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Home to the world's largest little penguin habitat, a new masterplan is being developed for the Summerland Peninsula, with community consultation sessions on July 29 and 31.

What would you like to see at Summerland?

CONSULTATION

Two consultation sessions next week aim to capture community sentiment on the future of the Summerland Peninsula.

Phillip Island Nature Parks is holding the sessions on Tuesday July 29 at the Penguin Parade from 5.30pm, and Thursday July 31 at North Pier Hotel from 12.30pm, as the first stage in putting together a new masterplan for the Summerland Peninsula.

Jarvis Weston, the Nature

Park's General Manager for Infrastructure and Planning, said along with targeted sessions with key stakeholders, the community's input is an important part of development of the new plan.

He said the consultation had deliberately been left open-ended, to get a real feel for what the community wants.

"We could have given some parameters and some ideas and concepts, but then you potentially start to stifle the innovation

and creativity," Jarvis said.

The consultation does include a focus on the broader strategic aims of the Nature Parks, including bigger and better natural areas, thriving wildlife, Bunurong self-determination, and regenerative tourism.

"At the end of the day, the Nature Parks has its values, which are its guiding principles, if you like. And nature conservation is paramount."

There are two specific areas of the masterplan that are cer-

tain to attract community attention: the future of The Nobbies and the South Coast Road (see separate stories).

However, making people aware of the significance of the entire peninsula as a wildlife habitat is another of the key aims of the masterplan, Jarvis said.

"You can drive onto the peninsula now, drive out to the Nobbies and back again, and not realise you've driven to the world's largest little penguin colony.

"People don't understand the

significance of the site, so that is one of the things we're looking to achieve."

He's keen to hear the community's ideas on the best way to create "some sense of arrival, that you are entering a sensitive, significant place".








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Jack's incredible feet

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Congratulation to Jack Montgomery who completed an incredible feat – running 110kms around Phillip Island on the weekend, raising money for Free

3D Hands.

Setting off before dawn, and battling strong winds, Jack finally made it into Cowes, arriving at Grenache Wine Bar around 7.30pm to a hero's welcome from hundreds of supporters.

In the process, he smashed his fundraising target, raising over \$24,500 for the local charity – an outstanding effort.

Next week's paper will include an interview with Jack giving us a full report on the gruelling run.



POLICE BRIEFS

eBike rider nabbed

Police thanked the community for their assistance after a person rode off from Cowes police station on July 12, on what police say was an illegally modified eBike.

The rider allegedly headed towards Settlement Road.

Thanks to information provided by the public, police from Greensborough interviewed a 14-year-old from Thornbury on July 14, and ascertained the eBike had a 3000 watt capacity, well above the 250 watts legally permitted. Police said the bike capacity was closer to a motorbike and will be treated as such.

The rider will attend Koorumburra Children's Court later this year, charged with failing to stop on police direction, unlicensed riding, using an unregistered and unroad-worthy motor vehicle and giving a false address to police.

The rider was also ordered to present the bike to the vehicle impounded yard within seven days.

Police said the response showed how strong community opinion was on stopping this kind of behaviour and said parents needed to be aware of the types of bikes their children are using, and the condition and any modifications made to them.

Motorbikes stolen

San Remo police are investigating the theft of three

motorbikes from Cape Woolamai. The bikes were stolen from the shed of a house, sometime between July 7 and 19.

Vehicles stolen

Cowes police are investigating the theft of a burgundy Mercedes wagon from McLardy Court in Cowes between July 7 and 8. The vehicle was later found abandoned in Cowes.

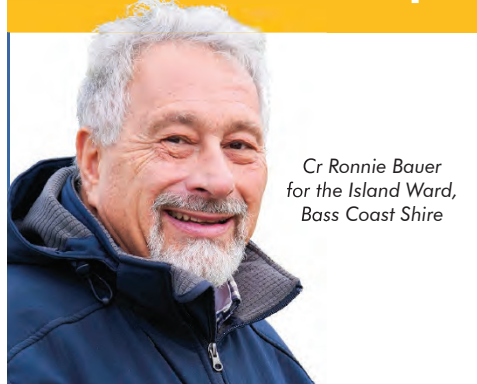
On July 15, police said there was an attempted theft of a vehicle from Seacrest Crescent in Cowes. A group of males approached the vehicle, but left the property when a porch sensor light came on. Cowes police are investigating.

On July 12, around 1am, police said unknown offenders entered a residential address on Sanders Road in Silverleaves and took a set of keys, then stole a white Audi wagon. The vehicle was later abandoned in Diamond Creek. The Bass Coast Criminal Investigation Unit is investigating.

Police encourage residents to lock the doors to their houses and sheds, to always lock their cars, and to secure their keys.

The Crimestoppers Victoria website contains tips and hints for securing your home. You can also report a crime or suspicious activity online at www.crimestoppersvic.com.au or call 1800 333 000.

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The July council meeting was held in Cowes, where councillors debated planning permits for homes in areas that have been flagged as a risk to future occupants from coastal inundation.

“Uninsurable and uninhabitable”: councillors debate sea level rise

PLANNING

Homeowners threatened by sea level rise should be informed of the risks, with some Bass Coast Shire councillors questioning why any housing development was being allowed in these areas.

At the July council meeting, which was held in Cowes at Berninnet, councillors questioned planning permit approvals for Silverleaves, which is a land subject to inundation overlay (LSIO) zone, as well as continued approvals for tree removal (see separate story).

The approved permits included for the construction of a single dwelling at 37 Shearwater Drive, Silverleaves, which was a replacement dwelling with no net increase.

A permit was also approved for 26 Silverleaves Avenue for an extension to an existing dwelling with no net increase in dwellings, and also at 39 Silverleaves Avenue, which was for a permit issued in 2021, before LSIO changes were introduced.

In all cases Melbourne Water

did not object to the proposal subject to conditions.

In the past year VCAT has refused two planning permits at Silverleaves (42 Bruce Road and 32 Silverleaves Avenue) because of risks to future occupants from coastal inundation and sea level rise.

Cr Jon Temby criticised council's "consistent approval" of native vegetation removal, as well as approval of buildings in land subject to inundation overlay (LSIO) zones.

"If we are approving tree removal we are damaging the environment and potentially biodiversity. If we are approving buildings in LSIO zones we appear to be putting people at risk, of which they may not be aware," Cr Temby said.

"The current legislation is very inadequate because it's based on sea levels rises that are going to be exceeded, there's no question of that.

"While we don't have a legal responsibility to stop people building in LSIO I feel we have a moral responsibility."

Cr Temby called for a method to inform residents of the importance of vegetation and those in LSIO zones of inundation risks, even if that risk was outlined in their section 32 at sale.

"Their house may be uninsurable as of now but may be uninhabitable in the foreseeable future as well.

"I think we need to inform people of that.

"We need to advocate to make sure we have control over these sorts of things. Almost every meeting we're saying yes to things that shouldn't occur."

Frustrating

Cr Mat Morgan said "overwhelmingly" he agreed with his colleagues saying it was frustrating to go through planning applications one by one "which we have substantial issues with" but those issues don't apply to the planning scheme "so our hand is forced".

"We know the State Government is dramatically underestimating the amount of sea level rise in the coming decades and

to be allowing people to develop when those houses will be uninsurable and under water within our lifetimes is disgraceful," he said, adding the government needed to update sea level rise for planning.

Both Crs Tim O'Brien (see separate story) and Jan Thompson agreed council should advocate to protect the environment.

A council spokesperson said every application was assessed on its own merits, with input from relevant authorities such as Melbourne Water.

"Council encourages prospective purchasers or anyone looking to develop land in areas covered by a Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) to contact both council and Melbourne Water early for preliminary advice," they said.

"Every site and proposal is different, and requirements can vary depending on the context of the land and what's being proposed."

A Melbourne Water spokesperson told the Advertiser their assessment of development ap-

plications in flood-prone areas, including Silverleaves, remained unchanged.

"We apply the state's Guidelines for Development in Flood Affected Areas to every proposal, ensuring consistency and transparency in our decision-making," the spokesperson said.

"Each application, whether it is for replacement dwellings or extensions is evaluated on its individual merits under the established guidelines, with core considerations being, the site's designated flood level; the size and footprint of the proposed extension together with the existing finished-floor level relative to the applicable flood benchmark."

As reported in last week's Advertiser, councillors this month endorsed the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL), which states existing structures and assets should be "decommissioned or relocated" away from areas that are or will be harmed by natural hazards, supporting retreat in the face of sea level rise.

So what are the rules on sea level rise?

PLANNING

"We know the State Government is dramatically underestimating the amount of sea level rise in the coming decades and to be allowing people to develop when those houses will be uninsurable and under water within our lifetimes is disgraceful."

That's what Bass Coast Shire councillor Mat Morgan told the July council meeting last week, with fellow Cr Jon Temby agreeing "the current legislation is very inadequate because it's based on sea levels rises that are going to be exceeded, there's no question of that".

So what exactly are the current levels and why are they "inadequate"? And, furthermore, what's the plan to change them?

A coastal hazard assessment for Western Port was released by the government in 2015, requiring planning for a sea level rise of not less than 0.8 metres by 2100, which was adopted as the benchmark for planning permits in 2023.

Last year the State Govern-

ment released the Port Phillip Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment, which stated the effect of higher sea levels and storm surge would result in a tenfold increase in inundation under a sea level rise scenario of 1.4 metres by 2100.

The release of the Port Phillip report saw speculation the government would increase its planning benchmark for sea level rise to at least 1.2 metres, possibly 1.4 metres, in line with the 2019 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change projection.

