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\$42 million pool pledge

Liberal candidate for Bass Aaron Brown (left) is pictured on Phillip Island recently with Don Turner (centre) President of the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund committee, and Peter McMahon PIAFC secretary.

In breaking news, Victorian Opposition Leader Matthew Guy, along with Liberal candidate for Bass Aaron Brown, have pledged \$42 million for the construction of a brand new Phillip Island Aquatics Centre, should the Liberal Coalition be elected at the looming November election.

The commitment "will deliver the facility that the Phillip Island community has long wanted and needed," Mr Brown said.

Mr Brown said the funding announcement will provide for an eight lane 25 metre competition swimming pool; a warm water pool, which will be able to be used for hydrotherapy and leisure and swimming lesson

pool; and a toddlers and kids play pool and waterslides for fun.

A gymnasium with group fitness spaces, spa and sauna facilities, and family friendly change rooms and a café are also envisaged.

"After more than three decades of Phillip Islanders raising funds and campaigning for a pool, I am proud to be able to announce this commitment to finally deliver an Aquatics Centre for the district, if a Liberal Coalition government is elected in November," Mr Brown said.

"As a former student at Newhaven College, I know that a pool is desperately needed here. The struggle has been ongoing, and laced with disappointment, but the resolve of the committee and its thousands of supporters over three decades has

never faltered."

Mr Brown said that all age group demographics would benefit from the therapeutic health and lifestyle benefits a pool would bring.

He said that local schools have long identified the need for an indoor pool on the island where children can learn to swim, because the distance and time to the Wonthaggi pool by bus often precludes this being included in the curriculum.

"The pool would also be a great asset for developing junior swimming squad participants and local sporting teams wanting to do a low impact training and recovery session.

"The health sector has identified distance from Wonthaggi as a significant barrier when it comes to

older adults, people undergoing rehabilitation, and those with chronic conditions, accessing the therapeutic benefits a hydrotherapy pool would bring.

"An all year round indoor pool on Phillip Island will dramatically increase the leisure, health and lifestyle opportunities that most townships across Australia take for granted."

Phillip Island is one of the top tourist destinations in Australia, visited by hundreds of thousands annually, and an aquatic centre would be an important add on attraction outside the summer season, Mr Brown said.

"Since I was a young boy, I can recall the need for a heated indoor pool on Phillip Island and I am delighted to be involved in announc-

ing this much needed project, which will be of enormous benefit to residents of Phillip Island and beyond, including San Remo and the Waterline communities of Grantville, Corinella, Coronet Bay and Pioneer Bay.

"This announcement is a once in a 50 year project that can greatly benefit local residents and future generations to come.

Olympian Dawn Fraser has been the patron of the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund Committee since its fundraising launch, which took place 22 years ago in May 2000.

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Eco Type C killer whales in Antarctica have a yellow/orange appearance. There is some evidence that they move north at certain times to remove diatom algae from their skin, which may have been the situation here as the whales spotted were free of algae and black and grey.

Rare whale sighting off our shores

The sighting of a large pod of Eco Type C killer whales in Bass Strait last Thursday is just the seventh recording of this type of Orca being seen anywhere in Australian waters.

David Donnelly, Research Officer at the Dolphin Institute, has described last week's sighting as a remarkable event.

"It is very exciting, and was something we did not expect," he commented.

"These whales have not been documented in Bass Strait before."

Wildlife Coast Cruises John Dickie had 60-70 passengers aboard his vessel the Arafura Pearl about four kilometres out from the Powlett River last Thursday afternoon, when what was initially thought to be a large group of dolphins was spotted.

"They looked a bit small to be killer whales. As we got closer, I could see they were but their markings were also different."

The whales were socialising with each other, and they came up quite close, to get a good look at us. They were very relaxed and friendly, swimming under the boat and staying around."

A highlight for all on board was the presence of one little calf, which John estimated to be about one week old.

John immediately rang Dave Donnellan from the Dolphin Research Institute to describe what he was seeing, and from John's description, Dave was able to identify the pod as Antarctic Type C killer whales. These are characterised by their forward angled eye patch, and what is called a dorsal



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cape. They are also the smallest of all killer whale types. A photo sent to Dave from the Arafura Pearl confirmed the identification.

Speaking on Monday, Dave said that the Type C Orca whale is a fish eater, and dismissed suggestions that its presence may impact on humpback whale sightings. They co-exist in Antarctic waters, he said.

The fact that dolphin like behaviour was observed by the passengers last Thursday was also not surprising, he said, given killer whales are a species of dolphin, and enjoy socialising with each other.

Later on that same day, a pod of 30-40 of the same Type C Orca was spotted by a fisherman off Cape Paterson.

Type C whales regularly travel in

large groups, said Dave, and the two groups would be connected.

"They have never been documented in Bass Strait before," he commented.

Type C killer whales normally live closely aligned to the northern ice edge in Antarctica, in the ice, and there is some evidence that they move north at certain times to remove diatom algae from their skin. This gives them a yellowy/orange appearance.

"The theory is that this is what has occurred and the algae has been removed, because those spotted last week were black and grey."

Dave would love to hear from anyone who saw this rare type of whale in our waters, or has pictures of them. He can be contacted at www.dolphin-research.org.au

Covid Update

Third Omicron wave with BA.4/BA.5 now dominant in Victoria

The Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants, which are now dominant across Australia, are expected to continue to cause increases in new cases, reinfections and hospital admissions.

The rate of BA.4/BA.5 in clinical genomic surveillance and metropolitan and regional wastewater catchments continues to rise significantly. BA.4/BA.5 have become the dominant strains in clinical genomic samples, rising to 82 per cent in the two weeks prior to 17 July.

New infections and admissions to hospital with COVID-19 are increasing in Victoria, consistent with national and international trends. This is because the strains have a greater ability than BA.2 to evade immunity provided by vaccination and earlier COVID-19 infection. There is no evidence at this stage that the BA.4/BA.5 sub-lineages cause more severe disease but the Department continues to monitor the situation.

This 3rd wave of the Omicron variant is expected to peak in August. The impact of this can be reduced through immediate preventative measures such as wearing a mask in indoor and crowded settings. Wearing masks when indoors outside your home helps protect yourself, your family, and your community. It will also protect our health system and support our front-line healthcare workers by reducing COVID-19 cases in the community and reducing pressure on GP practices and our hospitals. Every Victorian who wears a mask when out and about is helping our healthcare workers.

Additionally, when meeting others or in shared indoor areas, take steps to improve ventilation by opening doors and windows, using portable HEPA filters where available or preferably meeting outside.

Testing, treatment and vaccination

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, you should stay home and get tested as soon as possible. A rapid antigen test is the quickest and most accessible way to get tested for most people.

If you test positive inform your

contacts and, if eligible for COVID-19 medicines, contact a GP to ensure you access these as soon possible.

If you test negative on a RAT but have symptoms, stay home until your symptoms have improved and, if you are at higher risk of becoming severely unwell – get a PCR test.

The eligibility criteria for COVID medicines have been recently broadened. More information can be found at COVID-19 treatments and at COVID-19 Medicines.

Eligibility for winter booster doses has also been broadened, and this remains the most important protection against becoming seriously unwell with COVID-19. To find a vaccination provider near you, use the Australian Government's Vaccine Clinic Finder.

Update to pandemic orders

Changes to pandemic orders and public health recommendations came into effect at 11:59pm on Tuesday 12 July, to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and ensure Victorians are aware of proactive steps they can take to look after themselves and each other.

In line with AHPPC advice, the period when someone is considered a recently confirmed case (and therefore exempt from testing and isolation/quarantine requirements) has been revised to four weeks (28 days from the end of their isolation date), down from 12 weeks. This reflects the emerging evidence that new variants of COVID-19 can evade prior immunity gained from infection.

Positive cases are still required to isolate for seven days from the day they took their test but an additional reason to leave home has been added – to provide transport for a household member to obtain food, if essential. The infected person will need to remain in the car and wear a face covering at all times.

The Minister for Health has requested that employers consider working from home arrangements that are most appropriate for their workplace and employees based on individual requirements.

More information can be found at COVID Advice for Victorians to stay well in winter

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Fox hunt pays off

Phillip Island Nature Parks (PINP) has successfully removed a fox from the island after an intensive two-month monitoring and control program lead by Nature Parks' staff.

The island was declared fox free back in 2017, so it was a shock to everyone to discover a fox was responsible for killing a large number of chickens on Bimbadeen egg farm in May.

With the fox a predator of penguins and other wildlife, PINP was immediately alerted and Nature Parks took swift action to hunt it down.

Surveillance cameras were erected, and Jazz, the conservation detection dog was put to work in the vicinity of Bimbadeen.

Prints and a scat were found initially, and the infrared surveillance cameras captured a number of images, one of the fox with an eastern bandicoot in its mouth.

It was simply a matter of time for Reynard, as the relentless search went on.

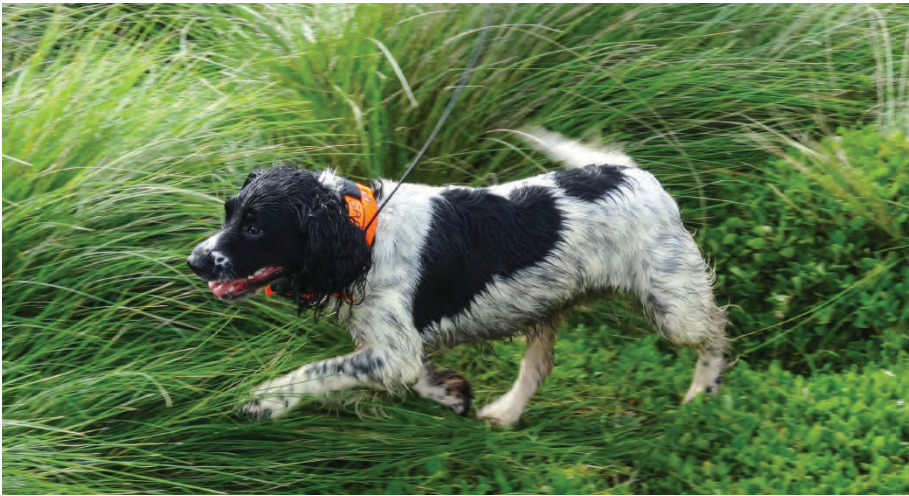
The fox was finally captured on the Island's southern coastline last week, where the search had continued after fox tracks had been spotted in the sand.

It was humanely euthanised for the protection of native species on the island.

It was tracked to the location following the discovery of its footprints and with the assistance of conservation detection dog 'Jazz' was the hero of the hour, along with Stuart Murphy, a member of PINPs conservation team.

Acting Phillip Island Nature Parks Chief Executive Peta Wittig said the fox incursion response has been a priority for Nature Parks, as foxes are the number one threat to native species, livestock and domestic pets, as well the Little Penguins.

The work included setting the traps, night-time surveys and detection dog searches across the island.



Conservation detection dog 'Jazz' was the hero of the hour, along with Stuart Murphy, a member of PINPs conservation team, when a wily fox was finally nabbed after avoiding detection for two months.



The threat to Phillip Island's wildlife from foxes is evident, as this image of the fox in question killing an endangered species eastern bandicoot shows.

The scat and other samples underwent genotyping to determine the sex and obtain a DNA profile of the fox.

Ms Wittig congratulated the Nature Park's Conservation Team who had been working around the clock for two months to find fox evidence.

"Our team worked tirelessly with resources in the field daily, tracking the fox's movements and we will continue to stay diligent with these control ef-

forts," Ms Wittig said.

She also thanked the local community for its help by keeping Nature Parks staff up to date with fox sightings.

"We will continue to remain vigilant and conduct extensive surveys until we are certain that the Island is fox free again," Ms Wittig said.

"Foxes are the greatest land-based threat to Little Penguins on Phillip Island, so we've been monitoring the Summerland Peninsu-

la regularly to ensure the safety of the colony."

Phillip Island was declared fox-free in 2017, after around 25 years of dedicated effort.

It is still not known how the fox arrived on Phillip Island. The fox-cam was operating on the San Remo bridge and would have detected a fox crossing from the mainland. Foxes have been known to swim significant distances in search of new territory and food.



Bendigo Banks Dawn Balfe (left) and Chloe Grant with some of the warm coats which will soon be going to keep those who need them, warm.

Dig an unused warm coat out for a homeless person

Spare a thought on these freezing cold days for the less fortunate in our society, and dig deep in your cupboards if you think you may have a warm coat hanging idle, because it is no longer used and you have forgotten about it.

The Bendigo Community Bank, which has branches at Cowes, San Remo and

Grantville, is inviting community members to consider donating preloved coats or warm winter wear that they no longer wear, to help keep a homeless person from the cold this winter.

If you can assist, donations of preloved coat will be taken at each branch until the end of July.

Schools get respectful

Four schools across Bass Coast have joined together for a Respectful Relationship poster competition.

The primary schools - Cowes, Newhaven, San Remo and Powlett River are part of a Respectful Relationship cluster and are all taking part in the Respectful Relationship program.

The program supports schools to promote and model respect, positive attitudes and behaviour.

"It teaches our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence," said Bree Rutherford, acting Assistant Principal at Cowes Primary.

The poster competition invited students from all four primary schools to participate in promoting "What Respectful Relationships means to Me".

Students submitted many fantastic posters and these were judged by the Change for Sam organisation.



Cowes Primary students with their winning entries: Sam, Billie, Rusty, Kailey, Chloe and Miranda.



San Remo Primary students Gemma, Tess, Talia, Lucille and Nelly with their posters.



Powlett River Primary School winners Indi May, Evelyn and Rhys

New sick pay scheme for casual workers

Victorians who work in casual or other insecure jobs will no longer be forced to choose between a day's pay and looking after their health, thanks to the Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee just introduced by the Victorian State Government.

