideas from residents across the Shire."

Community responds to cat call

On social media, response to the announcement of the upcoming cat curfew was generally positive, with people hailing it as "great plan" and a way to help protect native wildlife.

"I am so glad Bass Coast Council is becoming pro-active in regard to responsible cat ownership," said Carmel.

"Phillip Island has an amazing diversity of native fauna but it is very vulnerable to being

decimated by predatory roaming felines."

"It's about time, should have been in place years ago," said Katrina.

However many were sceptical that the new rules could be enforced.

"Excellent but how will these bylaws be policed? This is always the problem on the island - no 24/7 follow up available and people who choose to flaunt the bylaws know this. Bass Coast Council needs to have officers available 24/7 if they are serious about this," said Rhonda.

"If they can't enforce the pet bylaws already in place what is this other than more 'look we're doing something' BS," queried Chad.

"Next will be a 24/7 human curfew surely with the amount of wildlife killed due to us! Absolute joke," said Rachel.

"So rogue loose dogs are fine though? And let's get ready for a mouse and rat plague," stated Felicity.

"Perhaps BCC now could focus on the rabbit issue that is also ruining the environment and stumps of houses," said Sus.

Let's go whale watching

Whale watching continues in and around Phillip Island - both on land and at sea! Here are some of the fabulous tails on display in local businesses.



Cowes Newsagent's whale display also celebrated another famous island event - the Moto GP.



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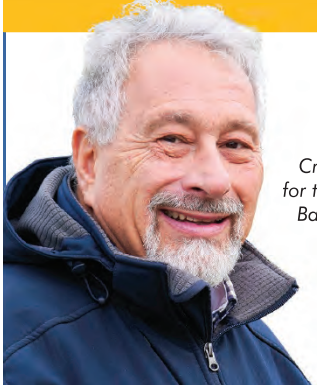


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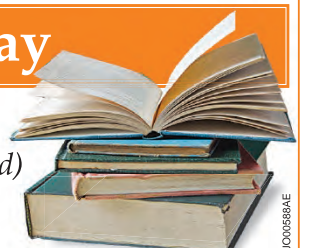
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Want to offset your carbon? Buy a local tree

Hundreds of community-sponsored trees are being planted around Phillip Island in a new program where residents can offset their carbon footprint locally.

Phillip Island Landcare and Totally Renewable Phillip Island have developed a local program where businesses, community groups and individuals can balance their carbon footprint and increase local vegetation by paying Landcare to purchase and plant trees.

This month 20 volunteers planted 750 trees at Bass Coast Shire's 100-acre Gap Road property, with 150 trees paid for by San Remo Kindergarten and 100 trees from Deb Leonard and Associates, Cowes lawyers.

The remaining 500 plants were sponsored by "15 trees", an Australian social enterprise group aiming to "reduce your carbon footprint by planting trees on your behalf".

The Gap Road property was purchased in 2020 for a new transfer station and council depot, as well as the soon-to-be-built 5MW/10WMh battery – the Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System – with the shire building a 1.5km wallaby proof fence around a wetland.

Landcare chair David Rooks said volunteers could help plant more trees at future events, including on July 23 in Surf Beach, August 13 in Ventnor and August 30 again on the shire's Gap Road site.

"We will be back at the Gap Road site to plant around the



Harriet Fallaw, Jon Fallaw and Mitchell Fallaw were part of the team planting trees to offset carbon emissions.

beautiful Saltwater Creek, located on the property and anyone can join us," he said.

"We will also give a briefing on the new community battery located near the creek."

Offset

David said for every one tonne of carbon emissions produced, Landcare offsets this by growing seven plants.

"This figure is based on seven indigenous plants with the growing capacity for up to 25 years.

"Plants includes native vegetation from ground cover to trees. Trees may live longer than smaller plants, however all plants will naturally regenerate themselves during this period."

He said once an individual

or organisation calculates yearly carbon emissions "we will know how many plants need to be grown and your annual investment".

"For example, if your yearly carbon emissions were 14-tonnes we would multiply that figure by seven (plants) and then \$3 (the cost of a plant, tree guard and two stakes)."

This month the new Federal government appointed a top scientist to lead a six-month review of Australia's carbon credits following allegations some offset projects earning credits were not adding to carbon emission reductions.

For details on further planting sessions and the carbon neutral program, Island Bush Care, go to: www.phillipislandlandcare.org.au

Island's first carbon neutral "carer"

According to Phillip Island Landcare, Cowes lawyer and former Federal election candidate Deb Leonard is the island's first "Carbon Neutral Island Bush Carer".

Deb, from Leonard & As-

sociates, chose to offset her business, completing an online audit using a common carbon calculator.

The results found her office was contributing seven tonne of carbon emissions to the atmosphere per year.

"Deb felt she could double that commitment in the first year," said Landcare chair David Rooks.

Deb's 100 tubestock were planted in the wetland area of the Bass Coast Shire's Gap Road site on July 2.



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A pretty PICAL

The first sod was turned to make way for the new Phillip Island Centre for Adult Learning at 16 Warley Avenue, Cowes, last week.

The \$1.95 million project on the 1017 square metre site – formerly the Warley hospital – will feature a single storey building to be built in two stages, including multipurpose classrooms, a computer lab, meeting rooms, storage areas, an office and reception.



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Cowes resident's lighting crusade continues

Cowes resident Peter Pillar is quiet man who normally doesn't like to make a fuss, but this time, he's making some noise.

In June, the Shearwater Estate resident told the Advertiser he had been battling since October 2021 to have the streetlight outside his home repaired.

While AusNet responded promptly, he was told some components of the light had to be repaired by Bass Coast Shire Council.

The parts were taken to the council depot but are yet to be returned.

He said attempts to get an update from council had been fruitless.

Last week, Peter took to the Community Noticeboard to vent his frustration.

He said he had invited the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and CEO Ali Wastie to meet him outside his house at 6.30pm to see just how dark the area was.

"This is a serious safety and security issue."

He said in response an officer told him an order had been placed with AusNet, to procure the parts needed for the repair.

"After all this time, council have now decided to place an order?"

Peter said neither the councillors nor CEO took up his offer to meet and joked that perhaps it was because it wasn't a photo opportunity.

Response

Deputy Major, Cr Leticia Laing posted a response on the noticeboard to Peter's comments.

"Are there crime issues in your estate? Have crime rates gone up since the light broke," she asked.

"If your property has been broken into I would recommend you contact the police."

She promised to monitor the situation, but stressed that AusNet was a separate organisation to the council and she was "not au fait with their delivery timelines".

She also said Peter was entitled to complain to the Ombudsman if he thought council hadn't provided him with a satisfactory service.

Other residents were aghast at the councillor's response.

"Leticia Laing, crime is not the issue here, surely we are entitled to street lighting and it is the council's responsibility. Happy to take astronomical rates and provide very little in re-



Peter Pillar has been battling since last October to have council repair the street light outside his home in the Shearwater Estate.

turn," wrote one.

"It would appear from your comments that you require crimes to be committed to justify the council do what they are paid to do by the ratepayers," said another.

"Your snide comments explain the cynicism ratepayers have. Especially those ratepayers located on and around Phillip Island. We pay the bulk of the rates and get very little in return."

Another suggested Cr Laing needed to "go out there and see him and make it happen, that's how you win votes!"

Peter said local residents should think carefully when the next elections came around and make sure the "candidates' community commitments and priorities suit their expectations".

"This current council appears to be good at upgrading boat ramps, building rock walls and the plan to build rabbit proof fences," he said.

"But when it comes to providing safety and security to the residents by means of reliable street lighting, this seems to be way out of their capabilities."



Kirrak House resident Colleen plays bingo with leisure and lifestyle assistant Gai West after the aged care facility passed its three yearly accreditation review by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission.

Kirrak House team celebrates after blitzing accreditation

Bass Coast Health (BCH) is celebrating after the beloved aged care facility at Wonthaggi, Kirrak House, was re-accredited following a comprehensive external accreditation process.

Kirrak House passed its three yearly accreditation review by a team from the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission with a glowing report, meeting all the standards required.

BCH CEO Jan Child was extremely proud to receive the review.

"The process for accreditation is thorough and for our staff to receive such positive feedback is a testament to their extraordinary commitment," she said.

"This achievement reflects the passion and dedication of the staff, for whom caring for our residents means far more than just a job. They go above and beyond to ensure our residents feel valued, appreciated and safe, as our staff know they have a privileged role of supporting our residents in their home."

The accreditation team completed their audit over three days, talking with residents, family and staff, and checking documentation and observing staff interaction with residents.

The assessors found the home met all of the re-

quirements set out in the Aged Care Quality and Safety Standards and were impressed by the resident-centred care and service delivered at Kirrak House, particularly:

- Staff provide personalised and respectful care
- Staff have good knowledge and can explain the needs and preferences of each resident
- All residents and representatives were extremely complimentary of the care and service they receive
- The kitchen had great processes in place to ensure resident safety and satisfaction
- The environment inside and outside of Kirrak House was beautifully maintained

The assessment team was impressed by how well staff knew residents and their needs, and the high level of care provided. Residents and their representatives told the assessors of the personalised care they received.

This exciting news about accreditation follows the refurbishment of the interior of Kirrak House, with new painting and flooring throughout, and the installation of a new nurse call system. A new edible garden is being installed and fruit trees planted to make

Kirrak House feel even more like home.

Kirrak House is a 30-bed facility unit located next to Wonthaggi Hospital.

BCH's other aged care facility, Griffiths Point Lodge, has 29 beds at San Remo, and overlooks the sea and Cape Woolamai.

"Our aged care facilities are staffed by a team of professional skilled staff, dedicated to the care of each individual care recipient. The teams are led by passionate Nurse Unit Managers and include nursing staff, diversional therapists, cleaning and catering staff," Ms Child said.

"Aged care staff are specialists! Not only are they expert in delivering the best of care, they have an amazing commitment to respond to the uniqueness of each resident and their family, and to ensure the residents' self-esteem, dignity and freedom of choice are valued."

"Our Aged Care teams have endured all the challenges of the pandemic, but their above and beyond commitment has ensured our residents are safe and well cared for. My thanks to everyone at BCH for their extraordinary efforts in supporting our Aged Care services."

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Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie has defended a policy which deals with Unreasonable Conduct by Customers, saying less than five people were currently on the “unreasonable” list.

Community not blocked from councillors says CEO

Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie has defended a policy which deals with Unreasonable Conduct by Customers.

She said there were currently less than five people on the “unreasonable customer” list.

Throughout the year, the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association, and President Kevin Griffin have waged a campaign against the council’s unreasonable customer policy, claiming the association’s emails to councillors were being blocked.

In a letter published in the Advertiser on July 6, Mr Griffin described the policy as “subjective in its application” and said it had been “snatched away from councillors by the executive”, with no opportunity for the “merits and deficiencies” of the policy to be debated.

He also said the council had created a situation where “elected representatives are denied free and proper communication with community members, at the whim of anonymous bureaucrats”.

However Ms Wastie said everyone in the community was able to contact council and councillors, and even those on the “unreasonable customer” list were not blocked, but rather triaged.

She defended the policy saying she was not aware of any council without a similar policy in place, and the organisation had a duty of care to its staff and councillors.

While there was no specific number of emails that would be considered unreasonable, she explained there were several things that might trigger the decision to put a customer on the list.

“For instance, in the past we have received up to 400 emails in one year from one individual.

“If the query has been answered, we don’t have to answer the same question repeatedly.

“We need to be able to balance this with other customers’ needs and our resources.

“The policy is in place so we can effectively respond to all our customer queries.”

Ms Wastie said at times a person was placed on the “unreasonable customer” list because of an OH&S issue for staff or councillors.

“Some team members have AVOs on a member of the community and the issue has gone to court.”

She also confirmed that some councillors had requested they not receive emails from BCRRA.

“I personally met with Kevin and discussed the situation,” Ms Wastie said, adding it would be reviewed at some point.

She said it was a very small handful of people impacted by the policy and it was not being used to block messages from the general public to the councillors.

“By and large, we have respectful interaction with the community.”

Ms Wastie said as well as email and phone contact, residents and ratepayers communicated with council through a range of methods, including social media, online and face-to-face consultation.

She confirmed if an email was copied to all councillors, the response would come from the Mayor, as the official spokesperson, but stated all correspondence is logged on the council’s system and councillors would see the Mayor’s reply.

