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San Remo gets final green light for major growth



The new San Remo Structure Plan says about 2000 new residents are expected in the next two decades, with town boundaries expanding, requiring vast infrastructure upgrades, including a new commercial area and new roads.

PLANNING

Housing growth in San Remo will not occur before infrastructure upgrades are planned and delivered, according to Bass Coast Shire Council after councillors approved the town's plan.

After three years of work, councillors at the June meeting approved the final San Remo structure plan, which saw the latest community consultation in March and April.

The plan states about 2000 new residents are expected in the next two decades, with the town boundary to expand about 150 hectares east to Punch Bowl Road, which will require vast infrastructure upgrades, including a new commercial area and new roads.

Community consultation was dominated by concerns about Phillip Island Road traffic congestion, expanded town boundaries and the need for natural areas.

"Recognising the extensive feedback received regarding traffic congestion, Phillip Island Road's proposed changes have been elevated to a higher priority," the final plan states. Council planners said housing developments

would be staged to align with intersection upgrades and the council would now work with the Department of Transport to deliver improvements on the Phillip Island Road between Bergin Grove and Punch Bowl Road.

They confirmed additional housing wouldn't "occur before infrastructure upgrades are properly planned and delivered".

"Phillip Island Road is a high priority as the intersections, particularly Potters Hill Road, in current form are a barrier to achieving housing growth."

There will also be a "shift away from cars by reducing motor vehicle access points", with lower density residential development on the southern and eastern edges of the new housing subdivisions.

Marine Parade will be investigated for additional car parking opposite the IGA, and there may be a residential permit system to allay concerns about the proposed two-hour parking limits.

The costs to rollout the town plan will be considered in the 26/27 operational budget onwards.

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Suitcases overflowing with care

COMMUNITY

The Phillip Island CWA Twilight branch has been overwhelmed by the response to its “Hope in a suitcase” campaign.

More than 100 pairs of pyjamas have been donated to help children entering foster care.

The concept behind “Hope in a suitcase” is simple; putting together a case filled with new clothes, toiletries, something to read, an activity and something to cuddle.

Last month Twilight Branch President Sally Anne Matthews put out the call for donations, “to share a little love with these children, to show they are cared about”.

The campaign specifically called for summer and winter pyjamas.

She said the CWA was thrilled with the amazing response from the community.

“Everywhere I go, people talk to me about it and give me ideas of where to shop for things to include in the cases,” she said.

“Everyone has been really helpful.”

The first box of donations, containing over 30 pairs of pyjamas, came from the Rhyll Boomerang Bags group.

More followed from generous members of the community, some also including toys, books and suitcases for the children.

Sally Anne said she would personally deliver the donations to the “Hope in a suitcase” warehouse in West Heidelberg, where they will then be distributed across Victoria.

If you would like help, there is still time to donate. Pyjamas from size 2-16 boys and girls will



CWA Twilight Branch President Sally Anne Matthews with one of the suitcases, filled with pyjamas, books and toys, donated to its “Hope in a suitcase” campaign. Donations can be left at The Advertiser office (60 Chapel Street in Cowes) until July 31.

be gratefully received at The Advertiser office (60 Chapel Street in Cowes).

“If you would like to learn more or collate your own suitcase, please look at the website (hiasc.org.au),” said Sally Anne.

“We will be happy to pass them on.”

The CWA, whilst enjoying friendship and supporting its

members, is an organisation that supports vulnerable women, children and families.

Please contact CWA Twilight Branch President Sally Anne Matthews 0409 521 825, for further information.

The branch welcomes new members to join them at St Philip’s Church, 6pm on the second Wednesday of the month.



Magpie keeping a close eye

WILDLIFE

A local magpie was keeping a close eye on visitors along the coastal track between The Nobbies and the Penguin Parade last week, making sure they obeyed the signage.

Nelson Beatty took the

photo last weekend, walking along the track, and thought it was “both pertinent and amusing”, given the efforts being made to safeguard the viewing public, and the environment.

“I love those brave magpies,” he said.

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On your bike, get out of your car: council

TRANSPORT

There are no immediate plans to expand parking options, with locals and tourists to be weaned off their reliance on cars on Phillip Island, according to a Bass Coast Shire Council report.

Councillors at the June meeting voted in support of the final Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS), which was out for community consultation in May.

The ITS states current levels of car use are “unsustainable” and if no action is taken, “traffic congestion levels, climate change will worsen, and crashes will increase” (see separate story).

Following consultation, the final report states the community supports: active transport such as walking and cycling, better public transport and solutions to seasonal parking pressures.

At the May meeting Cr Ronnie Bauer moved a motion the ITS include a report on expanded parking options, saying “community members constantly bail me up begging me to do something about the parking”.

“The ITS deals mainly with methods of transport when you get here and is very light on strategies on how we accommodate the cars,” Cr Bauer said in May.

“Hoping people will ride bikes and use public transport on demand buses will require a monumental mind shift.”

However, the final ITS has delayed any action on improved carparking, with the report instead stating a key action will be a parking strategy, to be presented at a fu-



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Cr Ronnie Bauer at the June meeting said he was looking forward to seeing car parking solutions.

“The ITS is futuristic, the car parking problem is here and now,” Cr Bauer said.

“As I said last month, I am looking forward to the day we can push a button on the dash of a car and it folds into a briefcase and we can put the car in a cupboard.”

Futuristic

Cr Brett Tessari said while the area would have a lot more cars in the im-

mediate future, “we need to start thinking differently”.

He added he often drove around the block up to seven times to get the perfect park, which ultimately saved no time.

“We can’t get more parking in the main street until there are multi-level parks.

“Me as a semi-fit person has to park up there and walk to the shop. We have to start training ourselves. That’s what we might have to do.”

Cr Tim O’Brien said the community needed to provide access to towns for ve-

hicles that don’t qualify as a car, including tiny vehicles that go 30-50km/hr.

“The use of cars will continue to grow unless we provide different ways to access town centres,” Cr O’Brien said.

“That means taking parts of the roads away from cars.

“That’s the kind of future we’re looking at ... a coastal tourism area is the ideal place to start getting this idea embedded. People can drive down in their cars and use something else to get around.”

Cr Jon Temby said vehicles would “diminish in number over time but not in the foreseeable future”.

Cr Tracey Bell said current public transport in the shire was “disgusting”.

Mayor Rochelle Halstead agreed, saying PT in Bass Coast was “pathetic”, with timetables not aligning and unworkable.

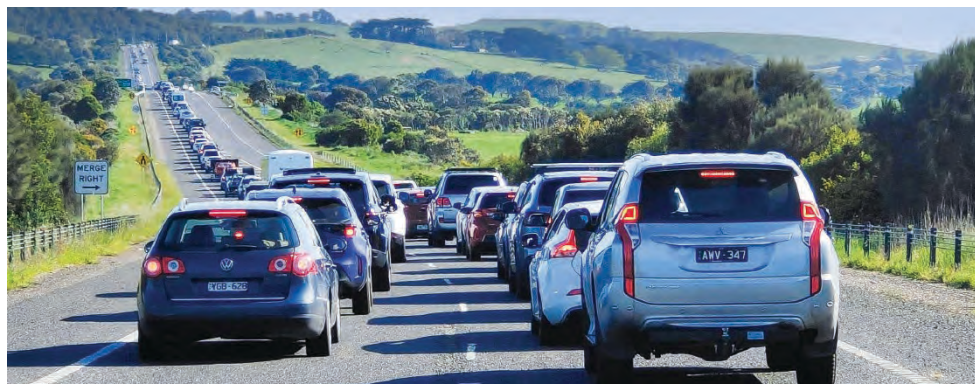
“People are getting in their cars because it’s easier to get from point A to point B,” Cr Halstead said.

Cr Meg Edwards said councillors needed to “walk the talk” and use public transport, carpool, or opt for online meetings.

“I use public transport wherever I can and I find it quite good,” Cr Edwards said.

“Yes there could be improvements but I’d say we’re not utilising it as well as we could.”

The ITS has been developed over two years with two rounds of community consultation, with the second-round finishing last month receiving eight submissions and 40 survey responses.



Many of the 2.87 million visitors to Bass Coast are day-trippers in vehicles, according to Nature Parks, who pose a “critical challenge for the residents of San Remo and Phillip Island”. Photo: Tony Tyler. File pic.

Solutions needed for “huge influx” of day-trippers: PINP

CONGESTION

Bass Coast Shire Council’s transport plan fails to deal with the “huge influx” of day trippers driving to Phillip Island, according to Nature Parks.

In its submission to the final Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) (see separate story), Nature Parks states many of the 2.87 million visitors to Bass Coast are day-trippers in vehicles, with “domestic day trips accounting for about 50 per cent of total visitors.

“This is the critical challenge for the residents of San Remo and Phillip Island,” the submission states.

“This problem is associated with the growing population in Melbourne’s south-east corridor, which will only grow the demands on Phillip Island roads and natural assets from day visitors.”

“The ITS is lacking strategies to deal with the huge influx of day-trippers in vehicles.”

Nature Parks supports better public transport and cycling paths to relieve traffic congestion, proposing safe crossing areas and paths including Boys Home Road and Cape Woolamai roundabouts to safely access Churchill Island and the Chocolate Factory.

“The region suffers from communities and townships being segregated by major roads, with high volumes of traffic making crossing treacherous for active transport users,” Nature Parks says.

“Safe crossing areas are urgently required at several junctions along Phillip Island Road from San Remo to Cowes.”

Bridge

The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) submission states the Phillip Island Road needs to be a major advocacy point for the shire, but notes the Phillip Island bridge is - according to DTP modelling - “one of the better performing sections of the Phillip Island Road as it wasn’t impacted by side roads or driveways”.

The DTP submission highlights the ITS plan to allow the public to use school buses, explaining this is already an option for the travelling public “upon payment of a fare” and “subject to approval by the coordinating principal”.

The Island Voice submission underscores scepticism about the successful rollout of EV technology, including scooters, and says policies should not discourage tourists, such as fining people for parking on nature strips.

“In our opinion the strategy should be based on how we can handle the massive increase in traffic flow during holiday or peak times, with only one road in and one road out of Phillip Island how can we make things better?” the submission states.

An elderly local resident supports improved public transport, calling for the return of a regular train service to Melbourne.



An AusNet Emergency Management Mobile Assistance vehicle, with staff member Scott Hardy will be at Berninnet on July 2 for people who may need to charge devices or access the internet during the planned outage from 8.30am -4.30pm. Any properties in Cowes, Ventnor and Rhyll impacted by the outage will be notified by AusNet.

Planned power outage for island

ENERGY

AusNet has advised there will be power outages in Cowes, Rhyll and Ventnor today (Wednesday July 2), between 8.30am and 4.30pm.

The outage is to allow bushfire mitigation and maintenance works on the powerlines on Phillip Island.

Approximately 4000 customers in Cowes, Ventnor and Rhyll will be impacted.

An AusNet spokesperson said all impacted customers will receive a letter or SMS from AusNet advising them of the outage.

“These works are essential to maintain a safe and reliable network.

“These works need to be done as soon as possible to support community safety and are part of our bushfire mitigation obligations,” the spokesperson said.

“As part of our regular inspection program, we have also identified several additional jobs (including part replacements and general maintenance works) which we have bundled into the July 2 outage to minimise community disruption.”

To support the community, the AusNet Emergency Management Mobile Assistance (EMMA) vehicle will be providing device charging and internet access

during the outage. The vehicle will be at Berninnet, 91-97 Thompson Avenue in Cowes.

Be prepared

AusNet has provided some tips to help prepare and keep warm without power:

- Check on your neighbours to see if they’re ok - especially if they’re vulnerable or sensitive to colder weather, like the elderly, or those living alone or with a health condition.
- Some heating systems may not work if the power is out. Close off rooms that you’re not using so the heat stays in the room you are using.
- Life support customers, please be ready to activate your emergency plan. Call our priority line anytime on 1800 818 832.
- If you have an electric water pump, stock up on bottled water.
- Fill an esky with ice in to keep your food and drinks cold.
- Charge your battery packs so they’re ready to power your mobile phones.

“Please stay safe and share this information with friends and family,” the spokesperson said.

For more tips on being power prepared during an outage, visit www.ausnet-services.com.au/prepare-for-an-outage.



Newhaven College Board of Governance 2025 (from left): Rebecca Naughtin, Steve Morris, Tracey Costello, Tony Corr (Principal), Damien McKenna, Graham MacGregor, Kylie Holmes, David Jobe (Chair), Alan Norton (Director of Business).

Newhaven College Board

EDUCATION

Newhaven College is supported by a committed Board of Directors, made up of familiar and trusted members of both the College and the local community. Along with Principal Tony Corr and Director of Business Alan Nolan, their role is to help shape the school's direction and ensure the College continues to offer the best learning opportunities for students.

Recently, the Board convened over a weekend to discuss and decide on the College's strategic and financial direction.

After the session, Chair of the Board, David Jobe said, "Learning, Care, Community, Sustainability and Innovation are the keys to the College's Strategic direction - 'Hearts and Minds'".