An Australian-first, the \$245.6 million scheme will transform casual and contract work in Victoria by providing vulnerable workers the safety net they need to take time off when they are sick or need to care for loved ones.

The Sick Pay guarantee will provide casual and contract workers up to five days of sick and carer's pay at the national minimum wage so thousands of workers in industries such as hospitality, aged care, security and retail, can get the cover they need to recover.

Workers are now able to register for the two-year pilot program, and it is anticipated that more than 150,000 workers will

be eligible in this first phase.

Occupations included in the first phase include hospitality workers, food trades workers and preparation assistants such as chefs and kitchen hands, supermarket and supply chain workers, retail and sales assistants, aged and disability care workers, cleaners and laundry workers and security guards.

The Government is fully funding the scheme over the first two years, which is expected to demonstrate a reduction in workplace injuries and illness, general productivity improvements from healthier workers, and lower staff turnover rates.

The Government will also administer the program directly to workers, minimising the impost on businesses so they can focus on economic recovery.

To find out more visit vic.gov.au/sick-pay-guarantee and to apply for a payment if you're eligible visit service.vic.gov.au.

Gearing up for October Grand Prix

Moto GP is set to mark a big return to Phillip Island in October, after a two year hiatus, with Australian riders Jack Miller and Remy Gardner set to battle it out in the premier class.

Accommodation providers locally report huge interest in bookings for the Grand Prix event, with predictions that this year crowd numbers will soar.

This year's program will feature a new event, the Oceania Junior Cup, endorsed under the official Dorna Road to Motor GP program, which is aimed at developing the next generation of Aussie riders.

The inclusive program, designed for children between 11 and under 16, will bring some of Australia's best youth riders to the Phillip Island circuit, where they will cut their teeth on the race prepared Yamaha YZF-R15.

The winner across the three day event will be awarded the inaugural Mick Doohan trophy.

Doohan, who won five consecutive 500cc world championships, is a vocal supporter of junior sport development in Australia, and the award recognizes his contribution to this The Phillip Island Motorcycle Grand Prix returns here from October 14 - 16.

Local conservation hero, Dr Peter Dann, is retiring from Phillip Island Nature Parks. The man credited with bringing the Little Penguin colony back from near collapse is humble and about to start a new era in his life.

He has had an incredible, positive impact on the Phillip Island environment and will be missed despite leaving a great team behind him. Good luck in retirement and the bucket list Peter.

We are all about to get our rates notice and because some property values in Bass Coast have increased substantially over the past 12 months, some people may see a large jump in their bill.

For the 2022/23 financial year, the State Government's rate cap has been set at 1.75 per cent. The rate cap applies to the total income Council receives from General Rates and the Municipal Charge; it does not apply to waste charges or the Fire Services Property Levy. The 2022 revaluation of properties in Bass Coast may affect the overall percentage increase of your rates.

This is due to either an increase or decrease in your property valuation, when compared to the average increase of the whole Shire.

If your valuation increased and was greater than the Shire average, then your rates may increase to an amount higher than the rate cap percentage. If your property valuation is lower than the Shire average, then your rates may increase by less than 1.75 per cent, or even decrease.

We are really mindful that there will be some people in our community who may find it difficult to pay their rates this year. There is no doubt that many residents will be feeling the pressure of higher interest rates, bigger power bills, and petrol and food prices going up.

We recognise that some people are doing it tough, so we have special assistance measures to help people pay their rates.

We know everyone's situation is different, if you receive your rates notice and you are concerned, make sure you talk to us. Our friendly Rates Team is happy to talk to you about your account, what you can afford, and how frequently you can make payments.

We encourage you to please contact us to discuss your account so we can help you manage the outstanding amount according to your individual circumstances. We encourage you to sign up to eNotices, which will give you the option of using direct debit to pay your rates off in quarterly instalments, or we can arrange flexible payment options for ratepayers who are struggling financially and might find it easier to make weekly or fortnightly payments.

We welcome early conversations about hardship and we can provide more payment options to those who qualify under our hardship policy.

If you need a little extra help or just need to talk to someone about your finances, consider getting in touch with a local support service, such as Rural Financial Counselling Service and the Salvation Army. Services Australia offer free finance webinars and our Community Supports Guide also lists a range of support services at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/support.

Nominate now for the Bass Coast Business Awards

Bass Coast Shire Council's Business Awards are back for 2022 – with all local businesses encouraged to get involved.

Nominations for the awards are now open at www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/business-awards and close on August 28 at 5pm.

There are six categories for the judged awards: Access, Equity and Inclusion; Business Innovation; Environmental Sustainability; Leadership; Marketing and Communications; and Resilience.

The Business of the Year Award will be presented to the highest scoring application across all judged categories.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan encouraged all businesses to have a go at entering the awards.

"It's been a challenging time for business and these awards provide an excellent opportunity to reflect on recent achievements," Cr Whelan said.

"The awards provide a great platform for recognition of business excellence and showcase your business to the community. They are also a chance for Council to celebrate the wonderful work of our business



The Bass Coast Business Awards are back, with nominations open until August 28. Multiple award winners at last year's awards, Phillip Island Helicopters' Ian Batton and Laruen Mitchell with Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan.

community."

The People's Choice Awards is a great way for the community to support their favourite local businesses.

"This category allows customers to vote for the Bass Coast

business that they believe provides the best products and services," Cr Whelan said.

People's Choice voting also closes on August 28.

Winners of the 2022 Awards will be announced at a presen-

tation event on Friday, October 21 at Silverwater Resort in San Remo. Tickets will be on sale in September.

Details at www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/business-awards.

Get set for parking fines to escalate



The new parking sensor project will see 123 sensors installed in the Transit Centre car park, as well as 375 on Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street and The Esplanade.

Installation of Bass Coast Shire's controversial parking sensors in Cowes is due to start in the next month.

The \$300,000 project will see about 500 sensors placed in parking bays in Cowes: 375 in on-street bays on Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street and The Esplanade; and 123 off-street bays at the Cowes Transit Centre Carpark.

Electrical connection is expected by the end of July, with installation of sensors in early August.

In October the shire will go live with its parking guidance app, with installation of LED signage rolled out by August.

Labelled "smart parking" by the shire, the technology has been condemned by many locals who say the money would be better spent elsewhere, while many have questioned why the rollout is occurring, with zero community consultation.

The shire argues it will "better manage our free parking using technology to help drivers save time finding an available bay and provide better access to businesses".

While it is not paid parking, the shire has not ruled it out in the future.

"Paid parking would need to be a further consideration of council and include detailed community engagement," a spokesperson said.

The shire also admitted the technology would be used to aid enforcement, with real-time data provided to parking inspectors via a portal "assisting with enforcement efficiency".

"Infringement notices will not be issued to drivers who adhere to parking time limits," a shire spokesperson said.

"Smart Parking does help make enforcement more efficient and the sensor technology will let us know exactly how long a car has been parked in a parking bay."

The shire said the technology would ease congestion.

"Data from the Smart Parking sensors will be utilised when considering any future traffic and parking management requirements."

There will be 262 on-street bays in Wonthaggi but no other area of the shire.

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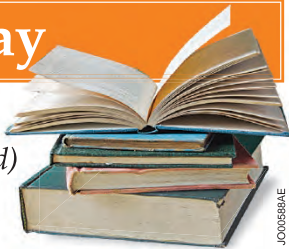
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How to ease the traffic squeeze?

Cowes and San Remo need to steer away from reliance on cars and become more walking and cycling-friendly – with improved public transport – to deal with increasing urban road congestion, say transport advocates.

While much of the debate in recent years has focused on congestion driving on to the island at peak season – leading to calls for an expanded bridge and a four-lane Phillip Island Road – clogged streets in townships are also under the spotlight.

Given the growth of new subdivisions (see separate story) is there a formula to work out when main streets reach capacity, such as Thompson Avenue, Settlement Road, and Church Street, or in San Remo Shetland Heights and Potters Hill roads?

As most urban roads can't be widened, what can Bass Coast Shire and Regional Roads Victoria do in long-term planning to deal with internal road congestion and is there a point where infrastructure reaches a limit in catering for locals, let alone tourists?

The Advertiser posed these questions to the shire, the Department of Transport and a long-term local transport advocate.

Future planning?

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said new subdivisions and developments were individually assessed on their own merits, with developers required to estimate their demand on local traffic.

"With population growth and tourism increasing the demand for space on our streets is too," Ms Wastie said.

"Most people will be accommodated within existing urban areas, where the widths of our streets are fixed or constrained by existing buildings and structures."

She said the Department of Transport (DoT) assessed "network challenges" and "competing demands" and "help us consider movement, safety and environmental outcomes when making planning decisions".

A DoT spokesperson told the Advertiser they worked with the shire to promote cycling and walking, and were exploring options for improved public transport.

"We are constantly monitoring the road network on Phillip Island to assess traffic



Is there a plan for when main streets such as Thompson Avenue reach capacity?

volumes and determine any potential future upgrades," the spokesperson said.

"We continue to plan for long-term upgrades to the Phillip Island and San Remo road network."

The DoT spokesperson said final concept plans for proposed road upgrades on Phillip Island Road in San Remo – open for community consultation in 2020 – were still yet to be funded and needed "to be considered against other high priority projects" across Victoria.

Most recently the department reduced speeds on Phillip Island's roads, constructed roundabouts at Woolamai Beach Road and Back Beach Road to ease congestion, while the Shetland Heights Road will be sealed and pathways built along Potters Hill and Shetland Heights roads.

However critics say other key projects have gathered dust, such as recommendations made in the San Remo Access Strategy, released in 2013 by the shire. The strategy offered solutions to the limited road connections between "new" and "existing" San Remo, especially when the Phillip Island

Road is congested, recommending multiple routes running from east to west throughout the town be created.

Cycle, walk

Long-term transport advocate Mary Whelan said cycling, walking and an improved public transport network were the best solutions to growing urban congestion.

Just this month the shire concluded community consultation into the draft tracks and trails strategy, which identifies 38 new shire trails to expand the existing network.

"The future is not more road space for cars. We need to create a transport system that provides real alternatives to private vehicle travel," Mrs Whelan said.

"With an increasing permanent population and an annual increase in visitors (pre-Covid) the desire to maintain Philip Island's unique value means we must commit to a sustainable transport system."

Mrs Whelan worked on the Phillip Island Integrated Transport Study for about a decade and for the past four years has worked

with Totally Renewable Phillip Island to advocate for a cycling and pedestrian network in Cowes and San Remo, while also being involved in the island's recent speed limit review.

She said other solutions included congestion management, such as the Phillip Island Traffic Check Facebook page.

"We need to inform the travelling public of patterns of congestion on and off the island, how to avoid peak times and real time information."

"The Facebook page was a game changer for visitors and particularly holiday home owners who travelled regularly to the island for weekends. This stated clearly there are known peak traffic times helping people to manage their time of travel. It also alerted people in real time to accidents and delays."

She added that road safety was critical.

"Access onto Phillip Island Road at San Remo remains a significant problem and should be a high priority for action by Regional Roads Victoria."

Can roads cope with growth?

Next year a new 280-lot residential village will be built at 299-325 Church Street, expected to create about 950 car movements a day, leading to concerns by surrounding residents that it will add to an "already busy" Settlement Road.

A proposed new 42-lot housing subdivision at 205-223 Thompson Avenue will generate more than 300 vehicle trips per day, while other new developments will include a 16-lot subdivision at Blue Gum Estate, about 50 new cabins at the former Islander Caravan Park on Thompson Avenue, in addition to a proposed 59-lot subdivision for 273-297 Church Street Cowes, opposite Anchor Belle Holiday Park.

And there are also proposed commercial developments including the Isle of Wight future hotel, 11 apartments at 85 Thompson Avenue and eight units on the corner of Chapel and Genesta streets.

Last year's census found 14,504 called Phillip Island and San Remo home compared to more than 9000 in 2011.

Alan Forbes collecting the tips

Meet Alan Forbes - a beloved Banfields Aged Care resident

Alan Forbes is a footy fanatic and plays a very important role during footy season at Banfields; he co-ordinates the footy tipping competition!

Alan has loads of fun visiting all the staff and residents and having lots of 'footy debates' when he's collecting their tips for the upcoming matches.

Ironically, Alan didn't have a clue about anything football-related until last year when he took on his new role of Footy Tipping Co-ordinator at Banfields. From being a rookie, he now sees himself placed almost on top of the ladder! If he keeps up his winning streak, he'll soon dethrone Lifestyle Manager, Robyn Montagu, who is herself trying to pip resident Harry Bowman who is looking good again this year, having won the competition for the last four years in a row!

Where footy is concerned, it's every Banfields resident and staff member for themselves, with the results eagerly checked each week!



Harry Forbes and Banfield's Lifestyle Manager Robyn Montague wrestle for the ball.



Banfields Aged Care is a luxury and boutique residential aged care facility. It is family-owned and operated by 2nd and 3rd generation family members who have been involved in providing premium aged care for over 60 years.

Banfields Aged Care is a world-class residential facility situated right within the heart of Cowes offering the ultimate in luxury living. Set amongst beautiful landscaped gardens in the grounds of the former Banfields cinema and restaurant complex, Banfields Aged Care is a state-of-the-art residential aged care facility with hotel-style amenities. The single level facility provides care to 90 residents with ageing in place programs offering all levels of care. We also offer a dedicated 14 bed Memory Support Unit. The spacious and elegant facility consists of six separate wings, adjoining central lounges, café, bar, reception centre and provides an extensive range of services to assist residents in remaining active and engaged.

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- Theatre / Cinema
- Café and Bar
- Physiotherapy room and Gym
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No to foreshore path

I write as a ratepayer and part-time resident of Phillip Island in opposition to the proposal for a walking/bike track along the foreshore between Cowes and Ventnor.

Like many other people, I enjoy walking along the foreshore on Phillip Island.