A Melbourne Water spokesperson this month told the Advertiser they were updating the Western Port Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment (WPBCHA) "to provide accurate and fit for purpose flood information for areas affected by coastal inundation and sea level rise, this includes the Rhyll Inlet area".

The WPBCHA models a range of sea level rise benchmarks, similar to the Port Phillip assessment.

"The update is undergoing peer review and will be finalised by the end of the year," the spokesperson said.

Already risen

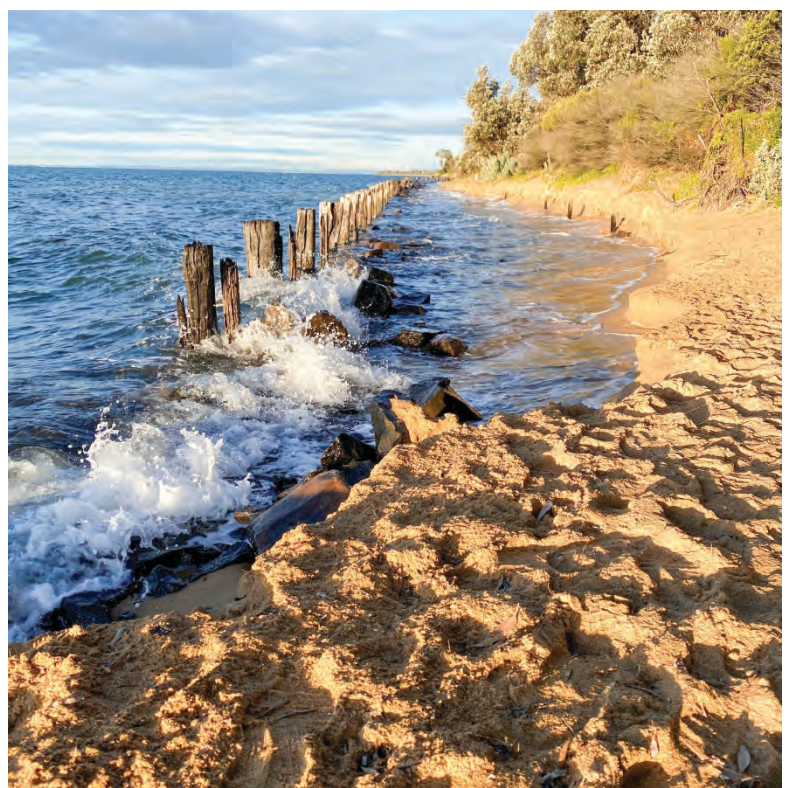
Satellite monitoring over the past three decades shows sea levels are rising and accelerating, with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's (IPCC) sixth report, in 2021, finding a global mean sea level rise per year of 3.2mm from 1993 to 2015, and 3.6mm from 2006 to 2015.

NASA analysis found a faster than expected rise last year, expecting 4.3mm but instead recording 5.9mm, because 2024 was the hottest year on record.

According to CSIRO, for every 10cm of sea level rise, there will be three times more extreme flooding events, depending on location, especially in hotspots.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's projections for sea level rise vary depending on location and whether the world meets Paris Agreement emissions targets.

Even if global warming is limited to 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels, the IPCC is predicting global sea level rises of 0.15-0.23 metres by 2050.



This picture was taken at Silverleaves before increasing erosion led to the construction of the new rock wall between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road.



Bass Coast Shire Council has undertaken maintenance work on the Cowes oval, which was showing signs of wear and tear.

Oval receives some TLC

INFRASTRUCTURE

As the football finals season approaches, there's been some TLC for the Cowes oval, which was showing real signs of wear and tear.

Turf restoration work over summer saw the oval in pristine condition in February, but attacks by hungry flocks of corellas, dry conditions over autumn, a heavy playing and training schedule for Phillip Island Football Club's hundreds of players, and now wet winter conditions, meant the ground was again muddy and patchy.

Bass Coast Shire Council said its outdoor team has been working to repair the ground.

"Council has carried out a range of works last week at the Cowes Recreation Reserve to help the oval recover and stay safe for play, including overseeding, rolling, repairs to the synthetic runoff and coaches box areas, and laying fresh turf," a council spokesperson said.

"Verti-draining is scheduled this week to improve water movement through the surface and promote healthy growth. Encouragingly, the drainage installed as part of last year's upgrade is working well, with the ground already drying out since the weekend.

"We'll continue monitoring the weather and ground conditions closely and work with the club on any further changes if needed.

"The veteran's team has finished for the season and the senior teams are on a bye this week and playing away until August 9, which will give the surface more time to recover," the spokesperson said.

"If poor weather continues, we'll keep working collaboratively with the club and leagues to protect the oval while keeping as much football at home as possible."

The council said the work already

done meant the ground looked good for last weekend's junior football, with a scheduled maintenance planned for after the football season, to prepare for summer cricket.

Back in 2023, the council undertook a \$300,000 turf renovation on the oval, which saw the football club locked out of the ground for the entire summer.

Despite the upgrade, the oval was severely degraded by the end of the 2024 football season with further upgrades (at a similar cost as the previous year) done over the 2024/25 summer break. The football and cricket club were again unable to use the grounds during this time

New grounds needed

The state of the current oval highlights the need for additional ovals for the Phillip Island Football Netball Club (PIFNC), which is the largest club in Gippsland, and bursting at the seams.

The club continues to lobby council saying there is a desperate need for a second oval and improved facilities, and spending large amounts of ratepayer money each year is not sustainable.

In a budget submission last month, PIFNC successfully called for more money to be allocated to the promised new recreation reserve in Cowes, with the allocation rising from \$250,000 to \$440,000.

In the submission PIFNC secretary Glenn Plymin told councillors the club had been hit with a "double whammy", with a failure to progress the new reserve, in addition to dilapidated change rooms.

"Not only do we not have new grounds and facilities to use, which have been promised for four decades, but we also have rundown existing rooms, including holes in floors and no dedicated female changerooms, that the council will not invest in as the new reserve is 'coming'."

Tree loss snowballing

PLANNING

A Bass Coast Shire councillor has apologised for approving continual planning permits for tree removal, saying they were powerless to stop the destruction.

At the July council meeting, which was held in Cowes at Berninnet, councillors questioned the constant and blanket permit approvals for cutting down trees.

According to the council's planning permit application tracker, there have been 43 permits issued for tree removal by landowners across the shire in the 2024/25 financial year, each for differing amounts of trees, from as little as one to more than 10.

Cr Tim O'Brien said he was "really bothered" by the amount of tree removal – and the parallel destruction of neighbourhood character – but he was surprised "how little power" council had to impact removal.

"We are helpless under planning laws, so we approve tree removal planning permits with an apology," said the Island Ward councillor.

He said the best measure would be to ask what a "sensible person would do".

"Would a sensible person approve ... removal of vegetation so we look like a densely populated area of Melbourne?"



At its lowest point, native vegetation on Phillip Island was estimated to be just seven per cent coverage in 1997, based on aerial maps. Photo: Google Earth.

"A sensible person wouldn't (allow this)."

Cr O'Brien said councillors should advocate to the State Government for power to be returned to council to stop vegetation removal.

His comments were supported by fellow councillors including Crs Mat Morgan, Jon Temby and Jan Thompson who agreed council should advocate to protect the environment.

In 2022, a council Biodiversity Biolinks report found Phillip Island was stripped of 93 per cent of its trees and plants at the peak of destruction.

However, over the past decade tree planting by farmers and community groups had seen that worst-case figure improve, with the island now covered by 20 per cent of vegetation.

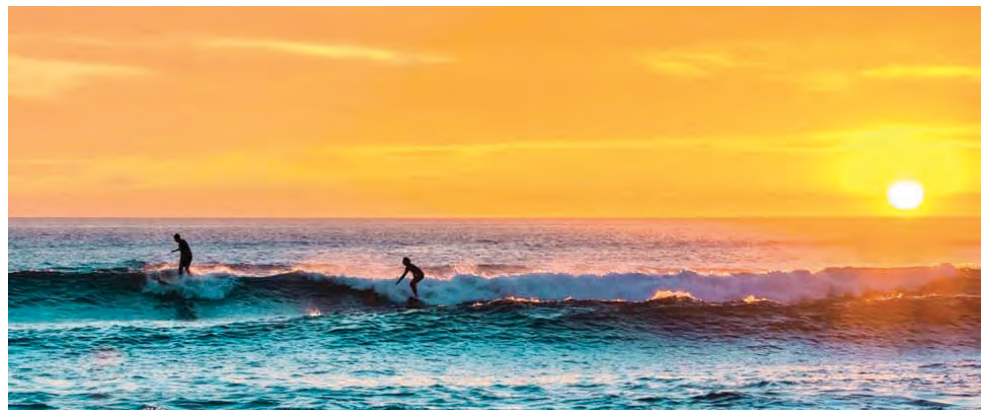
The council's urban for-

est strategy has a target of 40 per cent canopy in urban towns by 2040, with Cowes currently at about 30 per cent, with about 10,000 street trees and potential for 2000 more.

San Remo has few public trees, with just 445, and potential to plant more than 1000.

The strategy states no neighbourhood should fall below 25 per cent canopy coverage, when health and community benefit decline, with the council committing to plant 1500 trees annually, an increase of 1200 trees compared to the current program.

Also in recent years the council announced a crackdown on illegal foreshore vegetation destruction, including carrying out proactive surveillance or monitoring of "hot spots" to gather information which may support enforcement activities.



Ray White Group chief economist Nerida Conisbee's had the island as her hot tip as "the next Byron", citing the success of The Block and the fact that the Hemsworth family owns property on Phillip Island. Photo: Michelle Diggins.