"This year, the board is focussed on the ongoing implementation of each of these keys, with particular emphasis on the first: Learning.

"Presentations from each of our Heads of School and our Director of Learning provided the Board with insight into the growing use of data in the classroom to deliver personalised learning for all our students," he said,

"The Board commends our Principal and his leadership team for their passion, care and commitment to excellence."

Introducing the Directors

College Board members bring valuable insight as current or former parents of Newhaven College students.

David Jobe (member since 2015, Chair since 2021) is an alumnus of the school. After serving as a Pilot Officer in the Royal Australian Air Force, David managed The Continental Phillip Island before establishing Southern Sustainable Developments, focused on eco-friendly residential projects.

Deputy Chair, Rebecca Naughtin, also a College alumna, joined the Board in 2022. Rebecca has worked as an architect, tertiary tutor and coordinator, and has sat on various boards and panels. In 2012, Rebecca founded an architecture firm where she is the Principal Director. Rebecca's experience in business, education and project management is hugely valuable to the College.

Kylie Holmes, who joined the Board in 2022 is in the role of Treasurer. Kylie is the CEO of NEX Business Farming Wellness. She's dedicated to supporting farmers and rural businesses with financial planning services. She is treasurer of Food and Fibre Gippsland and a local business owner with her husband.

There are four other critical members of the Board.

Graham McGregor joined in 2022. Originally from Edinburgh, Graham spent 25 years working in the global energy industry. Graham is a Partner at PwC in their Energy Transition Advisory. He has a passion for coaching and specialises in helping organisations build new capabilities and improve their

governance.

Steve Morris (2023) is a seasoned management professional with expertise in digital technology. He developed B2B Commerce solutions in the 1990s, after which he founded an IT services business, and now heads an ERP Software company.

Tracey Costello (2023) is an accomplished strategic leader with a depth of finance and governance experience across corporate, government and non-government organisations. She has had various roles as a senior executive in local and state government. Tracey is Chief Operating Officer at VETASSESS, Australia's largest skills assessment service.

The most recent member to join the Board, Damien McKenna (2024), is a Principal lawyer of Duffy & Simon, who act for numerous clients in the property and commercial areas. In addition, he has provided advice over the years for numerous independent schools, focusing on compliance, contractual and policy advice and guiding them through various legal challenges.

David Jobe's vision for the Board is unwavering.

"The Newhaven College board is committed to supporting our Principal and his leadership team as they deliver on our shared vision - to inspire young people with knowledge, empathy and curiosity to engage in their world with confidence and a sense of purpose."

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After 2023's Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay scheme for 1000 properties was abandoned following a bruising two-year campaign, a special charge scheme will now go ahead for more roads, including Links Street, as well as this section of The Esplanade between Sunderland Bay Road and Batman Street, Surf Beach.

More residents opt for special charge

ROADS

Another Surf Beach special charge scheme has been approved.

Councillors at the May meeting voted for a road and drainage upgrade project along The Esplanade between Sunderland Bay Road and Batman Street, Surf Beach.

Now at the June meeting councillors voted for a preferred concept and funding option for an upgrade along Links Street.

The total estimated cost for the scheme is \$338,299, with council contributing more than \$76,000 and landowners estimated to pay between \$11,421 and \$27,298, with construction in 2026-27.

The scheme follows a petition in February by residents requesting a road and drainage upgrade. Also at the June meeting, a petition with three signatures - or 60 per cent of residents - was received by properties adjacent to Zephyr Court, Sunderland Bay, also requesting a special charge scheme.

A minimum of 50 per cent of property owners is required to be willing to contribute to an upgrade for council to consider a scheme.

Councillors at the meeting were also asked a range of questions by Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay residents about the continuing number of special charge schemes.

Susie Wickes asked about the process used to confirm each signature on a petition was an authentic signature of a ratepayer in that street, "ensuring petitions are not being manipu-

lated by community members to reach the required 50 per cent to activate a legislative process".

Council CEO Greg Box said officers verified the name and address of each landowner.

"It is important to note that the petition only starts the process, and that landowners are asked to vote more formally once design details and costings are finalised," Mr Box said.

Amanda Noske said for the Sunderland Bay Road and Batman Street upgrade, council was contributing more than 70 per cent of the project cost.

"Can other petitioned schemes expect an equally generous contribution from the shire towards their project or will residents be expected to bear the majority of the cost of their project?" Amanda asked.

Mr Box said the Local Government Act 1989 created a "Benefit Ratio Statement" for each project.

"This details council's contribution, which varies based on direct property owner benefits and broader community advantages," Mr Box said.

Emily Clarke asked why the council accepted a petition for roadworks in Seaview Crescent, Surf Beach that "was instigated by a non-ratepayer and non-resident of that street".

Mr Box responded the shire had not received a petition for an upgrade project in Seaview Crescent.

For all questions asked at the council meeting about road upgrades go to the minutes of the June agenda: basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/council-meetings



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Development squeeze begins

PLANNING

The fallout from locking in Phillip Island's town boundaries is already impacting planning, with a contentious "sardine can" residential development in central Cowes approved by Bass Coast Shire councillors.

A plan to build three double storey dwellings, with a three-lot subdivision, at 23 Birdwood Avenue, received 20 objections but council planners recommended approval.

Councillors were divided on the amount of density and infill that should be allowed now Cowes' town boundaries were not expanding, as announced last month under the State Government's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL).

At the June council meeting, Cr Ronnie Bauer unsuccessfully moved an alternate motion to refuse the development, arguing against over development and overshadowing.

"This development is contrary to what we want to achieve with our neighbourhood character," Cr Bauer said.

"I appreciate due to the DAL we will need to infill larger sites but to make the entire area look like a sardine can with two storey dwellings is against what we want to achieve in Cowes.

"Considering that 20 people in the area are objecting, I believe we must back our community and refuse this planning permit."

Councillors then reverted to the original motion, that recommended approval, which was supported by the majority

of councillors, but voted against by Island Ward councillors.

Locked in

Cr Brett Tessari said given town boundaries were locked, "you have to build up and fill in".

"This will happen time again now. People will look in their backyards and see the dollar value and start to look at this option," Cr Tessari said.

"Times have changed and unfortunately we have to move with it.

"People want to move to this beautiful area and we have to have options for them."

Cr Jon Temby said he was sympathetic to objections and he was not happy with overshadowing and visual impact.

"But I understand this plan meets the planning rules. If we say no to it, it will go to VCAT and go straight through," Cr Temby said.

"If we say no, we will lose anyway is my understanding."

Cr Tim O'Brien said councillors shouldn't second guess what may happen in VCAT and there was a conflict with the neighbourhood character from the development.

"Birdwood Avenue's character is older style beach cottages," Cr O'Brien said.

"The locals are entitled to retain their neighbourhood character.

"Jamming in three double storey units there will completely alter, stick out like a sore thumb. That's not how planning rules should work."

Cr Jan Thompson said council planners were pro-

fessionals and councillors should heed their advice.

"They've said to us we won't have a leg to stand on if we go to VCAT and it will cost us \$10,000 to \$15,000," she said.

"Councillors need to be mindful of this and not waste ratepayers' money."

Power

Mayor Rochelle Halstead said council planners were following State Government planning rules.

"We as a local government no longer have the power we used to have," Cr Halstead said.

"We have no power at a local government level anymore. As soon as the local community understands that our role is to enact the legislative requirements."

Cr Morgan said council would be looking at planning applications but "we have to follow the legislation".

"The only way we're going to change this at a local council level is by planning scheme amendments," Cr Morgan said.

"If you're not willing to sit down and do the work to make planning scheme amendments, this (alternate motion) is superfluous.

"It's fine and well to be the hero of a council meeting but at the end of the day, this (motion) doesn't help the very community members who have lodged objections.

"Personally, I don't like this either, but it follows all of the legislative requirements, and we don't have a leg to stand on under the law."

Cr Tracey Bell said she heard from objectors overshadowing was a concern.

"I have to push back on Cr Bauer's statement that we can't have people living in a sardine can. Some people do want to live in a sardine can because they can't be bothered mowing the lawns. They are single people who want a roof over their head and a bed," she said.

"I'm for infill, it needs to fit in with the neighbourhood character though."

She added housing need in Bass Coast was not for larger houses, but smaller one to two bedrooms homes, with single storey dwellings meeting that need.

Objections

The permit was approved with more than 50 conditions.

Objectors said they were concerned about overlooking and council planners responded saying a condition of approval was there would be no overlooking from balconies.



A councillor says given Cowes town boundaries were now locked in, housing will need "to build up and fill in". "People will look in their backyards and see the dollar value and start to look at this option," Cr Brett Tessari said. "Times have changed and unfortunately we have to move with it."

Objectors argued against loss of vegetation, but planners said of the 10 trees on the site, three were fruit trees and two were classified as weed species, while a native had low to medium value.

Submissions highlighted traffic congestion, but

planners responded the permit would not create congestion "due to the low number of daily vehicle movements".

There was also concern the development would decrease property values, but planners said this was not a planning matter.



An outdoor parklet at a Cowes café was last week rammed by a Bass Coast Shire Council van. No one was injured, but another parked car was also damaged.

Parklet smashed in wet weather accident

COUNCIL

An outdoor parklet at a Cowes café was last week rammed by a Bass Coast Shire Council van, but luckily no one was injured.

The van was driving west on the Esplanade when – according to a council spokesperson – it hit a planter and a parked car outside M&O Café "during wet conditions".

It was only thanks to those wet conditions that no customers were sitting in the parklet at the time, with the van ramming the exterior paling barrier and seating.

The airbags in the van were released and a large portion of the engine and front chassis damaged.

The spokesperson said thankfully, no one was injured.

"The safety of our staff and community is always our top priority.

"Council staff immediately made contact with the (other) vehicle owner, exchanged details, and ensured everyone was okay.

"The vehicle will be assessed through council's insurance processes, and any necessary repairs or replacements will be arranged."



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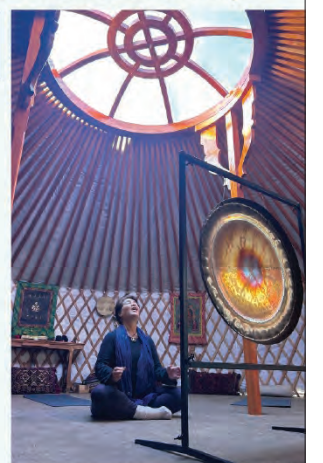
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Phillip Island's SES team received around 10 call outs after last Tuesday's storm, including this large tree down on Phillip Island Road, near Ramada Resort, which community members had already started clearing by the time the SES arrived.

SES respond, as strong winds batter the island

EMERGENCY SERVICES

It was a busy week for the local SES crews when storms hit the island last Tuesday (June 24). While some estates were without power for up to five hours (see separate story), there were also reports of trees down in Newhaven and Grantville and flooding in Cape Woolamai. According to the Bureau of Meteorology, the weather station at Rhyll recorded wind gusts of up to 91km/h on Tuesday evening, with

around 5mm falling over night. This was followed by another 14mm up until Friday morning. Phil Friedlos, Unit Controller of the Phillip Island SES, said fortunately the week was not as difficult as expected, given the high winds and rain. "On the island we've had around 10 call-outs since the weather event started on Tuesday," Phil said. "Most of these were for trees on roads, including one near Ramada (on Tuesday afternoon)

which some helpful members of the community were already clearing when we arrived. "There were several trees in Silverleaves that were on the road, and also one in Sunset Strip that was at risk of falling. Council helped with that one." Phil said the SES also received a couple of reports of building damage and loose debris caught in the wind, and one house flooded. "While it kept us busy, it could have been a lot worse given the winds we had."

Lights out across the island

POWER

As storms moved across the island last Tuesday (June 24), properties in San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai, Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay were plunged into darkness. The power outage began at 5.10pm, with some customers left without power for over five and half hours. Some residents reported the power was restored just before 7pm, with others back on around 8pm. AusNet said in total, 3506 customers were impacted by the outage. The loss of power at 2380 properties in Newhaven, Cape Woolamai, Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay was caused by a tree hitting the high voltage lines, damaging the conductors, an AusNet spokesperson said. By 6.45pm, AusNet said 57 per cent of properties had power restored. The remaining properties had power restored in two batches, the first 37 per cent just before 10pm and the final properties (six per cent) restored at 10.50pm. The cause of the San Remo outage at 1126 properties (which also started at 5.10pm) was a rubbish bag tangled in the line, due to the strong wind. Power was restored to all properties just before 8pm. It was two times unlucky for San Remo residents, when again 1126 customers lost power the following evening (June 25). AusNet said the properties

were without power for 139 minutes from 5.55pm, but they had not been able to establish the cause of the second outage. **Impact** While residents lamented the power outage - an all too familiar occurrence on Phillip Island during stormy weather - the timing hit local hospitality venues hard. The San Remo Hotel said the outage and wild weather meant "things got a little crazy". "While we have a generator, it's unable to power the entire pub, so we weren't able to operate at full capacity," a hotel spokesperson said. "The bistro was full early due to the power outage and people wanting somewhere to go, but given the limited power supply, the kitchen had to close early. "Sadly, we did have to turn customers away for dinner. At least we were able to be open in some capacity, but it was a very challenging night." Further down Marine Parade, the Westernport Hotel was also without power for several hours. "We did close early and missed most of the dinner service," said owner Shiree Mountford. "That said, we are so glad it was on a Tuesday, and not over the weekend." She said the power was back on just before 8pm.