However, I am also well aware that Phillip Island is a fragile coastal environment and home to many species – not just birds and wildlife but also insects and native vegetation.

This track is proposed to be engineered through the homes of wallabies, lizards, birds, echidnas – all already disrupted by the presence of humans on the Island. As other letter writers have eloquently highlighted, cutting through habitat, including that of endangered hooded plovers – would not only be detrimental to the existing wildlife and vegetation but it would also contribute to erosion and broader invasion.

In other words, it would open up a currently protected area to the human footprint.

As is evident on the beaches where people go there is still the detritus of humans – discarded pens, plastic bags, fishing line, dog droppings, baseball caps, nappies, items of clothing, bottles, and other refuse thoughtlessly thrown to the ground.

And if it were built, this would only be made worse from the presence of walkers and cyclers.

It's not a right to be able to cycle and walk just anywhere you feel like.

Bass Coast Shire Council could do well to remind itself that Phillip Island is a significant nature park and a hub for tourism.

Yet every time a plan is put forward like this it threatens to erode the very characteristics that give the Island its unique attractions.

So at this point, the Cowes Ventnor track proposal should be relegated to the dustbin of planning, along with what I understand is a similar proposal being considered by Council for a track joining Silverleaves and Rhyll!

Leave the Island Foreshore alone and while Council is at it, strengthen the protections for our Island wildlife and native vegetation.

M Johnston, Silverleaves

Desecration of foreshore area

For three generations my family have been strongly connected with and have a deep love for the natural beauty of Phillip Island. We appeal to Bass Coast Shire to reconsider their proposal to construct a bike path along the northern coastal fringe of foreshore between Cowes and Ventnor – an area which offers refuge for our wallabies, blue-tongue lizards, echidnas, birds, snakes, and protects our bio-diverse and sensitive, fragile sand dunes held together by native flora.

We applaud Bass Coast Shire on their documented strategies to protect and retain existing indigenous vegetation (Planning Scheme 2016). We applaud the Bass Coast Shire Community Vision 2041 which states 'We live proudly on Bunurong Country and build on learnings from our First Peoples and their knowledge. We coexist in harmony with our environment'.

So we are flummoxed by Bass Coast Shire's proposal to construct a four-meter shared bike-path through this 10km long narrow ribbon of fragile foreshore stretching from Cowes to Grossard Point.

This beautiful area is a Designated Bushfire Prone Area with a Vegetation Protection Overlay. It is documented as an area of cultural sensitivity with sacred spaces and middens and recognised as an area of aboriginal cultural heritage.

How can Bass Coast Shire propose to desecrate an area they claim to value?

We have observed the rapid changes to population density and housing estate developments in recent times, as well as the increasing loss of foreshore between Cowes and Ventnor and as a family, we regularly pick up visitor's rubbish dumped on the beaches and foreshore - plastic bags, empty beer bottles and cans, cigarette butts, disposable nappies. Our fear is the construction of a path through a sensitive narrow area of natural beauty will increase the pollution – both of noise and litter – and destroy the peaceful surroundings for our flora, fauna, residents, and visitors.

A shared bike-path linking Cowes and Ventnor is a great idea, but it must be constructed with sensitivity and respect, aligning with Bass Coast Shire's stated environmental and cultural Values.

Surely a path constructed alongside existing roadways is the best way forward.

Wycisk family, Tootgarook.



Terry Heffernan (centre) the volunteer co-ordinator of the Phillip Island Men's Shed, handed the baton over last week to Tony Ashton, after 12 years in the role. He was honoured by his fellow members with a special luncheon held last week at the RSL, and presented with a plaque in appreciation of service willingly given since the Shed opened in 2010.

Terry hands the baton on

Men's Sheds have been popping up in communities across Australia over the past decade, and are proving to be very popular facilities with local residents.

And this has certainly been the case on Phillip Island, for the past 12 years.

In that time, the Men's Shed established in Cowes in 2010 has gone from strength to strength, thanks to the guiding hand of its Founding Co-ordinator Terry Heffernan.

Under his stewardship, it has provided a place for men to get together, get involved in practical activities that they enjoy, participate in workshop activities that interest them, and enjoy the company of other members.

Currently, about 40 regulars attend the Shed on Tuesdays or Thursdays of each week, and Terry estimates that 200 men have been members along the way since the opening date.

He has contributed thousands of hours to ensure the Shed's smooth running, with fellow members estimating his volunteer contribution at between two and three days each week.

But now he says it's time for a change, and is retiring from this volunteer role; handing the baton over to Men's Shed member Tony Ashton.

The handover was marked at a special luncheon in Terry's honour, held at the RSL last week.

Tony Ashton, speaking on behalf of all present, thanked Terry on behalf of all present for his dedication to the role over such a long period of time.

The facility has developed into a thriving Shed community, thanks to Terry, Tony said.

"It has only been after taking on the role myself, that I realise how much work Terry has put in on a weekly basis over such a long period of time," he said, adding that he was pleased Terry was continuing as a member.

"We want to acknowledge your major contribution to the success of the Shed, and thank you for all of the work you have done.

Terry was presented with a commemorative plaque made by member Bob Woods to mark the occasion.

It read: "In appreciation of his leadership and support of the Phillip Island RSL/Community Men's Shed. 2010-2022."

In response, Terry said that everything has to come to an end, and the time had come.

"After 12 years it was well and truly time to relinquish my role. My contribution was very willingly given, and I know the Shed is in very good hands going forward."

He said he was of the Shed and what it was achieving, and said its success was due to the contribution made by each and every member of the Shed over time.

"The efforts of all have contributed to the Shed's success," he commented.

He also acknowledged the ongoing support of the Phillip Island RSL, since the Shed's establishment.

A sub committee of five has been appointed to help with the work of running the Shed.

"It's taking a committee of five of to replace Terry," quipped Malcolm Percy, Phillip Island RSL Board Member, to much mirth.

New members very welcome

Members of the Shed invite anyone in the community who is interested in joining, to come along and enjoy the camaraderie and facilities on offer. Everyone is welcome to drop in, see what is on offer, and it is for them.

Some members bring their own projects to the Shed, and use the excellent machinery and equipment there to work on them. Others help out collaboratively with the numerous projects and tasks that local organisations and individuals bring along.

During the time the Shed has been open, funds have been raised through cash being donated in return for work carried out on tasks for members of the community. Members also conduct woodworking sessions with students from Cowes Primary School, Newhaven College, and the Village School.

Shed members have also manufactured, repaired and restored all types of items over the years, including furniture for locals, penguin and bird boxes for PINP, duck boxes for the Westernport Field and Game Association, Honour Boards for the Cape Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club, and toys for the Phillip Island Early Learning Centre.

If you would like more information or are keen on joining, you can call Tony Ashton on 0499996237.

The Shed is located in the grounds at the Phillip Island RSL.



Tony Ashton (second left) has taken on the role of Co-ordinator of the Phillip Island RSL Men's Shed. He is pictured last week with retiring Co-ordinator Terry Heffernan (seated) and members of a new sub committee from left Mick Piening, Brian Walmsley and Bob Woods, who will help with the work.



Bass Coast Health Dialysis staff, Nurse Unit Manager Sky Martin, Associate Nurse Unit Manager Michelle Fincher and Registered Nurse Diana Visser are pictured with patient Peter Membrey, one of the first to use the new dialysis machines at Wonthaggi Hospital.

New machines enhance dialysis service

Bass Coast Health (BCH) is offering an even more personalised dialysis service after the introduction of new haemodialysis machines at Wonthaggi.

The rollout, as a satellite unit of Monash Health, was coordinated through Monash Health, Baxter Artis Machines and BCH.

The machines provide modes and tools to enable individualised treatments to be provided. This helps with blood pressure control, mid-

dle molecule toxin clearance and a patient's tolerance to the treatment.

Staff received online education and four weeks practical support, and have now fully transitioned to use of the Baxter Artis Machines.

BCH nurses showed skills in adaptability while they were faced with great change, COVID leave and sick leave, proving that even through a pandemic it is business as usual at the hospital.



Manager of Betta Electrical – Wonthaggi Betta Home Living Lucinda Dicker is a proud third generation owner manager of the family business.

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“Our aim is to provide the highest quality service and shopping experience to everyone who comes through the door,” says Lucinda.

Lucinda is the third generation of the Dicker family to run the electrical and home appliance business. Her father Kanen Dicker opened Retravisson on Phillip Island, and ran it in Cowes for many years, in the premises now taken over by the Salvation Army OP Shop, before relocating back to Wonthaggi, with his father Barry Dicker.

“I’m very proud to be the third generation of my family member to manage the family business,” says Lucinda.

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machines, Liebherr fridges, Oliveri bathroom range sink and tapware, Smeg, Miele, Electrolux, Chef and Fisher and Paykel and Westinghouse, and much more.

“Our team receives top training on all our products. We are here to assist and advise, and to make the process of shopping for appliances easier,” says Lucinda.

The Dicker business is a proud supporter of all things local, sponsoring district organisations and clubs. “We appreciate every one of our customers, who help make this possible,” said Lucinda.

Betta Home Living offers invaluable advice for clients selecting stylish home appliances to suit their new build or renovation. Team members take the headache out of shopping with professional advice on hand to ensure the appliance chosen will suit requirements.

“Our team of local families can help our clients with the selection of fridges, washers and dryers, heating and cooling and home entertainment, to meet individual needs.

“We always try to stay price competitive to help the community shop locally and great service is our specialty,” said Lucinda.

The good news for Phillip Island residents is that free delivery to the ground level is offered.

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The Kids Thrive team: From left Iris Gaillard, Philippa Armstrong, Lizzy Rich, Andrea Lemon, Alison Bradfield, Anna Manuel, Andrea Rieniets and Jenny Churchill. Photo credit: 3FatesMedia

Kids are making a positive difference

Making the community a better place for everyone is the challenge that has been enthusiastically adopted by the kids from Newhaven, Powlett River and Bass Valley Primary schools this week.

Their schools are participating in The Kids As Catalysts program, a schools based philanthropy initiative for children aged 8-12, run by the not for profit group Kids Thrive.

It involves a two phase, 16 week social action program in a school, where children begin in the classroom, but then step out into the community to lead change.

Stories of the successes of other schools where the program has run have inspired our local students to take up the baton, identify the social issues that they truly care about, and then work together in their communities to bring about positive change.

A key aspect of the program is increasing connections between kids and their local community, where their work will be carried out.

Co Founder of Kids Thrive Dr Andrea Lemon commented that it has been demonstrated time and time again that kids love a challenge, and that their power to bring about change should not be underestimated.

“The Kids Thrive program challenges kids to step up, and take charge of the things that matter to them. They have the right to be heard about the things in the world that they care about, and take action,” she said.

The program focuses on giving the young students participating the skills they require to address the issues they are concerned about.

Students at an urban school located near the Asylum Seekers Centre in Melbourne, as an example, were concerned at the lack of employment opportunity for those living there. They approached their local MP, suggesting she could employ the team of caterers at the Centre, for her work in her electorate. She responded by taking on the team as her preferred caterers.

The take away from this great story for those listening is that it really is possible to make a positive change, if you set your mind to it.

The students from the three local



Andrea Rieniets and Andy Lemon (back left) Co Directors of the Kids Thrive program, are pictured at last week’s launch at Newhaven Primary School with students Chloe Ringer (Bass Valley PS) Sam, Bridget and Jaime Cole, Hayden Lambert and Zarah Wurt (all Newhaven Primary) and Matilda Henry (Powlett River Primary School) Back right is Bass Coast Foundation Chair Phil Friedlos and Foundation member David Adman.

schools have now formed themselves into teams, and identified a range of different social issues that they care about and will now work on. There’s an animal action team, an elder’s action group, environmental team, and a people with a disabilities group, to name just a few.

Over the next few weeks, the students will be challenged to find ways to address the problems they have identified, and to focus of ways they can go out into the community to bring about

positive change.

It’s all about making a difference, the program’s community liaison officer, Jenni Churchill, said at the launch.

The Bass Coast Foundation (BCF) philanthropic organisation is sponsoring the Kids as Catalyst program at the three schools.

BCF Chairman Phil Friedlos said that educational opportunities were important to the Foundation, and that the Foundation was delighted to support this project.



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Concern over the implications for Phillip Island if unfettered development is permitted to continue has prompted a local resident of many years to put pen to paper this week, asserting responsibility and respect for our natural attraction is essential if Phillip Island is to be protected into the future.

Compare the Pair

By Patricia Hosking

Galapagos Islands (Spanish for Tortoise. Islands of the Tortoises is an Island group of the Eastern Pacific Ocean. Within it are 13 major and six smaller islands, and many islets. Only four of these are inhabited. There are not many cars or means of transport; but there are inter island ferries, scooters and private transport. The islands cover approximately 1000 kilometres from the Ecuadorian coast and are part of Ecuador. The climate has low rainfall, low humidity and relatively low air and water temperatures.

Here is a timeline of environmental development

1936....Galapagos National Park
1964....Charles Darwin Research Station
1978....UNESCO World heritage site
1984....UNESCO Biosphere
1986....Galapagos Marine Reserve
2001....Galapagos World Heritage Site to incorporate The Marine Reserve
It's famous for its unique, vibrant, pristine biodiversity and flora and fauna. Thirty thousand people 30,000 people (1 in 4) who live within the Galapagos Islands make their living from a thriving eco-tourism-based economy as well as farming, agriculture and fishing.

Scientists, adventurers and nature lovers continually find themselves drawn to the Galapagos shores.
Phillip Island (Mallowl) is a special place for the Bunurong people who have deep connections with the land and sea. Phillip Island, on the south coast of Australia, under the Trewartha system, has a humid, subtropical climate. It has Mediterranean characteristics such as relatively dry and cool summers and a cold windy winter.