Are we turning into Byron ... again?

REAL ESTATE

Real estate agents are asking "is Phillip Island the next Byron Bay", saying the association with the Hemsworth family could help make the island a "celebrity studded coastal paradise".

Ray White Group chief economist Nerida Conisbee recently shared the island was her hot tip as "the next Byron". If this is sounding familiar, that's because it is.

During Covid, Ms Conisbee zoned in on Cape Woolamai, saying the "popular surf beach

and nice main street" could make it the next coastal hotspot.

That attempt in 2021 to brand it as "the new Byron" elicited an amused and bemused response from locals.

"Nope, wrong weather," said one, while others pointed out Woolamai Beach's reputation for dangerous rips and wild surf.

"Hopefully not," said another. "The last thing we need is a bunch of pretentious wankers taking over."

Now, Ms Conisbee has upped the ante, citing the success of The Block and

the fact that the Hemsworth family owns property on Phillip Island giving it the advantage on other coastal areas.

She also advised those keen to secure a coastal property to look in winter, as there was less competition, with buyers more likely to secure a bargain.

And despite the star power of the Hemsworth name, Ms Conisbee said prices on Phillip Island were generally still under \$800,000. So, it's not just the weather that is different to Byron, where the typical house costs around \$2.2 million.

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The free meeting will be held on July 26, 10am-2pm, at the Cowes RSL Anzac Room.

According to TRPI's Garry Busowsky, many households are unaware of their electricity tariff and the meeting, titled "Cost of living: find the best electricity plan for Phillip Island", will simplify the process.

"Our goal is to explain the design of electricity plans and key information about how to decide which plan is best for you," Garry said.

TRPI will present two local case studies comparing people's existing electricity plans.

Please register your attendance at: events.humanitix.com/find-the-best-electricity-plan-for-phillip-island

TRPI is a community "non-profit, non-commercial, non-political," group promoting the transition to renewable energy, and was part of the rollout of nine community batteries installed across Phillip Island.

Last month's meeting discussed how homes could become energy independent and save money, with local solar providers Sunscape Solar answering householder questions.

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Price tag for new Vietnam vets' museum skyrockets

COMMUNITY

The proposed new National Vietnam Veterans Museum (NVVM) has had a cost blowout, with the project now forecast to cost \$80 million.

In 2020 the new build was set to cost \$37 million, which was later rounded up to \$50 million, but NVVM board member Phil Dressing said following a revised quantity surveyor's report at the end of last year, the new price tag was much higher.

"The longer you leave it the more expensive it gets, on the back of inflation, Covid, supply chain issues, and wages," Phil said.

"There's not only a financial impetus to get it underway, but also an emotional impetus, with Vietnam veterans ageing and passing away.

"There has been a degree of frustration with the process."

Last year the Victorian Planning Minister approved the new NVVM.

The new museum was initially approved by Bass Coast Shire councillors in 2022, but after two objectors fought it at VCAT, the permit was refused in 2023.

The ministerially-approved permit resurrected the museum at 24 Churchill Road, which is similar to the original permit and incorporated a number of tweaks that take on VCAT's concerns.

Phil said in the past month council planners had officially endorsed building plans, which means they could now progress to stage one.

He said the NVVM board had also recently put out to tender construction for the road from the Cape Woolamai roundabout, after Department of Planning and Transport approval, which is the first step in development.

Once a contractor is employed, construction of the roughly 50 metre road should start later in the year, funded from the remaining \$1.5 million federal grant funding.

Phil said while last year they hired a professional funding organisation, DGB



In 2020 the new National Vietnam Veterans Museum at 24 Churchill Road was set to cost \$37 million. A revised quote now puts it at \$80 million.

Global, to help boost the coffers, so far their funding position had not changed, with \$16 million in State and Federal Government grants already promised to the project.

Late last year NVVM board representatives visited Canberra to present a revised business case to Minister for Veterans' Affairs Matt Keogh, requesting \$40 million in government funding.

"Our request was for \$25 million in year one and \$15 million in year two, which would enable us to embark on stage one," Phil said.

"The response we received was positive. But we are not oblivious to the political environment."

USA

Phil said in August two board members – the museum founder John Methven and Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (Victoria) president Bob Elworthy – will visit the USA to seek funds.

"They will attend the Vietnam Veterans of America annual convention in New

Orleans, August 5 to 9, to network in the veteran movement and focus on high net worth individuals with links to the Vietnam conflict.

"Given Trump's executive order to reduce funding to their equivalent of the veterans affairs department, it's unlikely their government will give us any funding."

Phil acknowledged there was frustration at the slow pace of progress but they were "still highly optimistic".

"Things are moving forward but not as fast as we'd like.

"The contingencies going through the roof has not lessened our resolve. If anything it has increased.

"At this stage we are positive we will get funding from government, the USA and philanthropic individuals in Australia."

As previously reported, it is expected to take up to three years for the completion of stage one construction.

Once the new building is open, the current site will transition into offices, a conservation centre and storage for the Churchill Road collection.

Public Notice

Consultation for Review of the Bass Gas Offshore Operations EP



Beach Energy (Beach) supplies natural gas from offshore Victoria to the local market through existing infrastructure. In accordance with regulatory requirements, Beach has commenced planning and consulting for the 5-year review of the Bass Gas Offshore Operations Environment Plan (EP) to cover ongoing production operations.

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Community information sessions

Beach is committed to working with local communities, ensuring people are informed about our projects and can provide feedback. Stakeholder consultation is an important part of our planning as it helps identify local concerns and ensures management of potential impacts.

Consultation on the revised Bass Gas Offshore Operations EP is open from **Monday 14 July 2025** until close of business **Friday 10 October 2025**.



For information regarding consultation, please see NOSPEMA's Brochure titled 'Consultation on offshore petroleum environment plans', at consultation.nopsema.gov.au.

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Airport land seeking new development

SPORTING FACILITIES

The Phillip Island airport land is being flagged as a site for a private pool and recreation ground.

There is little detail of the proposal available, in the “pre-embryonic” stage, with no feasibility study, business case, or formal plans submitted to council or the public.

In 2017 the airport landowner offered to build a community hospital in return for planning permission to subdivide the land for housing.

That hospital proposal had little detail available and did not progress in the face of council scrutiny.

Since that time this year’s State Government’s Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) decision in May has further restricted development on the land.

The landowner had lobbied for housing subdivision during the DAL but the 47-hectare site – which continues to be listed for sale as “residential” – is zoned farming and will not now be rezoned to allow housing development.

However, Derek Harbison, who describes himself as the project manager, is motivated for a recreation area to progress.

Derek, who has been a local secondary school teacher, and involved in retail, now runs a heat pump



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company and is proposing to use his technology in a proposed 50 metre warm water pool on the airport land.

He said he was working with the owner of the land to develop the proposal, which would see a “concessional lease” model, with other potential businesses on the site including accommodation and sports grounds.

“The development will be privately funded with no public funds involved or required,” Derek said.

Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund (PIACF) secretary Peter McMahon said the project was “pre-embryonic”, adding it sounded “strange but worth a shot” and PIACF was supporting it.

“The current thinking is to develop a self-functioning recreation facility capable of securing power

for the local network, as well as the entire site,” Peter said.

“If it is possible, the idea is the land could be offered for a set figure and shared between the current owner and parties that take up residency, still to be confirmed.”

“The consortium to be established is to fund the venture.

“If we don’t try something we will never see a centre constructed on the island.”

Sports hub

Bass Coast Shire councillors in 2023 adopted the Phillip Island Recreation Reserve Master Plan, which includes a future sporting grounds and a community pool.

Peter said “when the time is right”, PIACF would ask the community to get behind the airport

proposal, “but not yet until plans proceed”.

“Our numbers are currently small, as the community is very apathetic and don’t want to renew their membership,” he said.

“This idea has come about mainly because for 34-plus years our council has refused to work with our group.

“Our idea is not to torpedo the shire’s plan. We believe there is no way either government can afford it the way it is being presented.

“The airport site is an alternative, with the promise of co-operation from many, other than government to make the aquatic centre a reality.

“There is a lot of work that needs to be done before we unleash too much information, other than it is being investigated by all parties to how it can be achieved,” Peter said.

PIACF president Don Turner told a council budget submissions hearing in June the long-awaited pool was “ignored” in the budget.

He told councillors aquatics had previously been a council priority in both the advocacy strategy and the financial plan, which reflected community priorities.

But aquatics was now missing from all these policies.

New visitor guide to be released

TOURISM

First came the Phillip Island Walking Guide.

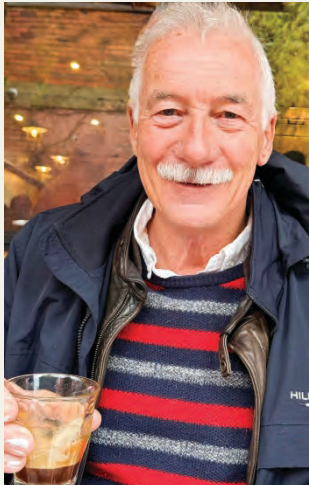
Then cycling was added.

Now Jeff Floyd is publishing his third fundraising guidebook, this time adding in the “best of” with cafes, restaurants, dog-friendly places, tourist attractions, wellness, wineries, farm shops, clubs, pubs, “everything to do for the island visitor”.

Jeff said the first two guides – Phillip Island Walking Guide and Phillip Island Walking & Cycling Guide – sold out quickly, with all proceeds going to the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL).

All proceeds from this new guide – set to be published in September – will go to Growing Cambodia, the local charity that supports the education of more than 1000 Cambodian children.