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Western Port would be dredged for five months under proposal

WIND TURBINE HUB

The Victorian Government is again seeking Commonwealth approval for the proposed new wind turbine hub in Western Port, with details released of expected environmental impacts, including five months of bay dredging.

Last year the then Federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek knocked back the state's original Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal (VRET) project because it would have "clearly unacceptable" environmental impacts on the bay.

But last Thursday the Port of Hastings (PoH) Corporation lodged a new Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) referral.

The referral takes on the Minister's feedback with a "substantially modified" project, open for public comment for only 10 business days.

As the VRET is proposed within the Western Port Ramsar wetland - which is of international significance - the EPBC is a required step for Commonwealth approvals, with a state-based Environmental Effects Statement (EES) process already underway.

The EPBC referral includes studies on marine ecology, waterbirds, and coastal processes with details on dredging in the bay.

As reported last week, Phillip Island Conservation Society's Graeme Burgan said he was concerned dredging from the VRET area would impact the whole bay, while dredging may also be needed in the shipping channel.

Western Port is one of only five UNESCO Biosphere Re-



Dredging of Western Port will take place in the purple area. "This area, already highly disturbed, is resilient and can recover from managed disturbances," according to the Port of Hastings. Western Port would be dredged 24/7 for five months if the revised Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal (VRET) is approved.

serves in Australia. In 1982 it was designated a Ramsar wetland of international importance, to protect critical bird habitats.

Dredging

If it goes ahead, the VRET area will be 43ha. The previous mooted terminal was much larger at 146ha, with 92ha to be dredged. Dredging is now reduced by about 70 per cent, adjacent to the berth and in areas

of the approach channel.

Dredging will take place for about five months 24/7 with dredged material taken to a land reclamation site, with potential for further dredging for the berth pocket and quay wall.

"The amount of material required to be removed in this location will depend on the results of further geotechnical testing and impact assessment," the PoH said.

"It is not anticipated regular maintenance dredging would be required as part of Terminal operations. The last recorded maintenance dredging program at the Port was in 1994 in the main shipping channel.

"Seabed levelling may be required."

According to the PoH, industrial operations and port infrastructure have "co-existed with the Western Port environment for close to 60 years".

"This area, already highly disturbed, is resilient and can recover from managed disturbances," the PoH states.

The port states preliminary assessments show the new project was "consistent with the Ramsar Convention", and the ecological character of the Ramsar site would be maintained.

"While some localised direct impacts associated with reclamation, these impacts will be largely restricted to the existing port precinct.

"Broader long-term impacts to the Ramsar site are not expected."

Shipping

Graeme Burgan highlighted concerns about the number and size of ships to use the channel.

A PoH spokesperson said offshore wind vessels would

vary significantly in size, with the typical length about 180m to 245m (current vessels using the port can be up to 260m long).

They said the increase to vessel numbers would be confirmed once wind components were better defined, but would not be more than the 500 vessels that travelled through Western Port in the 1970s.

The spokesperson said existing trade ships in the bay would likely decrease, which would offset VRET vessels.

Decommissioning

Graeme Burgan also questioned the future of the VRET once the wind turbine zone was built.

"Any future use of the port may become a threat to the bay and therefore Phillip Island," Graeme said.

According to the PoH, decommissioning of the terminal wasn't "likely in the foreseeable future".

"The history of port assets of this scale and nature is that they are repurposed and upgraded. The design life of the facility is 50 years, with ongoing maintenance required if decommissioning is not likely to occur."

Under the proposal, wind turbine components manufactured overseas would be brought to the VRET for assembly, before being shipped out to Bass Strait for construction.

If approved, VRET construction would start in 2027 and be operational by the end of the decade, subject to approvals.

Details: renewableenergyterminal.com.au/planning/commonwealth-epbc-referral and renewableenergyterminal.com.au/construction/dredging

Heritage bungle leads to planning headache

COUNCIL

A planning bungle has unravelled - that requires rewriting of parts of the Bass Coast Shire Council planning scheme - following two seemingly innocent questions by residents.

At the June council meeting it was revealed last year planners received two unrelated enquiries from residents who believed a heritage overlay had been incorrectly applied to their property.

"In both instances strategic planning officers investigated the claims and confirmed their validity," council officers said, explaining the overlays could have triggered planning controls where they were not warranted.

The investigation led to a full audit which found 27 errors affecting 68 properties across the whole shire, including three in Cowes and one in Rhyll.

"In preparing to correct the identified errors, several more incorrectly applied heritage overlays were identified and thus a full audit was completed in early 2025."



A major planning bungle will now be amended after 68 properties across the shire were incorrectly given heritage overlays.

On the island, the properties impacted included: 34-35 Stradbroke Avenue which had a heritage home that burnt down many years ago and will now have the overlay removed.

At 11 Carapooka Way there was a reduction in the size of the overlay from a neighbouring block of land.

At 3 Victoria Court in Cowes, which "displays Victorian and Edwardian characteristics", a "minor" extension of the overlay

is required.

A heritage overlay at a property at 68 Rhyll-Newhaven Road, an Edwardian house with a history associated with the earliest selectors, will now be adjusted to include the house. And "Stradbroke House" at 148 Rhyll-Newhaven Road is a Victorian weatherboard built in 1902 and will have its overlay adjusted also to include the house.

Planners said the audit found

27 separate heritage overlay discrepancies across 17 different planning scheme maps required adjusting or removal, including those applied to the incorrect property, those no longer required due to demolition of heritage buildings, or those no longer required due to development of the land.

"These changes will impact different properties across the shire.

"All affected landowners were notified of the proposed changes via letter in April."

Following support from councillors, planners will now request the Planning Minister to start a planning scheme amendment to correct "obvious" heritage overlay mapping errors.

The cost for the planning scheme amendment is part of the 2025/26 budget in core business.

Review

The audit did not investigate the removal of previously identified heritage buildings, assess properties that have been altered or neglected, or propose new heri-

tage listings.

National Trust Bass Coast president Ross Lloyd said he was disappointed that several properties in the audit were found to be demolished, adding he was curious at the amendments required to the planning scheme.

Heritage reviews have a controversial history in Bass Coast, with the first heritage study in 2002 finding 550 heritage locations. The study made Melbourne TV news after old, dilapidated fibro shacks around the island were mooted for conservation.

A further study in 2004 found 165 sites were either under threat or of outstanding distinction and in 2022 a review recommended a strip of shops in Cowes, a section of Silverleaves Avenue and A-frame beach homes in Rhyll be investigated for heritage protection, along with more than 300 other sites.

The 2022 review said many properties had never been fully investigated for their potential heritage significance, and "therefore at risk of not being properly protected".

San Remo gets final green light for major growth

From page 1
Structure plan
Mayor Rochelle Halstead - who pushed for the structure plan in her first election - said following this month's release of the State Government's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) project "this master plan is critical".

"There's very little recreational space in San Remo. The township needs some love," Cr Halstead said.

"Given the DAL and San Remo has been identified as a growth corridor it's critical the land between Potters Hill and Punch Bowl roads allows for all the necessary recreational space, assets and infrastructure to support a growing population," Cr Halstead said.

"If San Remo is going to take on the population we need to make sure they are well looked after."

Cr Brett Tessari said the plan was "a good piece of work", but considerable work was still required, especially the Phillip Island Road through San Remo.

"Until we have that sorted we are going to have issues there the whole time," Cr Tessari said.

Cr Jan Thompson said parking in San Remo was a critical issue.

Feedback

Following community consultation, there were 58 written submissions and 69 survey responses, and about 130 people attended pop up events.

Submitters said they were concerned the town



About 2000 new residents are expected in the next two decades, with the town boundary to expand about 150 hectares east to Punch Bowl Road, which will require vast infrastructure upgrades, including a new commercial area and new roads.

was losing its seaside feel, with "development taking away neighbourhood character".

There was also concern about a lack of sporting facilities and destruction of the environment, with a need for more outdoor areas.

They supported increasing laws restricting Airbnbs, and raised questions over the SES land lease not being renewed from 2030 and another site not being identified in the plan.

Comments included:

- "Protect the charm and character of the San Remo village"
- "Fix the current traffic problem first before we expand the boundary"
- "More greenspaces and parks in development areas"
- "There is no infrastructure to support any new

developments"

- "More green space, more tree canopy, less housing"

Changes

The San Remo structure plan details a large number of proposed changes.

A new "convenience centre" or commercial area east of Potters Hill Road will include a medical and childcare centre and a new park, but would not be big enough for a supermarket, "so as not to detract from the commercial area of Marine Parade".

There will be a new east-west connector road to continue Shetland Heights Road from Potters Hill Road to Punch Bowl Road or the eastern settlement boundary, as well as a new north-south connector road to run south from Phillip Island Road, (at or around 425 Phillip Island

Road).

Other changes include:

- Marine Parade will be expanded and redeveloped, including building heights up to five storeys, while it is proposed the Recreation Reserve be redesigned;
- Traffic will grow by more than 60 per cent to 2041, worsening if no interventions are made. It is recommended speeds reduce to 30km/h on all local streets; traffic lights will be installed at the intersection of Potters Hill Road and Phillip Island Road; and
- Car parks will have new or more restricted time restrictions, parking detection technology will be introduced, and potentially, commercial e-scooters and e-bikes.

PICS on the hunt for new volunteers

VOLUNTEERING

The Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) is on the hunt for new volunteers to oversee work at Red Rocks, Saltwater Creek and Scenic Estate.

The call comes following the retirement of long-time leader John Eddy, who has been PICS outdoor coordinator since 2006.

About 14 working bees are held each year across the three sites, focusing on planting local indigenous species, removing noxious weeds, and rubbish removal.

"We need you," a PICS spokesperson said.

"If you have an interest in horticulture and a love for nature, now's the perfect time to get involved and help coordinate these important events."

John Eddy, a PICS life member, was last week named a Community Gem by local state MP, Jordan Crugnale, as part of her Community at Heart - Community Gems 2025 program.

John has a long list of achievement with PICS and even pioneered a technique for revegetation of mangroves, named the "John Eddy method".

PICS manages the three sites, with the first working bee of the season last week at Saltwater Creek.

In the 1980s, PICS collaborated with the Saltwater Creek Action Group to successfully campaign against a proposed residential marina development.

That legacy continued in



Phillip Island Conservation Society's much-loved John Eddy, who has volunteered for 40 years, has retired and the group is now seeking new volunteers. John, a PICS life member, was last week named a Community Gem by local state MP, Jordan Crugnale, as part of her Community at Heart - Community Gems 2025 program.

2018 with the formation of the Saltwater Creek Coastcare group.

In 1996, PICS took on stewardship of the Red Rocks site with Red Rocks Saltwater Creek Coastcare (RRSWCC).

And in 2015, the Friends of Scenic Estate Reserve (FOSER) was formed under PICS' banner.

FOSER supports Bass Coast Shire Council and Phillip Island Nature Parks in managing the Reserve, monitoring environmental changes, and voicing community feedback.

If you can help, contact Meg Anderson at meganderson213@gmail.com

Upcoming planting days are: July 6, FOSER, 10am-12pm; July 27, Red Rocks, 10am-12pm.

Wear sturdy shoes; morning tea provided.

Smiths Beach stairs, ramp to be repaired

NATURE PARKS

The Smiths Beach stairs and accessibility ramp will be upgraded after last week receiving a \$90,000 State Government grant.

Environment Minister Steve Dimopoulos announced the upgrade would allow land managers Phillip Island Nature Parks to "address extensive corrosion of the existing structure for the purpose of public safety and lifesaving services and conduct repairs and maintenance of the accessibility ramp to the beach".

Smiths Beach was one of 17 recipients in \$1.4 million distributed in coastal public access and risk grants. MP for Bass Jordan Crugnale said the grants were "key to ensuring Victorians can safely access our beautiful coastline and continue to enjoy the cherished beaches that we have on offer".

The government has given \$133,960 to the Smiths Beach rescue tower which, alongside donations from the community, Rotary and the Smiths Beachcombers Association, will now enable the tower to be upgraded.

Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club had been seeking \$140,000 in funding to ensure the safety of the rescue base structure, which was built only seven years ago.

The tower upgrade is expected in coming months.

Speaking last week, WBSLSC president Jason Close said the Club is delighted with the news.

"The Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club is very pleased to hear to the news that the Victorian State Government has granted funding to Phillip Island Nature Parks towards a reconstructed staircase and repairs and maintenance to the timber access ramp at Smiths Beach," said Jason.

"The ramp and staircase are heavily utilised by beachgoers but also provide access to and from the beach to the Smiths Beach Rescue Base.