Here is a timeline of environmental development

1968....Cape Woolamai State Faunal Reserve
1982...Listed in the Ramsar Convention (An International treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands. There are 66 Wetlands of International Importance in Australia).
1987....Landcare established and commenced wildlife corridors linking public land and farmland
1996....Phillip Island Nature Park
2002....Churchill Island Marine National Park established (site of first European garden and wheat crop grown in Victoria in 1801).
2003....UNESCO Westernport biosphere managing land and sea on Phillip Island through research, education, community engagement, partnerships and on ground efforts.
2013....National Surfing Reserve (the only recognised surfing reserve in Victoria)
Fishers wetlands and Newhaven Swamp (part of Phillip Island Nature Park) recognised as Wetlands of National Importance.
Phillip Island is famous for its land and sea environment, native wildlife, agricultural

landscapes, and world class beaches that exist in harmony with the Island's community of 14,000 residents, and is also recognised as an eco-tourism destination. Phillip Island Nature Park currently employs 125 residents and 35 non-residents.

Galapagos Islands

Home to more than 9000 species, some of them unique and found only in the Galapagos. The list Includes 80% of land birds, 26% of seabirds,95% of reptiles and 82% land mammals. More than 30 % of the plants are endemic meaning found only in the Galapagos.
The large tortoise, penguins, fur seals, whales, dolphins, sea lions, marine and land iguanas, Darwin's finches, blue footed Boobies, flightless cormorants, Sally Lightfoot crabs, waved albatross to name just a few of the 9000 species.
Invasive introduced species include the feral goat, pigs and the hill blackberry. In 1995 a campaign was launched to eradicate goats and donkeys from Isabella Island, pigs, goats and donkeys from Santiago Island and goats from Pinta Island. In 2006 the field operations ended and the islands were declared free of all introduced mammals.
270,000 visitors a year visit Galapagos and revenue is AUD \$550-600 million.

Phillip Island

Home to 1300 unique marine species and the highest recorded biodiversity of intertidal and subtidal invertebrates in Eastern Victoria, 1000's of migratory bird waders,5000 plants and 1200 invertebrate animals native to Victoria.
Little penguins, fur seals, koalas, whales, dolphins, sharks, Pacific gulls and short tailed shearwaters. Migratory waders are seasonal birds that undertake annual flights to and from North China, Japan, Korea and Siberia. While mangroves are nurseries for marine life, the grass beds are vital for the overall health of Western Port Bay and the wetlands are vital for the preservation of marine life, carbon sequestration (The Victorian parks network is a major carbon sink with at least 270 million tonnes of carbon stored in land-based parks and 850,000 tonnes in marine. This is around nine times Victoria's annual greenhouse gas emissions) and with rising sea levels, proves to mitigate the worst effects of coastal storms.
In 2006 a fox and feral cat eradication program was successful in eradicating these destructive species to wildlife. As a result, the Eastern Barred Bandicoot that was extinct in the wild has been introduced back to Churchill Island and Phillip Island.
The Phillip Island Nature Park (PINP) has won the Banksia sustainability and environmental award, which recognises individuals, communities, businesses and government for innovation and excellence in environmental and social stewardship. PINP has also won the natural environment award for the restoration of the Summerland Peninsula.
In 2012 the New York Times "52 places to go in 2022 list" included only two places in Aus-

tralia. Summerland on Phillip Island Victoria at number 24, ahead of the Daintree Rainforest, Queensland, winding the list up at number 52.
The Island is 60% farmland, which has been farmed conscientiously for more than 100 years and now contributes to flourishing and serene vistas. It is also part of our regional and national food bowl, and a balance to some of the visual pollution of dysfunctional residential and business developments of the past 50 years, where residents are not encouraged to plant native trees for birds and wildlife and businesses are not encouraged to landscape.
Phillip Island needs a caretaker local government where the island's value is respected.
Three and a half million people visit Phillip Island, and revenue is AUD \$529 million annually.
Human Impact and Urban Development
There needs to be clear rules about where tourism-based buildings can occur, and adhere to established urban development zones. Townships need to be maintained within their boundaries, fringed by expanses of farmland and nature reserves. The disruptive influence of new developments, such as residential developments and tourist/ theme developments should be contained within already designated areas, in the Bass Coast Shire, Cowes and Wonthaggi.
Moving outside current designated town boundaries will potentially create habitat loss and degradation, litter, invasive pests, an increase in pollution, stormwater runoff and wastewater discharge.
Protect cultural, environmental and ecological development.

The future going forward.

Stewardship, responsibility and respect for our Natural Attraction is essential. Enough to protect it from inappropriate developments for the wellbeing of the island, the state and the nation. The Nature Park as well as eco-tourism/conservation cannot be ignored as a continuing and expanding employer of the future and all the subsidiary businesses and employment that will grow as a result of supporting it.
Many volunteers have worked toward these outcomes as well and their efforts cannot be ignored.
Phillip Island has received assistance in the form of government funding, been presented with awards, and has international, national and regional recognition for the importance of its wildlife and flora, marine wildlife and flora, for its important wetland areas, its coastal and rural/ agricultural vistas and its wild oceans. There is a possible opportunity on Phillip Island for a Marine and Wetlands University campus, to be situated in Cowes, with a focus on research, education and management skills, sustainability and conservation.
This would be an appropriate goal and development for the Bass Coast.
'The baby should not be thrown out with the bathwater anymore '

Why we should care

Westernport Ramsar Site.

The Ramsar convention was signed in Iran in 1971 with the intent of reducing the degradation of the world's wetlands, particularly as habitats for waterbirds and fish.
Australia being one of the first signatories has an obligation to retain the natural character of all Ramsar sites. The convention's requirement is to implement' wise use provisions to all wetlands.'
If the wetland 'has changed, is changing, or is likely to change' Australia is required to notify the Ramsar secretariat. Inappropriate developments and ill considered developments constitute a risk to the Australian Government to protect its reputation as managers of its natural estate.
The 59,297 Westernport Ramsar site was listed in 1982 and is one of 11 sites in Victoria. Initially listed on the basis of two criteria and is now recognised as meeting five of the nine criteria, which are as follows:
• it is representative of a wetland of a biogeographical region.
• it supports threatened species.
• it supports substantial numbers of waterbirds.
• it supports species at critical life stages
• it is an important habitat for fish.
Disturbance of light and noise and domestic waste present a threat to the ecological character and are considered pollutants. These pollutants are recognised as among the emerging threats to freshwater ecosystems world wide.(Reid et al 2019) Wetlands are vulnerable to "critical transitions" whereupon the character can accommodate certain pressures until a threshold is exceeded (Capon et al 2015). The challenge of remediating a "switched" wetland is vastly greater than mitigating threats to a site that remains in its original state. Rectifying ecological character can require vast sums e.g funding for the Everglades restoration program is set at approx US\$50billion.
Preparing for sea level rise.
Due to rising sea levels with a warming climate, there is evidence to suggest in an increasing number of research papers the possibility of a rise of 100cm by the end of the century. Other research suggests the possibility of a rise between 80-150cm. (Potsdam Institute)
The Victorian coastal council recommends that no development should be approved below 80 cm above the high tide mark due to the emerging risk of marine inundation. (Note that water tables are likely to rise as a "bubble" under the hydrostatic pressure of rising seas and so developments on the coastal margin will suffer from the impacts of saline groundwater before being inundated by surface marine waters.)
Currently, research papers are directing the world's governments to prepare for a staged retreat from the coastal zone, so while the world is preparing itself to retreat from rising seas under the threat of a warming climate.
It would appear the Victorian government institutions are neglecting their obligations and responsibilities of the Westernport Ramsar international agreements.

Scholarships and Year 9 places on offer at Newhaven College

Year 9 is a special year at the College, aimed at catering for the specific educational and pastoral challenges faced by 14-15 year old students.

“This targeted approach has strong support by research on what works for Year 9 students” Ric Pearce, Head of Year 9 at Newhaven College since 2008, says.

“Everything we do has a place, everything we do has a purpose and everything we do is for a reason.”

Research since the 1990s has produced a growing body of evidence showing this period in a student’s life, when students seek self-discovery and experiences, and start to explore world view and personal identity, go beyond the four walls of the classroom.

“In response, Newhaven College’s Year 9 program gives students the best framework to help develop their personal and academic skills. And dedicated teachers work closely as allies and mentors to connect with each child and encourage their learning,” said Ric..

Growth through engagement with nature and adventure is part of the College Year 9 ethos. Year 9’s unique learning space is based at a secluded Environmental Centre set away from the main College campus. Looking out over Western Port, the open space and healthy atmosphere the location is designed to help shape a student’s mindset. Students and teachers come to Year 9 with open minds, keen to learn and take on new ideas.

Special Year 9 ‘ranger-style’ uniforms, complete with hiking boots and fleece jumpers, see students ready to move between the classroom and outdoor activities as opportunities arise.

While maintaining a high level of academic focus on core subjects, the Year 9 program aims to expand the mind and challenges the body.

A Mind Body Soul program incorporates physical activities with health and mental wellbeing, as students work to improve fitness and build interest in outdoor activities.

Community projects are a focus, which may include rearing calves, mentoring younger students or visiting nursing homes.

Focus on building relationships with others is key.

Highlights of the Year 9 students include participating in two great camps. The City CITE Experience is a two week intensive immersion into city life, where students live in Melbourne for that period. Students hear from a wide variety of guest speakers, see first hand homelessness, and become aware of social issues rural students may be ignorant of in their everyday country life.

The Wollangarra ‘Meet the Mountains’ hike and camp is designed to provides a tremendous opportunity for students to interact with their peers in a positive and supportive manner.

The camp is fully off-grid, allowing students to connect with nature in a new way.

Newhaven College Alumni often cite Year 9 as the highlight of their time at school.

“Year 9 has been like a stepping stone into what happens next with Senior School, my future studies and my career,” Stephanie, 2021 Year 9 student says.

And for Henri: “Respect is a significant thing in Year 9. Our motto is Respect for Self, Others and Community. It is like a currency. I feel that a big part of this is being treated as an adult. This is challenging at times, however, it was a wonderful experience.”

The year provides a foundation of friendships, respect and resilience, says Ric.

“Newhaven College has high expectations of their Year 9 students, not only in exams but as members of the school community. Students become thoughtful, caring and brave. They look at the world beyond themselves and aim to make a meaningful difference.”

Newhaven College announces this week that places and scholarship opportunities are available for students entering Year 9 in 2023.

To apply or for more information contact the College’s Registrar, Belinda Manning on 5956 7505 or belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au. Applications for scholarships close Friday 12 August.



Engagement with nature and adventure is a focus in the Newhaven College Year 9 curriculum. From left Riley Harris, Taite Cumming, Jenna Harman and Hayley Woollard enjoy



Year 9 student Jasper Cashman honing his academic skills.

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Where are they now?

It was an all too familiar story for many years. Kids grow up on the island, leave, get qualified and don't come home.

But in recent years that trend has been reversing, with a new generation of local youngsters moving away to learn and study, yet returning to live and raise their families.

Social researcher Bernard Salt recently told a local conference it was important to attract young residents back to Phillip Island to stop the brain drain, ensuring we keep highly trained workers on our shores.

So here the Advertiser speaks to local kids who are now all grown up.

We ask them about their childhoods, why they left, what made them boomerang home and whether establishing their careers here has been easy.

While some say the lifestyle made them return, others say it was housing affordability, being close to family or wanting to give back to the community.



After leaving Phillip Island as a teen, Rebecca Fairthorne had a colourful career including as a nurse and in the navy, but she now works as a lawyer in Cowes – after a stint running a restaurant here.

Rebecca Fairthorne Lawyer

Since leaving Phillip Island after completing year 12 at Wonthaggi Secondary, Rebecca Fairthorne has had a colourful career.

She became a nurse, worked as a medic in the navy for six years, was posted to Western Australia – during which time she married island builder Craig Fairthorne – and then began studying law.

All while having three children.

“It sounds chaotic but it happened over a number of years,” says the now 38-year-old who is a lawyer at Leonard & Associates in Cowes.

Having returned to live on the island in her early 30s she says life couldn't be easier.

“It felt like relief to come home. Comfortable. I've been lucky to reform friendships and connections, but also being back on the island there's family support and resources to tap into.

“In WA we had friends you'd drive to in 40 minutes, but here everything is five or 10 minutes away. There's unconditional support around the corner.

“Moving back here made us realise how lucky we are to have the network we do.”

Rebecca says working as a nurse in oncology in Fremantle was “heavy on the heart” and she decided to study law because “I wanted to advocate for people unable to access resources”.

She was in the last stages of finishing the degree when she and Craig moved back to the island.

“From a career perspective there was an element of apprehension: how am I going to find employment that satisfies. Ultimately I thought I may have to commute to Melbourne.”

So initially she worked night shifts as a nurse at Wonthaggi, finished the degree and also bought and ran Fig and Olive restaurant in Cowes.

“We had loads of fun with the restaurant and a great time but hospitality needs to be the only thing you do.”

That's when Deb Leonard (who ran as an independent candidate at the last Federal election) offered Rebecca a job, where she now covers all areas of law but with a particular interest in family law.

She says Covid has reduced the need to travel to Melbourne courts as much, with online telecommuting making it easier to be a lawyer in the country.

And when she's not working she's a dedicated gym member at the YMCA, plays tennis and “spends a lot of time on the beach”.



TerryWhite pharmacy has not one but three local kids who returned home to work. Pictured from left are Trish Callis, Andrew Phillips and Rob Struk.

Andrew Phillips, Trish Callis, Rob Struk Pharmacists

When Andrew Phillips was looking to add two new partners into his TerryWhite Chemmart pharmacy on Thompson Avenue, he wanted a local.

“I've seen so many times pharmacy partners work during the week in a town and then go back to Melbourne,” says Andrew, who attended both Cowes and Newhaven primary schools and Newhaven College.

“It's not just about ensuring security in a role – that someone is committed to the job.