To help fund the guide, Jeff said he was calling



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for advertisers who can help cover printing costs.

Jeff knows the island intimately, having been on the Nature Parks board for seven years – as well as chair for four years, and past president of PICAL for two years.



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With the Nobbies Centre currently closed indefinitely due to structural issues, the Nature Parks is open to all options for the building, saying the hero of the site was “the views and the boardwalks, the seals and the natural environment”.

Masterplan consultation: The Nobbies

CONSULTATION

Phillip Island Nature Park’s Jarvis Weston sees the new Summerland masterplan as a “once in a generation” opportunity to address the future of the Nobbies, acknowledging the current building had a checkered past (see separate story).

He said when the building was constructed in the 1990s (originally as the Seal Rocks Sea Life Centre), the State Government overrode strong community opposition to the private consortium project, which eroded trust in government.

“Now is the opportunity to reverse that, and go out to the community and say, what do you want for this place?”

With the Nobbies Centre currently closed indefinitely due to structural issues, he said the Na-

ture Parks was open to any and all options for the site, including reconfiguring, repurposing or even demolishing the current centre.

“That building is only 30 years old and it’s falling down,” he said noting it would take at least \$5 million for repairs and maintenance of the current building, or almost twice that for a major overhaul.

“We’ve done the financial analysis, we’ve tried different attractions in there throughout the years, and it’s never worked as an attraction per se.

“Really, the hero of the site is the views and the boardwalks, the seals and the natural environment.”

Describing the current centre as unsuitable for the harsh coastal environment of its location, he believes the master-

plan is a great opportunity for the community and the Nature Parks to “put forward what we want for the site and start to work towards it”.

Considerations could include whether any part of the existing building could be repurposed, if the existing foundations could be reuse, or if it would be better environmentally to move any building back from the clifftop and leave the landscape to be the hero.

When giving feedback, he stressed people didn’t need to limit themselves to thinking about how the existing building could be used, saying “it is all on the table”.

However environmental considerations were paramount.

“It’s probably stating the obvious to say whatever we do needs to fit in with the natural landscape.”

Masterplan consultation: South Coast Road

CONSULTATION

A key aspect for the future masterplan is the complex issue of vehicle access to the peninsula, which is certain to attract feedback on the future of the South Coast Road.

Closure of the road had been mooted as far back as 1985, and always fiercely opposed by the island community.

Previous attempts to close the road included a 1997 planning application for the Seal Rocks Sea Life Centre (a petition opposing the closure gathered 12,820 signatures); the 2000-2005 Nature Parks management plan and; in 2010 at the conclusion of the Summerland buy-back.

In 2016, as part of the Summerland Peninsula Trails Master Plan, a partial closure was proposed, with the road diverted at Solent Avenue, and the remaining 700 metres to be walking access only.

Again, Jarvis stressed the Nature Parks was not approaching the issue with any preconceived ideas – “we’re open to different ways of doing it”, and stated closure of the road wasn’t on the current priority list.

However management of traffic in the area is.

“One of the fundamental issues is how we move people around,” said Jarvis

“One of (the key concerns) is the vehicle circulation and



A key aspect for the future masterplan is the complex issue of vehicle access to the peninsula, and the future of the South Coast Road. Photo courtesy of Google Maps.

usage of the peninsula, where we’ve still got people driving around everywhere, and at peak times, it just overflows.

“People park all over the road and traipse over penguin habitat.”

He said controlling traffic movement around the entire peninsula, to protect the wildlife, was a massive challenge, and closing down the roads wasn’t an option.

“If it was just a tourism destination, you could probably look at that, and have shuttle buses.

“But the community use it a lot. They use the surf beaches, it’s a really popular area for the local community too, so that adds a layer of complexity.”

“The community is proud of the peninsula and going forward, if it’s something they helped design, they’ll look after it.”

He said any suggestions for the South Coast Road needed to consider its proximity to penguin and other wildlife habitats, and its location near the clifftop with the potential for landslips in places.

He said environmental sensitivities also impacted the road maintenance, meaning normal road drainage can’t be installed, “so that in itself causes issues”.

Suggestions on ways to balance walking or cycling tracks with vehicle access would be welcomed, as rising costs meant options like the boardwalks and pathways proposed in previous plans were now “beyond the realms of being able to be funded”.

“We need something affordable, something that suits everyone.”



Two consultation sessions next week aim to capture community sentiment on the future of the Summerland Peninsula, including vehicle access and the future of the Nobbies Centre. Photo courtesy of Google Earth.

What would you like to see at Summerland?

From page 1

“There’s so many layers to this peninsula.

“It is so sensitive in terms of environmental values, but also aboriginal cultural heritage values.”

The area’s deep history also includes the European history from the first settlers, through to the story of the buyback scheme – one of the only of its kind in the world.

And rather than simply being the location of the Penguin Parade, Jarvis hopes the new masterplan will help people see the Summerland peninsula as a potential destination.

“So you can pull up here (at the Penguin Parade) and potentially walk to Swan Lake, or to Shelly Beach, or walk along the South Coast Road, or go out to the Nobbies and explore.”

New plan

Jarvis stressed this will be a new masterplan, not a rewrite or refresh of the plan from 2012.

While in some respects the previous plan had delivered some major successes, including the new Penguin Parade centre and upgrades to the viewing areas and boardwalks, in other ways “it hasn’t achieved its purpose,” Jarvis said.

A key aim of the new masterplan would be to see the upgrade of the Penguin Parade completed, and to set a future direction for The Nobbies.

Working on the masterplan is JCB – the architectural firm behind Berninnet and TCL, landscape architects who recently delivered the upgraded

Werribee Open Range Zoo and the Point Nepean National Park Project.

Running the engagement process is the Tourism Collective, who worked with Destination Phillip Island for last year’s management plan, giving them a good idea of the issues of the island.

Jarvis said the plan will need to be affordable and realistic, working around the sensitivities of the site.

“We’ve got to try and work with what we’ve got, to a degree and work with the footprint we’ve got.

“We want to be as open and authentic as possible, and we need people to have some buy-in.”

After the initial consultation, a draft masterplan will be put together, and then presented to the community for further feedback, hopefully around October, with the masterplan finalised by the end of the year.

Anyone who can’t attend the sessions for this round of consultation, can also fill in an online survey at www.penguins.org.au, or email thoughts and ideas to community@penguins.org.au

Consultation dates:

Tuesday July 29, 5.30pm – 7pm at the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre.

Thursday July 31, 12.30pm – 1.30pm at North Pier Hotel (upstairs function room)

www.penguins.org.au/about/our-community/projects-and-maintenance/planning-our-future

Summerland plan: community concerns

Feedback on community views for the Summerland Peninsula has already started, with submissions to the Nature Parks, and comments on social media.

Some expressed concerns about wildlife protection, with one post saying while the government seemed focused on “maximising tourism”, they hoped the fundamental aim of the Nature Parks wouldn’t be forgotten.

Others called for the use of shuttle buses, so the wildlife “don’t have to deal with thou-

sands of cars”.

“Time to close the South Coast Road to cars and promote it as a cycle route,” one resident suggested, while others vehemently rejected the suggestion.

“This gravel road is not only iconic to Phillip Island ... it offers rare, uninterrupted views of Bass Strait,” one submission stated, saying with “smart, well-managed planning” the road could remain open without compromising the environment or visitor safety.



South Gippsland Legacy's Krishna Methven was presented with her 25-year certificate at the July group meeting by President Alex Moon.

Special presentation for Krishna

LEGACY

San Remo's Krishna Methven was presented with her 25-year certificate at the July meeting of South Gippsland Legacy.

It was fitting that in the photo of the presentation, by President Alex Moon, is the Legacy lectern which shares a history with Krishna.

The lectern was presented to the South Gippsland group on the night Legatee Krish was inducted by then group president Legatee Perry Neill.

A skilled woodcrafter, he created the lectern himself to mark the 50th anniversary of South Gippsland Legacy, founded in Korumburra.

The shield depicts the Legacy logo and a wreath made of scales from the Lone Pine tree in Coleman Park, planted by Legatees.

As Legatee Perry explains, the wreath circle is incomplete as Legacy's work is ongoing.

Unfortunately, he was unable to attend Legatee Krish's 25-year presentation, but sent his congratulations and best wishes.

Council proposal undermines "democratic right"

COUNCIL

About 200 people signed a petition fighting Bass Coast Shire Council's proposed changes to public question time, alongside a range of community submissions.

The Council's draft governance rules 2025, which closed for community feedback last week, proposed question time should be for a maximum of 30 minutes unless extended by a council resolution and if a person is not present at question time, the question will not be read out or included in the minutes.

An online petition, "Stop Bass Coast Shire Council from unfairly changing the rules of public question time", gained support, while submissions were also lodged with council.

Resident Kevin Griffin lodged a submission stating if a person was unable to be at a meeting to ask a question, they should be able to nominate a proxy.

"The new rule will exclude the greater majority of Bass Coast community members from participating in public question time during council meetings," Kevin said.

He also called for question time to be a maximum of 60 minutes, "a reasonable balance of time which recognises the importance of question time and does not unnecessarily delay other business".

"The governance rules is a critical document which can be used to enhance transparency,

accountability, and public engagement, or it can be misused to erode (these)," Kevin said.

His submission states question time is a "democratic safeguard" and "since 2016 successive Bass Coast Shire Councils have imposed tighter restrictions on this right".

"In many ways public question time can be the most important aspect of open democracy.

"But your council's proposed changes will largely remove public questions from council meetings."