"This funding, alongside the funding the Club has received for repairs and upgrade of the Smiths Beach Rescue Base itself is a great result for beach safety."

"It assists local authorities in their efforts to improve access and guide swimmers to patrolled beaches such as Smiths Beach, where life savers can keep an eye on them."

Jason said that there have been numerous preventative actions and successful rescues at Smiths Beach in recent years.

"The staircase provides the quickest and most direct route from the Smiths Beach Rescue Base to the beach and so we are very pleased that it is to be reconstructed."

Crackdown on question time

COUNCIL

Changes to public question time - including a question will not be read out if the person is not present at a council meeting - are part of proposed changes to be made to Bass Coast Shire Council's draft governance rules 2025.

Endorsed at the June council meeting, the draft governance rules are open for community feedback until July 17 and include an updated election period policy.

The draft states the number of signatures required for a petition has increased from three to 15.

Question time will be for a maximum of 30 minutes unless extended by a council resolution and there are changes to the election of the mayor and deputy mayor, conflict of interest disclosures, and election period (caretaker) arrangements.

Proposed changes include:

- If the person is not present at question time, the question will not be read out or included in the minutes. It will be included in the Engage Bass Coast web page. Questions and responses will not be included in the minutes where the submitter of questions is not present in the chamber at the time their name is called. The submitter will have the

opportunity to read out the question or request the chair to read the question. The submitter may not raise additional questions;

- People must be addressed respectfully in meetings and security has been added to the removal from chamber clause;
- Clearer guidelines for the CEO designating confidential information;
- Placards and posters are not allowed at a meeting for safety measures;
- A councillor abstaining from voting will - when a division is called for - be taken to have voted against the motion.

Mayor Rochelle Halstead said the proposed updates focused on transparency. "Good governance is the foundation of community trust," Cr Halstead said.

The current rules have been in place for three years, with a review finding ways "to improve clarity, address inconsistencies, and strengthen governance practices - particularly in the lead-up to elections".

"The draft rules aim to ensure our processes remain fair, accountable and clear," she said.

To make a submission go to engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/governance-rules-2025

Election

Councillors at the June meeting

also approved the 2024 local government election VEC report, which showed there were nine complaints submitted to the Victorian Electoral Commission about last year's October Bass Coast Shire Council elections.

The complaints included one stating there was incorrectly authorised material, misleading and deceptive material, or false claims in material, but the report does not state to which candidate this applied. Most complaints were about postal votes not being received.

There was an increase in voter turnout from 81.65 per cent in 2020 to 82.74 per cent in 2024.

The report shows there were 22 candidate nominations for the council 2024 election, including seven nominations in Island Ward and six in Western Port Ward.

Eligible candidates have been refunded their nomination fees. Ballot packs were mailed to 35,418 voters between October 7 to 10 and 30,081 ballot paper envelopes were returned.

Another 623 returned ballot paper envelopes were not admitted to the counting process as they were either not signed or the declaration envelope was not returned with the vote.

The VEC has started its compulsory voting enforcement program.

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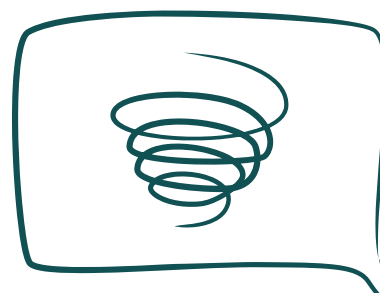
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ENTERTAINMENT

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This month, as part of a national acoustic tour, celebrating the 10th anniversary of his multi-platinum single "Firestone", Conrad Sewell will play at Berninneit on Saturday July 19.

Conrad Sewell became a household name with his first official solo endeavour, teaming up with dynamic Norwegian DJ and producer Kygo for the 2014 smash hit "Firestone". The track went on to generate over one billion streams on Spotify alone.

Sewell has since scored more platinum singles, won the ARIA Music Award for Song of the Year, and released two studio albums, going on to tour the globe extensively. This intimate stripped back performance is a must-see for fans.

For the kids, the special Cinemagic Winter Pyjama Party presents Elio on Sunday July 20 at 10.30am. Come along in your PJs, and every kid's ticket includes a free popcorn.

Looking further ahead, there's still time to secure your ticket for some special performances.

On August 23, award-winning singer Christine Anu returns to Phillip Island, with tickets still



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Christine is one of Australia's most popular recording artists and performers of all time, using her voice and reputation to spread a message of unity and hope.

Her latest album, 'Waku,' is a collaborative masterpiece produced by her long-time musical ally, David Bridie. 'Waku' unfolds as a poignant narrative, delving into the stories of Anu's culturally rich heritage.

Finally, if you love ballet, you will need to act fast. There are just a handful

of seats left for the Victorian State Ballet's performances of Beauty and the Beast at the Union Theatre in Wonthaggi on September 6.

With shows at 2pm and 7pm, you'll have to be quick to secure your ticket for one of the world's most loved fairy tale classics retold through excellent staging, beautiful costumes, superb classical ballet skill and choreography which honour the spirit of this magical work.

Tickets for all shows are available online at www.basscoastculturalvenues.com



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GENEALOGY

On Saturday June 21, the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society (PIADGS) hosted a talk by Dr Jenny Redman from the Genealogical Society of Victoria about DNA.

Dr Redman presented a very comprehensive talk concerning DNA, the process involved and the advantages and disadvantages of using this means for family history research.

"It was a very interesting and valuable talk, with many examples of where DNA successfully produced correct information," said a PIADGS spokesperson.

"DNA is a means to provide a good guideline for investigation, as official records still must be viewed with suspicion until corroborating evidence is obtained."

Following the talk, there were questions from the audience, relating to indi-



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vidual research with Dr Redman offering advice, the spokesperson said.

"A delicious afternoon tea was provided by members of the PIADGS, whilst those attending chatted, many who had travelled from off the island.

"Thank you to Bass Coast Shire Council who provided a generous Quick Response Grant which funded the speaker,

hall hire, advertising and new display flags.

"Also a big thank you to those members who assisted by providing afternoon tea and help with the room set up."

If you would like to be involved in the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society to research your own family history, please contact Sue Viney at piadgs@outlook.com

The heart of the ocean

WHALE FESTIVAL

Fiona Kennedy's large canvas oil paintings have been described as "Art from the Heart".

This year, Fiona returns as part of the Island Whale Festival (July 11-13), showcasing a handpicked selection of prints at Pino's Trattoria.

Each print is numbered and signed and will be available for sale, along with her book and gift cards.

The prints will be on display at Pino's throughout the school holidays.

Over 20 years, Fiona has developed a unique style and personal language of symbols and metaphors that explore her life experiences and connection to nature.

This is uniquely expressed through her work and undeniably felt when



Fiona Kennedy has gained international recognition with her paintings. A special selection of prints is on display at Pino's Trattoria in July, celebrating the Island Whale Festival.

in the presence of her artwork.

Her inspirations come from all reflections on the human condition spanning across topics including identity, happiness,

love, loss, family and our connections to nature. Behind every one of Fiona's paintings is a story of nature, symbolism, love and life.

Fiona's work has gained international and local recognition, with paintings being commissioned and sought after by private collectors around the world.

In 2020, she released her first book, "LIFE Through the Heart of Fiona Kennedy", which documented her collection of work to date and told the personal stories behind each painting.

Visit Pino's Trattoria at 29-31 Thompson Avenue in Cowes to truly immerse yourself in fabulous food and incredible art.

Fiona Kennedy's art gallery and studio is open to the public in Inverloch. www.fionakennedy.com



Visit Pino's Trattoria and enjoy a handpicked selection of artist Fiona Kennedy's prints, celebrating the Island Whale Festival (July 11-13). All prints are for sale.



Members of Phillip Island's Submerge Dipping group went to Hobart for the iconic Dark Mofo Winter Solstice Swim last month. The group meets each morning at 7am for cold water dips, followed by coffee and conversation.

Submerge heads south for Winter Solstice

COMMUNITY

Nine women from Phillip Island's Submerge Dipping group headed to Hobart last month to take part in the iconic Dark Mofo Winter Solstice Swim - a bold plunge into icy waters marking the longest night of the year.

The trip was a natural extension of their daily ritual.

The group meets each morning at 7am (7.30am on weekends) for cold-water dips followed by coffee and conversation. What started as a personal challenge has grown into a powerful daily ritual, which the group says supports both body and mind.

Member Julie McKnight, who joined 18 months ago, says the practice has had huge benefits.

"It's not easy walking into freezing wa-

ter before sunrise, but it's been one of the best things I've ever done," she said.

"As a runner, it helps with muscle recovery - but more than that, it's helped my mental health. We've been dipping every day here on the island, so heading to Dark Mofo felt like the perfect next challenge."

While a few in the group have taken part in the Winter Solstice Swim before, most were first timers.

"People are often afraid of winter, but this festival turns that fear into something to celebrate," she added.

Julie encourages others to give cold water swimming a go.

"Come join our Submerge Dipping group - you don't have to be fit, just willing. You'll have a great time and make lasting friendships."

Instagram: @submerge_phillipisland



Nat, Sara, Fiona, Kellie and Kate, all from Cape Woolamai took part in the inaugural Pier to Pub, helping to raise money for the L Rigby Cancer Centre, which supported one of their friends through some of her toughest challenges.

Pier to pub for cancer support

FUNDRAISER

In what is set to become an annual tradition, the new Pier to Pub event in San Remo has raised over \$5000 to support local cancer treatment.

Held on June 23 and organised by the Westernport Hotel, the mini triathlon consisted of a 22-metre swim, and 93-metre run - and downing a potato cake (provided by the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op) at the halfway point.

"The event was designed to suit all ages and abilities," said Westernport owners Morgan and Shiree Mountford.

"It was great to see a diverse age group participate with plenty of kids getting involved."

Over 100 hardy souls signed up to take part, raising money for the L Rigby Cancer Centre in Wonthaggi. A big crowd arrived on the day to cheer the contestants on, and donate to the cause.

"We would like to thank the local businesses like Mario's and San Remo Butchers that helped with the sausage sizzle," said Shiree.

"Plus Ocean Reach Brewery, Philip Is-

land Winery and Magner Media who donated products and their services for our silent auction.

"And of course, the Fisherman's Co-op who donated the potato cakes which we were told was the hardest part of the race."

"We also had ANTCO Solutions' help ensure everyone was safe on the water."

In total, the day raised \$5112 for the L Rigby Centre. Morgan and Shiree said the success of the day was a team effort and confirmed it will be held each year, tying into the winter solstice.

Personal race

For local osteopath and health coach, Melijah Maghanoy, the event had special meaning. The team at the L Rigby Centre were a great support for her during her own cancer journey and she said she was so happy to be part of the inaugural event.

Melijah was joined by a group of friends, who braved the chilly waters in support of her.

After the race, the crowd enjoyed a fun afternoon at the hotel, which included live entertainment, a silent auction and a sausage sizzle.

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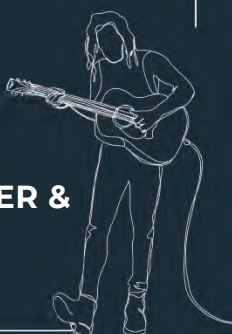
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Sia Karapanagiotidis is a passionate home cook, avid gardener and co-author of the best-selling Greek Cookbook *Philoxenia - A Seat at My Table*. Sia loves growing her own food, is fiercely proud of her Greek culture and passing it onto her two children, and being a positive role model for women and girls.



Jordana Silverstein is an award-winning historian, writer and podcaster who researches migration history, focusing on questions of statelessness, belonging, nationalism, identity, sexuality and memory. She's the author of *Anxious Histories: Narrating the Holocaust in Jewish communities at the Beginning of the Twenty-First Century* and *Cruel Care: A History of Children At Our Borders*.



Alice Zaslavsky is an award-winning author, broadcaster and the author of four internationally bestselling cookbooks including her latest, *Salad for Days*. Host of TV show 'A Bite to Eat with Alice', she inspires home cooks of all skill levels to explore new and fresh flavours, connect through food, and cook with curiosity and creativity.

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There's special holiday entertainment at the Penguin Parade from July 2 - 20, including a guided walking tour of the Summerland Peninsula, departing every day at 1.30pm.

Family fun takes centre stage at the Penguin Parade

TOURISM

As the winter chill settles over the Bass Coast, Phillip Island Nature Parks is bringing the fun indoors at the awe-inspiring Penguin Parade Visitor Centre. From midday each day during these Victorian school holidays, the Penguin Parade will come alive with a line-up of activities designed to entertain, inspire, and connect hearts and minds with nature.

In the Penguin Theatre, families can enjoy special screenings of two heart-warming films that celebrate our favourite feathered friends: *Happy Feet* and the Aussie classic *Oddball*. It's the perfect chance to slow down, warm up, and enjoy some penguin-themed, popcorn-worthy fun.

For the adventurous, a guided walking tour departs daily at 1.30pm, an opportunity to explore the Summerland Peninsula and learn about the regeneration of this incredible landscape from housing estate to penguin habitat. Spot penguin paths and burrows and hear stories about these remarkable seabirds from the people who know them best.