Ms Wastie said councillors also had a support officer to help ensure queries were being responded to in a timely manner, however “councillors are responsible for their own emails”.

Like any organisation, Ms Wastie said Council was responsible for any email that came through to anyone, councillors or staff.

“We have a duty of care to everyone in the organisation.”

Councillor details are available at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/councillors-and-elections and Ms Wastie said anyone unhappy with the policy, or any interaction with council could go to the Ombudsman with their concerns.

“We are accountable,” she said.

Island SES volunteers head north

Members of the Phillip Island SES are among a taskforce of 26 VICSES members heading to NSW to assist in flood affected communities.

The taskforce will be based in Gosford, on the NSW Central Coast.

Crews will be supporting local NSW SES volunteers to respond to requests for assistance in the community related to building damage, fallen trees, and other storm and flood damage.

It may also include removing downed trees from thoroughfares; temporary roof repairs; flood mitigation, such as sandbagging and water diversion, but it will be highly varied as the extent of the damage becomes clearer.

Last week, the NSW SES requested support from Victoria through the State Control Centre, with the first VICSES led taskforce departing mid-week.

The VICSES volunteer flood and storm specialists will relieve local NSW SES crews, and respond to new jobs as they come through the NSW system.

The VICSES members are from a range of units across Victoria, including Phillip Island and Gippsland volunteers from Bairnsdale, Bruthen and Orbost.

Accident

Last Tuesday morning, local SES members along with police, ambulance and the CFA attended an incident on Back Beach Road near the quarry, after a truck overturned.

An SES spokesperson said the driver of the vehicle managed to climb out unharmed, describing it as a quick job and “thankfully uneventful”.



Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Uncle Shane Clark Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, and Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio last week at Kilcunda, where the Minister announced \$1 million for upgrades to the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park.

More opportunities to experience Victoria’s unique coastline

Minister for Environment and Climate Action Lily D'Ambrosio visited Bass Coast last week and announced a \$1 million upgrade to the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park.

The announcement is part of \$27 million committed by the government in the recent budget to ensure the state’s coastlines are protected, including \$10 million for land reforms, hazard assessments and erosion protection along the Great Ocean Road.

“Victoria’s coastline is facing significant climate challenges and that’s why we’re supporting this work to protect it while continuing to improve access to our spectacular coast,” Minister D'Ambrosio said.

“Protecting our marine and coastal environments is not a quick fix, and we’re planning ahead to ensure the works we do now will last for generations to come.”

The funding for Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park includes upgrades to visitor facilities and improved links to existing parks and reserves.

“Bass Coast is home to some of Victoria’s most stunning coastlines,” said Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale.

“We’re making it more accessible for visitors and working to ensure it is safe for the community and protected from the impacts of climate change.”

The Minister said the government had also committed \$16.9 million to deliver a Marine and Coastal Strategy. This includes \$400,000 for the Cape to Cape Resilience Project to continue stage two of the project that will help to protect the coast from Cape Paterson to Cape Liptrap including Inverloch.

The funding also includes \$3.8 million dollars for community resilience initiatives like supporting Traditional Owners in marine and coastal management, mapping blue carbon potential and building Victoria’s first marine spatial planning framework to balance the needs of different marine uses.

There is also \$1 million for Coastcare Victoria and community stewardship activities, helping volunteers to respond to climate change and \$1 million in Coastal Public Access and Risk grants program for land managers to address coastal protection issues.



Last week’s announcement is part of \$27 million committed by the government in the recent budget to ensure the state’s coastlines are protected.

Council Update

Council Meeting - 20 July

Council’s next meeting will be held at 1.00pm, Wednesday, 20 July 2022 in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi.

In the interest of community health and safety, the Council Chamber will open to the public by RSVP only. RSVP to c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au. The meeting will also be livestreamed. Join here: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings.

The agenda is released on Council’s website on Friday, 15 July 2022 at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings. There is an opportunity during the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 1.00pm Monday, 18 July, 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Community Grants Information Sessions

Round 2 of Council’s 2022 Community Grants Program closes on Friday, 5 August. Have you thought of applying for a Community Grant? Need some assistance? Council’s Community Grants Officer will be holding information drop-in sessions at the following times:

- Monday, 11 July: Inverloch Community Hub 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Wednesday, 13 July: Grantville Transaction Centre 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Friday, 15 July: Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Monday, 18 July: 154-156 Thompson Avenue, Cowes (Council Office) 10.00am to 3.00pm
- Wednesday, 20 July: Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre 10.00am to 1.00pm

Bookings are not required. If you have any questions please contact Council’s Community Grants Officer, Shirley Egan on 0435 205 816.

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Phil Dressing and Braxton Laine from the National Vietnam Veterans' Museum on Phillip Island, discuss the expansion proposal with Nationals candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari (right) and Shadow Minister for Veterans, Tim Bull.

Vietnam Vets museum pushing expansion plan

The relocation and upgrade of the National Vietnam Veterans' Museum was the major topic of discussion when Nationals candidate for Bass, Brett Tessari, and Shadow Minister for Veterans, Tim Bull, visited the site last week.

In May, Bass Coast Shire Council approved the proposal to build a 4206 square metre building containing exhibition areas, visitor spaces, café, support areas such as offices, archives and storage, on land opposite the Cape Woolamai roundabout.

The plan also includes extensive landscaping and a wetlands.

The Vietnam Veterans is yet to secure funding for the \$50 million project and in May, board member Phil Dressing hinted at hopes to secure pre-election commitments.

He said they were ultimately hoping for \$15 million from the state government and a further \$10 million from the Federal government, which has already provided \$5 million to the project.

An extensive fundraising strategy also includes approaching governments of allied countries during the war, including the US, Korea and Thailand.

Mr Tessari voiced his support for the project.

"The reality of the situation is this facility has outgrown its current site and building to the stage that all the material that has been donated cannot be displayed," said Mr Tessari.

"The Board of Directors has been very proactive in progressing its relocation and ex-

pansion proposal and it was pleasing to look over these plans with the Shadow Minister.

"Land has been purchased adjacent to the existing site and what is being put forward is very exciting for the area. It will be much more than a museum and will have the ability to host a range of supports for veterans.

"The way it has been designed will ensure the landscaped gardens and pathways will be aesthetically pleasing to the Island environment and the ability to house all of the items and memorabilia will ensure this is a major tourist attraction for the area.

"While it already attracts visits from near and far, this will take it to the next level," Mr Tessari said.

For Mr Bull, it was his second visit to the Museum this year.

"I had intended to come some time ago, but Covid got in the way of that. I had a briefing on the plans from the board on my last visit in January, but things have progressed further since then.

"To think this evolved from a mobile museum existing of a land rover and trailer (operated by John Methven and his wife Krishna), to what it is now and then to see the plans for the future is quite amazing.

"Brett was keen to get me down to get up to date with the latest on the proposal and we look forward to working with the board to assist in bringing its plans to fruition," Mr Bull said.

The Shadow Minister stopped short of promising support for the new museum building.

Fed up with the state of our roads?

The National Party has set up a website to find the state's worst roads.

The website www.vicsworstroad.vote/ gives you the chance to register what you consider the worst road in regional Victoria.

The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath and Nationals candidate

for Bass, Brett Tessari are urging locals to jump online and vote.

The results of the survey will be presented to the Minister, with Ms Bath promising more funds for road maintenance if the Liberals/Nationals win the upcoming election.



A three-storey development including shops and accommodation – planned for 150 Thompson Avenue – will include Cowes' first car stackers.

Stack them in: more units, shops for Thompson Avenue

A three-storey development including shops and accommodation – planned for 150 Thompson Avenue – will include Cowes' first car stackers.

The \$3.5 million proposal, which is currently advertised for community feedback, is for four-storeys including the carpark, with a total of 33 car spaces, including 12 in car stackers.

The planning permit is seeking to waive six retail customer car parks, with no onsite parking provided for retail visitors.

The development is proposed for the site next to Grumpy's Crazy Golf and which currently has a surf

shop and rear antique shop.

According to the permit, it will include a 302m² retail shop, seven x one bedroom dwellings and 15 x two bedroom dwellings.

There will be zero street setback at ground level to Thompson Avenue and the building height will be "slightly higher" – less than one metre – than the preferred height in the Bass Coast Shire's planning scheme.

The permit states the extra height is because of the "generous ceiling height" and "the use of car stackers to provide a greater number of car spaces for the visitor car spaces".

It states there are about

214 available parking spaces around the area.

A traffic report included with the permit surveyed the surrounding parks on Friday July 30, 2021 and the following day between 10am and 9pm, at the height of Covid.

It found the peak car parking demand on Saturday at 12 noon was 55 per cent of the available parking supply.

Bass Coast Shire councillors previously were highly critical of a San Remo proposed development for its reliance on car stackers.

This proposal comes after councillors last month approved a \$1.8 million, three-storey retail shop with eight

It all adds up to a whale of a time

The team at Flourishing Figures got into the spirit of the Whale Festival with this beautifully decorated whale tail, but they're also firmly focused on tax time. If you need help with your tax return, they're ready and willing to assist. Flourishing Figures can help with all your financial needs. Appointments can be booked online at www.flourishingfigures.com.au or by phoning 1300 865 624.



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Dreams shattered as company collapses

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Current clients asked that their real names not be used in this article, in case speaking out affected their chance for compensation.

One client, we shall call him Michael, said he was 17 months into building his “forever home” in San Remo, when he learned Langford Jones Homes had collapsed.

Despite paying the company \$250,000, he’s been left with just a concrete slab and frame, and a building site that “looks like a dump”.

In a further blow, materials including the retaining wall on the block have been stolen in the past week.

When Michael signed his contract in 2019, he said he paid his deposit, plus close to \$20,000 for variations he’d ordered for the bathroom and kitchen.

He said he was told they’d be in their new home within 12 months.

Instead, a year later, work hadn’t even begun.

“I went to the sales rep and asked what’s going on, is Langford Jones in trouble?”

“He assured me everything was fine and said that when we signed the contract all our products were ordered. He said, ‘you won’t be affected by inflation, we already have all your items in our warehouse.’”

Excavation of the block was finally completed in November 2021.

On January 2, 2022, Michael said the company invoiced him \$14,500 for an air conditioning unit, even though building hadn’t started.

“We were invoiced and told if we didn’t pay we’d be

charged interest, as per our contract.

After initially waiting, Michael said he “stupidly paid it.”

Around March 2022, the slab went in, then work commenced on the frame.

Before the frame was finished, Michael alleges Langford Jones relentlessly chased him for payment, alleging Langford Jones urged him to tell the bank the frame was completed, which Michael refused to do.

When the frame was finally signed off, Michael said he was assured that as soon as he paid the invoice, the roof would go on and scaffolding would be installed.

Michael paid on June 17. He said Langford Jones then stopped answering his calls and emails.

“I had no communication with them from that day.”

Less than two weeks later, the company went into liquidation.

Compensation

Under the builder’s insurance, impacted homeowners can only claim 20 per cent of the contract price.

For most, that will not be enough to finish their build, leaving many heartbroken and out of pocket. Some are choosing to walk away.

“Karen” has decided not to build and is resigned to losing all or most of the deposit she paid for her house.

“I’m happy they didn’t start my house, I feel so sorry for the people who have started building.”

Karen said she’d received a series of “ambiguous letters” from the company since May,



Abandoned sites across numerous San Remo estates have had signs ripped down and are littered with rubbish.

saying there would be long delays due to building costs.

“I think they wanted us to say we don’t want to build with you anymore, so they would not have to pay us out.”

She said Langford Jones told her if she pulled out, they wouldn’t refund all her deposit, as she would have to pay for plans and other preparation work.

“But they couldn’t provide the proper paperwork showing what they supposedly spent the money on.”

The company also asked Karen to pay variations costs upfront, which was in the tens of thousands.

“I said I wouldn’t pay until I had a start date, and they emailed me saying ‘you just have to learn to trust us.’”

Karen believes the company deceived her and said she feels stupid for not seeing the warning signals earlier.

“But when it all started to go

wrong around March/April, I sat back. I didn’t want them to build my house anymore.”

Disaster

“David’s” house in Cowes has been finished for over a year, and he’s been chasing Langford Jones to get major faults rectified for more than nine months.

He says his house is sinking at the front and will need to be restumped.

Other issues include his front door jammed shut for three months, eight-inch cracks in the walls, architraves dropping, skirting boards falling off, doors not closing and major drainage issues underneath the house.