There were a range of public questions at the July council meeting on the governance rules, with several questions highlighting the difficulties for all residents to attend a regional council, given the "distance to travel".

The final governance rules are expected to go to the August council meeting, but Mayor Rochelle Halstead at last week's council meeting said they may be delayed, "depending on what council wants to do" from feedback.

Cr Ronnie Bauer raised concerns about current governance rules at the July meeting after he and Cr Brett Tessari – who were both online – could only be viewed by Cr Halstead and not fellow councillors.

"The rules state councillors and must seen and heard. The meeting should be run correctly or not at all," Cr Bauer said.

"If the mayor alone can see you there could be undue influence on their chair. Councillors all need to be seen and heard."



A crowd of 500 angry protestors confronted then-State Planning Minister Ron Maclellan when he inspected the Nobbies site in 1997.

The Nobbies: a checkered history

SUMMERLAND

In August 1996, the proposal for a two-stage ecotourism development at Point Grant was announced by then Premier Jeff Kennett. Stage 1 included a Sea Life and Seal Discovery Centre with cafes, dining facilities and an indoor boat trip. Stage 2 involved a 1.5km tunnel leading to a tower for seal viewing both above and below sea level.

Under the plan, vehicle access on both the south coast and into the Summerland Peninsula beyond Shelly Beach was banned. All vehicles were required to park at the Penguin Parade, with passengers boarding shuttle buses to Point Grant.

Point Grant was the most visited attraction on Phillip Island (1.5 million visitors annually) valued for its magnificent natural beauty and rugged coastal views.

From the outset, the proposal was mired in controversy.

There was no community consultation prior to the bombshell announcement, nor an Environment Effects Study (ESS) undertaken.

While the tourism benefits such a development would bring were welcomed by some, the plans were strongly opposed by a large section of the community, on the basis that a tall and obtrusive building, taking up a large part of the cliff frontage, would obliterate the natural views and experience that visitors came for.

Objections included Crown Land and control of public roads being handed to a private developer, and that a unique natural and world class attraction was being treated as nothing more than an exploitable and profit driven commodity.

Two public protest meetings were called in Cowes in the space of three weeks by the Phillip Island Conservation Society. Both were attended by hundreds of angry residents. From these gatherings, The Nobbies Action Group (NAG) was formed. It became a community-based movement backed by a large number of residents, and formally led the fight against the proposal.

A petition circulated by NAG objecting to the plans gathered over 12,000 signatures in the space of three months.

One hundred and fifteen submissions were lodged (the highest number recorded by the Bass Coast Shire on any issue) with 109 against and just six in support of the application.

The saga coincided with a period during which three (unelected) Bass Coast Shire commissioners were appointed by the Kennett following council amalgamations, replacing elected councillors. The commissioners gave notice of their approval of the development plans, ignor-



The aftermath of the 2002 waterspout hitting the Nobbies Centre, a building mired in controversy since it was first announced in 1996.

ing all community concerns presented.

Their decision was met with disappointment, anger and disbelief. The Nobbies Action Group immediately gave notice that it would lodge an appeal with VCAT.

Soon after, in November, the then State Planning Minister Ron Maclellan "called in" the application, thus by-passing the VCAT appeals process.

While inspecting the site in January, as part of his review, he was confronted by a crowd of 500 angry protestors.

By March, review completed, Mr Maclellan recommended the \$54 million Sea Life Centre go ahead, but with modifications. It was to be redesigned with a lower profile, height lowered by 1.4 metres, setback from cliff a further three metres, and the dusk curfew for operation retained.

In a win for NAG and the community, he recommended all vehicle access to Point Grant be retained. Minister Maclellan also established a Nobbies Working Group, which included local representation.

At the 1999 state election, Independent Susan Davies won the formerly safe Liberal seat of Gippsland West. Ms Davies then aligned with two other state independent candidates, which brought down the Kennett government. The savage swing against the Liberals in the Gippsland West electorate was attributed to community anger over the Nobbies issue.

While initially welcoming the compromise announced by Minister Maclellan, NAG later released a statement after viewing the new plans, stating the process was flawed; the building was still too large; and the developer had only tinkered at the original design. Of concern also was a new condition inserted that permitted the centre to operate until 90 minutes after dusk.

Timeline

1998. The Nobbies Sea Life Centre opened.

1999: The Bracks Labor Government terminated the development agreement after major delays and financial issues surfaced.

This resulted in the State Government ordered to pay out \$60 million in compensation to the developer after the cancellation, making the Sea Life Centre one of the most expensive failed projects in Victorian history. While the cancellation came too late to stop construction of the building, the undersea tunnel and platform was never built.

2002: The building it was hit by a waterspout, causing extensive damage and the building's closure for years.

A Task Force was subsequently appointed by the government to present options on the future of the building. The Task Force recommended the building be removed. The State Government chose to ignore the recommendation, instead allocating \$7.1 million to rebuild the centre.

2015: Phillip Island Nature Parks opened a new exhibition at the Nobbies, the Antarctic Journey, a \$7 million joint project with the World Wildlife Fund.

2018: Gale force winds saw four solar panels dislodged from the roof with the centre and surrounding boardwalks and car-park temporarily closed.

2024: The Antarctic Journey was closed due to "ongoing technical issues", and later that year, the Nature Parks announced critical repairs were needed for the building.

2025: The building was closed due to safety reasons with Nature Parks saying the base of an external column holding up the eaves was corroded, "causing irreparable damage to that column".



The Inverloch Jazz Festival returns from Friday August 1 to Sunday August 3 August, with tickets on sale now.

Don't miss a beat: Inverloch Jazz returns

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Get ready for a spectacular weekend of music, rhythm and community as the Inverloch Jazz Festival returns from Friday August 1 to Sunday August 3.

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- Ladies Be Good, bringing playful, high-energy vocals and vibrant arrangements
- Teen Town, a powerhouse of talent featuring some of Australia's most respected jazz musicians
- Arandù, a vibrant fusion of jazz, Afro-Cuban rhythms, and pop culture from Melbourne. Their electrifying sound blends traditional Latin music with soulful modern jazz melodies, promising a dynamic performance that will leave audiences spellbound.

Tickets start from \$65 per session or \$130 for a full weekend pass.

See the program and book your tickets now: inverlochjazzfestival.com

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Glow Getters Youth Theatre lights the way for young performers

ARTS

Lighten Up Theatre is expanding, with a new youth branch launching in July on Phillip Island.

Founder Trish Oostendarp is introducing Glow Getters Youth Theatre, a creative and inclusive space for local children and teens to explore the stage, grow confidence and build performance skills.

"I always wanted to do something for the youth," Trish said.

"It was always part of the long-term vision."

Glow Getters will run weekly sessions at Rhyll Hall, catering to two age groups, seven to 12 years (5.30pm-6.15pm) and 13 to 17 years (6.30pm-7.30pm), on Tuesday evenings. Each session will include

acting, singing, movement and audition preparation.

"It's not about having experience," Trish said.

"Everyone is welcome – all walks of life. We want to make this accessible to everyone."

The group is planning a small family showcase later in the year, with a full youth production scheduled for 2026.

Glow Getters is part of Lighten Up Theatre – a not-for-profit group known for its uplifting theatre restaurant-style shows. Their next adult production is already in the works, with auditions set for Thursday July 24 at 7pm, also at the Rhyll Hall.

"At Glow Getters Youth Theatre, we cheer on every little light," said Trish.

"Because when kids feel seen, supported and



Cowes residents Trish Oostendarp and Jessica Carroll are two of the leaders behind Glow Getters Youth Theatre, the newly launched youth branch of Lighten Up Theatre, meeting on Tuesday nights at the Rhyll Hall from this month.

celebrated, that's when the real glow begins."

See more details on the Light Up Theatre Facebook page.

It's planting time at Red Rocks

ENVIRONMENT

The Red Rocks Saltwater Creek Coastcare group is holding a working bee this Sunday, July 27 from 10am until 12 noon.

They hope to plant around 200 local indigenous species along the

Red Rocks fire trail, in the foreshore reserve and the sand dunes.

They would love to see lots of volunteers keen to lend a hand for this important task.

If you would like to join them, meet at the Red Rocks car park at

10am. Please bring a water bottle and wear sturdy shoes and suitable clothing for a cool day (12C) with some rain. Gloves and tools will be provided.

A morning tea will be held after the working bee.

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"Vision and Reality" celebrates a lifetime of artistic practice by Phillip Island artist John Adam. Dedicated to painting from an early age, John studied at Swinburne Technical College in 1953, and has exhibited consistently since then, receiving many awards including the Bass Coast Shire Acquisitive Award on five occasions. Displaying a selection of paintings spanning seventy years, this modest survey exhibition captures John Adam's continuing experimentation and his belief – to quote the late Brett Whiteley – that "painting is a difficult pleasure".

Image credit: John Adam, "Kiln 2" 2024, oil on canvas, 50 x 60 cm. Courtesy the artist.

Western Port documentary First visit to Berninnet

ENVIRONMENT

At first glance it looks like scenes from Kakadu or even the Great Barrier Reef and could easily be mistaken for a David Attenborough production.

But instead, the three-minute video is a teaser for a new documentary currently being made on Western Port.

Marine biologist, author and filmmaker Sheree Marris has captured remarkable footage of the waterway on our doorstep – from fluorescent fish to world-first footage of baby elephant sharks hatching and untouched forests – to promote her upcoming doco, Western Port Down Under.

Sheree, a former Young Australian of the Year, is working with scientists to capture the images for the full-scale production of the 45-minute film, which is set for a 2026 release.