With free storytelling sessions for little ones, a colouring-in competition, and the rare treat of seeing the Parade open early, families can enjoy a behind-the-scenes feel before the penguins make their evening appearance.

The on-site café and full-service Shearwater Restaurant will be open throughout the day, offering everything from hot chocolates to hearty seasonal meals. Both eco-conscious retail shops will also be open, stocked with thoughtfully curated penguin gifts, art, home-ware and keepsakes.



There will be free storytelling sessions for little ones, a colouring-in competition, and of course you can enjoy the onsite café and restaurant.

Whether you're a local after a winter outing or a visitor curious about Phillip Island's iconic wildlife, the Penguin Parade is the place to be these school holidays.

Activities run daily during the Victorian School Holidays - Saturday July 5 to Sunday July 20. Free entry and activities. Bookings and costs apply for movie screenings and Guided Adventure Tours.

To view the full program or to book, visit: www.penguins.org.au/about/functions/school-holiday-fun-at-the-parade

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Whisky, Wine and Whales on July 12 is an intimate candlelight concert, featuring bold drinks, hearty food and a performance by Cedar Collective. Strictly limited tickets on sale now.

Whisky, Wine and Whales: A candlelit escape from the winter chill

ENTERTAINMENT

As the chill of midwinter settles across the coast, Churchill Island's historic shearing shed will come alive with light, music and rich flavours this month, for a special event.

On Saturday July 12, Whisky, Wine and Whales is hosting an intimate candlelight concert where guests can embrace the spirit of the season with bold drinks, hearty food and soul-stirring live music.

Coinciding with the Phillip Island Whale Festival, guests will sip and savour food and drinks from local producers before en-

joying the performance by Cedar Collective.

The quartet will play a mix of classical hits and covers - from Beethoven and Vivaldi to Coldplay, Fleetwood Mac and Queen.

Guests will receive a complimentary drink on arrival and can then purchase smooth rums from JimmyRum Dromana, fine whiskies from Loch Distillery and premium wines from Silverwater Winery alongside indulgent food to ward off the winter chill.

There will be a Uruguayan BBQ and Create Catering will be selling delicious sliders and hot

drinks.

With its flickering candlelight and a talented quartet performing against a cozy fireside backdrop, the evening promises an immersive and atmospheric experience.

Proudly presented by Phillip Island Nature Parks, only 100 guests will have the chance to experience this wonderful event, with shows at 5.30pm and 8pm. Doors open at 5pm.

Entry is \$60 per person and restricted to guests aged 18 and over.

The event is cashless, and tickets must be booked via www.whisky-wineandwhales.com

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN at the Penguin Parade

Join us these July school holidays at the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre, open daily from 12 pm with exclusive activities and tours available.

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Winter Wonderland at A Maze'N Things

TOURISM

Phillip Island's favourite family attraction, A Maze'N Things, will transform Puzzle Island into a magical Winter Wonderland for the month of July, offering indoor fun and frosty charm.

The popular destination comes alive during the school holidays with snowflake decorations, festive lighting and plenty of activities to keep children and adults entertained. From the twisting turns of the giant outdoor maze to the illusions of Puzzle Island, Magic Manor and 19-hole mini golf, there's something for everyone, rain or shine.

Things step up during the Victorian school holidays, with free face painting available weekdays from 11am to 3pm. Children can choose their favourite winter-themed designs and take home a colourful memory from their day out.

A month-long colouring competition is also underway, open to all visitors throughout July.



A Maze'N Things will transform into a magical Winter Wonderland this month with fun for all the family. And don't miss the limited edition extreme hot chocolates available at the onsite café.

Budding young artists can enter by submitting their masterpiece in-venue or uploading it via QR code. One lucky winner will be selected at the end of the month to receive a Jellycat Giant Whale plush toy valued at \$200, along with a \$150 A Maze'N Things merchandise pack including a towel, hoodie, drink bottle, beanie and more.

Visitors can also indulge in the venue's limited-edition extreme hot

chocolates, available at the on-site café. Topped with marshmallows and all the extras, they are the perfect treat after exploring the attractions.

A Maze'N Things is open daily from 10am this July and is located right next to Phillip Island Park Lane Holiday Park. It's an ideal all-weather experience for families looking to escape the winter blues and enjoy a day of laughter, wonder and adventure.

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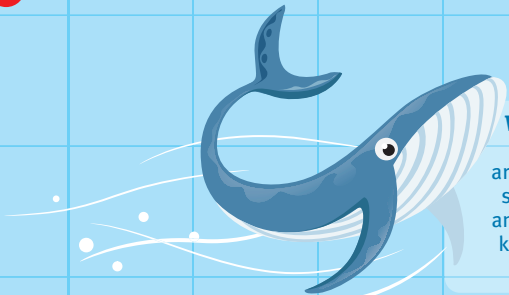




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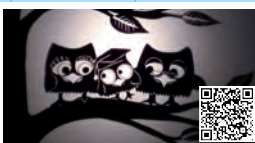


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NAIDOC WEEK 2025



As part of the NAIDOC Week celebrations, Birdz and Fred Leone are performing on Saturday July 5 at 7.30pm, at the Union Theatre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.



Candice Lorrae is performing at the Ngangga Festival on July 6, at Berninnet in Cowes, part of the NAIDOC Week celebrations.



Local business WKY Events is running cultural games as part of the Ngangga Festival on July 6, at Berninnet in Cowes.

Celebrating Strength, Vision and Legacy this NAIDOC Week

Bass Coast is ready to celebrate National NAIDOC Week 2025 with a full program of events and celebrations planned.

NAIDOC celebrations are held across Australia in the first week of July each year (Sunday to Sunday), to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year, NAIDOC Week marks a powerful milestone of 50 years of honouring and elevating First Nations voices, culture, and resilience. The theme of Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy, celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of young leaders, the vision of communities and legacy of Ancestors.

This year, First Nations Community members, Bass Coast Reconciliation Network and Bass Coast Cultural Venues are presenting a coordinated program of events and invite everyone to get involved and join the celebrations, learning and fun.

2025 NAIDOC Art Exhibition

ArtSpace Wonthaggi comes alive with a showcase of artworks by 13 First Nations artists of Bass Coast.

"This year celebrates 50 years of honouring the culture, creativity and resilience of First Nations People throughout Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," said Mary Mutsaers, exhibition organiser.

Everyone is invited to visit the gallery, meet the artists and experience a



A special performance by Kutcha Edwards on Sunday night, July 6 at Berninnet in Cowes is part of the NAIDOC Week celebrations.

traditional Welcome to Country on Saturday July 5, 1pm – 3 pm.

The exhibition runs until Sunday July 20 with a virtual exhibition running in tandem at www.naidoc-art.com.au

Details: ArtSpace Wonthaggi, Centennial Centre, 1 Bent Street, Wonthaggi. Phone 03 5672 5767.

FREE Ngangga Festival

Experience the very first 'Ngangga' on Milawul (Phillip Island)! Ngangga means to hear, to understand, to listen in Boonwurrung language. The free event will begin with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony. Then enjoy First Nations stalls, community organisations, musicians and artists coming together to celebrate culture through fun activities, games, live music, deadly (great) information and support, arts, crafts and more.

It will be a treat to see acclaimed First Nations artists Candice Lorrae and Fonzie (Paul) Patten performing

as part of the free festival along with local business WKY Events running cultural games and Patrice Mahoney from Create!Co running an art activity.

Candice is a multi-talented singer-songwriter and music producer, born on the ancestral lands of the Larrakia and now lives in Naarm on Kulin Country and notably recognised for her contributions with the iconic pop duo, The Merindas.

Details: Sunday July 6, 12pm – 5pm. Berninnet, 91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

Uncle Kutcha Edwards

Multi-award winner Kutcha uses his mesmeric music to create connections across cultures, generations, and spaces. His charismatic stage presentations deepen our understanding of Australia's first people.

As a respected Elder and survivor from the Stolen Generations, a Kutcha Edwards live experience takes you on a journey with stories from his life, that segue



Steve Ulula Parker, with Erza and Wryker, at the opening of his exhibition Wareeny Ngulu - Ocean Voice, showing at the Berninnet Art Gallery until July 20.

so eloquently into each other. This show is close to sell out – join the wait list for tickets if you miss out.

Details: Sunday July 6 – 7.30pm. Berninnet, 91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

Catching the Light

Eight local First Nations artists will be showcased in the Catching the Light exhibition, lighting up the Union Theatre in Wonthaggi and Berninnet in Cowes for NAIDOC Week.

Hosted by Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group who work toward further reconciliation between First Nations and non-First Nations Australians and educating themselves and the community about Aboriginal history and culture.

Birdz and Fred Leone supported by Fonzie

The Birdz and Fred Leone collaboration builds on the success of their hit single Bagi-La-m Bargan. Between them they have col-

laborated and toured with the likes of Public Enemy, Missy Higgins, John Butler, Xavier Rudd, Dead Prez, Amanda Palmer and many more iconic artists. They will be supported by Fonzie – a proud, local Gunai man with music in his blood.

Details: Saturday July 5 – 7.30pm, The Union Theatre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Maree Clarke Yawa Long Journey

A tribute to culture and community, renowned artist Maree Clarke's latest masterpiece Yawa (Long Journey) is now suspended overhead in the grand hall at Berninnet in Cowes.

This captivating artwork comprises 30 intricately crafted Murrini glass panels forming a breathtaking glass canoe.

The artwork melds traditional craftsmanship with contemporary vision whilst highlighting the delicate play of light and colour inspired by the surrounding wetlands and ocean.

Maree is a celebrated First Nations artist of Yorta Yorta, Wamba Wamba, Mutti Mutti, and Boon Wurrung heritage and brings her profound cultural insight and collaborative creations to Yawa.

Steven Ulula Parker: Wareeny Ngulu – Ocean Voice

Don't miss this stunning, free exhibition of new work by Millowl artist – Steven Ulula Parker. Uncle Steve is a descendant of the Boonwurrung, Yorta Yorta, and Erub peoples and is an artist, surfer and leading cultural educator.

This immersive exhibition combines painting, traditional objects, and songline audio recordings. Steve's work brings together ceremonial and contemporary practices, that invite audiences to connect to the nature of Millowl as a place of healing.

Details: Berninnet Art Gallery until July 20. Free entry. 91-97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

Bass Coast Shorts: 2025 NAIDOC Week First Nations Screening

An afternoon of short films created by First Nations' artists from around the world.

The series of narrative and documentary films are by and about First Nations peoples both in Australia and around the world.

Details: Sunday July 13 – 2pm, The Union Theatre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

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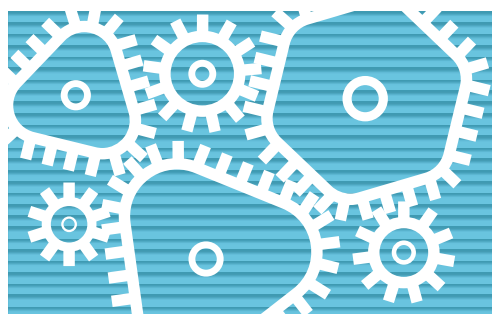
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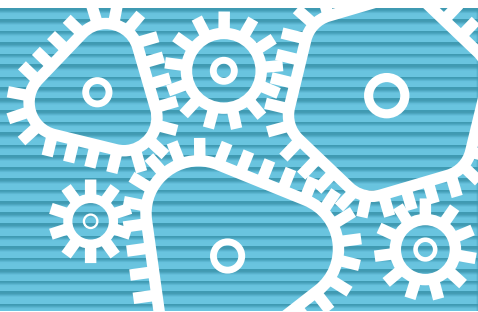
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A picnic break for our beleaguered farmers

COMMUNITY

What better way to shake off the blues in the depths of winter than spending a lazy Sunday afternoon enjoying a picnic with your fellow farming families in the convivial surrounds of the Ventnor Recreation Reserve.

Farmers from across drought affected South Gippsland did just this on Sunday, converging

on the island, leaving behind the cares and worries of getting stock through winter in the face of the cruel drought currently affecting rural communities.

A particularly difficult season marked by prolonged dry conditions and the psychological impact of the newly introduced Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) is taking its toll on rural landholders with

the event planned to provide a relaxed and positive gathering for farmers to take a break, and connect with others.

The picnic was sponsored and organised by Alex Scott Real Estate with the assistance of the VFF, Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary Club, the Cowes Country Women's Association (CWA) Twilight branch, and the Phillip Island CFA.



Phillip Island CFA members alongside district farmers at Sunday's Farmers Picnic



Bill Cleeland, Amanda Price, Sharon Davie, Richie Davie, John Carney, Mary Cleeland and Gary Cleeland enjoying a chat at Sunday's farmers picnic.



Laurie Dixon and Greg Price chewing the fat at the Farmers Picnic.



Island farmers John Neely and Ian McFee were quite partial to the jam and cream scones served throughout the afternoon by the ladies of the CWA.



Jim McFee, Phyliss Price, Faye Neely, Helen Williamson, Barry Williamson and Cefn Price enjoying a catch up.