“They cut the block too deep and it’s catching all the water,” he explained.

“I had to go underneath the house and dig a trench myself, so the water could get away.”

With experience in the con-

struction industry, David said he spotted faults throughout the build.

“Lots of things had to be fixed as they went – if not, we would have had 30 pages of rectifications.”

He said bathroom tiling had to be done twice due to faults and kitchen cabinets melted above the hob, as a heat shield hadn’t been fitted.

He alleges the company’s pattern of chasing payments started well before the pandemic hit, and questions if that is their standard operating procedure.

He said tradies working on his site were continually chasing the company for payment.

Despite having lodged a list of rectifications with the company, David said he didn’t hear from the liquidators.

“I found out on Facebook. That’s the only reason I knew they’d gone into liquidation.”

“Under the seven-year house warranty, I should still be on their books.”

He believes the liquidators should contact everyone who has work outstanding.

“Why should you pay \$400,000 for a house, then have to pay \$10,000 to fix it?”

David said he never spoke with Sam or Paul Langford Jones, instead dealing with a building production manager.

“Any complaints to him were completely ignored and I never heard back.”

He said everything about his dealings with the company convinced him they were heading for liquidation.

“It was just a matter of time.”

“Tony” was building with Langford Jones Homes in Melbourne and contacted the

Advertiser to say he was concerned about the progress of his build and did a credit check on the company in February.

“The credit check person said there were red flags everywhere and the company was going under.”

“But they were still taking deposits and money off people.”

After paying his deposit, he said the company took 18 months to start building.

“We asked to break the contract, but they refused to give the money back.”

This was back in 2019, before the pandemic hit.

His project remains unfinished, with appliances, carpet and timber he has paid for not on site.

“I got an agreement drawn up with Langford Jones, saying I was paying the tradies, because it was the only way I could get the work done.”

On Facebook and online forums like HomeOne clients also voiced their anger, suggesting that financial issues were apparent before the pandemic.

“Why keep trading and taking people’s money and employing tradies when you already know you are not going to complete homes or pay the tradies,” someone questioned.

On HomeOne, the criticism was intense, with posts as far back as mid-May alleging the company was going under.

The Advertiser attempted to contact Langford Jones Homes, but office phones were not answered. The website directed queries to the liquidators, who did not return our call.

Shire-wide impact

With over \$1 million in creditors across Bass Coast and dozens of homes affected, the local community and businesses have taken a significant hit from the liquidation of Langford Jones Homes.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan voiced his support for all those impacted.

“At times like these it is the failed company that gets the attention. But we need to be thinking of the ordinary people who have paid their money for a new home and are left stranded and the contractors who are owed money for work they have done,” Cr Whelan said.

“It is a tragedy that impacts many people.

“For decades there has been advocacy to provide contractor payment protection; it is beyond time for these measures to be introduced.”

The Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale said she was concerned about the financial and mental impact of the collapse.

“These are really difficult and distressing times for both local homeowners who were about to start building their dream home or were mid-way through and local contractors who may have been left high and dry,” Ms Crugnale said.

“For affected homeowners, I really encourage contacting your domestic building insurance provider as this provides cover for incomplete or defective building work.

“Both homeowners and contractors can also contact



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the Domestic Dispute Resolution Victoria (www.dbdrv.vic.gov.au/) as a first port of call before VCAT.

“If anyone is feeling anxious and overwhelmed with the news of the collapse of Langford Jones Homes, please reach out to Beyond Blue on 1300 22 46 36 and if you are a business owner affected, we have the Business Victoria ‘Partners in Wellbeing’ on 1300 375 330.”

business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/partners-in-wellbeing-helpline

The liquidators RSM Australia said any homeowners affected should contact Mr Vinod Karunasinghe: vinod.karunasinghe@rsm.com.au.

Anyone with questions about the liquidation can

contact Anisha Maganty on 03 9286 8297.

Assistance

The Liberal candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown said he was extremely concerned that Langford Jones had gone into administration.

“Langford Jones has been a builder in the South East of Melbourne and Bass Coast for over 40 years and have been a successful family firm with a reputation for building quality homes.

“I am particularly concerned for the terrible financial position the collapse of this company will put on a large number of homeowners, home builders, trade suppliers, subcontractors and trades people in. These people and businesses have done nothing wrong and are my greatest concern.”

He said a lot of the issues had been caused by fixed price contracts on low margins that are “unprofitable with inflation in building materials and labour”.

“Additionally, the building industry has also experienced time delays due to supply chain shocks as a result of a variety of factors, which have also added to the cost of building.”

He said the government was not helping by recently increasing registration fees on builders and building companies.

“They are completely out of touch with people doing it hard in a time of steep price rises right across the board.”



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Million-dollar hit for business, tradies

Shockwaves from the collapse of Langford Jones Homes last week have reverberated around the local community.

There are more than 30 creditors based in San Remo or on Phillip Island, with debts close to \$900,000.

Across Bass Coast, companies and individuals are owed over a million dollars, many of them small businesses or sole traders.

Creditors include plumbers, electricians, garden supplies, carpentry, air conditioning, maintenance, scaffolding, tilers, fencing, paint supplies and excavators.

This is in addition to the dozens of homeowners left with incomplete or fault riddled homes, or those who had paid a deposit, all with little hope of recovering their funds (see separate story).

The Advertiser contacted numerous trades and businesses on the creditors list released by the liquidators RSM Australia and only one said the company had been “pretty good” to deal with.

Some preferred not to comment.

The remainder shared stories of overdue payments as the norm, sometimes stretching to four months, while others talked of chasing tens of thousands of dollars in payment for up to six months.

One local plumber described the company as “always really bad at paying”, saying he usually waited three months or more for payment. He feels it’s unlikely he will get the money he is owed, but remains philosophical. “To be honest, it’s a load off my mind not to think about

them,” he said.

Another contractor, who worked for many years with Langford Jones Homes was scathing of the work practices of the company.

He alleged the company was still taking deposits for new houses in the weeks before they declared bankruptcy and demanding payments from existing clients.

Concerned

A Phillip Island based contractor who is owed close to \$100,000 said while their business would survive, they were concerned about the small traders.

“There’s a chippie in Corinella who has been struggling for payment. I’ve been trying to contact him to make sure he is okay,” he said.

He was critical of the way Langford Jones Homes operated and his assessment of the company’s behaviour in the month leading up to the liquidation announcement is brutal.

“We were back and forth constantly with them, so I learned not to do a job unless we got the money first.”

He alleged the company would ask trades who still had outstanding payments to work on another job, promising to pay the existing invoice, but then only part paid, or didn’t pay at all.

He stopped working for the company several months ago.

“We put them on hold because they weren’t paying us. Then we heard talk of bankruptcy, so we decided we were going to steer clear.”



There are reports that furious contractors have been stripping the unfinished housing sites. One homeowner told the Advertiser the wood from the retaining wall on their block had been stolen.

He said furious contractors, knowing they will be left out of pocket, have been onto the unfinished housing sites, taking back items they installed.

“Trades are ripping out stuff from houses.

“There’s one house where the plaster, the electrical plugs, the water tanks have all been taken.

“The tradies are doing it because they haven’t been paid, but the people who own the houses are paying twice.”

One homeowner told the Advertiser on Friday that the wood from the retaining wall on their block had been stolen.

The Advertiser contacted the liquidators RSM Australia for comment, but they did not respond.

Covid crisis or standard operating procedures?

By Eleanor McKay

Claims from the liquidators that Langford Jones Homes’ demise was due to Covid’s impact on the building industry and a cyber-attack do not tell the whole story.

Stories from homeowners caught up in the collapse are echoed by clients who built well before the current crisis, including my own experience.

I built a house with Langford Jones back in 2009.

The 18-month build ran six months behind schedule, and I received incorrect variations and adjustments to variations that stretched out over weeks.

Some variations were done without my sign off, in breach of the contract.

Half the rooms in the house had the incorrect windows installed and many of the fixtures were not the ones selected under the contract.

The kitchen was delayed for two months because they claimed I didn’t sign off on the design, but I had signed off two months earlier.

There were issues with the soil tests and the stumping and endless excuses why they couldn’t do what they’d quoted.

In the end I lodged a complaint with Consumer Affairs over stumping variation costs which was assessed as being appropriate for dispute resolution, as well as starting a claim at VCAT.

Eventually we negotiated an agreement, but it was extremely stressful and Langford Jones accused me of causing the issues through indecision and requests for variations.

When we moved in there were endless faults, most of which they failed to resolve. In the end, we just fixed things ourselves, rather than having to keep dealing with them.

Adversarial

In 2017, Tony* and his wife say they signed up with Langford Jones to build a house in San Remo and paid their deposit.

According to the contract, building would start within three weeks of receiving the building permit.



The Langford Jones Homes website proudly states it has been building “inspiring homes” for 45 years, but customers in Bass Coast stretching back to 2009 have raised concerns about their service. Photo from langfordjoneshomes.com.au.

The permit was received in September 2017, but building didn’t commence until January 2018.

Tony said the design phase of the project was very good, but from there on he described the relationship as adversarial.

“We had to battle so hard to get anything done.”

While the company was slow to produce results, he said they were quick to invoice.

“They sent me an invoice for the lock up stage of the build, when the front door wouldn’t close and it had no lock.”

When the house was completed, Tony said there were issues with leaks around sliding door frames.

“Someone came out three months after we lodged the complaint and said he’d be back after Christmas. Twelve months later, he hadn’t come back.”

He said he felt very sorry for homeowners caught up in the current situation.

Sink hole

Linda’s* house in Kilcunda was finished in 2018, but she said it took several years to complete.

Up until the company collapsed, she was still battling with them to rectify faults with the build.

She said throughout the process, she and her husband felt their contact at the company gaslighted them.

“We would complain and he would put the blame back on you.”

Throughout the building process, Linda said she picked up errors including wrong window openings at the framing stage, windows in the wrong place and incorrect heights for kitchen cabinets.

She also said the site was cut too deep, and the company then charged her \$5000 for a retaining wall.

In addition, she said issues with the stormwater are ongoing.

“One day I was in the front yard doing some landscaping when my whole leg went into a deep hole.

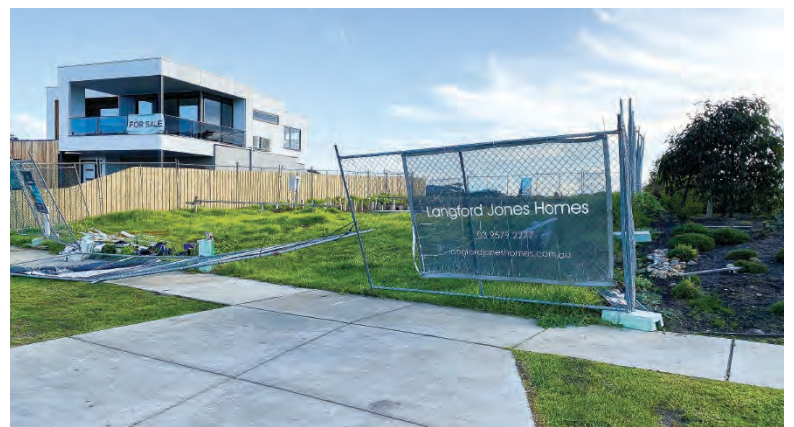
“There was a sink hole in the front yard.

“My neighbour who is a plumber came over and dug out the hole and discovered water coming out of a smashed stormwater pipe. It had been going for so long it undermined the driveway.

“The plumber sent out to rectify the issue also discovered the house stumps had been dug out but not back filled, so water was pooling around them.”

She said it was “not a pleasant experience” building with Langford Jones, and when she wrote an “up-front” review on HomeOne, Langford Jones contacted her and asked her to take it down.

* names have been changed at the request of those interviewed.



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Liquidators tally up the cost

RSM Australia was appointed liquidators for Langford Jones Homes on June 30.

In a statement, the liquidators said shareholders in the company had “injected additional funds to maintain business operations for some time”, however market conditions, rising costs and a recent cyber attack “had made this situation untenable”.

They said the collapse of the company has left more than 250 creditors who are owed more than \$10 million, with around 65 building developments at various stages of completion.

The liquidation documents show debts of around \$14.2 million.

RSM Australia partner Jonathan Colbran said the business had suffered substantial financial losses.

“This perfect storm of supply and labour shortages and high costs are a common theme across the building and construction industry at the moment and unfortunately, it’s become unsustainable for Langford Jones.”