“It's also about making connections in the community. I want a pharmacist to be part of the community. Being a pharmacist is about being approachable to a person walking in the door.

“Most people who walk through the door here have no qualms asking us questions and we ask them how they're doing and not living here impacts that.”

So Andrew, 40, shares the pharmacy partnership with Trish Callis (nee Duggan), who moved here in year seven after her father Robert started the Kodak camera shop and her mum Barb ran a series of cafes.

And the other partner is Rob Struk, son of GP Dr Henryk Struk, who grew up here from grade two.

So dedicated is Andrew to the community he was even a Bass Coast Shire councillor from 2012-16, continues to be on the board of Melaleuca Lodge and the tennis club committee and when he has any free time is a keen water skier, angler and

sailor.

While all three pharmacists gained critical experience working in Melbourne and/or overseas after graduating, both Trish and Andrew completed their traineeship at what is now Priceline in Cowes.

Trish, 43, says she and her husband Michael – who runs Lawn FX – moved to the island to be near family, but also for the lifestyle.

“With three kids I highly recommend it. Life is fairly easy when everything is just down the road, including activities for the kids and great local schools,” Trish says.

“The pharmacy is a big part of the community and you get used to seeing customers at the supermarket and being told they had a good response to the medication.”

Rob, 34, says he also moved for the lifestyle and enjoys knowing customers.

“My wife (lawyer Natalia) and I still go to Melbourne every fortnight to eat out and catch up with friends. For us that's still important,” Rob says.

“But I like working in a rural area, knowing the customers and seeing how they're doing every month.

“It's always funny when our old teachers from school come in and insist that we call them by their first name.”

Andrew says the area is now a magnet for those wanting to return to home soil.

“When you're 18-25 most people will move away for qualifications, entertainment, to meet a partner. But Phillip Island is now good at getting locals back because the population is big enough there are job and lifestyle choices here now.”

Kirsten Weinzierl Nurse

Bass Coast Health operations manager Kirsten Weinzierl knows first-hand the benefit of local health facilities.

She was 18 when her mum Cheryl, who had worked at Warley Hospital, passed away from cancer.

“Accessibility to health care was not here at the time and we'd travel backwards and forwards to Melbourne,” Kirsten recalls.

“I always wanted to be a nurse and it was while I was studying that I consciously thought I want to come back to this community, to give back.”

Then six years ago her husband Rob was diagnosed with cancer, now in remission, “cancer free”.

“Even then we'd travel and travel.”

So when Bass Coast Health's (BCH) cancer centre opened more than two years ago, it was a highly-personal event for Kirsten.

“The opening of that centre is huge. It has changed things for our community.”

The 48-year-old is born and bred local, attending Cowes Primary followed by Wonthaggi Secondary before studying a Bachelor of Nursing at Deakin University.

Her graduate year was at Wonthaggi Hospital and for several years Kirsten juggled that role with nursing jobs in Melbourne, aware of the need to get broad career experience.

But she says the call of returning home was strong, not least because her then boyfriend Rob wanted to move to Phillip Island, where his family had a holiday house. Their son Riley, 22, now runs his own business here, Weinz Excavations.

Kirsten has since worked for 25 years for BCH, including nursing in aged care, theatre, and emergency, promoted to the role of operations director four years



Kirsten Weinzierl returned home as a nurse, hoping to give back to the community, and now has the high-pressured role of operations manager at Bass Coast Health.

ago, overseeing cancer services, the Phillip Island Health Hub's urgent care, district nursing and allied health.

She says she would recommend any nurse come back to the region to work.

“I talk to nursing students who come here and they agree that

working in a rural area you get a lot more hands on experience than in Melbourne.”

Given the high pressure nature of her role, Kirsten says the best part of living on the island is destressing, especially walking on the beach with her Pugalier (Pug-Cavalier-Jack Russell) Allie.

“Driving home from Wonthaggi I wind down, even just driving past Kilcunda.

“And after even the most stressful shift I'll take a walk on the beach and it all washes off.

“I couldn't imagine doing a busy shift in emergency and walking out in to the city.”

Rainbow joy on a winters day



Right: Drag queens Jemima Handful and Ruby Taboo brought fun, glitter, sparkles, laughter and joy to a packed house of over 80 guests, ranging in age from toddlers to those in their 70s, at the recently formed Phillip Island Pride Events first get together last month.

Last year, in the aftermath of a number of homophobic and transphobic incidents in the local area, friends Mykey O'Halloran and Denni Slorach saw a need to bring some joy to the local rainbow community.

Much discussion followed on how best that this could be done, to include the Island community as a whole; and how to invite those who have not had much experience with LGBTIQ+ culture to get involved, and to meet new people.

Finally, Phillip Island Pride Events was born.

Their inaugural event was held at Cheeky Goose in Cowes last month and was a great success.

Drag queens Jemima Handful and Ruby Taboo brought fun, glitter,

sparkles, laughter and joy to a packed house of over 80 guests, ranging in age from toddlers to those in their 70s.

Featuring classic and modern music tracks, the Queens brought the house down with each number. The five rounds of BINGO saw lucky audience members rewarded with cash and prizes ranging from \$50 to \$500 in value, but everyone in the audience left a winner after such great entertainment and a delicious lunch!

Phillip Island Pride Events plans to host monthly events to invite the whole community to let a little rainbow into their lives. The next event is on July 24th, tickets are available from www.trybooking.com/CATDU



Jordan Crugnale MP with multi disciplinary artist Chelle Destefano.

Creator's grant to local artist

State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale recently announced a \$40,835 grant to local multi-disciplinary artist Chelle Destefano of North Wonthaggi through the 2022 round of the Creators Fund.

Chelle is among 70 Victorian creatives and creative collectives supported through the largest ever grant pool of almost \$2.7 million.

Ms Destefano will develop a series of performance videos interpreting Auslan poetry into choreographed dances, working under the mentorship of Nina Sanadze.

Part of the Government's Creative State strategy, the Creators Fund provides local creatives with a stable income base of up to \$50,000 for up to six months, enabling them to undertake research and development, explore new ideas and hone their craft.

Since its launch in 2017, the Creators Fund has invested almost \$6 million directly into the careers of Victorian creatives – from fashion designers, composers and game developers to writers, visual artists and theatre-makers.

"This Creators Fund enables our much-loved local creatives to innovate, take their career to the next level, and make an even stronger contribution to our creative industries and cultural life – here in Wonthaggi and beyond," Ms Crugnale said.

The Creators Fund was established as part of the Government's first Creative State strategy and was extended in the Victorian Budget 2021/22. For current creative grant opportunities visit: <https://creative.vic.gov.au/grants-and-support>.

Chelle Destefano is currently installing 'What I Wish I'd Told You', a major Deaf exhibition in collaboration with Claire Bridge, opening 23rd July at 3 pm and running until 28 August 2022 at Footscray Community Arts Centre.

- To learn more about Ms Destafano's art and performance practise check out her website: www.chelledestefano.com/

- To book tickets (free) to Ms Destafano's exhibition: <https://footscrayarts.com/event/what-i-wish-id-told-you/>

Quotes attributable to State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale

Christmas in July – don't miss out

Do you have a community project or group that needs support?

The Bendigo Bank's Christmas in July could be just the opportunity you've been waiting for.

Community groups have the chance to win a grand first prize of \$5000 or a share in a host of prizes at the Christmas in July event, on Friday, July 29, 6pm at Kilcunda Bass Football Club.

It's shaping up to be a very fun night.

Interested groups just need to perform a one-to-four-minute skit, dance, poem, song – the more creative, the better! The maximum numbers per volunteer group is four and the audience decides the winner, with each audience member receiving one vote.

The Grand Prize is a \$5000 Bendigo Bank account with a host of other prizes up for grabs. Refreshments will also be supplied.

If you're interested, you can fill in an entry form at one of your friendly local branches at San Remo, Cowes or Grantville. Successful applicants will be contacted with further details.



The incoming Inner Wheel committee (from left to right): Jan Hudson, Chris Wickes, Sandra Colling (back), Catherine Archer, Julie Holloway, Simonne Liberman, with President Loorain Hope in front.

Inner Wheel keeps on turning

The Inner Wheel Club of Phillip Island proudly celebrated 30 years of service to the community and friendship during their Changeover Luncheon at The Palms at Kaloha on July 15.

Forty members and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and reminisced on dozens of fun and meaningful occasions over the past 30 years.

Outgoing President Julie Holloway reported on an enjoyable year at the helm of the club, which although very small in numbers, always manages to contribute to a variety of local, regional, national and international important projects.

In 2021-2022, the club raises funds for Free 3D Hands, MS Research, NSW flood relief, the Ukraine war effort, Cowes Primary School, and Cord Blood Research, which is the core fundraising project for Inner Wheel Australia.

Charter Member, Pat Taylor spoke of the story behind

the inception of the club 30 years ago, and how, although the club's member numbers have remained small over the years, the objects of Inner Wheel, being true friendship, fostering international understanding, and providing service to the community have held it in good stead.

Inner Wheel Australia President, Lynne Devine welcomed incoming Club President Loorain Hope to the position. Loorain welcomed her new committee and spoke of looking forward to a fun filled, active year with the club hoping to participate in many more fundraising activities and friendship gatherings.

If you are looking to form new friendships and/or find a way to contribute to much needed projects within our community, the IWPI members would love to meet you.

The club meets on the second Thursday of the month. Please contact Simonne Liberman 0412 032 173.



Julie Holloway and Pat Taylor at the Inner Wheel Club's 30 Years celebration.



Enjoying a San Remo Probus excursion to Bendigo are from left Judi Leece, Maureen Matthews, Lyn Milton, Anja Davidson, Jacquie Sansom, Paul Davidson, Shirley Broad, Barbara Riddiford, Ian Milroy, Betty Louttit and Marj Powell.

San Remo Probus Club rocks in Bendigo

Members of the San Remo Probus Club enjoyed a three day travelling excursion by bus to Bendigo and surrounds recently.

A highlight of the trip was a visit to the Bendigo Art Gallery to view the Elvis Presley exhibition with much reminiscing from members about

the Elvis era. A visit to the painted wheat silos in the vicinity was also much enjoyed.

San Remo Probus Club meets at the Newhaven Public Hall at 10.00am on the second Monday of each month, and visitors are always most welcome to see what the Club has to offer

- monthly guest speakers of interest, dine outs at local restaurants and hotels, a book club, outings locally, within Victoria and Australia and the occasional overseas trip.

If you are at a loose end, the San Remo Probus Club would love to see you.



Sunshine day

Members of the Probus Club of Cowes brightened up a bleak winter's day and brought a cheery touch to their May meeting by wearing a touch of yellow.

BE BRAVE. MAKE CHANGE.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022

Thousands turn out for bridge walk

Last Friday's bridge walk was a monumental display of support for reconciliation by the Bass Coast community.

The walk, postponed on two occasions over the past two years, saw well over 1,000 people march across the bridge to show their support for a reconciled community.

The walk for reconciliation celebrated First Nations culture, starting with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony at San Remo, before participants made their way across the bridge to Newhaven with their flags and messages of support.

Trucks and cars proceeding on one bridge lane added to the excitement by sounding horns loudly as they

drove by.

The walk wound its way off the bridge and into the Newhaven Park where speeches, activities and a flag raising ceremony took place.

Elders Aunty Sonia Weston Hum and Uncle Anthony Egan addressed the huge gathering, pointing out to the assembled that it has taken many years to get this far on the road to reconciliation. Aunty Sonia's message was particularly directed to the hundreds of school students present. "The occasion is you. The occasion is walking side by side as we should do every day. Thankyou for celebrating what we are all doing together today." "Reconciliation is so important, and it means so much to

me to see so many kids here today learning about reconciliation."

"Reconciliation is so important, and it means so much to me to see so many kids here today learning about reconciliation," Uncle Anthony said.

Chair of the Phillip Island Nature Park Board Kevin Love said that it was important to recognise the Bunurong people as custodians of the land. "PINP recognise that we live and work on the land of the traditional people every day, and manage the land accordingly," he said.

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michele Whelan said that Bass Coast acknowledges and accepts the wrongs of the past and the impact these had

and continue to have on aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"We're all committed to the ongoing development and progress of reconciliation, strengthening relationships and community spirit by working with and supporting First Nations people."

Patrice Mahoney, Bass Coast Council and MC for the day, said she was delighted the walk was finally able to go ahead.

"We asked the community to Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! and they did in large numbers. It was so heart-warming."

She said NAIDOC and Reconciliation weeks are an important time and provide opportunities for

people to reflect, learn and listen, celebrate culture, and individual achievements."

A flag raising ceremony concluded the formal part of the event, with the kids invited to enjoy the activities and refreshments on offer to everyone.

The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network, which organised the day, is made up of members from the Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.



Back from left are Paul Patten, Safina Stewart, Uncle Anthony Egan, Arietta Fergie, Patrice Mahoney. Front are Lette Brooke Fergie and Samu Fergie.



Ebony Pattullo, San Remo Primary School, made her own flag for the reconciliation walk.



PINPs Learning Table, manned by Sue Keoh and Evan Macleod (on the left) was a popular activity for the kids at the end of the bridge walk. Enjoying the fun are Macy Petersen, Amelie Ion, Kai Greenland and Bailey Webster, all from Wonthaggi Secondary College, and young Eli Spottiswood.



Marg Lyn (left) Chair of the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group, accepts a delicious cake iced with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags, from PINPs Anna Eggleton.