Eight years ago, Sheree created a documentary Melbourne Down Under (melbournedownunder.com.au), which featured on Channel 10, with the Western Port Down Under project set to be a similar format.

"Despite that it's more ecologically significant and complex than Port Phillip, boasting three to four times the total number of species diversity, Western Port remains largely unknown and undervalued," said the 50-year-old, who grew up at Hastings.

Sheree said aside from the documentary, which will include community screenings, her team would also be producing



Former Young Australian of the Year, Sheree Marris is making a documentary about Western Port and has released a three-minute teaser.

a book, schools education kit, portal/website, and a discovery trail – all "designed to connect people with the heart and soul of Western Port".

"People protect what they understand and love," she said.

"This project is about helping us see the magic of Western Port's marine environment, so we can care for it. It will help ensure one of Australia's most overlooked marine gems is protected.

"Western Port Down Under will live on through classrooms, homes, coffee tables, artworks and conversations."

Sheree said in coming months they would host a series of community meetings to capture knowledge, stories and ideas.

Biology

Sheree studied marine biology at Deakin University and has largely worked on her own projects in science communications, "bridging the gap between science and the public",

alongside experts from the likes of James Cook University.

She has written seven books, her most recent Octopuses – Underwater, about "the planet's most extraordinary animals", as well as KamaSEatra – Secrets of Sex in the Sea, about the unique reproductive methods of sea creatures.

She is a former Parks Victoria board member and regularly appears on television including Channel 10's The Project and is a regular contributor to Ocean Geographic and Australian Geographic.

For the Western Port documentary, Sheree will work alongside a team of experts including from the Western Port Biosphere Foundation, as well as the Surfrider Foundation, drone operators, divers and cinematographers.

She will do much of the work pro bono, but is confident she will receive funding.

Details: www.westernportdownunder.com.au

EDUCATION

Grade 5 and 6 students from Our Lady Star of the Sea enjoyed a visit to Berninnet earlier this month to see the Steve Ulula Parker art exhibition – Warreeny Ngulu (Ocean Voice).

The excursion was a great success with the school's Performing Arts teacher Christy Spottiswood describing the visit as "amazing."

"We were warmly welcomed into the gallery and told that we are the first school group to be hosted at Berninnet," Christy said.

Council's Visual Art and Cultural development officer Rosemary Ford guided the students through the exhibition assisting with an interpretation of the exhibits.

The children were also invited to reflect on the theme of Connection to Country.

"Our guide, Rosemary, gave us an insightful tour of Steve's works that really engaged the students as they made connections to their own stories. They listened to Steve's Songline and considered the healing power of being connected to Millowl (Phillip Island).

The students also visited the library where they were shown the resources available to them.

Back at school, they reflected what was described as a great experience, using photos taken during the outing to make a book to take home and share with their families.



Cordelia Johnston, Ella Kallstrom and Amelia Kozlovskis-Duffin at the library during their class visit to Berninnet.

More photos at pisra.com.au/education



Rosemary Ford, Bass Coast Shire Council's Visual Arts and Cultural Development officer, guided Our Lady Star of the Sea students during their visit to Berninnet.

Arockalypse returns

MUSIC

Arockalypse Now explodes back for its fourth year on August 2, at the Westernport Hotel in San Remo.

Get ready for an epic night with Hot Machine, Willie J's 6v6's, Pizza Death, Space Junk, Laura and the Hell Cutz, The Dropkicks, The Foxy Junes, Ratbird, Boxthorn, Book Runner, and Chrome Gypsy.

The annual music festival showcases quality local musicians and promotes a diverse line up of artists that blends rock, punk, blues and soul.

This community-based festival provides an opportunity for local bands to share the stage with established Melbourne acts, and is the perfect opportunity for music lovers of all ages to come along and enjoy great live music.

Presented by Nick Carver, PBS 106.7FM, and the Westernport Hotel, two stages will rock non-stop all night long. Tickets are on sale now – grab yours at thewesternport.com.au and dive into the chaos!



Laura And The Hell Cutz are part of the massive line up when Arockalypse Now returns to the Westernport Hotel on August 2. Tickets on sale now.



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- Dr Krista Fisher - Young Men's Mental Health Research Fellow, Movember

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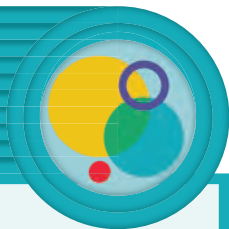


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Welcome to the 2025 Festival of Stories

Once again, our small committee has sat around kitchen tables and been courageous in putting together what we believe is a weekend of thoughtful discussion, topics that will enlighten and sometimes challenge, encourage laughter and an understanding of who we are.

As our second full Festival since the days of Covid, we have worked hard to keep the stories relevant, interesting and to provide a program that has something for everyone.

As President of this group, I thank past committee members who have helped build this Festival and in particular, Kay Setches. Kay, one of our founding members, stepped back this year, but we recognise her as our Patron for all the energy and emotion that she contributed since our first Festival in 2019. I am so proud of the work the current committee have done and contributed to this year's Festival. We thank the crew at Berninneit who have encouraged us in

what we are trying to achieve, and we also thank our sponsors and community partners, without whom we would not be here.

Again, all of the presenters have gone above and beyond and with a theme of "What's your story" we will hear how they have responded to life's personal challenges, as well as from changes in society, in politics, the media, the environment and what we face in the future.

We hope all attendees enjoy this Festival and everyone takes away at least one valuable message and that the meaning of what we present will help us see the world through the eyes of others.

Lois Gaskin
President, Island Story Gatherers



PETER LALOR worked for News Ltd as a news and feature reporter, and chief cricket writer for 30 years. Peter and fellow Australian journalist, Gideon Haigh, produce the podcast *Cricknet et al*. Peter has written numerous biographies and is a member of the Chappell Foundation Board raising funds for youth homelessness in Australia.



MICHELLE LESH, an international lawyer, taught at the Melbourne Law School and London School of Economics, worked at the United Nations and is a member of the International Bar Association War Crimes Committee. Together with her stepfather, Raimond Gaita, she edited her husband Mark Raphael Baker's memoir, *A Season of Death*, published posthumously in 2024.



BRIAN NANKERVIS has been writing, producing and co-hosting the music quiz show *RockWiz* since 2005. Brian co-hosts *The Friday Revue* and hosts Saturday Breakfast on ABC Radio Melbourne, just some of his many radio stints. A writer/performer on *Let The Blood Run Free*, he also appeared regularly on *Hey Hey It's Saturday* as the poet Raymond J Bartholomeuz.



SAMMY J is an Australian comedian, author, composer and broadcaster. He's performed around the world, had a sitcom on Netflix, is one half of the man/puppet comedy duo Sammy J & Randy, hosted the ABC Radio Melbourne breakfast show and created viral satirical sketches and songs on politics, parenting, and everything in between. At this year's Festival of Stories, Saturday evening's *Sing a Song with Sammy* is an amusing stroll through stories and music on the piano.



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



BEAU VERNON is a proud product of Phillip Island whose journey of resilience and leadership has inspired people across Australia. Beau has refused to let adversity define him. In his festival session he talks about being an elite wheelchair rugby athlete with the Australian Steelers, and what it was like winning a Paralympic bronze medal at the Paris games.



PAULA WASIAK is a conservation scientist reintroducing bush stone-curlews to Milawul, Phillip Island, after spending 15 years elbow-deep in penguin burrows. She is a passionate science communicator who likes to blend research with humour to spark joy and a desire for conservation action.



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



PAUL BANGAY is one of Australia's pre-eminent landscape designers and gardening authorities. Author of 13 books, his work has featured in dozens of publications over his 30+ year career. Paul has consistently given his time to charitable, philanthropic, and civic endeavours, and in 2018 was awarded an OAM for service to landscape architecture.



JANE CARO is a Walkley-winning columnist, author, novelist and social commentator who has appeared on television, made speeches, and writes regularly in *The SMH*, *The Age* and *The Saturday Paper*. She's written 14 books and her novel, *The Mother*, is a best-seller. She launched her new book *Lyrebird*, in April this year.



CANDICE FOX is the author of 11 crime novels and the winner of three prestigious Ned Kelly Awards. She has also co-written seven New York Times bestsellers with James Patterson, the world's bestselling thriller writer and her novels have been adapted into a major ABC TV series. As a volunteer for WIRES, she has rescued countless wild animals.



PETER GRESTE is an award-winning foreign correspondent who spent 25 years working for the BBC, Reuters and Al Jazeera in some of the world's most volatile places. He became a headline himself, when he and two colleagues were arrested in Cairo and charged with terrorism offences. He is a vocal campaigner and advocate for media freedom.



GIDEON HAIGH has been a journalist since 1984, written 52 books and contributed to more than 100 newspapers and magazines. He is the co-presenter, along with Peter Lalor, of the podcast *Cricknet et al*, where they talk about life in general and, of course, cricket.



JUDY HORACEK is a freelance Australian cartoonist, writer and children's book creator. She has published 10 collections of cartoons, and 11 picture books, five on her own and six with Mem Fox, including the wildly successful *Where is the Green Sheep?* She lives in Melbourne and has holidayed on Phillip Island her entire life.



ANN JONES is the ABC's nature nerd, with a special affinity with all things land and nature. She can be heard showcasing the best of nature, adventure and scientific research with Radio National's *What the Duck?* She has also hosted science and nature documentaries for ABC TV and is part of the children's nature-adventure podcast *Noisy by Nature*.



KON KARAPANAGIOTIDIS OAM is the founder and CEO of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, which has helped more than 300,000 asylum seekers and refugees. Kon is a qualified lawyer, social worker and teacher and is a twice published author; his memoir *The Power of Hope* and the best-seller Greek cookbook co-authored with his mother, Sia.