Alex Scott Real Estate sponsored Sunday's special event. Principal Greg Price extended a warm welcome to all present, expressing a fervent wish for solid rains in time for spring, while also urging the district's farmers to look out for one another in what are difficult times.



Rotarians Helen Smith, Terri Robin and Christine Ash kept the steak and sausages sizzling throughout the afternoon.

Million dollar marvels

COMMUNITY

The fabulous volunteers of the San Remo Opportunity Shop have raised more than \$1 million for Bass Coast Health (BCH).

This incredible fundraising effort by the Op Shop Auxiliary has enabled BCH to buy vital medical equipment to enhance care to the community.

Auxiliary President Sara Fleisner said over the past nine years, money raised through the op shop had funded a variety of services and equipment.

"Since 2016, we have donated to the L Rigby Centre for cancer care, district nurses, dental clinic and maternity services, as well as items like scanners, an ultrasound machine, adjustable beds, chemotherapy chairs, cars, two haemodialysis chairs with armrests, syringe drivers, a bilirubin meter and furniture for Griffiths Point Lodge residential care centre, just to name some," Sara said.

While the Op Shop Auxiliary has raised the spectacular amount of \$1,187,725 since its formation in 2016, that sum is even more impressive when you consider many items are sold for just a few dollars.

BCH Interim CEO, Professor Simone Alexander, said the health service, and the broader community, valued the dedication and contribution of the op shop volunteers.

"Through their hard work and commitment, we're able to purchase state of the art equipment to help us provide more services to our community, closer to their homes, and for that, we're truly

grateful," she said.

The shop also supports other charities by donating goods, such as prescription spectacles to the Fred Hollows Foundation; damaged wetsuits to the Lymphedema Foundation to make compression socks; and books to Bill's Shed, which raises funds for Melaleuca Lodge at Cowes.

Personal care products are given to women's refuges and Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL); stationery and craft materials are sent to after school care groups; clothing to Armitage House Sub-Acute Ward at Wonthaggi Hospital for patients who arrive with little or no belongings; and jackets are given to the homeless through the San Remo Bendigo Bank's annual collection.

Electrical goods are sent to the Rotary Op Shop at Cowes; socks and underwear are donated to kindergartens and primary schools; and outfits are given to Bass Coast College for Book Week activities.

Proud history

The Op Shop is full of surprises. There is clothing and shoes for everyone, and also bric-a-brac, jigsaw puzzles, games, books, magazines, sporting equipment, kitchenware, toys and more.

"We're proud of our work, which not only raises money for equipment and projects at Bass Coast Health, but also provides a source of cheap clothing and household goods for the public, while preventing usable goods from going into landfill," Sara said.

The Op Shop is serviced by



San Remo Opportunity Shop Auxiliary Treasurer Caroline Talbot, Secretary Marj Wagland and President Sara Fleisner take pride in serving the community. Since 2016, the op shop has raised over \$1 million for Bass Coast Health. More photos at pisra.com.au

24 volunteers and has two other sources of income.

One is a successful eBay shop where more valuable goods are sold, run by volunteer Lorraine Ingbritsen. You can find the shop by searching for 'Lorrainespreloved' on ebay.com.au

The other income source is Statewide Cleaning Cloths. Clothing not suitable to sell is collected by Statewide, which pays a small stipend for each bag collected.

Volunteers say they enjoy interacting with the community and each other, recycling goods to reduce waste, helping underprivileged people and sharing in the team spirit.

"They also especially love it when customers come from other places and say they always come in when they're here because it's the best op shop," Secretary Marj Wagland said.



San Remo Opportunity Shop Auxiliary Committee Member, Sandra Thorley, invites locals and holiday-makers to check out the range of beach items for sale.

The Op Shop was originally run from the foyer of the old San Remo Hall until the shop opened in its current location in Back Beach Road in 1992. A second shop was added in the 1990s.

The shop originally raised funds for the San Remo and District Community Health Centre, which was later renamed Bass Coast Community Health. This organisation later amalgamated with Bass Coast Regional Health, which operated Wonthaggi Hospital, to become Bass Coast Health.

Among the original members were Doris Legg, Myra St Clair, Eileen Dwyer, Kath Fellows, and Bill and Marion Lawrence.

During the 1990s, a Steering Committee was formed to help run the shop and direct where funds were spent. Most funds were initially used for improvements and equipment at the San

Remo site. In 2016, an op shop auxiliary was formed.

The auxiliary's founding committee was President Marj Powell, Vice-President Sara Fleisner, Secretary Marj Wagland, Treasurer Lorraine Ingbritsen and committee members Jenny Lacco, Sandra Thorley and Jean Dunstan. Helen Andrews and Joan Ray joined the committee in 2017, Janine Morris in 2022 and Caroline Talbot in 2023.

The current committee is President Sara Fleisner, Vice-President Joan Ray, Secretary Marj Wagland, Treasurer Caroline Talbot with Helen Andrews, Sandra Thorley, Janine Morris and Joanne Linton as committee members.

The San Remo Opportunity Shop is open Monday to Friday, 10am – 2.30pm, at 65D Back Beach Road, San Remo.

School spirit shines bright, even without lights

EDUCATION

San Remo Primary School's Bush Dance went ahead in the dark on Wednesday June 25 – and what a night it was.

Despite a power outage, the school's spirit could not be dimmed.

"Students had spent the term practicing a variety of bush dances under the guidance of their dedicated Music Teacher, Ian Chambers," said Principal Karen Bowker.

"Ian has always stood up to challenges of performances at the school for years now. With months of effort behind them, the children were determined to showcase their skills and enjoy a night of fun, laughter, and community."

Parents and families gathered in support, lighting the night with torches, spotlights, phones and smiles.

"The energy was infectious, as the sound of music, laughter, and stomping feet filled the air. It's a night that will be remembered not for the darkness, but for the joy that lit up the San Remo Recreation Centre," Ms Bowker said.

"A big thank you goes out to the families who rallied together, bringing lights from home and helping ensure the show could go on. Their generosity



Even another power outage couldn't stop the show. San Remo Primary's Bush Dance went ahead on June 25, with students performing in a room lit by torches, spotlights and phones. More photos at pisra.com.au

and quick thinking proved just how powerful a close-knit community can be – especially when it comes to supporting those who matter most in a primary school: our students.

"The resilience shown by everyone involved was truly inspiring and turned a challenging situation into a heartwarming celebration of togetherness."

Ms Bowker also thanked the

School Council for organising the food and drinks that kept everyone energised throughout the evening.

"We also extend our gratitude to San Remo Asian Grocer for generously donating the delicious dim sims!"

"It was a classic night that will surely go down in the history books of our little school and our students' memories."



San Remo Primary School's transition program includes a Buddy Program between Grade 5 students and children at San Remo Preschool. More photos at pisra.com.au

San Remo transition program

EDUCATION

San Remo Primary School has a successful program to support all students throughout their schooling journey.

Principal Karen Bowker said the school was "extremely proud of the development and success of its comprehensive transition program", which spans from Prep to Grade 6.

"Over the past two years, the program has seen significant improvements, ensuring that all students are supported through key transition points in their schooling journey," Ms Bowker said.

All students across every year level participate in additional transition days and activities, with further tailored support provided for those who may need a little extra care.

"This initiative forms a key part of our focus on Inclusive Education, which is a core priority during Terms 3 and 4.

"A highlight of the program this year is the early introduction of the Buddy Program between our Grade 5 students and the children at San Remo Preschool," Ms Bowker explained.

"In small groups of five, our Grade 5 students visit the preschool on Wednesday and Friday mornings to engage with the 2026 kinder cohort. During their visits, they participate in shared play, reading, and collaborative activities designed to help preschoolers feel confident and connected as they prepare for their transition to Prep."

The initiative not only helps future Prep students get familiar with the school, and with older students, "but also provides a valuable leadership and mentoring opportunity for our Grade 5 students", she said.

"It strengthens the sense of community and sets a strong foundation for positive school relationships in the years to come."

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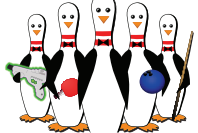
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Rhyll Tennis Club members Sophie Maddigan and Mandy Walker were presented with \$4850 by Ray Young. The money will go toward a weatherproof canopy for the entrance to the club room.

A makeover for Rhyll Tennis Club

TENNIS

On June 12, Rhyll Tennis Club (RTC) members Sophie Maddigan and Mandy Walker attended the Phillip Island RSL Grants presentation, to accept on behalf of the club \$4850 for a weatherproof canopy to be made to fit the entrance to the club room.

“We are delighted and very grateful to have received these funds and look forward to having the canopy built later this year,” said committee member Carmen Bush.

“This is a project that has taken a lot of effort to get started.”

Not just tennis

The club also hosts regular pickleball

games. Carmen said many island residents and visitors are enjoying the fun and friendly atmosphere the RTC pickleball Group provides.

“Since January this year we have had a steady increase in membership and on-lookers wanting to know about Picklball,” she said.

“Even during these cold wintry days, when the sun shines, you will see the courts being used by the RTC Pickleball Group’s What’s App connection. There’s always laughter when they play and it’s a great way to warm up and increase fitness.”

For details about RTC Pickleball please contact Sophie on: rhylltennis@gmail.com

Nominate now for 2026 Australian Motorsport Hall of Fame

MOTORSPORT

If you’re a motorsport fan who would like to see your favourite ensconced in the Australian Motorsport Hall of Fame, now is your chance to see it happen.

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Australian Motorsport Hall of Fame, with recipients to be inducted at the Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne.

The Hall of Fame inducts high achievers from two and four-wheel racing, honouring individuals whose significant achievements and contributions have helped to shape the sport.

To date, just 99 individuals have been uplifted from 125 years of racing - an average of less than one person a year, since its institution in 2016.

The 2025 motorcycle inductees were International Six Days Enduro heroes Jess Gardiner, Jemma Wilson and Tayla Jones and motocross and supercross icon Chad Reed.

Mick Doohan and Casey Stoner also have Legend status in the Hall of Fame, with Stoner elevated in 2025.

John Smailes is the Chair of the Australian Motorsport Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

“The Hall of Fame was instituted in 2016 to preserve the stories, triumphs and innovations that define motorsport’s heritage,” Smailes said.

“Motor racing is one of the few sports in which Australians have consistently reached the top on the world stage.



Nominations are open for the 2026 Australian Motorsport Hall of Fame, for new high achievers to join the likes of Casey Stoner on the list honouring individuals whose significant achievements and contributions have helped to shape the sport.

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Local kids compete in State cross country

RUNNING

Newhaven Primary School has declared itself “the home of cross-country athletes”, after two of its grade five students, Kelsey Watson and Nate Churchill, made it all the way to State level in cross country.

Principal Sharyne Munday said the school was “enormously proud” of Kelsey and Nate’s achievement.

“This is Kelsey’s first time at State level competing in cross country, although she has competed at regional level in 1500m,” said Sharyne.

“Kelsey is nervous but excited to race in the Yarra Rangers next term.

“Our second student, Nate Churchill, is no stranger to competing at State level in Little Athletics in the following events: 100m, 200m, 800m and can now add cross country to his achievements.

“Nate is a little nervous but was only 200m behind the winner at regional level,” she said.

“Kelsey and Nate and their families should be proud of their achievements and the whole school is behind them as they prepare for their run next term.

“We wish them all the best, as they always give everything a red-hot go.”



Nate and Kelsey resting with their feet up before their big race at the State cross country competition next term.

From the card table

BRIDGE

We sadly said goodbye to a treasured member of our Club, John Farr, who played his final game with us on Monday, June 16.

Many of us would hope to be playing the game we love right up until our last days and John did just that.

A Grand Master and part of an elite group, John was a formidable opponent, whether in declarer play or defence.

He joined the Club back in 1999, giving over a quarter of a century to our tables and community.

From 2000 to 2004, John served five years as Vice President, contributing generously to the Club’s running and spirit.

He had many Bridge friends, and we know he’ll be deeply missed. His quiet, wry smile didn’t always reveal what he was thinking, but his quirky and ever-changing shirts told you enough, John had a presence all his own.

His achievements speak for themselves on our honour boards:

Club Teams champion in 2012, 2016, and most recently in 2024.

Club Championship Pairs winner in 2014, 2016 and 2023.

Helen Graham Memorial Pairs champion in 2003, 2004, 2014 and 2015.

Farewell, John. You’ll be remembered fondly and missed greatly.

Monday, June 23 – Duplicate (5½ Tables)
Winners: Deb Anglim and Shirley Stewart on 58.33%.

Wednesday – Duplicate (3½ Tables)
Winners: Marnie Myall and Caroline Shaw with a stunning 71.88%.

EUCHRE

Ladies winner: Faye 6 wins.

Men’s winner: Bob 5 wins.

Encouragement award: Mark.

Euchre usually take July off so will still play Thursday July 3 to announce the winners of June.

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Jeff Nix was the lucky winner of the San Remo Butcher's meat tray at Darts this week.