Mr Cobran said they had coordinated the handover of building projects to homeowners and were “looking to realise the value of any business assets”.

“We will also assist employees to access government-funded employee entitlement program known as FEG.”

He said results will be reported to creditors once further investigations were complete.

Homeowners affected by the

closure of Langford Jones Homes should contact Mr Vinod Karunasinghe (vinod.karunasinghe@rsm.com.au).

Creditors

The initial information provided to creditors included a full list of creditors, as well as a summary of affairs for both BruRob Nominees (the trading company for Langford Jones) and Woodside Building Services.

BruRob Nominees listed total assets of \$16,883,218, with unsecured creditors’ claims of \$14,272,800.

Woodside listed total assets of \$168,322 and creditors of \$277,859.

Among the listed creditors, payments owed to Langford Jones family members, the Woodside Company and two other companies owned by the family – Cover Me Up and Rev-Build Pty Ltd – totalled \$7.2 million, half of the reported \$14 million debt.

The Australian Tax office is owed \$1.28 million.

Bass Coast businesses account for over \$1 million of the creditors.

One local company is owed almost \$87,000, with another owed \$71,000.

The building and construction industry is the second biggest sector of employment in the shire (after healthcare).

According to remplan.com.au, the construction industry makes the greatest contribution to the region’s economy, and at \$611.9 million accounts for 18.68 per cent of the total output.

Ranger Graeme farewells Nature Parks

After working for Phillip Island Nature Parks for 38 years, Graeme Burgan was understandably shocked when he was given a redundancy in May.

He was one of two sent packing from the education department – effectively finishing the department's face-to-face teaching work – with a total of eight staff made redundant at the time.

But the 68-year-old is sanguine about his move away from the organisation he has in many ways helped to shape.

"I am sad to be leaving the park after all these years, but on the other hand leaving gives me freedom to start a new role that I couldn't before," he says.

"One door closes and others open. I'll still work with the park but I'll have more opportunities."

Armed with decades of knowledge, Graeme is now starting his own education business, teaching secondary students modified programs from the Nature Parks' curriculum.

The business – Ranger Graeme – officially starts this month, with a website Phillip Island Nature Tours.

He says pre-Covid, Nature Parks' education department would teach up to 180 schools each year, or "tens of thousands of students", in face-to-face two-hour sessions.

Subjects would include geography, how to balance tourism and the environment and outdoor education.

Nature Parks is now moving to a self-guided model of education, operating online and through signage, and will still run primary school talks about penguins and koalas.

Graeme says while he understands the current financial constraints on the organisation in the wake of Covid (which includes dropping the visitor cap at the penguin parade from 3800 to 2500 each night), the end of the education department has left a gap in the secondary school market.

"When the education department closed we had teachers ring up flabbergasted because they had already set their curriculum for the year.

"Even if Nature Parks restarts face-to-face in future, it has taken us 20 years to get to where we are with the schools we work with."

Conservation

Graeme grew up in Melbourne but with strong links to Bass Coast, his father growing up in Wonthaggi.

He studied engineering, followed by outdoor recreation and natural and cultural heri-

tage interpretation at Deakin University, coming to Phillip Island in 1978 to run the Leisure Centre (now YMCA).

He then moved to become trainee operations manager of the penguin parade, when it was being run by the then Shire of Phillip Island.

"But that was when I first got the sack from here," Graeme chuckles.

"The government got rid of the shire and got managers from Wilsons Promontory to look after the parade and they got rid of me."

For two years from the mid '80s Graeme then worked part-time for Fisheries and Wildlife running their revegetation program at Cape Woolamai, and part-time as a night ranger for the penguin parade, from sunset to midnight, patrolling roads when Summerland was still a residential town.

It was in the late '70s he became a member of the Phillip Island Conservation Society and even today pays tribute to his mentors, the island's early great conservationists such as Jack Oswin, Ailsa and John Swan and Keith Grayden.

"I was really concerned about caring for wildlife, not just the penguins.

"My environmental education came through those people."

Armed with this growing knowledge, Graeme set up a wildlife hospital at his home, at one point even caring for a seal pup after it mistakenly took a paddock of cows to be the seal colony.

"I took it home and put it by the fire next to my dog and the next morning I found the pup chasing my dog round the table."

Shearwaters

Graeme is credited with establishing the short-tailed shearwater protection program.

"A lot were getting killed on the bridge and I even knew some locals who would still eat them, so in 1995 the Phillip Island Conservation Society set up the program to rescue the birds off the bridge."

A few years later the program earned a grant for the Nature Parks' education department, which morphed into what is now the yearly rescue program, patrolling roads through April and May to help young chicks get a flying start.

"For about 15 years I'd work all night taking care of the birds. I even convinced VicRoads to turn off the lights on the



Graeme Burgan has worked at the Nature Parks for 38 years. He's now setting up his own education business – Ranger Graeme – with a website Phillip Island Nature Tours.

bridge and change the frequency of lights to warmer rather than cooler colours, to stop attracting the birds."

Graeme also began working with the Victorian Ornithological Research Group studying shearwaters at Cape Woolamai, a program that continues today.

Their achievements have included studying migratory paths with the use of tracking devices and establishing artificial burrows for research.

Politics

Not surprisingly, given his strong views on wildlife protection, Graeme has dabbled in politics as a Phillip Island shire councillor from 1989 to 1994, the year of amalgamation with Wonthaggi.

For three terms he ran on a conservation platform, with other local environmentalists Anne Davie and Phil Wright.

"We looked at the whole of Phillip Island and planned for the future care of conservation including foreshore reserves and bike tracks."

To this day he believes amalgamation set the island back two decades.

"We didn't grow for 20 years, and I still feel that way. Occasionally people approach me to ask why I don't stand for council and I say when we become autonomous I'll go back."

"Phillip Island needs to be

treated differently because we are so different."

Overdevelopment

Graeme welcomes the state government's declaration of Bass Coast as a Distinctive Areas and Landscape, locking in the island's town boundaries and beefing up planning controls for significant landscapes.

"It should have happened years ago because there's too much development on Phillip Island. Builders will hate me but we just don't have the infrastructure to house that many people."

"Roads in winter now are like they are in summer. It's a highway."

What does he say to people who argue newcomers have just as much right to enjoy the island as long-term locals?

"How many people do we put in here before it changes the nature of what we enjoy?"

"How much is too much before we devalue those natural experiences people come here for? This is primarily a place for nature."

"Do we want to put housing across the whole island, because the growth model would do that in the future. Do we want to see Phillip Island an urban area like Dandenong?"

"Most people would say no. We want to keep our natural assets and so we have to put a line in the sand."

Play

Not only does Graeme work hard across the island, he also plays hard.

Well known in the surfing fraternity he has once again made the state team for longboard titles in Port Macquarie later in the year, this time in the veterans' section.

He first won a state surfing title back in 1978.

He surfs every day including with his son Andrew, who has been the state open longboard champion the last few years.

And he'll often be seen catching a wave at the Penguin Parade surf or at Cat Bay.

"I generally play in the park somewhere, whether it's surfing, snorkelling and diving and I also have two boats and fish."

"I know so much about the island because I play in it all the time. I'm connected with the ocean and have been all my life."

He says his new business as Ranger Graeme will draw on all these experiences.

"I've had a good go at trying to influence the direction of the island."

"For me the best way to share my knowledge is doing these school talks because it influences future adults, it's opening kids' eyes to nature so they can build a relationship with it and care about it."

"I'd much rather deal with kids than politicians."

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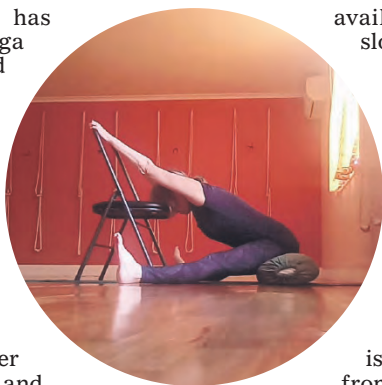


Rest and renew with yoga

Fiona Rawson has been teaching yoga on Phillip Island for more than 25 years, and some of her earliest students still attend classes.

Debra Raboteg is now teaching with her at Phillip Island Yoga, after completing her teacher training and gaining certification with Iyengar Yoga Australia.

Between the two of them, they have classes on offer Monday to Friday, at a purpose-built studio at Wimbledon Heights. There is a variety of levels to accommodate students from beginners through to experienced. There are morning and evening classes, with some spaces



available in most time slots.

Iyengar yoga leans away from quick transitions between poses, but focuses on staying, settling, observing the body's alignment, and engaging the mind.

On Wednesday July 20 a new class is starting, running from 5.30pm to 6.45pm.

This class is a Rest and Renew class, aiming to help people get past the midweek lag in energy that many experience. It will include mainly supported poses, poses that open the chest, create space in the body and quieten the mind.

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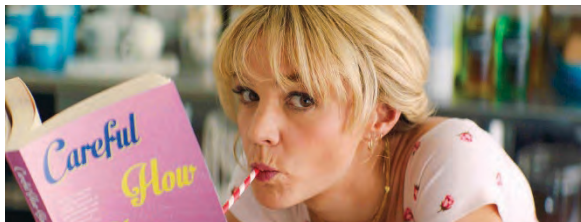
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The Phillip Island Movie Clubs is screening "Promising Young Woman" on Thursday July 14 at 7.30pm at St Philip's Hall in Cowes.

Movie club moves again

Technical issues at the Penguin Parade means the Phillip Island Movie Club (PIMC) has found a new home for its film screenings.

The Penguin Parade Management has advised they cannot take any bookings for films until its theatre is repaired, and there is no firm date for that.

"Luckily we have been able to secure the St Philip's Church Hall for Thursday July 14," said Club Secretary Margaret Byrne.

This means the club will finally get to screen "Promising Young Woman" a 2020 American Drama/Comedy/Horror film which had to be cancelled on Sunday June 19 at the Penguin Parade and was initially rescheduled for July 17.

The film is rated MA for strong language and violence and runs for 108 mins. The doors will open at 7.30pm and the film starts at 8pm.

"This is a brilliant film on a number of levels but

will divide the audience because of the subject matter portrayal and its rawness," Margaret said.

The film is written by Emerald Fennell, an English actor and director and filmed in 23 days when Emerald was only 36 years old. She won the Academy Award 2021 for the best original screenplay and the BAFTA Awards for Best Screenplay and Outstanding British Film of the Year.

"Without giving too much away, the film tells the story of a young medical school dropout spiralling between grief, rage and revenge, after a life changing event."

The PIMC next film "Red Joan" will be screened on Tuesday August 23 at St Philip's Church Hall.

There will be tea and coffee but members are requested to bring your own cup.

Entrance is by membership only.

For more information email phillipislandmovieclub@gmail.com.

Wade in for some jazz

Phillip Island Jazz welcomes the return of Jon and Wendy Wade and Friends at Phillip Island Jazz on Sunday July 17.

The show starts at 2pm and promises to be a great winter's afternoon of music and company.

Jon Wade is regarded as one of the country's finest jazz pianists. In his youth, he was a member of the National Youth Jazz Orchestra and studied piano at Royal College of Music in London.

He then worked extensively throughout England, Europe and Australia, including Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club and the Savoy Hotel in London and the Casino in Monte Carlo. He also worked for many years at the BBC radio and television stations and Mayfair Studios.

With a lifetime love of singing and performing, Wendy Wade was a student of classical singing for six years and a prior member of many amateur theatre productions and vocal groups. Her experience encompasses many different styles but Wendy has found her niche in jazz.

She has performed with Jon and a number of notable Melbourne musicians for the past 12 years at jazz festivals, clubs, hotels and private functions throughout Australia. She has assisted Jon in the production of two albums.

Geoff Kluke commenced his performing career in the



Jon and Wendy Wade will be performing with friend, presented by Phillip Island Jazz, on Sunday July 17 from 2pm at the Phillip Island Bowling Club, Dunsmore Road, Cowes.

late 1960s. He has had a wide range of musical experience over the years performing with many of the world's top musicians and artists.