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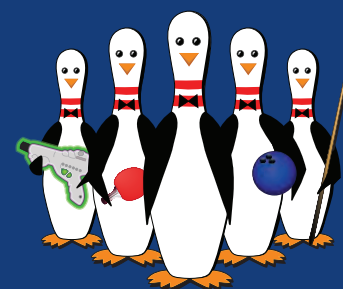
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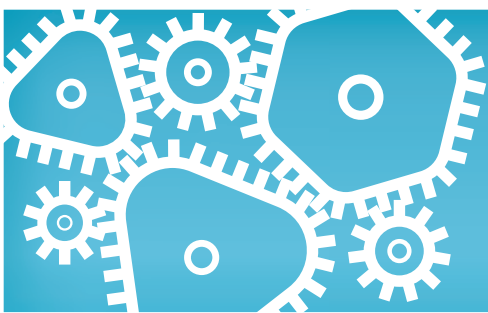
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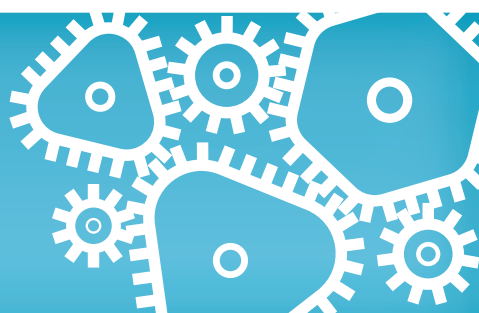
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Winter Tripes Winners: Ken Gill, Steve Kantor and Alan Beddows.

Phillip Island bowls

Winter triples:
Another successful round of winter triples on Tuesday with the rain holding off long enough on the Island.
Winners this week with a +25 was the skip Ken Gill, the second Alan Beddows and lead was Steve Kantor.
Runners up Chris Fricke, Wayne Barr and Graeme Cornell with a +14.
Social Thursday bowls:
Social Thursday winners were Hans Olierook, Di Pollock and Joan Farmer.
Audika 2-4-2:
Saturday's round of the Audika sponsored 2-4-2 competition winners were Lance Wearne and Bob Carter.
Well done everyone.



Audika 2-4-2 winners were Lance Wearne and Bob Carter.



Zak Vernon in control.



Cam Brown takes the mark.



Jason Tomada

Midweek bowls

South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls was played at Lang Lang with 27 happy bowlers on a near perfect day no wind no rain and the sun shone through occasionally.
Winners were Tony Heppleston, Luke Monkton, Enid Johnston and Jenny Smith.
Runners up were Ken Barnes, Laurie Bell and Chris Brooks.
One Game winners were Davis Smith, Steve Edge, Sue Wright and Margaret McConville.

The green was in good condition, and we had members from Lang Lang join us.
As usual the competition was fierce for the top spots.
The happy banter could be heard across the greens which made for a great atmosphere.
Scores were winners 36 points, runners up 32 points and one game winner 26 points.
We had a few wrong biases, so the RCH did well with our members giving generously.
Thank you to the members who brought in items for the free raffle especially Gwen Jeffrey who brings in homemade cake and we all scramble to win a piece.
This week it was fruit cake.
Please if you can contribute to the free raffle its lots of fun.

Thank you to Marianne and Colin who looked after us and made our stay at Lang Lang very pleasant.
Next week we will play at Corinella, 10am at the club for a 10.30am start, please be on time and BYO lunch.
Everyone welcome, for more information please contact Peter McWilliams on 56785972.
See You on The Green.



Winners of Midweek bowls played at Lang Lang were Luke Monkton (3), Jenny Smith (L), Enid Johnston (2) and Tony Heppleston (S).



Runners up of Midweek bowls were Laurie Bell (3), Chris Brooks (L) and Ken Barnes (S).



Best One Game players were Margaret McConville (L), David Smith (S), Sue Wright (2) and Steve Edge (3) (not shown).

Westernport Field and Game Target Shoot results

Westernport Field and Game held their monthly shoot on July 17 with 66 shooters attending.
2 rounds of 38/37 were shot. Aaron Brett shot a perfect round of 25.
Overall scores.
High Gun, Aaron Brett with a score of 70.
Grade winners are:
AA Grade: 1st Ben Studham (68), 2nd Matt Hall (67) and 3rd Matt Harris-Spencer (63).
A Grade: 1st Steven Jarvis (61), 2nd John Passarin (58) and 3rd Darren Robertson (58).
B Grade: 1st Murray Huitson (59), 2nd Paul Studham (56) and 3rd Bill McFee (55).
C Grade : 1st Brendan Goodman (43), 2nd Christopher Bone (36) and 3rd John Burns (36).
Juniors: 1st Joel Passarin (46), 2nd Hayden Gourlay (37) and 3rd Ebony Passarin (23).

Ladies: 1st Deb Bradley (52), 2nd Brooke Tangey (52) and 3rd Sarah Fritsch (46).
Veterans: 1st Lionel Bradley (65), 2nd Warwick Cumberland (60) and 3rd Danny Genovese (49).
Our next shoot is our John Paterson Memorial Shoot on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st August consisting of 75 targets each day with nominations commencing at 9:30am.
Self-nominations will be available through MCMS before the event.
There are \$3,500 worth of door prizes up for grabs.
Check out our Facebook page for further details.
Clay target shooting is suitable for all genders, ages and fitness levels with juniors shooting for free.

Tenpin bowls results

2s Company: 1st on 3pts- King Pins, 2nd on 3pts The Hounds and 3rd on 3pts Him & Her.
ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 17pts Kool Kats, 2nd on 12pts Pinpals and 3rd on 12pts Island Sector.
Business Early: 1st on 3pts Redundants, 2nd on 2pts Bettsys, 3rd on 2pts Woolly Rollers and 4th on 2pts Balls Deep.
Business Late: 1st on 3pts "New Team", 2nd on 3pts Holy Splits, 3rd on 2pts Dynamic Painting and 4th on 2pts Coles Cows.
This week's top scorers across each league are:
Men: 205 Keiran Wilkinson, 201 Raff Merante and 190 Graham Peterson.
Woman: 163 Barbara Burns, 157 Shannon Felmingham and 155 Sue Gale.

Phillip Island Bridge results

On Monday, July 11, five pairs took to the tables. Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson won the day with 63.89%.
Ann Green and Ruth Harvey were runners up on 57.64% and not far behind were Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles on 56.25%.
On Wednesday, July 13, Marion Wellwood partnered with Graham Mckergow and came first with 60.42%, a good effort for a new partnership.
His wife Wendy may be looking for a new partner!
Clare and Jim Murphy did well with 58.33% and third place went to Ann Green and Phil Rinder on 45.83%.
Several clubs have had members affected by COVID and it is suggested that masks are worn when in the club room.



South Gippsland Bass team pictured with coach Lori at the Morewell Meet.

New and experienced swimmers combine for a fun weekend

It was a busy weekend for the South Gippsland Bass team with swimmers scattered at several events on Sunday.

Several swimmers attended the Surrey Park Short Course in Melbourne, which had a large number of competitors in each race, but SGB swimmers came away with several top 10 positions and some very impressive personal time improvements.

32 Swimmers ventured to Morwell for the Geoff Peterson Sprint Meet on Sunday, July 16.

The event which focused on under 14s and shorter distances was ideal for many of the younger swimmers in the squad, racing at their first non-home meet, as the shorter day meant less waiting around.

It was also an ideal event for those chasing down qualifying times for the the Victorian Country and State Short Course Championships coming up in the next few weeks, with several swimmers coming home with



Age champs Daisy (8yrs girls) and Brooklyn (9yrs girls) 6.

extra events added to their schedule for those meets.

Coach Lori said, “I love seeing the kids who started in our development squads learning how to do turns and dive here racing, they have come along so well.”

“We had a number of swimmers finish the day with country times, swimmers who have been getting closer each week, so it was pleasing that they got them now.”

A number of swimmers were competing at their first meet away from their home pool and it was a good way to learn how to marshal, start and the procedures of the day.

There were a lot of smiles all around and they felt much happier and prepared for their next meets.

Also included in the events, was a family relay with the Billy and Maggie Fisher emerging with 3rd spot, Maggie also won the 10yrs girls Age Champion, along with Holly Hurst, 11yrs girls, Brooklyn Packer 9yrs girls and Daisy 8yrs girls.

A third group attended their first training session for the School Sport Victorian Team that they have been selected for, with uniforms being distributed and a training session under the watchful eye of the state coaches.

Local swimmers to represent the state

7 South Gippsland Bass swimmers have been selected to represent Victoria as part of the School Sport Australia national meet being held at the Brisbane Aquatic centre next month.

They will don the School Sport Victorian Representative uniform, many for the first time as they compete in a range of events.

This weekend was a chance for the swimmers to meet their teammates and train together.

Those selected to represent the state are Archie Smyth, Rex Brocklesby, Zac Sherar, Olivia Holmes, Rahni Matheson, Milla Laub and Sophie McKenzie and are part of the 120 strong team.

The club is very proud of the effort they have all put in and for their selection.

The swimmer’s range in age from 11 and under through to the open aged events.

The opening ceremony will be held on August 15 for the kids who fall within the 13–19-year-old age bracket, determined by the age they

will be by years end.

The swimmers will compete in several individual events and relays as set out by School Sport Victoria coaches with closing ceremony being held on August 20.

Our 10 - 12-year-old Team Vic representatives will then follow suit with their opening ceremony kicking off on August 19 and closing August 23.

Olivia and Zac met the qualifying criteria last year however the event was cancelled due to covid restrictions.

Olivia is looking forward to the opportunity to meet swimmers from all over Australia and feels honoured and excited to get the opportunity to swim for her state.

As a 12-year-old this will be her first national meet due to the age requirements outside of school sports only allowing girls 13 years and over to compete at a national level.

The kids also get to spend a day at Dreamworld with their Team Victoria squad which they are also very excited about.



South Gippsland Bass swimmers have been selected to represent Victoria as part of the School Sport Australia national meet being held at the Brisbane Aquatic centre next month. Pictured from L to R: Zac Sherar, Sophie McKenzie, Rahni Matheson, Olivia Holmes, Archie Smyth, Rex Brocklesby and Abs: Milla Laub.

Islanders to compete at the Australian Surfing Championships

The 2022 Australian Surf Championships are back and being hosted at Port Macquarie from August 5 to 19.

Several Phillip Island are off to the event, as part of the Victorian team, after qualifying through their respective state titles.

This year’s event is set to be bigger and better than ever with an abundance of epic wave options and surf hot spots in the northern NSW coast.

The Championships kick off with the shortboard divisions, followed by the longboard, Para surfing titles and concludes with the bodyboarding division.

Competing in the shortboard category we have Harry De Roth (Open Men), Sophie Fletcher (Open Women) and Jarrah and Rye Cicero from Sandy Point (U16 Boys Shortboard).

In the longboard team Tate Russell is surfing two divisions (U18 Men Longboard and Logger), Niamh Moore (U18 Women Longboard), Jacquie Chambers and Natalie Van Der Heyden (over 40 Women).

Phillip Island Boardriders Club president, Hannah Eisen, said: “It’s exciting to have such strong and versatile local surfers representing across a range of ages and divisions.”

Inspired

Under 18s longboarder Tate Russell said he was looking forward to the event.

“This is the first time I’ve com-



Local junior longboarder, Tate Russell is part of the Victorian Team travelling to the Australian Surfing Championships next month.

peted at a national level, so I’m out there practicing most days and trying different setups, so I’ll be ready to go whatever the conditions.”

His teammate Niamh Moore said she’s been watching past events to prepare herself, “to see what scores well and what the waves in Port Macquarie are like”.

“Dad and I also look at different longboarding techniques, but the

best thing I find is just surfing in a variety of wave types and conditions to become more experienced and comfortable in all circumstances.”

They’re both hoping to secure a win at the championship.

“That feeling you get when you win is unlike any other,” said Tate.

For Niamh, it’s the “euphoric feeling” after a competition, win or lose.



Harry de Roth, Phillip Island Boardriders’ Club Captain said he was “stoked to be selected for the Victorian State Team to compete in the Aussie nationals in August in Port Macquarie”.

“You always come out more experienced.”

Both youngsters said they love surfing in all conditions and just being in the ocean.

“I like the quiet time when I’m out in the ocean,” said Tate.

Niamh said she wants to do better every time she goes out into the surf.

“I have always been comfortable in the ocean and surfing is a great

way to immerse myself in the environment while having good fun.

“Surfing as a sport is also such an inclusive and equal sport worldwide, so seeing your sport so positively reflected in the media as a progressive sport inspires me to keep being a part of it.”

Good luck to the Victorian Team and all our sensational Island surfers.



Margaret Dean, Peter Howlett, Kath Kent, Brenda Howlett and Bett Francis enjoy a last hurrah at the old Croquet Club pavilion, before it is pulled down.

Last hurrah for croquet pavilion

There's an air of excitement at the Phillip Island Croquet Club, as members look forward to shortly moving into new and well fitted rooms.

But there was a touch nostalgia last week, when past and present players gathered over lunch for a final farewell to their old pavilion, before it is removed.

The smart new clubrooms are being constructed by well-known Wonthaggi building company, TS Constructions, and will provide amenities such as a modern kitchen, spacious social rooms, storage and bathroom facilities.

They will also provide a much-needed public toilet, accessible from the outside, for recreational users of Blue Gum Reserve.

The \$600,000 project has been funded by a \$545,000 grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria, as well as \$30,000 from Bass Coast Shire Council and a \$25,000 contribution from the Croquet Club.

With a spacious new building and third court in the offing, the Club is now keen to recruit new members.

Croquet is a game for all ages, and it would be hard to find a more picturesque and tranquil setting for the location of any sporting association.

Tucked away in Blue Gum Reserve, just past the local scout hall, its well manicured courts are surrounded by tall native gums and wattles, and offer a safe, peaceful and tranquil location.

The Phillip Island Croquet club was established in 1975, and the game has been played locally by an enthusiastic membership since that time.

While it is sad to see the old pavilion go, after four decades of noble service, it had reached the point where it simply could not fit all of the Club's membership of 41 at the one time.

Speaking last Sunday, at the farewell function, Club secretary Claire Earl and treasurer Bob Weaver said members are very keen to see numbers grow, with a third court soon to be established.