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



FOONG LING KONG is CEO and Publisher at Melbourne University Publishing. She has also worked at Penguin, Hardie Grant and Allen & Unwin. She was Chair of the Feminist Writers Festival, on the boards of the Stella Prize and Overland, and managing editor of Anne Summers Reports. She spent the last seven years as Editor of Debates at the Parliament of Victoria, recently returning to MUP.

Presenters at this year's Festival of Stories

PROGRAM BERNINNEIT, COWES

FRIDAY JULY 25

7.00pm *The Correspondent*: Starring Richard Roxburgh as Australian journalist Peter Greste. This screening ties in with the Saturday morning in conversation session.

SATURDAY JULY 26

9.00am *Smoking Ceremony*, Berninneit forecourt
10am – 10.45am *Truth is not the only casualty*: Peter Greste talks to Gideon Haigh about his terrifying ordeal of being falsely accused of terrorism and gaoled in Egypt, before the Australian Government finally managed to get him released.

11am – 11.45am *Changing fashions in gardening*: A fascinating exploration of the gardener's art from the master of design, Paul Bangay.

12pm – 12.45pm *What the duck?!*: The ABC's own nature nerd, Ann Jones, and PINP's Paula Wasiak, laugh their way through the mysteries and strange antics of the natural world.

1pm – 2pm Lunch break
2pm – 2.45pm *Food: much more than a meal*: From cultural icons to a weapon of war, Kon and Sia Karapanagiotidis and Jordana Silverstein talk about the uses and abuses that humanity has around food.

3pm – 3.45pm *It's easy being green*: Renowned illustrator and cartoonist Judy Horacek talks about her children's book *Where is the Green Sheep?* and other environmental questions.

7.30pm *Sing a song with Sammy*: an amusing evening stroll through stories and music at the piano, from the ever inventive Sammy J, who says he has "had more career eras than Taylor Swift".

SUNDAY JULY 27

9.30am – 10.15am *The price of love*: Publisher, Foong Ling Kong talks with authors Michelle Lesh and Gideon Haigh about remembering the life of a loved one through writing.

10.30am – 11.15am *The mystery of murder*: Why do people find murder so fascinating? Authors Jane Caro and Candice Fox delve into the darkest mystery of all.

11.30am – 12.15pm *From Murdoch to the new media*: With 60+ years of experience in journalism between them, Peter Lalor and Gideon Haigh abandoned familiar shores for the new terrain of podcasting: they discuss why and what happened next.

12.15pm – 1.30pm Lunch break
1.30pm – 2.15pm *In praise of veg*: Alice Zaslavsky, award-winning author, broadcaster and tastemaker, known for bringing vibrancy and vitality to every plate through great produce and clever tricks, talks with Brian Nankervis.

2.30pm – 3.15pm *Olympic-sized dreams*: Beau Vernon in conversation with Peter Lalor talks about being a part of the Steelers wheelchair rugby team and winning bronze at the Paris Paralympics 2024.

3.15pm – 4.30pm *After party (Community Room)*: Join us for drinks and nibbles, with music from Newhaven College students. Share your thoughts on our event and future festivals.

While every effort will be made to adhere to this schedule, please be aware there may be small changes due to unforeseen circumstances.

Unless otherwise noted, all sessions are in the theatre at Berninneit, 91 – 97 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

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The Funeral Service for Mrs. Lois Olive Willcocks will be held at St. John's Uniting Church, Chapel Street, Cowes on THURSDAY (July. 31, 2025) commencing at 11:00am.

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Around twenty locals gathered at the NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park to show support for mental health awareness and to be part of the community initiative. More photos at pisra.com.au

Turning blue for mental health awareness

COMMUNITY

Last week a large blue tree was installed at the NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park in Cowes.

The tree is part of the national Blue Tree Project, a mental health initiative encouraging people to “start the conversation” by creating public blue trees across Australia.

Despite the light rain, around twenty locals gathered at the park to show their support and acknowledge the importance of mental health in the community.

Park manager Daniel Rutter, who led the project, shared a personal story about the loss of a young apprentice named Chad – a tragedy that left a lasting impact and inspired him to take action.

“Today isn’t about money or fundraising,” Daniel said.

“It’s about creating a space where people feel safe to open up, to talk, and to be there for one another.”

A large blue tree – donated and created by Archisign – has been mounted to the park’s chimney. A QR code links to mental health support resources, and attendees were invited to leave their stories, either shared aloud or written anonymously into a box on-site.

Bass Coast Shire Councillor Tracey Bell also spoke at the event highlighting the significance of the project.

“Blue trees are not symbols of loss – they are symbols of hope,” she said.

“They encourage us to check in with one another, to reflect, and to keep these conversations alive.”

Daniel’s wife, Kelly Rutter, reminded attendees that even on holiday, many are still quietly struggling.

“Mental health doesn’t take a break,” she said.



The tree, designed and donated by Archisign, was mounted on the park’s chimney, with a QR code displayed so visitors can scan and learn more about the Blue Tree Project and how to access mental health support.

“If this tree helps just one person speak up, it’s already done its job.”

The event also included a free community barbecue, with kids and families painting the area surrounding the tree in blue and leaving white handprints as a show of support.

Now standing bright against the sky, the new blue tree is more than just a visual landmark – it’s a reminder to listen, reach out, and never let mental health go unspoken in our community.

The Blue Tree Project is a national campaign that began in Western Australia after the tragic suicide of a young man. In his memory, friends painted a tree on their property blue.

Since then, the movement has spread across Australia, with painted blue trees appearing in communities as a symbol of hope and a reminder to “start the conversation” about mental health.

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For local services, visit gippslandmentalhealth.org.au



Public notice of intention to declare a special charge for the purpose of constructing and improving roads and drainage along The Esplanade (Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court), Sunderland Bay

In accordance with a resolution of Bass Coast Shire Council (Council) made at the 16 July 2025 Council Meeting, notice is given that at the 19 November 2025 Council Meeting, Council proposes to declare a Special Charge (Special Charge) under section 163(1) of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act), and otherwise according to law, for the purpose of defraying costs and expenses incurred and/or to be incurred by Council in relation to the construction and improvement of roads and drainage along The Esplanade (Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court), Sunderland Bay situated within the municipal district of the Council (Street), such works involving the full upgrade of roads and drainage, including the provision of road pavement and sealing works, the provision of underground surface and storm water drainage in the Street, the provision of kerb and channelling, nature strip works, road narrowings for local traffic management and other ancillary works necessary to complete the construction of the project known as the 'The Esplanade (Sunderland Bay Road to Zephyr Court) Special Charge Scheme' otherwise in accordance with the concept plans approved by Council at the 16 July 2025 Council Meeting (Scheme). So far as can be reasonably ascertained from available records of the Council and can reasonably be concluded, Council has ascertained that the roads or any component of the roads for which it is proposed the Special Charge will be declared have not previously been constructed by way of a special rate or charge.

The criteria which form the basis of the Special Charge are the ownership of rateable land in the Scheme area based on equally sharing the costs of some portions, front or side boundaries of the properties in the Scheme (modified where appropriate) for some portions and the area of the properties in the scheme (discounted where appropriate) for some portions which abut the roads to be constructed or upgraded and which rateable land is situated within the geographical area of the proposed declaration are included.

Council considers that each rateable property included in the Scheme area that is liable to pay the Special Charge will receive a special benefit through the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads, drainage and property services and there will be a special benefit to the persons liable to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit over and above, or greater than, the benefit to persons who are not subject to the Special Charge and, directly and indirectly, the works to be provided will enhance or maintain the value and the use, occupation and enjoyment of the properties included in the Scheme, through the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads and drainage and property services.

In proposing the declaration of the Special Charge, Council is performing functions and exercising powers in relation to the peace, order and good government of the municipal district of the Council, in particular the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads, drainage and property services in the area for which it is proposed the Special Charge will be declared. The total cost of the performance of the functions and the exercise of the powers referable to the Scheme (and the amount which the Council intends to declare and levy) is an amount of \$1,741,550 being the estimated cost of the Scheme works to be undertaken) with Council intending to declare and levy by way of the Special Charge an amount of \$499,128, but excluding other related costs (which will be borne solely by Council) totalling \$108,000 for the contribution towards downstream drainage works.

The Special Charge will commence on and from the making of any Council decision to declare the Special Charge and will remain in force until such time as the Special Charge has been paid in full.

The Special Charge will be declared and assessed in accordance with the amounts which have been calculated and appear alongside each property in the Schedule attached to and forming a part of this proposed declaration of Special Charge (being Schedule 2), such amounts having been calculated based on both a road component cost and a drainage component cost as referable to a combined method of sharing some costs equally and to the length of the frontage and/or sideage of each property included in the Scheme (for the road component) and the area of each property included in the Scheme (for the drainage component).

The Special Charge will be levied by Council sending a notice of levy to the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge. Incentives will be given for payment before the due date for payment as set out below. The levy notice to be sent will include four options for payment which are as follows –

- (a) Payment Option 1: Lump Sum Payment – upfront payment of the Special Charge in full within 30 days of the date of issue of an invoice, with a 5% discount and no interest.
- (b) Payment Option 2: Lump Sum Payment – upfront payment of the Special Charge in full within 90 days of issue of an invoice, with no discount and no interest.
- (c) Payment Option 3: Instalment Payment Plan – payment of the Special Charge in 40 quarterly instalments over 10 years, with interest. Interest will be charged on the reducing balance of the principal each quarter at the rate of 1% above the estimated borrowing costs of the Council. If a ratepayer is late with payment of an instalment, penalty interest will be charged on the balance of principal due each quarter.
- (d) Payment Option 4: Hardship Payment Plan - a payment plan, extended beyond 10 years to a maximum of 20 years, tailored to the individual needs of the ratepayer upon receipt of a completed Financial Hardship Application Form. Interest will be charged on the reducing balance of the principal each quarter up to the maximum rate of 1% above the estimated borrowing costs of Council. This option is subject to Council assessing the property owner as experiencing financial hardship, in accordance with the Council's Hardship and Financial Hardship Policy.