He has performed with the world's greatest jazz musicians, the likes of Phil Woods, Mark Murphy, Dewey Redman, Nat Adderley, Charlie Byrd, Lee Konitz, Herb Ellis, Barney Kessel, Slide Hampton, Mickey Tucker, Ernestine

Anderson, George Cables, Warren Vache, Richie Cole, The Glen Miller Orchestra, Buddy Tate, Clifford Jordan, Frank Foster, Sheila Jordan, Plas Johnson, Ruby Braff, Ralph Sutton, Joanne Brackeen, Cal Collins, Emily Remler, Eddie Daniels, Red Holloway, Ted Dunbar, Bob Mintzer, Ken Peplowski, Jimmy Witherspoon ... to mention just a few.

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great feeling on the double bass ... Not many in the industry can make the instrument "talk" like Geoff can!

Originally from Duluth, Minnesota USA, Rob Glaesemann took up appointment as Head of Woodwind at Melbourne Grammar School in 1990, a position he still holds.

He has toured extensively throughout America, playing a variety of musical genres including rock, blues, theatre, Caribbean, Cuban and Jazz.

Widely respected as a musician, work in Melbourne has included the Ken Schroder Sextet and regular work with the Pearly Shells swing outfit.

Rob provides a truly New York flavour to any ensemble he plays with!

Having studied drums at the Victorian College of the Arts, Michael Ooi was able to further his studies with local Melbourne greats such as Darryn Farrugia, Graham Morgan, Alex Pertout and Peter Neville as well as Peter Blick and New York's John Riley.

Michael provides a brilliant finish to this ensemble with his amazing sense of timing and wonderful feel!

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Girl Guides disco fundraiser



A Girl Guides disco fundraiser on June 18 was attended by over 100 kids.

Phillip Island Girl Guides hosted a disco fundraiser for children in years 2-7 on Saturday, June 18. Over 100 kids attended and had a fantastic time.

Many food and drink items were available for sale, as well as glow sticks and finger lights. It was a great and positive night for all who attended, especially since children have been stuck home for the last two years.

The Girl Guides are currently raising funds to send girls to a Jamboree camp in January and without the support of our community this would not be possible for some families.

"We would like to thank all those who attended and we look forward to hosting more discos and events like this in the future," said a Girl Guides spokesperson.

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The Bridge Walk will now be held on July 15, organised by Bass Coast Reconciliation Network and members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community. Back: Sally O'Neil, Anna Eggleton, Sam Weston, Auntie Beverly Munro, Dr Marg Lynn and Auntie Doseena Fergie. Front: Geoff Russell and Paul Patten.

Bridge Walk rescheduled

A walk across the Phillip Island bridge originally planned for Reconciliation Week has been rescheduled for July 15 to follow on from NAIDOC Week.

Organised by the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network, everyone is being invited to join in the Bridge Walk in a demonstration of solidarity.

"Please meet at the San Remo Foreshore at 11am for a smoking ceremony and then, from 11.30am, we will make our way from San Remo and across the bridge to the Graydens Reserve, Newhaven, on Millowl (Phillip Island) for a BBQ, flag raising, mural painting and yarning," the Reconciliation Network said.

This year marks 22 years since the monumental Sydney Harbour Bridge walk, renowned as the largest political demonstration ever held in this country's history. Bridge walks held right across the country captured Australia's desire for change and reconciliation.

NAIDOC Week ran from July 3 to July 10

and is a time for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

"The 2022 theme Get up, Stand up, Show up emphasises the importance of now being the time for us all to get behind our mob, Elders and Community to continue to drive the change needed for our First Nations people," the Reconciliation Network said.

"We worked on a number of events over the week including a Planting Day at the Koala Conservation Reserve on Saturday July 9, a NAIDOC Art Exhibition and more."

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network has members from Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Network and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members and is pleased to see organisations come together with community to acknowledge and celebrate such important dates of significance.



Rebecca Nerosa, Free 3D Hands' Mat Bowtell and Ocean Reach's Simon and Alex Bismire at the cheque presentation. Sales of the Bionic West Coast IPA raised over \$22,000 for the charity.

Bionic beer raised \$22,000 for Free 3D Hands

Ocean Reach Brewing has raised more than \$22,000 for Free 3D Hands, through the sales of their Bionic West Coast IPA.

The money will help Mat Bowtell and his team at Free 3D Hands create bionic assistive devices.

Ocean Reach Brewing founder and head brewer, Simon Bismire said the support from the community and beer lovers for their Bionic Beer was truly overwhelming.

"We are so thankful for all the support we received from the Phillip Island community and from people across the country that bought beer from us, and got behind this very worthwhile cause."

"Through the help of our sponsors and supporters we were able to raise more than \$22,000 – much more than we first anticipated," said Simon.

Free 3D Hands founder Mat Bowtell said the goodwill and generosity of Ocean Reach Brewing had been an inspiration for the team.

"I hope that everyone who supported this feels a big part of our mission towards making assistive technology accessible to every person on the planet."

"We are so grateful for Ocean Reach's kindness and generosity, and we would like to thank the community for supporting this wonderful initiative," Mat said.

"This was so much more than a fundraiser for us – Ocean Reach has shown how businesses can connect with local charities to support the wider community."

The Bionic West Coast IPA was launched on March 20, 2022, with an Open Day at the new Free 3D Hands factory in Newhaven.

The beer was sold online, at the tap house in Thompson Avenue and through selected stockists.

Support from sponsors helped to make, pack, distribute and promote the beer.

Ocean Reach intends to do it all again in 2023 and raise even more to help Free 3D Hands.

More photos at pisra.com.au

College launches new ClimateWatch Cultural trail

Traditional stories come to life with the launch of a new augmented reality trail on Phillip Island

Newhaven College's beautiful grounds are home to the ClimateWatch Cultural Trail which celebrates Bunurong stories and nature.

It's a collaboration between Bunurong Land Council, Indigital and Earthwatch Australia and from bushfire recovery and resilience, to wisdom about the Moonah tree, powerful narrations from Bunurong Elders enable visitors to understand the importance of country in a new light.

Newhaven College Year 9 and Year 3 students participated in the launch on June 23, taking the walk around the school grounds. For students, the trail provides an avenue for outdoor classrooms for both environmental and cultural studies. Teacher and ClimateWatch trail manager, Anne Marie McLean, envisions students will continue to participate in the experience long into the future.

"The ability to share these stories, not just once but indefinitely, will create many opportunities for authentic student learning experiences, helping to forge a deeper connection to country, heritage and the environment," said Anne Marie.

"The knowledge shared will help them to grapple with real world issues and gain a clearer understanding of the land upon which they stand."

Through innovative augmented reality technology, users simply scan a QR code using the Indigital Storytelling App to see stories come to life with colourful animation and powerful story telling. Powered by Indigital, Australia's first Indigenous edu-tech company, the trail showcases the creative flair of emerging Bunurong artists and the art and stories of Bunurong Elders.



From left, students Myles Leary, Ethan Lynch and Ryder Evans explore the trail, using the Indigital Storytelling App.

"It was an absolute privilege to invite traditional owners into a safe, respectful space to yarn about their cultural stories and express their thoughts on a range of issues, including climate change, and for them to accept this invitation and be willing to share with us," said Cassandra Rowe, Indigital's Community Connector.

"We introduced the Elders to the technology and explained what we were hoping to achieve through this collaboration, but the real magic happened when they shared."

"This trail is an example of how technology can connect Elders with young community members and convey 80,000 years of human knowledge for generations to come."

The trail is part of the ClimateWatch program, a national nature monitoring program which empowers everyday citizens to observe the behaviors of our local species. Their photographs and data help researchers understand how flora and fauna are impacted by climate change. In short, citizen science is an avenue for the community to drive positive action on climate change within their local environments.

"The Bunurong people have observed and protected life on Country for over 80,000 years," says Fiona Sutton Wilson, Earthwatch CEO.

"We have much to learn. I was humbled to be a part of the workshop we held with the Indigital team, Bunurong Elders and Bunurong young people."

"We came together through our love for nature and its protection. We shared knowledge and developed this Cultural Trail for the ClimateWatch program," she said.

"ClimateWatch asks citizen scientists to observe nature closely so that we can see the impacts human activity has had on Australia's plants and animals. This ClimateWatch Cultural Trail creates a new way to learn from and amplify traditional owner knowledge and science."

To read more about the trail, visit www.climatewatch.org.au/trails/victoria/newhaven-college-vic.

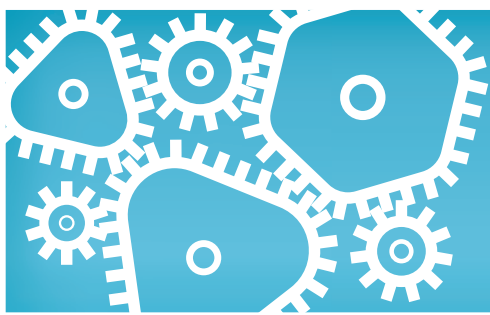
Earthwatch Australia thanks the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust for supporting the development of an augmented reality cultural trail for its ClimateWatch program.

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Degrading path

As a regular visitor to Cowes, I can't believe the Council is proposing to build a trail through the foreshore vegetation between Cowes and Ventnor.

For me, the natural environment is what makes Phillip Island such a special place, so why would they be considering degrading it?

The thick strip of coastal vegetation makes the beaches on Phillip Island much better than many other Victorian beaches as it provides a wonderful sense of being close to nature. The experience is more than just about sitting on the beach and looking out to sea; here you are surrounded 360 degrees by the beauty of nature.

Even walking through the bush to the beach along narrow beach access tracks is itself a lovely experience. Walking under a shady canopy of trees, you can hear and see many birds, and if lucky, spot a wallaby or echidna.

I am supportive of more trails that encourage walking and cycling in Bass Coast. However, I do not want those trails to be at the expense of valuable vegetation.

The Tracks and Trails Strategy notes that the proposed Cowes to Ventnor Foreshore Trail is in an area with a vegetation protection overlay. Similarly for some of the other trails proposed in the strategy. Surely these overlays exist for a reason!

I am not an expert, but I presume that segmenting the little remaining vegetation and putting human activity through it will mean that the remaining vegetation is less likely to have birds and wildlife in it. I also wonder if putting a trail through it makes it more susceptible to weeds and less healthy overall.

Already there is so little remaining vegetation on the Island and it is get-

ting less so as blocks get developed. There are added pressures on coastal vegetation including climate change and erosion. I call on the Council to please preserve what we currently have. It is such a big part of the Phillip Island experience for me and my family and, I am sure for the many other visitors to the Island.

Kathryn Hannan, Murrumbidgee

Where's the funding for our pool?

Phillip Island is the economic powerhouse of Bass Coast and a jewel in the Victorian tourism crown.

Recently three significant grants were made by the state government to privately-owned tourist attractions on Phillip Island: \$5.2 million for the Hot Springs at Newhaven, \$1.2 million to the planned Rhyll Brewery and Distillery, and \$492,000 to the Chocolate Factory, plus a further \$5 million funding for the Penguin Parade.

Good luck to them for receiving these grants but the community is asking why tourist needs come before those of the people that live here, when we have been demanding an aquatic centre for 28-plus years?

Until recently, surveys indicated that after improved medical services for islanders, an aquatic centre was most important.

Repeated feasibility studies, commissioned by the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund Inc (PIACF) have ALL concluded a pool on Phillip Island can be justified and would bring significant benefits to the community.

We need government investment in the health and well-being of our local community, not just tourism.

PIACF recently commissioned two reports: firstly a master plan created with sporting groups to cater for cur-

rent and future requirements; secondly how a centre can be profitable by attracting sporting tourists for off-peak multi-night stays.

Bass Coast Shire is advocating for two aquatic centres: a new facility for Phillip Island and an upgrade to the existing Wonthaggi pool which, although ageing, has been assessed by engineers as structurally sound for 10 years.

We argue any funding for aquatics in Bass Coast should be directed to Phillip Island first.

Government financial support is required to build facilities to support the population of Phillip Island for the next 30-plus years.

Our community does not understand why they have had to fight so hard and for so long for their aquatic centre to be built, especially in an election year in the marginal seat of Bass.

Peter McMahon, Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund Inc secretary

Where is the transparency?

I refer to the Council Briefs in the June 29 issue of the Advertiser regarding performance of the CEO and note that the CEO's performance review is "confidential".

Like Len Van Der Noot said, why are these reviews not made public? It is fine for Cr Laing to advise that the CEO is employed by the council, but it is us – the ratepayers that pay her salary, therefore the CEO works for us.

It is also fine for Cr Laing to bring up that under the Local Government Act that performance of the CEO is confidential. My question therefore is what is so confidential that we are not privy to?