And they have extended a warm invitation to anyone who may be interested to come and try the game.

"We are very much looking forward to the future, and a membership drive is about to get underway," they commented.

"Croquet is a game for everyone; people of all ages can play it. We have a member who is 97, who acquits himself well."

Some members are not so fit, but Bob and Claire say the game is not physically demanding, and can still be enjoyed by everyone.

Two variations of croquet



Phillip Island Croquet Club committee members are pictured at the old pavilion's final farewell. From left they are Claire Earl secretary, Denise Bray maintenance, Bob Weaver treasurer, Sharon Buxton social secretary, Michelle Horton Assistant social secretary, Noel West Infrastructure/Social and Ralph Leditschke. Absent was President John Swarbrick.



Committer Member Michelle Horton, pictured here with husband Dennis, made a final farewell banner for a pavilion which has given almost five decades of service to members since 1975.



Croquet club members and friends pictured enjoying the farewell lunch are from left Lorree Evans, Shirley Weaver, Pam Ashton, Greg Dean, Margaret Frith, Ray Frith, Sue West and Pauleen Ledischke.

are played at Cowes.

These are Golf Croquet, which beginners are introduced to, and Association Croquet, which is a more advanced form of the game.

The basic rudiments of golf croquet can be learned in half an hour, and after that it's a matter of honing your skills.

Certainly, the Phillip Island Croquet Club is a popular and well used facility with its 41 strong membership.

The courts are used most days of the week, with the exception of maintenance on Wednesday.

Thursday and Fridays are for social Golf Croquet; and Association Croquet is played on Tuesdays and Saturday.

At other times, the courts are used by members for practice.

Club members also compete beyond the local level, with Pennant Golf Croquet starting up again in September in a West Gippsland interclub competition.

Association pennant will also return at the same time.

Claire and Bob describe the Phillip Island Croquet Club members as a very happy band of players, who would love to welcome some new members along.

"Croquet is open to everyone, and all age groups are capable of playing," they say.

If you are interested, or would like more information, call Claire on 0403 690 237.

Cold, wet and muddy in Morwell

Cold, wet and muddy are the three best words to describe the conditions for the Island girls on Sunday in Morwell.

Coming off a tough, physical game last week, the girls faced a similar opposition this week in Boisdale/Briagolong.

With the coach due to arrive later in the first quarter, supercoach Andy Walton stepped up to get the girls warmed up and on the field for the first quarter.

Sarah Eldridge stepped up as captain for the day in the absence of the Marshall sisters, and with the added pressure managed to forget her footy boots.

Luckily a bit of crafty shopping at Traralgon saw her arrive just in time to take the field with some new kicks.

In the first quarter the girls weathered some horrendously wet and cold conditions and a very slippery football.

Under the pump early in defence the Island conceded three goals in the first quarter, and although Lily O'Loughlin was lively up forward, they were unable to convert their opportunities.

The second quarter was a much tighter affair with Jade Ricardo (back from the sunshine of Queensland), Kayla Carpi and Lexi Walton continually rebuffing attacks from the opposition.

Sarah Eldridge moved into the middle to provide some muscle and Jorja (Jorga) Newman continued her good form in the ruck.

In the second half Brinn Hamley moved onto the half forward line and provided a great target for the girls.

The breakthrough came in the third quarter from a strong passage of play from defence, down the wing until Mia (Boosty) Boost snuck through the Island first goal of the game.

The last two quarters were a tight tussle.



Congratulations to Jade Ricardo who played her 50th game for Phillip Island.

Maya Huther, Qiarshi Adams, Alaska Dixon and Lily (Elbow) Bow put their bodies on the line, while Lexi Walton wore a tough tackle from the opposition.

This was a very physical game, and it was great to see the girls, especially Jorja (Jorga) Newman not backing away but stepping up to the challenge from the Boisdale/Briagolong girls.

Congratulations to Jade Ricardo who played her 50th game for Phillip Island.

Jade is an exceptionally talented, versatile and tough player, who never gives up and is a vital member of this team.

Final Score: Boisdale/Briagolong 6.6.42 def Phillip Island 1.2.8.

Best: Lexi Walton, Jade Ricardo, Jorja Newman, Brinn Hamley, Alaska Dixon, Maya Huther and Lily (Elbow) Bow.

Goals: Mia Boost.



Ahlee Penry played a great game in the ruck.



Breakers versed Coburg over the weekend, pictured is Kelly O'Neill kicking.

Breakers go down with a fight

This week the Breakers donned blue arm bands as part of the TAC and AFL Victoria Road Safety Round.

The blue arm bands signify that we all need to band together to make our roads safer.

The team also used the opportunity to honour Luke Bolding who passed away seven years ago in a road accident.

Family friend Carly Heislars wearing a jumper with zero on it in his memory to signify the goal of zero road fatalities.

Despite losing the toss and kicking into a stiff breeze the Breakers came out to play in the first quarter.

Ahlee Penry was contesting strongly in the ruck while the team's tackle pressure was fabulous.

This combined with disciplined defence on the last line by Rachael Cameron and Hannah Mills saw Coburg scoreless for much of the first quarter before they converted a sole goal late in the term.

Unfortunately, in the second quarter the Breakers were unable to utilise the wind ad-

vantage scoring only one point for the term and conceding a goal into the wind.

The third quarter followed this thread with Coburg able to convert two majors.

Kicking with the wind again in the final term the Breakers didn't give up and instead played their best.

Coach Bianca put regular centre half back Chelsea Connell into the middle which had a huge impact with her talk and attack around the ball lifting the team.

This helped swing the momentum the Breakers way.

Tess Wingfield delivered some nice inside 50's while Kate Caughey made the most of a set shot converting the Breakers first major.

While the Breakers couldn't get the win, they finished off strongly winning the quarter and holding Coburg scoreless.

Final Score Breakers 1.4 defeated by Coburg 4.5.

Best: Kelly O'Neill, Chelsea Connell, Ahlee Penry, Rachael Cameron, Tess Wingfield and Stacey Poke.



D Grade netball team gave it their all and went down fighting in a tough game against Nar Nar Goon.

Freezing condition for netballers

U11s

The Phillip Island Under 11s played a great but hard game on Saturday morning against Nar Nar Goon.

Scores Phillip Island 3 to Nar Nar Goon 30. Awards this weekend went to Abby Swann and Stellah Tilley. All the girls did such an amazing job well done girls.

U15s

It was an icy cold morning, and this didn't dampen the mood of the Phillip Island girls versus Nar Nar Goon

All the girls hit the court eager to play. A competitive first quarter saw both teams playing well. Island took the lead by three with scores being 9/6.

The second quarter was super strong. Sophia and Olivia absolutely nailed it in defence and up the other end of the court there was exceptional shooting by Bella and Meika. A great quarter 13/4 bringing us a total of 22/10, and a comfortable lead.

A few position changes and Nar Nar Goon gave us a tough run keeping scores close in the 3rd, 6/4 but they were unable to find the lead.

The team found great momentum in the 4th and players Matilda, Maya and Hazel showed absolute class bringing the ball down the midcourt.

Maya kept picking off a few intercepts which gave us those turnarounds. Fast passes into the shooters and young Aisha scoring beautifully. Another Solid win 37/17.

U17s

In freezing cold conditions, the girls took to the court against Nar Nar Goon.

Great shooting, passing, intercepting and defending once again gave the girls another great win for the season.

Final scores Phillip Island 50 to Nar Nar Goon 20,

D Grade

Wind, rain and sunshine, we had it all during the D grade game.

Despite this, our girls played a great game against a great team.

Unfortunately, we couldn't walk away with

the four points, but our girls never gave up and held their heads high, right until the end.

Congratulations to Tailyn Payne and Lilly Wookey for getting the awards this week.

B Grade

Now if a bird pooing on two of the Island girls' pre-game wasn't a sign of good luck, then I don't know what else is!

The last time the Island faced the Nar Nar Goon girls, it was a physical, tough, and relentless game where NNG took a solid win at their home ground.

The Islanders knew the second time around was also going to be one hell of a fight right down to the final whistle and one hell of a fight it was!

With a slightly different line up due to injury, the Island girls had a quiet confidence about them going into the game.

They were on their home turf, have been working hard on set passages of play, and are continuing to gel more and more as a team so they had every reason to be confident.

Right from the beginning, the intensity was high, and the pressure was on.

It was crucial that both teams were converting from centre passes and any turnovers were used to advantage.

Down by two at quarter time, the Island girls lifted and took a minor lead at halftime.

With words of wisdom from the coaches, pep talks from leaders and positivity from all players, the girls ran away in the third quarter, displaying absolutely beautiful passages of play from one end to the other, showing the true definition of teamwork.

As expected, the NNG girls did not back down and were slowly chipping away at the Island lead.

To the Island girls' credit, they didn't let themselves get rattled, instead, they held strong and focused on a slow and steady movement down the court.

At the final whistle, the Islanders were elated to take away a six-goal win in what was a display of tremendous teamwork and spirit.

An exciting and well-deserved win going into the final stage of the season.

An amazing win ladies, Woo Hoo!! Final score: PI 41 def NNG 36. Best on awards: Team Effort!

Round 13 Phillip Island Breaker v Wonthaggi

12A team

The Breakers match up against Wonthaggi United and it was a tough game in windy conditions.

An early goal was scored by Jarvis McDonald; however, the first half saw the opposition take the lead.

The Breakers pushed hard all game with plenty of tries at goal but couldn't get them past the keeper.

Goals: 1 - Jarvis McDonald and 1 - Charlotte Turcinovich.

Player awards: Leo Ubavin, Riley Goodwin and Kavish Cunairun.

14's Mixed

The Phillip Island Breakers got off to a great start with J Saunders kicking the first goal, then Wonthaggi equalized at the 9-minute mark, Phillip Islands Jad Ellaz put one passed the keeper to go 2- 1 up at half time.

Wonthaggi were full of run in the second half to put 4 goals into the net, to Phillip Islands 3 goals, final scores Wonthaggi 5 Phillip Island 4.

Goal scorers were J Ellaz, 3 goals and J Saunders 1 goal.

U17 Girls

Sunday's game was a good game for the under 17's girls against Wonthaggi.

Wonthaggi provide difficult competition and although the girls didn't win with the score being 8-1 the girls played really well.

With the first half ending at a 2-1 score with Michaela scoring a goal for the Breakers.

The girls all played extremely well with each other, Ruby and Ailish knocking down so many opportunities for Wonthaggi to score, Kira with an amazing save as goalkeeper and Grace, Tiki and Ava keeping up great spirits and encouraging the other girls.

Overall, even though we lost, the girls had a lot of fun and are keen for the next game.

Great job girls!

Men's Reserves

The Phillip Island reserves hosted Korumburra in the Cup round, the Island got off to a quick start with Adam Dean drilling one passed the keeper, in defence Nathaniel Castle, Geoff Russel, Andrew Dean and Josh stood strong throughout the game.

Whilst the midfield worked hard up and down the pitch.

Josh Peters was next to add his name to the team sheet putting the Breakers 2 goals up, Frank and Adam kept presenting well up front and Angus Reed was next to add to the scoresheet, Adam Dean slotted another one passed the keeper and Frank Licciardi sealed the game with a late goal.

Final score Phillip Island Breakers 5 to Korumburra 0.

Goal scorers Adam Dean 2 goals, Angus Reed, Josh



The Breakers U12A team had a tough game against Wonthaggi in windy conditions.

Peters and Frank Licciardi 1 goal.

Senior Woman

First half Wonthaggi played excellent defence.

As always, these two teams have intense battles, and this game was no different.

Island keeper Gloria played her first game for the Island and made some critical saves.

Jess's kick ins drove the ball forward and were invaluable, helping the Island clear lines and often found teammates.

Alyssa read the ball well and made some critical interceptions and good long balls forward.

Neither team could score.

Coco refused to let Wonthaggi's star striker get a shot on and consistently blocked her from getting anywhere near a dangerous position.

Ailish and Amanda were well positioned and would not be beaten in defence.

Very late in the first half, Kelly got the ball behind the Wonthaggi defence and finished well from outside the 18-yard box, for breakers to go up 1-0.

Second half, young Grace Howlett made a good central run and finished off a great cross from Kelly by calmly side footing the ball into the back of the net for a great team goal in a big game.

Shortly after another goal from Kelly toe poking over the keeper's head, and then a lovely chip goal from Abi. 4-0.

On the left-wing Lara s work rate, defensive pressure and determination to get back behind the ball was excellent and then she made great positions when breakers had the ball, to control the ball and pass.

Pauleen and Jess bossed the defensive mid field and launched attacks, keeping the ball in the Islands forward half which kept the pressure on Wonthaggi and helped launch attacks.

Kiera was brave and won some good contests in the midfield.

Islands defence was rock solid all game and only conceded a fluky Wonthaggi goal off the shin, in the last minute.

It was a very well-rounded team effort from the Breakers and a great win

Final score Island defeated Wonthaggi 4-1.



The Breakers U12A team award winners on the weekend were Leo Ubavin, Riley Goodwin and Kavish Cunairun.

Best: Alyssa, Kelly, Coco and Jess.

Senior Men's

The Senior's played against the bottom of the ladder Wonthaggi on Sunday and knowing it could come down to goal difference for who finishes on top of the table, the boys were keen to put a big score on board.

They got off to the best start after just five minutes as Nathan Cleeland scored his first of many for the day.

The Breakers went with 5 Midfield Stewart Bathgate, Marco Chiampo and Josh Peters were controlling the play.

With lots of through balls to the forwards, the Breakers put 6 goals away for the first half, with Nathan getting three and other players chipping in in as well.

The second half continued the same as the first, with all the play with the Island, the flood gates finally opened up, the Breakers went on to kick 8 goals in the second half, the highest scorer was Nathan Cleeland slotting 7 goals for the game.