Darts drama as finals fever hits P.I.D.D.L arena

DARTS

The Dart centre was electric on Monday night for the Phillip Island and District Darts League (P.I.D.D.L) semi-finals.

A passionate crowd brought the cheers and laughs, witnessing a night of intense pressure, raw passion and surprising darting prowess.

In the A-Grade semi-final, Joe's Hornets delivered a commanding 5-2 victory over Miramar.

Their focused and sharp play earns them a spot in next week's grand final against ladder leaders Vikings – a clash already dubbed the "clash of the season!"

The B-Grade Gumboot semi saw the brave, undermanned Breakers pull off a heart-stop-

ping 4-3 win against Deadly Darts.

Their sheer grit propels them into the grand final to face the formidable Storm in what promises to be a true underdog battle.

The Wooden Spoon playoff will see Mustangs face Dart Vaders, both aiming for pride and a bit of redemption to close out their season.

A huge shoutout to all members who supported, scored and barracked – your energy makes P.I.D.D.L what it is.

And thanks to the incredible sponsors for keeping the darts flying.

Grand final night is this Monday at the Dart Centre.

Don't miss the arrows, the action and the ultimate bragging rights.



Winners of midweek bowls played at Corinella were Amanda Bozelle (L), Tony Heppleston (S), Louis Magri (S) and Frank D'Unienville (3).

Midweek bowls

BOWLS

What a day, amazingly 49 of the family of bowlers turned up in the rain to once again fight it out for team(s) of the week.

The team was welcomed by John as Claire and David prepared the teams. Once these tasks were completed and it was time to head out, the sky opened up and the sun actually appeared and that was the theme of the day, no rain with reasonable appearances of the sun.

Someone or something certainly looks out for the players on Thursdays.

It was a great day with lots

of fun and laughter from all the rinks.

Friends became opponents for the day for many, and for the rest, it was just fun to play with great company and friends.

Not a lot of donations to the RCH tin, but that will change over the coming weeks.

As usual there can only be one winner on a great score of 37.

Amanda Bozelle (L), Tony Heppleston (S), Louis Magri (S) and Frank D'Unienville (3).

Runners up on a close score of 36 were: Vern Elliott (S), Rob Jeffery (3), Frank Verco (L) and Phil Wright (2).

Best One Game on a score

of 21 were: Bev Elliott (3), Mark Hanrahan (S) and Mardi Lloyd (L).

A big thank you to Phil behind the bar as well as preparing the rink for all the players.

Phil does so much for the group without much thanks and we should not overlook his wonderful work.

Also, a big thank you to Rob who looked after the kitchen and helped clear up outside after the game.

This week the team will be meeting up at San Remo Bowls club to once again challenge friends for team of the week.

Please, be on site by 10:00 am as the numbers are getting quite high and if you are in after the books are full then you may have to miss out.

Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, June 24

Mens 18H Stableford

Overall winner: Tony Sheahan (16) 41.

A Grade winner: A-1 Daniel McConnon (8) 39.

A-2 winner: Mark Dykes (10) 34.

B Grade winner: B-1 Tony Sheahan (16) 41.

B-2 winner: Glenn Botterill (18) 40.

C Grade winner: C-1 Warren Dickie (23) 36 C/B.

C-2 winner: Rick Connell (27) 36.

BDL to 32 C/B.

NTP: 5th Gerald Taylor, 7th Bez Moustafa, 10th Alf Micallef

and 17th Alan Airey.

Mens 9H Stableford

Overall winner: Col Cordery (27) 22 pts to Richie Nettleton (23) 20 pts.

BDL to 15 pts C/B.

Thursday, June 26

Open 18H Stableford

Overall winner: Peter Cartwright (6) 40 pts.

A Grade winner: A-1 Peter Cartwright (6) 40 pts.

A-2 winner: Jeremy Westaway (3) 38 pts.

B Grade winner: B-1 Stephen Mack (15) 39 pts.

B-2 winner: Barry Gibson (13) 36 pts C/B.

C Grade winner: C-1 Ian Young (24) 34 pts C/B.

C-2 winner: Robert Purcell (24) 34 pts C/B.

BDL to 32 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Justin McBean, 7th Dave Egan, 10th Gino Manfredi and 17th Scott Lethbridge.

Mens 9H Stableford

Overall winner: Basil Moloney (15) 20 pts c/b from Vic Mitchell (26) 20 pts.

BDL to 18 pts C/B.

Saturday, June 28

Mens 18H Stableford

Overall winner: Rowan Wales (16) 40 pts.

A Grade winner: A-1 Owen Jolly (9) 36 pts C/B.

A-2 winner: Tim Duff (4) 36 pts C/B.

B Grade winners: B-1 Rowan Wales (16) 40 pts

B-2 winner: Peter Rymer (18)

39 pts.

C Grade winner: C-1 Phil Cooksey (21) 38 pts.

C-2 winner: Jake Wright (22) 37 pts.

BDL to 32 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Daniel McConnon, 7th James Bain, 10th Mark Jamieson and 17th Aaron Saric.

Womens 18H Stableford

Overall winner: Sheryl Smith (24) 38 pts from Michelle Pardoe (24) 38 pts.

BDL to 30 pts.

NTP: 5th Mary Taylor, 7th Liz O'Neill, 10th Liz O'Neill and 17th Michelle Pardoe.

9 H Stableford

Winner: David Hestridge (23) 24 pts from Rob Davison (9) 18 pts.

BDL: 17 pts.

Sunday, June 29

18H Stableford

Overall winner: Thurgood (9) 37 pts from Kaz Egan (33) 36 pts.

BDL: to 33 pts.

NTP Hole 5: Chris Fall.

NTP Hole 17: Neil Malcolm.

Red Rocks golf

Saturday, June 28

Stableford

Winner: Max Royal (10) 42 points. 2nd Place: Steve Wurt (8) 38 points. 3rd Place: Rob Stead (18) 35 points.

Sunday, June 19

Multiplier Stableford

Winners: Ray Pobjoy and Neil Malcolm 60 C/B.

Runners up: Rob Stead and Ian Murray 60.

NTP Hole 10: Rob Stead.

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Killy Bass host Korumburra

FOOTBALL

Seniors

Back at home on Saturday, the seniors looked to secure their first win in a couple of weeks.

Coming up against Korumburra, fresh off two straight wins.

All competitors played hard, and the boys secured the lead from the opening bounce and held on to it all day.

A great game from captain Nathan Foote ensured that Kilcunda retained the Gus James cup and played in spirit of the much-loved man, who meant so much to Killy Bass, but especially Korumburra Bena.

BOG: Nathan Foote.

Final score: Killy Bass 81 to Korumburra Bena 27.

Reserves

Plenty of fill ins for the twos on Saturday, with past premiership players lacing up the boots once again and donning the blue, maroon and white.

Despite the past players helping, it was a tough day for the reserves.

There were some very good performances from some kids, like Brodie Gude.

Overall, the team battled hard but could not manage to wrestle the lead after the four quarters.

BOG: Brodie Gude.

Final score: Killy Bass 16 to Korumburra Bena 55

Veterans

Season Ends for Kilcunda Bass in One-Point Heartbreaker

Kilcunda Bass wrapped up their season in heartbreaking fashion after a thrilling one-point loss to Garfield.

Both teams attacked the contest with intensity, and scores were locked at halftime in a tight



Senior Joseph West making the dash.

and physical battle.

Bass surged ahead in the third quarter, kicking four goals to take the lead into the final term.

The last quarter was a gutsy effort from both sides, with the scores level in the final minutes.

A rushed behind from Garfield with just 1:40 minutes left on the clock ultimately sealed the win, sending them through to the semifinals.

It was a spirited and courageous performance from Kilcunda Bass to finish their 2025 campaign.

U16

Back at home against a team pushing for a finals birth in Korumburra, this was a game that needed to be won to keep in touch with the top sides on the ladder.

In a scrappy start, the boys got going through tough contested footy and relentless pressure around the ball.

With the fearless leader Pez and the on-ball brigade, Killy

Bass started to win the clearances and create some forward 50 entries, finishing the quarter two goals up.

Throughout the rest of the match, it was clear that this was going to be one of those games where the team who made the most of their opportunities were likely to end up on top and with some inaccurate shots on goal the boys kept the opposition in with a sniff.

Thankfully Killy Bass kept up the effort right to the end and grinded out the win.

A special mention to the 100 gamer, Cruz Maund, who was an absolute handful for the opposition all day and played arguably his best game for the club.

Best players: Cruz Maund, Elijah McDonald, Eli Baker-Keys, Brodie McMillian, Charlie Burgess and Perry McKay.

Goals: Blake Eden 2, Harvey Leary, Cooper Brown and Cruz Maund 1.



Killy Bass A Grade netballer Emily Andrew in action on the court against Korumburra.

Battles and Breakthroughs: Killy Bass Takes on Korumburra

NETBALL

A Grade

A grade had another tough match against Korumburra on Saturday.

A super solid first half from the girls really made Korumburra work for their win.

The girls full court defensive pressure and work rate was super impressive.

Unfortunately, Korumburra ran away with it in the last.

Some super exciting pieces of netball.

BOC: Emily Andrew.

B Grade

Korumburra really showed up and got the jump early, but the team was able to fight back the lead after a slow start, the girls fought to get back the lead and was super impressive.

Unfortunately, in the last quarter Korumburra had a quick turn around and got the win.

The girls are looking forward to taking away things from this week and working on them at training to bring it against Dalyston.

C Grade

Kilcunda Bass secured a strong win over Korumburra in a well-fought netball match, showcasing consistency and teamwork across all four quarters.

Every player contributed to the result, with each girl stepping up and playing their role with determination and focus.

It was a true full-team effort that reflected Kilcunda Bass's depth, cohesion and commitment on the court.

BOC: Romy De Nardis.

D Grade

After a thrilling two-goal win against Korumburra back in Round 1, the team knew this was going to be another tough hit out.

The girls came out firing, sticking to their game plan with control and precision.

Killy Bass capitalised on every opportunity and finished the first quarter with a solid six goal lead.

In the second quarter, the girls kept the momentum going, however Korumburra started to find their rhythm, forcing a few turnovers and converting them into goals.

Some unforced errors occurred and let Korumburra's physicality rattle the team.

By three-quarter time, the scores were locked at 20-all, setting up a nail-biting final term.

Despite some fantastic efforts from the defensive circle to win

back possession, the girls struggled to settle and couldn't quite recover the earlier composure.

In the end, Korumburra took the win by two goals.

Best on court, receiving a Foodworks Grantville voucher, was Lynne Boag for her relentless work and impact on the game.

U17

Despite a final score of 38-21 in Korumburra's favour, both teams showed determination throughout the match.

Bass had a competitive game with the defensive end getting lots of rebounds.

Paige, Hope and Jilli applying strong arms over pressure.

The attacking end also played well, having Jilli, Lexie and Millie work together to shoot the 21 goals.

The mid courtiers Matilda, Sadie and Alana all worked well getting the ball movement flowing and keeping high intensity through the game. Award this week went to Millie.

U13

What a finish!

The Under 13 girls had a thrilling win on Saturday, defeating Korumburra by just one goal, scored right on the final siren.

Killy Bass led by 4-5 goals for most of the game, but Korumburra came back strong in the final quarter, making for an exciting finish.

Every player gave it their all and with such a solid team effort, no single best-on-court was named.

Instead, each player was rewarded with \$10 for their incredible performance.

A well-deserved win and a game to remember for the Killy Bass girls, it was so wonderful seeing them all so happy.

U11

The U11s took on Korumburra, the kids' enthusiasm was high, and they had smiles on their faces the whole game.

Whilst scoring was a challenge for the girls there were some really great passages of play and some individual performances that were really proud of.

A few things to work on at training, the team seems to have forgotten the footwork this week but will continue to strengthen our weaknesses.

These kids are a work in progress, and they are making improvement each week.

BOC: Zealy for her super effort in WA coming out for the C pass. Maccas award went to Molly.

Big Hearts: Junior Panthers Impress

FOOTBALL

U14

This week Killy Bass hosted Dalyston, with a few late withdrawals, it left the defence under pressure for most of the day.

A massive credit to everyone who played down back.

The first quarter was pretty even with both teams scoring a goal. In the second and third the boys dug deep and kicked conservative goals with some great link up passages of play.

In the last quarter everyone ran hard and gave it 100%.

Finishing the game with 16 scoring shots and the win is a great effort.

Keep up the good work. Awards: Dominik Acuna, Travis Hockley, Bill Fletcher, Hunter Bettles, Cruz Bettles and Byron Humphry.

U12

The Kilcunda Bass U12s showed incredible resilience in their clash against Dalyston on Saturday.

It was one of those games where not everything went the team's way, but the kids dug deep, never stopped trying and were ultimately rewarded with a hard-fought, narrow victory.

After dominating possession throughout the first half and struggling to convert on the scoreboard, the team finally found reward for effort in the third quarter.

Two crucial goals from Kai-



U14's Jensen Miller kicking, Jarvis Stafferton and Nate Miller shepherding.

den Evans broke the deadlock and lifted the energy across the ground.