What are we not being told!

It is bad enough that this council has approved a discretion limit of \$1 million per contract, which (I think)

should now be reduced to a maximum of \$100,000 per contract. Why is council not willing to take back control of large projects over a \$100,000 limit? What are you all afraid of?

If memory served me correctly, when this current council was elected, I was under the impression that this council would be more transparent, open and honest with ratepayers. It seems this has been lost in translation and as such council now follow what the CEO says regardless.

Be assured that transparency by the next elected council will be (in my view) – top priority.

Gary Simmons, Cowes

Fantastic activity

Using a bike path made well will be a fantastic activity for us locals and a great draw card for visitors to the island. It will have fantastic views and be a great activity not only for bike riders and walkers, but will also make the island more accessible for wheelchairs, prams and all the people who find it hard walking on the sand. Let's stop Title Creep from selfish beach fronting property owners claiming to be concerned about environmental issues. I'm really looking forward for this path being made and will use it regularly. Not everyone is against this.

Colin Bokulic, Cowes

Shared paths

I've seen many changes in my 50+ years living on Phillip Island and seen the population of the Island and San Remo grow from 900 to 15,000. We need to look at the island's future plans to accommodate this. We need better infrastructure.

The tracks and trails strategy addresses one aspect of this need. To say the tracks are for cyclists is incorrect. They're not a "superhighway"

for bikes but shared paths that can be used and enjoyed by walkers, families, mums and dads with their prams and young children, bike riders and those on mobility scooters. Think of the physical and mental health benefits for everyone including the young and the elderly.

Both residents and visitors would benefit from the trails. The proposed Cowes-Ventnor trail goes past three camping and caravan parks filled with visitors during holidays. It would showcase our stunningly beautiful north facing coastline and provide an alternative means of access to Cowes. A foreshore trail avoids intersections with roads which are a safety risk for young children. Providing safe and easy access along the foreshore would reduce traffic, pollution and congestion, particularly in peak tourism seasons. As the cars on the road are increasing, people need somewhere safe to walk and ride.

No one wants to see the island's natural appeal destroyed. Much of the existing foreshore is hardly pristine. There are cleared areas and others infested by weeds and introduced species. It's not about destroying the foreshore but putting in a track that enhances the area and replanting native plants that attract more wildlife and birds. These trails are not an eyesore. It's been done in hundreds of places around Australia where I have both walked and ridden. There is also more than one here! The Lovers Walk track has been used and enjoyed by many people over the years.

As for the belief that a track will devalue property prices, Lovers Walk still remains among the most expensive property stretch on Phillip Island. I can't see the proposed trail being the environmental and economic disaster that some claim.

Elisa Bentley, Cowes



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Nine of the original foundation members joined in San Remo Probus Club's 30th birthday celebrations recently. From left: Val and Don Wilson, Gwen Sunderland, Annette and Bill Sims, Maureen Matthews, Thelma McAsey, Doris Legg and Shirley Broad.

San Remo Probus celebrates 30th birthday

San Remo Probus Club celebrated its 30th birthday on Monday June 20 at the Dalyston Church restaurant.

Taking part in the celebration were nine of the 10 still active foundation members from 1992.

At lunch those members expressed emo-

tionally what Probus had meant to them over the last 30 years.

The San Remo Probus Club meet at 10am on the second Monday of each month at the Newhaven Public Hall and visitors are most welcome to come along and see what the Club has to offer retirees.



President Lynn Ward presenting a life membership to Marj Powell.



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NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

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The application is for a permit to: Use of the land for a residential village in a GRZ, removal of vegetation in a VPO including native vegetation pursuant to Clause 52.17, the removal of easements from LPI3106 and TP839565H and the display of business identification signage.

The applicant for the permit is: Lifestyle Developments 2 Pty Ltd C/- Mesh Planning.

The application reference number is: 210377
You may look at the application and any documents that support the application by visiting Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/planningads

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

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SPORT

Footy juniors battle it out in Derby Day

U10 Blues

The ground was a mud bath before the games began courtesy of a very wet seniors' game the day before.

At one point, the footy was kicked down the ground and firmly wedged itself into the mud upon landing.

Coach Luke Marshall was not wrong when he said the conditions will suit the tough and hard running Blue Pups.

Lead by skipper Flynn Riley who took control and lead by example today, the Blue Pups followed his lead seamlessly with an outstanding performance that could not be faulted.

It was raining goals today, with Flynn Riley, Will Patton, Cody Naismith and Brock Larsson adding goals to the tally.

Coaches awards were given to Captain Flynn, Ben Stephens, Cody Naismith, Ray Wolfenden and Oskar James.

As a special derby day award, Jett Fawaz was awarded the Beau Vernon Medal for exemplifying the spirit of Phillip Island Football and embracing the 'Together as one' ethos. He was presented with the medal by Beau Vernon himself.

U10s Reds

The Red's took on the Blue's today in the much-hyped derby on a perfect Sunday morning.

Captain, Nash Hornsby-Ramage lead the team into a frantic first quarter with the ball being bogged down in rolling packs.

The tackling was a highlight, with Taj Ransom and Chaze Poulton attacking the contest and not giving their opponents an inch.

The second quarter saw the opposition kicking quick successive goals and putting our backline under extreme pressure.

Once again, it was tough, in and under football with our team giving everything to stay in the game.

Jasper Goodall racked up disposals in the third quarter in what was his best game for the year.

The Blue's piled on the pressure again and the 'Never give up' attitude from our backline was on display.

The Red's found a second wind in the last quarter, moving the ball quickly and accurately.

The midfield combined perfectly to break away from the square and give the forwards plenty of looks.

We battled on bravely in what was a fast, physical game and were finally rewarded for effort with Lenny Nolan snagging a goal

on the siren from the boundary.

Thanks to the Under 10 Blues for a great game and the future looks bright for football on the rock.

Awards: Miller Sund, Zaine Liddell, Taj Ransom and Kieran 'Crackers' Stray.

U12

Round eleven saw a very muddy Derby Day with the Blue Pups taking on the Red Pups at the Kennel. Over the last few games, something in the Blue Pups had clicked and were moving the ball well as a team, keeping the pressure on, along with the number of players getting to the ball first has improved.

Tackling and a defensive game is also working well, which showed in the scores.

The Blues were triumphant with a final score of 6-2-38 to 1-1-7, the win puts the Blues in fourth place on the ladder, with the Reds in fifth.

Archie Williams once again, was on fire, kicking three goals, Lukah Fawaz, Kane Patton, and Maddison Leed also kicking one goal each.

Archie Williams, Ryan Hughes, Brydon Marshall, and Jem Hennekam received coaches' awards for their performance.

Beau Vernon presented Maddison Leed with the Beau Vernon medal for her outstanding character, skills, and effort she brings to the game week after week.

U14

It was a sunny day at the Kennel on Sunday for Derby Day, with Phillip Island Bulldogs U14s Blues taking on the Reds.

Derby Day always brings much excitement and anticipation of a tough match, especially given the Blues are currently undefeated, with the Reds only dropping one game (against the Blues) so far this season.

Today, the Blues took home the win after a fantastic (and very muddy) match, 54 to 22.

Best mentions for the Blues: Harrison Carlon, Ashton Smith, Piers Hennekam and Xavier Williams.

Goals for Blues: Austin Finlayson (3), Ayden Fawaz (2), Xavier Williams, Duke Lawrence, and Heath Bowan.

Goals for Reds: Connor Macmillan (2) and Thomas Macmillan.

Congratulations also to the Beau Vernon award recipient, Ayden Fawaz (Captain for the Blues).

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Under 12s Phillip Island Blue and Red Pups.



Aiden Fawaz the U14's Phillip Island Derby Day medal winner.



Under 12s Maddison Leed (left) presented with the Beau Vernon (right) medal.



Seth McBean lays a tackle on Finlay Cameron.



Tommy Newman gets away.



Ayden Fawaz (Blues) accepting the Beau Vernon award.



Under 10 Jett Fawaz (left) presented with the Beau Vernon medal.



Under 11 Phillip Island verse Cora Lynn 13/8, PI won in freezing wet conditions.

Wins all around from our Island Netballers

B Grade

After a week off and many trips around the world to Bali, New Zealand and Yamba, the Island girls were ready to switch out of holiday mode and step back onto the court together after the break.

With some members still abroad and injured, the Island girls welcomed Lucy and Ahlee into the team to lend a helping hand for this round.

As they hadn't faced the tough Cora Lynn girls since round one and teams had not been finalised by then, the girls knew it would be a challenge against a strong team.

The sun was out, the sweat was pouring, and the girls made a solid start to the game.

Each quarter, the girls steadied their lead slowly, gradually increasing it through teamwork, precision, and determination.

There were some brilliant passages of play that allowed the girls to build their lead, however, Cora Lynn were relentless and never backed down.

Considering it had been several weeks since the girls played together and they were still short OG players, the girls were very happy to take a solid win, especially with a very tough final five rounds of the season to go.

The girls are looking forward to facing the incredibly tough Nar Nar Goon on home soil next week.

Well done ladies, a fantastic team win!

Final scores: PI 57 def Cora Lynn 34.

Best on awards: Amber Formosa and Lily Huther.

C Grade

It was a sunny day at the Phillip Island netball courts.

A drastic change in weather conditions to the last time we had come up against Cora Lynn, where it was pouring rain and windy throughout the game.

The Phillip Island team had a strong warm up and cemented into the side, three young superstars Isabella Santorini, Meika White, and Maya Huther.

The game started off strong with the Cora Lynn shooters being extremely accurate in the ring.

This led Chloe Moxey (GD) to hold strong in her defensive communications with both Chloe Kalis (GK), and during the second half Isabella Santorini (GK).

The defensive and attacking pressure down the court from Rose Van Rooy (WD) was amazing, she was always available along the transverse line if the attacking end needed to feed the ball back out. Our fearless Captain Steph Krainer (C) threw some unique and direct passes into the ring, which resulted in goals from our shooters throughout the game, Katelyn Jones (GS), Isabella Santorini (GA), and Meika White (GA).

The game was within the Island's reach, as throughout the third quarter we were trailing by 2/3 goals off every centre pass.

We knew we had to step it up and fight for this win, especially considering that Phillip Island and Cora Lynn were practically in the same position on the ladder.

We had the extremely talented Maya Huther (WA) compose the game during the fourth quarter and really work the ball into our shooters.

It was such an outstanding effort by all

on the court and everyone should be proud that we did not give in and continued to compete and challenge Cora Lynn.

Unfortunately, Phillip Island did not come away with the win, with the final scores being 35-37 Cora Lynn's way.

The best on awards went to the whole team, for fantastic team efforts and determination.

D Grade

After a three week break for the D grade girls, due to not having oppositions, it was always going to be tough getting started.

But to their credit, they came out firing and came together as a team really well.

Well done to Karina Reynard and Julia Algie for receiving the awards today.

Also, a special mention to Matilda Feehan from the under 15s side, for playing her first senior game. Unfortunately, we couldn't come away with the win, but our girls played so well and should be proud of themselves.

U17s

Under 17s knew they had to bring their A game against Cora Lynn as the previous match against them was a tight contest and the Island only won by a goal.

The girls came out firing and managed to get off to a great start.

The defence from Ahlee and Ruby was strong and helped to keep Cora Lynn's score at bay, Ella and Lily barely missed a goal.

Shanae went into goals at half time and helped to keep the goals flowing.

The mid courters all played their role and were strong and accurate with their passes and some great intercepts.

A great team effort by the girls secured them the win.

Final scores were Phillip Island 59 to Cora Lynn 22.

U15s

Our girls came out strong, with the entire team playing well.

Defence shut down passes into Cora Lynn's ring, our mid court had speed and fed strong passes into the shooters, which were easily converted into goals.

Shooters moved well together.

First half we proved too powerful winning both Qs 7/3 and 7/3.

During the third quarter both teams changed a few positions, but the score stayed the same, another quarter at 7/3.

Then we took it away in the last quarter scoring 11/1.

Every pass connecting and fantastic pressure applied from our whole team.

A solid win and great team effort, 31/10.

U11s

The Phillip Island under 11s played a great game on Saturday morning against Cora Lynn.

Phillip Island taking the win, scores were Phillip Island, 13 and Cora Lynn, 8.

Awards this weekend went to Asha Payne and Evie Hollings.

All the girls have done such an amazing job, well done to everybody.