The highlight of the game was when Wonthaggi were awarded a penalty shot, their best chance to put a score on their team sheet.

Breaker's goalkeeper Tommy was up for the challenge diving to his right, reaching full stretch to pull off one of the best saves, and maintain his clean sheet, even the Australian keeper in the world cup qualifier would have been proud of him.

It's a big game next week as we host Inverloch, they are trying to make it into the top four, kick off is at 3:00pm.

Bulldog Veterans Swooped by the Narre Magpies!

In Cold and Blustery conditions at the Island, our Senior Seniors once again took to the field against a strong Narre Warren outfit in what was the final game of the home & away season.

After bringing all the players in for a quick chat about how awesome they all are, the umpire was so excited to get the game started he passed over the coin toss, jovially electing to let Narre Warren go with the wind, with which they took full advantage kicking 4.7 to our 1.1 in the opening quarter.

The Island boys bounced back in the Second quarter with Captain Joel 'Sticks' Goodall surprising everyone (especially himself) with a perfect 40m set shot, followed quickly By Dan Bettles kicking truly from the mud.

The defence was holding strong with the likes of vice-captain Andy Austin and Ryan van Berlo deflecting every forward attempt, the score

line at half time reading PI 3.2.20 – NW 4.8.32.

Narre Warren again pushed away in the third quarter, adding three goals, but the bulldogs were fighting hard.

Mark Roche was everywhere, along with Nick Russo, Timmy Van Brummelen and Robbie Linford, but were just unable to put the pressure on the scoreboard, only adding one goal to the total.

The Island was down by 24 points, leading into the deepening twilight of the fourth quarter and started well with goals to Matty Rose and Mark Roche.

Unfortunately, we were unable to stem the flow, allowing Narre Warren to kick away in the last with final scores reading PI 7.6.48 To NW 10.10.70.

We now head to Tooradin in a fortnight to play for a spot in the grand final!

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 20 JUL	THU 21 JUL	FRI 22 JUL	SAT 23 JUL	SUN 24 JUL	MON 25 JUL	TUE 26 JUL
HIGH 5:43 am 2.83 m	HIGH 6:36 am 2.80 m	LOW 12:35 am 0.62 m	LOW 1:15 am 0.63 m	LOW 1:56 am 0.67 m	LOW 2:39 am 0.72 m	LOW 3:28 am 0.77 m
LOW 11:16 am 0.72 m	LOW 12:02 pm 0.88 m	HIGH 7:27 am 2.75 m	HIGH 8:16 am 2.70 m	HIGH 9:06 am 2.67 m	HIGH 9:59 am 2.65 m	HIGH 10:54 am 2.65 m
HIGH 6:04 pm 3.04 m	HIGH 6:40 pm 2.93 m	LOW 12:47 pm 1.04 m	LOW 1:32 pm 1.19 m	LOW 2:19 pm 1.32 m	LOW 3:12 pm 1.42 m	LOW 4:12 pm 1.49 m
LOW 11:53 pm 0.64 m		HIGH 7:14 pm 2.81 m	HIGH 7:47 pm 2.69 m	HIGH 8:25 pm 2.57 m	HIGH 9:08 pm 2.47 m	HIGH 10:00 pm 2.39 m

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Cold, ladders, black cats and the Gooners test the Bulldogs

U14s win a thriller

A group of young athletes, likely a basketball team, sitting on a bench. They are wearing red, white, and blue uniforms. Some are looking towards the camera, while others are looking down or away. The setting appears to be an indoor sports facility.

THIS WEEKEND DRAWS		LADDERS																			
WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION		SENIOR FOOTBALL					RESERVES FOOTBALL					THIRDS FOOTBALL					FOURTHS FOOTBALL				
Dalyston v Phillip Island Saturday July 23		TEAM	PTS	%	W	L	TEAM	PTS	%	W	L	TEAM	PTS	%	W	L	TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
		Tooradin-Dalmore	56	311.96	14	0	Tooradin-Dalmore	56	1005.42	14	0	Inverloch-Kongwak	3.33	40	494.31	10	Inverloch-Kongwak	4.00	52	663.01	13
		Phillip Island	48	198.63	12	2	Nar Nar Goon	48	202.46	12	2	Garfield	3.27	36	316.13	9	Phillip Island	3.67	44	430.20	11
		Inverloch-Kongwak	44	176.19	11	3	Phillip Island	44	250.00	11	3	Tooradin-Dalmore	3.27	36	269.72	9	Warragul Industrials	3.08	40	328.91	10
		Nar Nar Goon	40	168.34	10	4	Bunyip	36	218.99	9	5	Cora Lynn	2.91	32	163.75	8	Korumburra-Bena	2.46	32	166.76	8
		Warragul Industrials	36	140.85	9	5	Koo Wee Rup	36	191.87	9	5	Phillip Island	2.91	32	140.71	8	Garfield	2.46	32	101.96	8
		Cora Lynn	32	123.23	8	6	Cora Lynn	36	183.40	9	5	Nar Nar Goon	1.33	16	77.38	4	Koo Wee Rup	1.85	24	70.29	6
		Bunyip	24	108.22	6	8	Inverloch-Kongwak	28	109.58	7	7	Koo Wee Rup	1.00	12	80.62	3	Bunyip	1.67	20	95.82	5
		Koo Wee Rup	24	85.34	6	8	Warragul Industrials	16	62.55	4	9	Bunyip	1.00	12	46.88	3	Kilcunda Bass	1.33	16	44.12	4
		Kilcunda Bass	20	59.09	5	9	Dalyston	16	57.11	4	9	Korumburra-Bena	1.00	12	44.98	3	Nar Nar Goon	0.92	12	42.28	3
		Dalyston	8	44.41	2	12	Garfield	8	51.56	2	12	Dalyston	0	0	7.93	0	Dalyston	0.61	8	45.71	2
		Korumburra-Bena	4	33.49	1	13	Kilcunda Bass	4	14.99	1	13	Kilcunda Bass	0	0	0	0	Tooradin-Dalmore	0	0	10.13	0
		Garfield	0	35.02	0	14	Korumburra-Bena	4	12.34	1	12	Warragul Industrials	0	0	0	0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0	0
SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION																					
Junior Football Sunday July 24																					
Korumburra-Bena v Phillip Island Blue																					
YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION																					
Woodside v Phillip Island Sunday July 24																					
		NETBALL				A-GRADE			B-GRADE			C-GRADE			T7 & Under			D-GRADE			
						PTS	GA	PTS	GA	PTS	GA	PTS	GA	PTS	GA	PTS	GA				
		Inverloch-Kongwak	52	206.34%	Tooradin-Dalmore	52	170.00%	Bunyip	56	305.42%	Dalyston	56	290.00%	Inverloch-Kongwak	44	24712%					
		Tooradin-Dalmore	48	136.85%	Bunyip	48	176.89%	Dalyston	48	168.27%	Korumburra Bena	52	211.54%	Bunyip	36	221.74%					
		Bunyip	44	173.74%	Phillip Island	48	138.89%	Garfield	44	155.00%	Phillip Island	48	204.07%	Dalyston	36	217.92%					
		Dalyston	44	143.04%	Nar Nar Goon	40	153.67%	Inverloch-Kongwak	42	196.84%	Inverloch-Kongwak	40	169.82%	Nar Nar Goon	36	191.56%					
		Nar Nar Goon	40	118.55%	Inverloch-Kongwak	40	141.59%	Nar Nar Goon	38	132.26%	Bunyip	28	106.73%	Kilcunda Bass	20	93.99%					
		Phillip Island	32	122.26%	Dalyston	36	116.95%	Phillip Island	28	106.58%	Tooradin-Dalmore	28	105.80%	Tooradin-Dalmore	16	66.84%					
		Cora Lynn	20	97.35%	Garfield	18	74.22%	Cora Lynn	26	94.17%	Cora Lynn	24	95.77%	Garfield	12	69.71%					
		Korumburra Bena	20	82.31%	Kilcunda Bass	16	91.70%	Tooradin-Dalmore	18	82.18%	Koo Wee Rup	24	85.68%	Cora Lynn	8	61.60%					
Garfield	16	82.24%	Cora Lynn	14	66.72%	Koo Wee Rup	16	63.82%	Nar Nar Goon	12	69.57%	Phillip Island	8	47.42%							
Warragul Industrials	12	62.31%	Korumburra Bena	10	68.13%	Korumburra Bena	8	63.30%	Kilcunda Bass	12	60.20%	Koo Wee Rup	8	39.46%							
Koo Wee Rup	4	40.76%	Koo Wee Rup	10	61.																



Matt Jackson & Jason Tomada do their part to help secure the win for the senior's match against Nar Nar Goon on the Saturday.

Cold, ladders, black cats and the Gooners test the Bulldogs

Wind, wind, wind welcomed the faithful to the Kennel on Saturday for the vital matches against Nar Nar Goon.

The ground had dried out because of the wind, but it was freezing!

No wonder the number of supporters making the trek was low, because to many it was one of the coldest days that had been experienced at the Kennel for many a year.

Seniors

After the unfortunate broken ankle to everyone's favourite Daniel Pearce at training on Thursday, Max Blake (Covid) and Damien Holmes (calf) joined the walking wounded Bulldogs backline.

Opportunities present themselves through adversity, with Levi Robinson and Max Walton moving into the backline, and Matt Jones returning to the wing.

As the teams ran out, the Bulldogs must have tripped on a black cat whilst running under a ladder!

Luke James was knocked out cold from friendly fire in first 10 minutes, and then captain Youle exited with a badly broken wrist early in the second.

Down to one rotation was going to be a big enough challenge, but then Cam Brown couldn't continue from five minutes into the third.

Down to a minimum 18 for the entire second half was really testing depth and endurance.

In amongst all this excitement, the Gooners came to play.

Whilst the bench was working out its rotations, the Gooners kicked the first three goals of the game, making a mockery of the tricky conditions in the howling wind.

Led by Mathew Homfray running riot in the forward line, and Trent Armour and Brent Hughes around the ball, the Bulldogs couldn't get into the game early.

From mid-way through the first, the Bulldogs began clawing their way back with trademark Bulldog grit and determination.

Cam Pedersen began dominating the rucks, and Eli Richards more than capably filling the gaps in the mid field, the Bulldogs were able to get more of the ball.

In defence, Levi Robinson's return to the senior defensive roles proved a hit, and the Patullo-two began to take over in the centre and forward lines.

A strong second quarter saw the locals up to six at the big break, all of them behinds, so the lead could have been larger.

Not to be outdone, the Gooners came back with the wind in the third.

Two quick goals – that man Homfray causing havoc again taking the visitors to the lead.

Some rearranging of the team now down to 18 saw Jack Taylor and Harry O'Brien in particular fire up, whilst Eli Richards continued his best game of the year.

The locals were able to fight back with three goals!

With a lead of 5 points and the wind in the last, it was the Bulldogs game to lose.

The last was a tight affair, with the Gooners unable to score – with Max Walton in particular in defence being outstanding.

The near-exhausted Bulldogs held sway, scoring just enough to run out victors by 13.

A fantastic win given the circumstances, with the supporters able to clearly see that all effort had been expended by the remaining 18 fit players.

With all black cats and errant ladders officially exiled from the Kennel, we look forward to the next week's visit to Dalyston!

Scores:
Phillip Island: 2.1.13, 5.8.38, 8.11.59, 9.13.67.
Nar Nar Goon: 3.1.19, 5.2.32, 8.6.54, 8.6.54.

Goals:
Phillip Island: Jack Taylor 2, Eli Richards 2, Cameron Brown, Zak Vernon, Brendan Kimber, Cameron Pedersen, Harry O'Brien.
Nar Nar Goon: Matthew Homfray 4, Trent Noy, Flynn Parker, Cooper Pursell, Eamon Trigg.

Best Players:
Phillip Island: Eli Richards, Jack Taylor, Jesse Patullo, Levi Robinson, Jordy Patullo, Harry O'Brien
Nar Nar Goon: Trent Armour, Matthew Homfray, Flynn Parker, Brent Hughes, Eamon Trigg, Brendan Hermann.

Reserves:

In blustery conditions it was a battle for second spot on the ladder against Nar Nar Goon.

Whilst the weather was cold the contest was hot early in the midfield.

Tarquin McMillan was again playing well in the ruck and Jack Opitz was working hard at ground level, but the Bulldogs were struggling to capitalise their hard work on the scoreboard.

The defence was holding up strong through Coby Olarenschaw, Arie Cook and Johnny McLachlan but the weight of possession was with the Goon.

Robbie Linford and Will Taylor Eagles continued to provide drive forward in the second half.

The boys battled hard to the end but despite having plenty of scoring opportunities ultimately couldn't capitalise enough.

Scores:
Phillip Island: 1.3.9, 1.5.11, 2.7.19, 3.9.27.
Nar Nar Goon: 2.0.12, 5.1.31, 6.4.40, 6.7.43.

Goals:
Phillip Island: Will Taylor-Eagles, Hayden Smith, Kurt Lane.
Nar Nar Goon: Tom Ferrari 3, Matt Saunders, Darcy Young, Lachlan Graham.

Best Players:
Phillip Island: Coby Olarenschaw, John McLachlan, Tarquin McMillan, Arie Cook, Rob Linford, Will Taylor-Eagles.
Nar Nar Goon: James Cairns, Tom Ferrari, Lachlan Graham, Hayden Carney, Ryan Orridge.

Under 18s:

Both sides started the game at a great rate, but it was the Bulldogs who settled first with Sunny Mattock passing to Jack Papas who ran into an open goal and made no mistake.

It was a good contest with both sides desperate for the four premierships points.

Goals to Huon Bould and Brodie Gude gave the Bulldogs a handy lead but the visitors struck back with a goal just before the first break.

Some great team play in the forward line got the ball to Dylan Susic who brought up his first goal.

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