In the final term, Rory Nicholas stepped up with a composed finish, sealing the win in what was a tense final few minutes.

Final Score:

Kilcunda Bass: 3.5.23 to Dalyston: 3.0.18. Goal Kickers: Kaiden Evans (2) and Rory Nicholas (1).

Best Players: Saylor Maund, Alfie Russo, Lerah Schonewille, Miles Leary, Ethan Lynch and Kaiden Evans.

Awards: Saylor Maund, Rylee

McMillan, Austin Bennett and Rory Nicholas.

U10

The panthers took on arguably the best side in the competition this season Dalyston.

The first half saw an even contest with some great skills on display. The young panthers played with great intensity and effort and should be proud of their efforts today.

A huge improvement from the last time they met. A shout out to Nate O'Connor for kicking his first ever goal an awesome effort.



Congratulations to Jordan Gallicchio, Brooklyn and Courtney Packer who came home with an age group champion medal who are pictured alongside Amy Hodgson, Mitchell Packer and Maddison Andreatta.

Geoff Peterson Memorial Swim Meet

SWIMMING Sunday June 29. The event, part of the Gippsland Short Course season was attended by clubs from across the region. There were lots of PB's and ribbons earned by the SGB team. Three swimmers, Jordan Gallicchio, Brooklyn and Courtney Packer also came home with an age group champion medal. Great job swimmers.

Another strong win for the Island 17s

NETBALL Phillip Island's Under 17s girls braved icy conditions to come away with a strong 42-29 win over Warragul. After a tight first quarter, the girls took control with sharp ball movement and solid team play. Aisha and Ava were strong under the post, shooting accurately and working well together in goals. Abbey was a standout in Centre, running hard all game and linking up seamlessly with Piper in Wing Attack, who fed the circle with precision. Jasira impressed in Wing Defence with key turnovers and relentless pressure on her opponent.

GSL Fixture and Results

SOCCER Round 9 results. June 29 Senior Mens: Inverloch Stars 2 d Lang Lang United 1. Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Wonthaggi United 0. Leongatha Knights 7 d Korumburra City 5. Senior Womens: Phillip Island Breakers 24 d Mirboo North United 0. Inverloch Stars 3 d Lang Lang United 0. Drouin Dragons Maroon 3 d Wonthaggi United 0. Leongatha Knights 10 d Korumburra City 0. Mens Reserves: Phillip Island Breakers 3 d Inverloch Stars 0. Korumburra City 6 d Leongatha Knights 1. Trafalgar Victory 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1. Under 17 Mixed: Phillip Island Breakers 6 d Mirboo North United 0. Leongatha Knights White 4 d Inverloch Stars 1. Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Wonthaggi United 3. Leongatha Knights Blue 3 d Korumburra City 2. Under 15 Girls: Wonthaggi United 1 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0. Korumburra City 6 d Leongatha Knights 0. Under 14 Mixed: Inverloch Stars 7 d Lang Lang United 1. Wonthaggi United 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0. Phillip Island Penguins 8 d Mirboo North United 3. Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 4 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0. Leongatha Knights 5 d Korumburra City 2. Under 12 Girls: Wonthaggi United 4 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0. Korumburra City 5 drew Leongatha Knights 5. Lang Lang United 5 d Inverloch Stars 2. Under 12A Mixed: Inverloch Stars 3 d Lang Lang United 0. Phillip Island 3 d Mirboo North United 0. Drouin Dragons Maroon 9 d Wonthaggi United 4. Leongatha Knights Blue 6 d Korumburra City 0. Under 12B Mixed: Drouin Dragons White 5 d Inverloch Stars 1. Drouin Dragons Yellow 2 d Wonthaggi United 1. Trafalgar Victory 3 d Phillip Island Stingrays 0. Round 9 fixture. July 6. Senior Mens: Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon. Leongatha Knights V Lang Lang United. Wonthaggi United V Trafalgar Victory. Senior Womens: Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon. Leongatha Knights V Lang Lang United. Wonthaggi United V Trafalgar Victory. Korumburra City V Mirboo North United. Mens Reserves: Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon. Korumburra City V Phillip Island Breakers. Leongatha Knights V Trafalgar Victory. Under 17 Mixed: Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon. Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Phillip Island Breakers. Leongatha Knights Blue V Leongatha Knights White. Korumburra City V Mirboo North United. Under 15 Girls: Drouin Dragons Maroon V Phillip Island Breakers. Drouin Dragons Yellow V Leongatha Knights. Under 14 Mixed: Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon. Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Phillip Island Penguins. Leongatha Knights V Lang Lang United. Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Stingrays. Korumburra City V Mirboo North United. Under 12 Girls: Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon. Leongatha Knights V Lang Lang United. Under 12A Mixed: Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Maroon. Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow V Phillip Island. Leongatha Knights Blue V Lang Lang United. Korumburra City V Mirboo North United. Under 12B Mixed: Inverloch Stars V Drouin Dragons Yellow. Phillip Island Stingrays V Phillip Island Penguins. Leongatha Knights White V Drouin Dragons White. Wonthaggi United V Trafalgar Victory.



U14 Stingray soccer players: L-R Lexie, Oscar, Callum, Kavish, Manny, Blair, Hunter, Kaylan, Jackson, Bailey. Front: Cooper, Ben.

Dominant Display Sees Breakers Cruise to 17-0 Victory

SOCCER U17 Phillip Island Breakers U17 delivered a dominant performance on home turf, securing a commanding 17-0 win over Mirboo North in a match that highlighted the team's attacking firepower and unselfish team play. The Breakers set the tone early, with Harvey Jacobs striking twice, and goals from Aiden Smyth, Jasper Saunders, Charlie Anderson and an own goal putting the home side firmly in control by halftime. In the second half, the Breakers shifted into top gear. Hamish Farman starred with a brilliant hat-trick, while Michaela Marr, Harley Drayon and Dylan Gregory each added two goals to the tally. Jasper Saunders scored twice more to complete his hat-trick and Charlie Anderson also grabbed his second of the match in a contest where nearly every attack threatened to produce a goal. Special mentions go to Jasper Saunders and Dylan Gregory, whose unselfish play and pinpoint accuracy created opportunity after opportunity for their teammates. It was a statement win from the Breakers, who continue to impress with their teamwork, flair and selfless style of football.

with an unbelievable strike that hooked into the top corner. Reuben scored off another exceptional corner kick by Angus. The second half began with a quick goal to Mirboo North, who never gave up and pushed hard, Angus put his body on the line and saved a goal but earned Mirboo north a penalty which they converted.

U14 Stingrays

The Penguins continued to apply pressure to the end with Lily winning the ball in the forward line and converting and Blake running hard finished the game with his third goal and an 8-3 win. Well done to the team on a strong performance especially those playing in unfamiliar positions.

With a few regulars missing, the U14 Stingrays rolled up their sleeves and took the challenge head-on in chilly conditions against a strong Drouin side. The scoreboard might have read 4-0, but the energy, effort and teamwork were off the charts.

Captain Blair kept the crew on track, while Manny threw himself into some top shelf saves in goals. Hunter worked hard through the midfield, backed up by Kaylan and Kavish, who were everywhere, defending, attacking and doing it all with a smile.

Up front, Callum, Cooper and Bailey kept the pressure on, each coming so close to snagging a goal. Lexie didn't flinch once in a contest; Oscar was cool and calm in defence and Jackson was a brick wall at the back. Ben took home Best on Ground thanks to his lightning pace and slick sideline moves. A chilly morning, a tough match and a sideline full of admiration for our Stingrays. Final Score: Drouin 4 defeated Stingrays 0. Best on Ground: Ben.

U14 Penguins

It was a sunny Sunday morning that the U14 penguins faced Mirboo North in Newhaven. Mirboo North started with greater intensity and caught the Penguins off guard, scoring in the first minute of the game. The Penguins regrouped and built their attack with good passing, keeping possession through the midfield and using the ever-lively Levi on the wing. Blake was able to equalize in the eighth minute and steady pressure from the Penguins lead to five more goals in the first half. James scored a hat trick

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 2 JUL	THU 3 JUL	FRI 4 JUL	SAT 5 JUL	SUN 6 JUL	MON 7 JUL	TUE 8 JUL
HIGH 5:38 am 2.65 m	HIGH 6:26 am 2.61 m	LOW 12:32 am 0.86 m	LOW 1:08 am 0.84 m	LOW 1:45 am 0.83 m	LOW 2:25 am 0.83 m	LOW 3:11 am 0.84 m
LOW 11:15 am 0.87 m	LOW 11:57 am 1.02 m	HIGH 7:12 am 2.58 m	HIGH 7:59 am 2.56 m	HIGH 8:47 am 2.57 m	HIGH 9:40 am 2.59 m	HIGH 10:36 am 2.63 m
HIGH 6:02 pm 2.93 m	HIGH 6:32 pm 2.84 m	LOW 12:37 pm 1.16 m	LOW 1:19 pm 1.29 m	LOW 2:04 pm 1.41 m	LOW 2:56 pm 1.51 m	LOW 3:55 pm 1.59 m
LOW 11:56 pm 0.89 m		HIGH 7:00 pm 2.75 m	HIGH 7:30 pm 2.66 m	HIGH 8:03 pm 2.57 m	HIGH 8:45 pm 2.49 m	HIGH 9:35 pm 2.42 m

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Bulldogs Sweep Round 12 with Class

FOOTBALL

Seniors

The Phillip Island Seniors made it a clean sweep for the club in Round 12, registering a strong 52-point win over Warragul Industrials in what was a highly controlled and well-structured performance.

The Bulldogs looked dangerous all day, using their experience and skill to dictate terms from start to finish.

Jack Taylor was a standout up forward, kicking four goals and providing a key focal point inside 50.

Cameron Pedersen also had a significant impact, adding three goals and leading from the front with his contested marking and on-field leadership.

Jack Huther (2), Nick Anderson (2) and a spread of other contributors rounded out a potent forward line.

In the midfield Brayden Kleverkamp and Connor Thompson were tireless, winning the ball at the contest and providing clean delivery into attack.

Hayden Bruce and Mark Collison were influential with their pressure and positioning, helping to stifle Warragul's attempts to gain momentum.

Final Score: Phillip Island 15.7 (97) defeated Warragul 6.9 (45).

Goal Kickers: Jack Taylor 4, Cameron Pedersen 3, Jack Huther 2, Nick Anderson 2, Hayden Bruce 1, Charlie Bruce 1, Mark Griffin 1 and Billy Taylor 1.

Best Players: Jack Taylor, Cameron Pedersen, Brayden Kleverkamp, Hayden Bruce, Mark Collison and Connor Thompson.

Reserves

The Reserves side of Phillip Island displayed their dominance in a commanding 116-point victory over Warragul Industrials.

Right from the first bounce, the Bulldogs asserted themselves with fierce pressure and slick ball movement, overwhelming the opposition and dominating all facets of the game.

Up forward, Harry Anderson proved lethal, bagging four goals with his strong marking and accurate kicking.

Alexander Officer added three majors, while Beau Davies chipped in with two in a lively performance.

The scoreboard continued ticking over with contributions from a wide range of players, demonstrating the team's depth and unselfish play.

Around the ground, Jack Keating and Max Mattock controlled the tempo with clean disposals and efficient clearance work.

Bryce Hindhaugh provided a strong physical presence and contributed a goal, while Beau Davies, Alexander Officer and the ever-reliable Harry Anderson rounded out a brilliant team effort.

Final Score: Phillip Island 19.14 (128) defeated Warragul 2.0 (12).

Goal Kickers: Harry Anderson 4, Alexander Officer 3, Beau Davies 2, Bryce Hindhaugh 1, Oliver Hibbert 1, Brady Ross 1 and Mikka Paulsen 1.

Best Players: Jack Keating, Max Mattock, Bryce Hindhaugh, Beau Davies, Alexander Officer and Harry Anderson.

Thirds

The Phillip Island Thirds continued their impressive run of form in Round 12, delivering a strong and composed performance against Warragul Industrials.

From the outset, the Bulldogs set the tone with disciplined defensive efforts and smart ball use, gradually building a comfortable lead across the match.

Up forward, Charles O'Garey was a key target, finishing with four majors and proving difficult for the opposition to contain.

He was well supported by Benjamin Chihotski and Oliver Duggan, who kicked two goals each.

The scoring was well spread and backed by consistent delivery from the midfield.

Defensively, the Bulldogs were rock solid, keeping Warragul Industrials to just two goals for the match.

Charles O'Garey also featured prominently around the ground, not just hitting the scoreboard but contributing to contests and linking play.

Isaac Savona's composure, Benjamin Chihotski's two-way running, and the efforts of Jeremy Kelly, Noah Forrest-Mabilia, and Archie Ross helped drive the momentum and maintain control through the midfield and back half.

Final Score: Phillip Island 8.13 (61) defeated Warragul 2.2 (14).

Goal Kickers: Charles O'Garey 4, Benjamin Chihotski 2 and Oliver Duggan 2.

Best Players: Charles O'Garey, Isaac Savona, Benjamin Chihotski, Jeremy Kelly, Noah Forrest Mabilia and Archie Ross.

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