More netball photos
at pisra.com.au



It's all smiles for the Under 12 girls before their race.

South Gippsland swim club report

With the Victorian Country Short Course and State Championships being held in the next month, swimmers were scattered across several events chasing down short course times.

Many of the SGB team already have several times and are ready to compete, however, were chasing down one or two times in a couple of extra events.

There were also a group of swimmers who started a few months ago, finding their feet in some of their first competitions.

It was fantastic to see the older experienced swimmers guiding them along.

Swimmers competed at the Essendon Districts association event at MSAC, the Fairbanks Aquastars.

The largest group headed to the Oil City Christopher Hirth Memorial Short Course Meet, where the SGB swimmers dominated the pool, coming home with a large number of ribbons and Age Champion Medals.

Many swimmers came home with a personal best, which, as well as trying to qualify for events, is also something highly valued by coaches.

For coach Dylan, who is back after a two-month break, it was a great chance to see how the kids have progressed.

"They have been training



Dylan gives feedback to Sienna Matheson.

hard and it is wonderful to see so many with smiles after their swim. Also, our last proper short course season was in 2019, so I am loving being back enjoying it," he said.

"It looks like we will have quite a number off to compete at the Countries in Ballarat and at the State Championships."

Saturday saw seven swimmers return to MSAC for the Essendon District Association short course meet.

Place getters:

Rex Brocklesby, 12 & U, 3rd 100m backstroke, 4th 100m butterfly.

Georgia Courtney, 13 & O, 5th 100m breaststroke.

Mostyn Lumsden, 13 & O, 100m backstroke.

Aidan Smyth, 12 & U, 50m

butterfly.

Archie Smyth, 10 & U, 1st 50m butterfly, 2nd 100m free-style, 1st 50m backstroke, 1st 100m IM.

On Sunday, two swam in the Fairbank meet, in a very competitive field being, Josh Owen, 13 & O, 4th 200m breaststroke and Zac Sherar, 13 & O, 6th 100m breaststroke.

At Sale on Sunday, 26 swimmers, including head coach Dylan Muir took to the pool in the event.

The event, held in honour of Christopher Hirth, a champion multi class swimmer who held many of the records for his section was well attended.

Age Champions were also awarded, with SGB taking home a swathe of medals.

For the full results go to pisra.com.au.

Phillip Island parkrun celebrates seven years

Phillip Island parkrun celebrated its seventh birthday over the weekend with 68 runners, walkers and even a four-legged participant taking part in the celebrations.

The Phillip Island parkrun Event Director, Mr Paul Cooper said parkrun has to be the most awesome community health event he have ever been associated with.

"It's completely free worldwide and people of absolutely any fitness level are most welcome," Mr Cooper said.

"I always say you are lapping everyone on the couch."

The seventh birthday celebrations included a beautiful cake and a fancy-dress theme of pyjamas.

It was amazing to see how many participants took up the dress theme.

The first Phillip Island parkrun was held on July 11, 2015, with 102 participants.

Since then, there has been 298 events held, with quite a few events lost during the pandemic lockdowns.

"So, our next celebration is only two weeks away with our three-hundredth run," Mr Cooper said.

Mr Cooper said there has been 19,740 finishes since the group started which is a total of 98,700 kilometres, more than twice around the earth, who ran or walked on the beautiful Churchill Island course.



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Parkrun can only operate with volunteers and Mr Cooper thanked all the run director team and asked for anyone interested in run directing to come forward.

"We have eight run directors at the moment, which is great, but all being volunteers it will be great to share the love with a few more."

"We also have a volunteer team of five in addition to the Run Director each week and we always manage to get a volunteer team together."

"Anyone interested in volunteering can get in touch with the local event team

through email phillipisland@parkrun.com."

Mr Cooper also thanked the Phillip Island Nature Parks for allowing the event to be held on Churchill Island each Saturday morning.

"We get participants from all over the world, especially the UK where parkrun originated. They always comment about what a beautiful part of the world we live in and how good our course around Churchill Island is."

"We look forward to seeing many more at our local Phillip Island parkrun event."

Phillip Island Breakers win all age divisions

With the Under 17s ladies, Under 17s mixed and senior women having a bye this week, there were five games played on Sunday in perfect conditions.

The morning kicked off with the under 12s A team playing Trafalgar.

The team played well together, linking up with some great teamwork and passing the ball around, final scores Phillip Island 4 – Trafalgar 1.

The under 12s B Team continued the Island's momentum playing Drouin.

Once again the Island Breakers moved the ball around well and it didn't take long before J Bland slotted one and passed the keeper into the net.

This set the wheels in motion and the Breakers were to kick another three goals to win the game 4 – 0.

Goal scorers: 2 goals J Bland, 2 Goals A Farman.

Under 14s continued the winning streak defeating Drouin white, Jad Ellaz put four goals passed the keeper and J Saunders added to the score sheet final scores: Phillip Island 5 – Drouin White 4.

Mens Reserves

After playing Trafalgar earlier in the season on their big pitch, and not getting the three points, coach Callum Golightly instructed the boys to start hard, "we need the three points today".

This motivated the boys, and it was just nine minutes in when Adam Dean put the Breakers one goal up.

Adam Ubavin played his first game and was solid on the wing, whilst goalkeeper Geoff Russell was worth his weight in gold, with his continuous voice instructing the defence on what to do.

Tate Russell struck the ball nicely at the 40-minute mark to score his first reserves goal.

At the halftime break the Island were 2-0.

During the second half

the Island kept the momentum going and found the back of the net with T. Tubino De Santana at the 54-minute mark.

Trafalgar's B Farmer replied with their only goal at the 56-minute mark. Adam Dean scored his second at 59-minute mark.

With the final whistle blown, the Phillip Island Breakers defeated Trafalgar 4-1.

Goal Scorers – Adam Dean 2, Tate Russell and Twoknee 1.

Senior Mens

With a few out this week, the Senior's had a battle on their hands playing fourth on the ladder Trafalgar.

Although it was a quick start for the Breakers scoring their first goal through Solo Scarlett just 60 seconds in, Trafalgar's L Winter equalised the score at the four-minute mark.

He was lucky to find himself again in the six-yard box in a two verse one against our keeper Tommy, and at the 17-minute mark put Trafalgar one goal up.

To the Breakers credit they didn't drop their heads, Callum Chisholm was full of run up and down the wing and kicked a nice goal at the 22-minute mark.

Riley Feonander added another just one minute later and then Callum Chisholm again at the 33-minute mark.

This put the Breakers in front on the score sheet at half time 4 goals to 2.

Second half

For the next 26 minutes the ball moved up and down the pitch.

It was at the 71-minute mark that Trafalgar's L Winter scored putting Traff one goal down, the Island boys ran out the game to win 4-3.

Goal scorers – C Chisholm 2, S Scarlett & R Feonander 1.

Next week we host Wonthaggi.

Island Girls put up strong fight against Warragul



Cam Pederson with Lexi Walton who was presented with the Beau Vernon Medal.

Fresh back from a week off footy, the Island girls were keen to get on the (although very muddy) field. The Island were missing several girls due to holidays however, they were excited to have Brinn Hamley back from injury for her first game in several weeks.

The Island got the first clearance thanks to great ruckwork from Poppy Marshall and excellent support from Lexi Walton who drove the ball forward.

The Island girls put plenty of pressure on the Warragul defence in the first quarter but to no avail and it was the Warragul girls that got the first goal on the board.

The second quarter saw the Warragul girls take the ascendancy from the middle; however, the Island girls did manage to get their first goal on the board from a snap in the pocket by Lily (Elbow) Bow.

The second half saw the Island girls bring the game back onto even terms.

Mackenzie Wain, Alaska Dixon, and Millie Marshall were solid in defence, while Lexi Walton dominated off halfback.

Mia Boost on the wing and

Maya Huther back on the ball made great space and were instrumental in the Island getting another goal on the board, with Jorja (Jorga) Newman starting to assert her dominance up forward.

Poppy Marshall was on top in the ruck, while Bella Gude, Zoe Carr, Miki Leary, and Monica Bartels continued to pressure the Warragul girls.

Jorja (Jorga) Newman snapped her second goal from a great mark-up forward and the Island girls were back in the contest.

Although Warragul ran out winners on the day it was great to see the impressive improvement from some of the new girls this season in Miki Leary, Macy Stubbs, Giselle Smith, Qiarshi Adams and Lilli O'Loughlin who didn't shy away from any contests.

Great team effort girls.

Final score: Warragul 11.6.72 def Phillip Island 3.2.20.

Best: Lexi Walton (Beau Vernon Medal), Poppy Marshall, Millie Marshall, Maya Huther, Mackenzie Wain, Bella Gude, Macy Stubbs.

Goals: Jorja (Jorga) Newman 2, Lily (Elbow) Bow.

Cobras' sting no match for Bulldogs' bite

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Under 18s

Wet and slippery conditions greeted the players after heavy overnight rain which made attractive football very difficult.

This was very evident in the opening term where both sides battled for supremacy. Brady Ross was a standout for the Bulldogs driving the ball forward, but the stout defence of Cora Lynn resisted the attacks.

Brodie Gude was active in the forward line and after some nice evasive play brought up the Bulldogs first major.

The Bulldogs lifted the intensity after the break and good play by Brodie Gude found Tyce (Cheezel) Kleverkamp who brought up a much-needed goal.

Tully Dickie and Jack Papas continued to show their class by driving the ball forward and some smart play by Dylan Susic who goaled with a kick off the ground in the goal square.

The defenders of both sides were under constant pressure with scoring made difficult by the heavy conditions.



Seniors' Billy Taylor and Jaymie Youle kept their cool during the much-anticipated match against Cora Lynn.

Tom Niven led the Bulldogs defence with some timely clearances ably assisted by Kohen Beaumont and Jack Johnston.

Hunter Clarke together with Brayden Kleverkamp battled manfully in the ruck against much taller opponents and never stopped competing strongly.

It was a hectic last quarter with Cora Lynn lifting their

work rate applying pressure to the Bulldog defence.

A nice piece of play saw Tyce mark and kick to his brother Brayden, who was 35 metres from goal but unfortunately could only bring up a minor score.

Not to be denied, Cora Lynn battled hard and after being awarded a free kick brought up

their second goal to be only four points behind the Bulldogs.

It was a tense few minutes with both sides tired and weary, until Dylan Susic brought up his second goal and put the result beyond doubt.

A special mention to the umpires who did a tremendous job in difficult conditions.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 1.0.6, 3.2.20, 3.3.21, 4.7.31.

Cora Lynn: 1.2.8, 1.4.10, 1.5.11, 2.7.19

Goals:

Phillip Island: Dylan Susic 2, Brodie Gude, Tyce Kleverkamp.

Cora Lynn: Max McDermott, Toby Goswell.

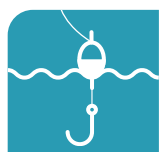
Best Players:

Phillip Island: Brady Ross, Brodie Gude, Tyce Kleverkamp, Tully Dickie, Jack Johnston, Brayden Kleverkamp.

Cora Lynn: Caelan Addis, Benjamin Baird, Oliver Sail, Ashton Hermanus, Bailey Brougham, Ryder Milne.

More footy photos at pisra.com.au

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AROUND THE BAY

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE

We often get asked about our reports and why we don't do one every week, especially this time of the year and the answer is simple, nothing to report.

While it's not that we don't get any reports it's just that we might only get one or two.

There are many reasons for few reports, the main one being weather. Now, it's the cost of everything, fuel and food being the big ones.

We are also seeing it. Every time we speak to a rep, they are telling us of another price rise.

The stock shortages of the last few years are slowly getting back to normal with manufacturing having good stock levels.

However, freight is still a massive problem. While it will take some months for all of this to clear, stocks of fishing tackle will start to improve for us as the northern hemisphere goes into winter.

We had a successful sale a couple of weeks ago and have made plenty of space on the walls for all our new stock that will start to turn up from August onwards.

We are looking at providing a knife sharpening service for all your fishing knives.

There are still a few things we need to work out, but we will put more information on our socials and reports as we move into spring.

Now however, is the time to bring those rods or reels in that need repair or servicing whilst we have a bit of spare time. Once we get into the season it's just too difficult to offer the services we want, and it might be a bit of a wait.

Repair on reels, however, might still be held up a bit with spare parts but services are no problem.

During the school holidays we didn't see a lot of boats fishing in the Bay, with many chasing the elusive barrel tuna offshore.

Most of the fishing was conducted off the land, beaches and jetties with reports that didn't necessarily set the world on fire but some that were very respectable.

Three fish dominated the reports: salmon, calamari, and whiting, in that order for quantity.

The weed slowly cleaned up on the beaches and almost every surf beach produced a handful of salmon. Nothing was too big but respectable for bait or a feed.

It was a mixture of baits and lures with

neither standing out more than the other.

Calamari reports mostly came from the jetties and surprisingly, most reports were from those using artificial jigs. Normally this time of the year you would expect baited jigs to be the best.

Like the salmon, nothing massive but very respectable and when they were on, showed good numbers as well.

Whiting reports we received came from those who put the boat in.

We had a couple reported from off the beach at Ventnor, however, most of the whiting reports came from the boats.

Whilst there was only a handful, the size was well worth it and plenty for a couple of meals.

Again, numbers weren't anything spectacular and the sessions were short due to either a late start, it being too cold, an early finish or minimal daylight.

The fish were caught close to the boat ramps with people not traveling too far.

Those who were traveling a long way, were the boats heading offshore looking for the barrel tuna with regular reports coming in.

If you are heading out to chase a barrel, the best bit of advice I could give you is to be patient.

If all you have done is chase the school tuna you need to forget almost all that you know, and if you thought the school tuna are frustrating wait until you put time into the barrels. There are many ways people are successful, but putting together all the methods we are told, you need to know how to use your sounder and be able to read fish on bait.

Search around until you find a bait that has a bigger fish with it, then work it.

Trawl around, besides, under and on top of the bait, and if that doesn't work, try cubing and live baiting or striping back pilchards.

Try that for another few hours then go back to lures again.

Whichever method you choose, unless you are one of the lucky few who hooks up quickly, you are going to need time and plenty of it.

Then, if you are lucky enough to hook up, hang on.

We have had reports of bait, and fish caught all the way from Cape Schanck to Inverloch but all on or just around the 50m line.

with (13), and Gerald Taylor (18).

NTP 5th Shane Harding, 7th Ken Wallace, 10th Rowan Wales, 17th Mike Fitzmaurice.

Nine-hole competition winner was Basil Moloney (15), with 22 points from John Niven (24), with 19 points.

Saturday July 2, 2 Mens Stableford

A grade winner was Mark Haringsma (9), with 39 points, A grade runner up was Matt Brown (9), with 36 points.

B grade winner was Leigh Hayhurst (14), with 41 points, B grade runner up was Ricky Jenkins (15), with 38 points.

C grade winner was Phil Dressing (22), with 38 points, C grade runner up was Steven Sloss (28), with 36 points.

Ladies Stableford winner was Helen Coghlan (16), with 33 points on countback from Tracey Cuff (20).

Men's NTP: 5th Alan Sherlock, 7th Ray Smith, 10th Vince Colella, 17th Max Royal.

Ladies NTP: 7th Lorraine Hammon.

Nine-hole winner was Rob Davison (14), with 21 points.

Phillip Island golf club results

Tuesday July 5, Mens Stableford

Winner was Trevor MacFarlane (24) with 37 points.

Runner up was Rob Chambers (32) with 34 points.

NTP 5TH Ian Smith, 7th Mark Hill, 10th Stewart Hamilton and 17th Ron Davies.

Nine Hole Stableford winner was Chris Hales (33) with 20 points; runner up was Bob Pascoe (12) with 19 points.

Wednesday July 6, Ladies Stroke Monthly Medal

A grade winner: Taylah Robinson (7) with Nett 72.

B grade winner: Ros Reid (25) with nett 77.

C grade winner: Kaye Johnston (42) with Nett 79.

NTP: 7th Ada Anglin, 10th Miki Yamaguchi, 17th Ada Anglin.

Nine-hole Stableford competition winner was Gill Scrase (45) with 15 points.

Thursday July 7, Open Stableford

Wayne Morris (11) was the winner with 36 points, on countback from Paul Led-

Phillip Island bowls club

Winter Triples

A fabulous day on the Island with plenty of sunshine for another round of the winter triples.

Thirty members took to the green, hopefully to keep the boys from Inverloch at bay this week, which they did.

With two game wins, and a +15 was Clive Smith, Bev Emmett, and Errol Bradford.

Well done everyone and to our volunteers.

Social Play

Results from Thursday's social day, twelve members took to the green in relatively nice weather conditions, with the odd rain shower thrown in for good measure.

Winners for the day were Paul Bean, Ruth Partridge and Bruce Puncher.

Runners up were a tie, with both teams having a win and a loss. Both with a score of 20, the same shots up and both with a 60 per cent.

So, our runners up were, Joan Farmer, Allan Baughurst and Lance Wearne, Bill Hathway, Allan Price, and Marlene Puncher.

Audika 2-4-2

Winners were, Terry Dawes and Errol Bradford.

Our runners up were, Steve Farrelly and Bob Carter, third place was John Batty and Bruce Puncher.

Well done everyone.



Winter triples winners Clive Smith, Bev Emmett and Errol Bradford.

Midweek bowls results

Thursday July 7, midweek bowls was played at Koo Wee Rup in cold and wet conditions, nevertheless, 21 of our brave family turned out to have a great day of bowls and fun.

Well dressed for the conditions, as luck would have it, we managed to play our two games with only a short break in between showers.

As usual everyone was in good humour and ready to battle it out for a place in the top three.

High scores were the order of the day, winners on 34 points, runners up on 32 points and one game winners on 26 points.

A great result.

Sadly, we had more than a few fall to wrong bias so the RCH did very well, and our members gave generously.

Thank you to the members who brought items for the free raffle table, please contribute if you can its great fun and we receive lovely treasures.

A big thank you to our volunteers who help with the running of midweek: George in the bar, David and Luke in the kitchen, and David and Laurie for clearing up the rinks after play.

Next week we will play at Lang-Lang, 10am at the club for a 10.30am start. BYO Lunch.

For more information, please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

Everyone is welcome. See you on the green.



Winners: Bill Williams (L), Sue Stansfield (3), Gwen Jeffrey (2), Dennis Talbot (S).



Best one game: Bob Arnold (L), Peter McWilliams (S), David Talbot (3).

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 13 JUL	THU 14 JUL	FRI 15 JUL	SAT 16 JUL	SUN 17 JUL	MON 18 JUL	TUE 19 JUL
LOW 4:17 am 0.51 m	LOW 5:30 am 0.45 m	HIGH 12:28 am 2.61 m	HIGH 1:39 am 2.68 m	HIGH 2:45 am 2.75 m	HIGH 3:48 am 2.81 m	HIGH 4:47 am 2.83 m
HIGH 11:56 am 2.92 m	HIGH 1:04 pm 3.03 m	LOW 6:40 am 0.39 m	LOW 7:44 am 0.36 m	LOW 8:42 am 0.38 m	LOW 9:36 am 0.45 m	LOW 10:28 am 0.57 m
LOW 5:16 pm 1.49 m	LOW 6:33 pm 1.41 m	HIGH 2:08 pm 3.13 m	HIGH 3:05 pm 3.19 m	HIGH 3:57 pm 3.21 m	HIGH 4:44 pm 3.18 m	HIGH 5:26 pm 3.12 m
HIGH 11:13 pm 2.57 m		LOW 7:41 pm 1.28 m	LOW 8:40 pm 1.12 m	LOW 9:33 pm 0.96 m	LOW 10:23 pm 0.82 m	LOW 11:10 pm 0.71 m

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The Bulldogs battling it out on the muddy field against their arch-rivals Cora Lynn.

Cobras' sting no match for Bulldogs' bite

After a bucket-load of rain on the Friday night, Saturday morning presented as a fine and clear day, with little wind.

Pity about two things, the overnight rain turning the Kennel into a mud-pit in places, and the lack of wind doing little to dry it out!

So, the long-awaited clash against arch-rivals Cora Lynn beckoned in less-than-ideal ground conditions, whilst the atmospheric conditions were perfect.

Go figure!

Seniors

After the surprise announcement from coach Beau Vernon that this will be his final year of senior coaching at the Bulldogs, the Seniors went into this game determined to ensure Beau's final weeks were something to be treasured!

And against the arch-rivals Cora Lynn, the game offered a mouth-watering challenge against a team with seven wins in a row.

A sizzling start from the Bulldogs, looking stronger and more tuned in than at any time through the year, saw them hold sway.

Even the sticky conditions didn't impact the high-class play and delivery, with the Island boys looking as though they were playing in perfect conditions.

A little like the week before, the return from the sizzling start wasn't what was hoped with 13 scoring shots yielding only three goals in the first.

Still a 20-point lead was nothing to be sneezed at – even in this cold weather.

Aside from the second where the Cobras matched the Bulldogs resulting in a 22-point deficit at the half time break, the first was to set the scene for the rest of the game, with the Bulldogs dominating all aspects of play.

With the backline – being led by the evergreen Damien Holmes – repelling the Cobras' advances, and the Patillo-2 up to their dashing best, the Bulldogs were able to take charge through the back and mid-field.

Captain Youle led the way in the



Jaymie Youle was named as one of the best players during the muddy match against Cora Lynn.

middle, being fed from the ruck contents by that man Pederson. Billy Taylor took charge wherever he was positioned, Brendan Kimber was back to his best and Jack (Bison) Taylor and Max Blake causing havoc in the forward line.

A strong supporting contingent with Cam Brown's scintillating forward play, Orlando (Noosh) Kane-Gillard and Kai Mackenzie returning to close to their best, the Bulldogs looked good all over the ground.

The Cobras certainly didn't give up.

Led by Luke Ryan, Nathan Gardiner, and Cory Machaya in particular, the boys from Cora Lynn kept the pressure on the Bulldogs.

Unfortunately for them, they lacked the ability to slice through the strong Bulldog mids and defence, almost certainly finding the conditions not to their liking.

The second half saw more return from forward forays for the Bulldogs, with a 7-4 to 1-3 return.

The final margin of 59 points was certainly an accurate reflection of the return to form from the Bulldogs, and an exciting prelude to the final weeks of coach Vernon's reign at the kennel.

Scores:
Phillip Island: 3.10.28, 7.14.56, 10.18.78, 14.18.102.

Cora Lynn: 1.1.7, 5.4.34, 6.5.41, 6.7.43
Goals:
Phillip Island: Jack Taylor 3, Cameron Brown 3, Jordy Patullo 2, Jesse Patullo 2, Zak Vernon, Billy Taylor, Harry O'Brien, Max Blake.
Cora Lynn: Nathan Gardiner 2, Cory Machaya 2, Luke Ryan, Brent Urwin.
Best Players:
Phillip Island: Jack Taylor, Jaymie Youle, Kai Mackenzie, Damien Holmes, Billy Taylor, Jordy Patullo.
Cora Lynn: Luke Ryan, William Thomas, Nathan Gardiner, Robert Hill, Cory Machaya, Lachlyn Peluso.

Reserves

In heavy conditions and against a tough opposition it was always going to be a hard slog for the reserves.

Field position was at a premium in the first half, and an arm wrestle in the first two quarters had Cora Lynn and the Bulldogs at a single goal each.

Tarquin McMillan was terrific in the ruck and Will Taylor Eagles and Matt Jones were providing run and dash through the mid-field.

The Bulldogs managed a three goal third term which gave a bit of breathing space heading into the



Brendan Kimber focused and in the zone during the Senior's match.

last term.

Liam Dayson was providing a spark up forward along with Levi Robinson and Sam McRae was holding down a key role down back.

The final quarter provided more physical football.

Jack Opitz was instrumental in the middle of the ground and Hayden Smith continued his dash until the end.

The Bulldogs survived a late final quarter surge to hold on for a well-earned hard-fought victory.

Scores:
Phillip Island: 0.4.4, 1.6.12, 4.8.32, 5.11.41.
Cora Lynn: 1.0.6, 1.3.9, 2.4.16, 4.8.32
Goals:
Phillip Island: Levi Robinson 2, Liam Dayson 2, James Nicolaci.
Cora Lynn: Nathan Villella, Max Wolbers, Liam Taylor, Matthew Fergusson.
Best Players:
Phillip Island: Tarquin McMillan, Liam Dayson, Jack Opitz, Will Taylor-Eagles, Matthew Jones, Hayden Smith.
Cora Lynn: Sean Wilson, Tory Drew, Darcy Robinson, Dylan Ross, Nathan Villella, Max Wolbers.

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