Ratepayers who elect to pay by instalments will receive subsequent quarterly instalment notices.

Because the performance of the functions and exercise of the powers in respect of which the Special Charge is to be declared and levied relates substantially to capital works, the Special Charge will be levied on the basis of an instalment plan being available to ratepayers (being the 'Payment Option 3: Instalment Payment Plan' or the 'Payment Option 4: Hardship Payment Plan'). Quarterly instalments will include a component for reasonable interest costs, which will be charged at the rate of 1% above the estimated borrowing costs of Council in respect of the construction of the roads and the provision of the drainage works.

Council will consider all and any cases of financial (and other) hardship and may negotiate other payment options for the Special Charge, in accordance with Council's Hardship and Financial Hardship Policy.

For the purposes of having determined the total amount of the Special Charge to be levied under the Scheme, Council considers and formally determines for the purposes of sections 163(2)(a), (2A) and (2B) of the Act (and in accordance with the Benefit Ratio Statement adopted by Council) that the estimated proportion of the total benefits of the Scheme to which the performance of the functions and exercise of powers relate (including all special benefits and community benefits) that will accrue as special benefits to all of the persons who are liable to pay the Special Charge is in a ratio of 0.2866 or 28.66%.

Any declaration of the Special Charge will expire if the Special Charge is not levied to each person liable to pay it within 12 months after the day on which the declaration which relates to the Special Charge is made. Copies of the proposed declaration of Special Charge, a detailed plan of the Scheme area, a list of the rateable properties included in the Scheme and the amount of the Special Charge payable by each property included in the Scheme are available for inspection at the offices of Bass Coast Shire Council, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi during normal business hours and on the internet website of Council until 5pm on 17 September 2025.

Any person may make a submission about the proposed declaration to the Council under sections 163A and 223 of the Act. In addition, any person who will be required to pay the Special Charge to be imposed by the proposed declaration has a right to object to the proposed declaration under section 163B of the Act. Submissions and/or objections must be received by the Council by 5pm on 17 September 2025. Submissions and/or objections must be in writing and addressed and sent by mail to the Chief Executive Officer, Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995. In accordance with sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Act, the Council will consider all written submissions and take into account all objections that are received by the closing date.

Any person who has made a submission under section 223 of the Act may request to be heard in support of their written submission. If such a request is made, the person is entitled to appear in person or to be represented by a person specified in the submission before a Committee appointed by the Council to hear submissions under section 223 of the Act. The day, time and place of the Committee hearing will be advised in writing.

Council will treat all submissions and objections received (and any personal information contained therein) in accordance with its Privacy Policy and with applicable legislation, including the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014.

Any person requiring further information about the proposed declaration of Special Charge should contact Council's Sustainable Transport and Movement Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or email roadupgrades@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

Greg Box
Chief Executive officer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Waste of space

Every issue of the Advertiser features a prominent advertisement for Councillor Ronnie Bauer. I had a couple of issues so I emailed Ronnie. After a month, having had no response, I called Ronnie who said he gets a lot of emails and didn't remember anything.

He was 'dreadfully busy', and I should contact him again in about a month. I did. No response. I phoned and left a message. No response.

I accosted him at a Phillip Island Jazz Club event and handed him a printed copy of my emails and attachments. He promised to get back to me.

The following day, June 16, I followed up sending an email asking for his help on two separate issues. I received no response.

After two more weeks I resent the email. Two weeks later, I still had not received the courtesy of a response.

So, I called Cr Bauer and he actually answered! But he had no idea who I was and couldn't remember any emails, phone calls or messages – but he did manage to find the emails. I kept asking why he advertises every week saying, 'Don't hesitate to contact me – I am here to help'.

Obviously, nothing could be further from the truth.

Marcus Tarrant, Red Rocks

Editor's note: Cr Bauer has responded to the issues raised by Mr Tarrant.

"I can confirm that I did receive correspondence from Marcus. As a Councillor there is only so much I can do. Every now and again a constituent is not happy with the progress or the outcome of an issue and the whipping boy is the local councillor. I have relodged Marcus' complaint to council and forwarded his movie synopsis to DPI. I hope that his issues have a positive outcome." – Cr Ronnie Bauer

History: a shared vision

I am writing further to Mr Jarosch's letter Where's our history? (Advertiser July 9) which questioned the lack of visible public recognition of the island's heritage, suggested ideas for potential exhibits/displays, and highlighted the absence of a government body or local representative to discuss these issues with.

I share his visionary outlook and understand how difficult it can be to find others willing to engage meaningfully with such ideas. His sentiments echo my own hopes for a pro-active and forward-thinking island community interested in enhancing where we live. Although we benefit from many wonderful, dedicated volunteer

groups, there remains a notable gap. It appears there is no community organisation currently focused on broader hands-on local improvements; projects like graffiti removal, showcasing our history in visible, creative ways, 'Tidy Town' type initiatives or revitalising shared spaces and our villages through beautification and innovation. The broader challenge lies in the absence of a grassroots group driven by community entrepreneurship – one that can turn fresh ideas into visible outcomes.

Across Australia, many towns are supported by active local associations driving beautification and civic pride. So, why not here on the island? Surely others share this vision. Are there locals with the passion, time and drive to help create a volunteer community movement dedicated to enhancing the island's charm and liveability?

Warwick Nelson, Cowes

Diabetes awareness

National Diabetes Week is the perfect time to educate ourselves on the growing impact of diabetes in our community and what can be done to improve our health outcomes.

Diabetes is now one of the leading drivers of serious health issues across eastern Victoria, behind only cardiovascular disease and cancer.

People living with diabetes are significantly more likely to suffer heart attacks or strokes, and the condition is a leading cause of blindness, kidney failure and amputation.

Diabetes impacts families, communities, and our healthcare system.

Despite its growing prevalence, three out of four Australians still underestimate how widespread diabetes is.

This year's National Diabetes Week theme "Check today for a healthier tomorrow" is a reminder to all of us to prioritise health checks. Whether it's checking your risk, booking a GP appointment, or reviewing your annual cycle of care, every step matters.

Early detection and effective management of diabetes can prevent life-altering complications. That's why organisations like Diabetes Victoria are urging people to act, not just during Diabetes Week, but year-round.

Recently Diabetes Victoria attended state parliament to raise awareness and help MPs learn more about its health impacts, detection and treatment.

Raising awareness is key to making a difference.

By talking about diabetes, encouraging regular checks, and supporting those affected, we can all play a part in reducing the

toll of this growing health issue.

National Diabetes Week ran from July 13 to 19.

Melina Bath, Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria

Governance concerns

Policies are written by companies and councils alike, not to promote robust debate, but rather to stifle different views to those of the policy maker. In BCSC's proposed 2025 Governance Policy (comments closed July 17) the major change planned is to force persons to attend council meetings in order to be allowed to ask questions, and limiting question time to 30 minutes.

This change is discriminatory against the majority. Council states, "53.1 Public question time must be held at each Council meeting fixed under Rule 9 to enable members of the public to submit questions".

In 2022 under the 2020 Governance Policy, council attempted to ban question time and subsequently disobey their own policy by failing to read out and answer approximately 121 questions over a six-month period.

Another clear example of council policy changes seeking to influence outcomes, is BCSC's 2024 URDI policy. When the Sunderland Bay Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme failed, BCSC then collaborated with a few disgruntled ratepayers who obviously bought in the area for capital gain. The new 2024 URDI policy was altered to enable a scheme to proceed under different rules, reducing from 70 per cent to 50 per cent the number of ratepayers needed to sign a petition enabling schemes to proceed. This policy change was designed for BCSC to save face after losing the "unlosable", and making it easier for council and disgruntled ratepayers to achieve their goal.

This 2024 URDI policy pits neighbour against neighbour. A question regarding this was disallowed at the last council meeting because the mayor didn't like the wording! Another question containing the word "aggressive" was also disallowed. Previously, "pathetic" was disallowed. Governance Rule 53.8 states that "a question may be disallowed if the Chair determines that it is defamatory, indecent, abusive, offensive, irrelevant, trivial or objectionable in language or substance". Under both the current and proposed Governance Policy, council can disallow any question they wish and thereby silence those seeking answers. If council is changing the Governance Policy, perhaps they should provide a glossary of words or phrases that are acceptable.

Philip Davy, Surf Beach



This beautifully presented beachside home offers exceptional convenience and easy living.



The house features an open plan kitchen/dining area, and is as practical as it is stylish.



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Celebration for Member for Monash

POLITICS

An ecstatic group of supporters welcomed Mary Aldred to a dinner at the Wonthaggi Golf Club last month, as she takes on her new role of Federal MP for the people of Monash, which takes in Phillip Island, San Remo, Bass and South Gippsland.

The dinner, organised by Liberal Party branch members from across the electorate, was held to congratulate Mary on her victory, and to pledge ongoing support throughout the parliamentary term ahead.

MC Alan Brown, a former State Liberal leader, described Mary's win as far from a foregone conclusion, in the face of fierce and very well-resourced opposition.

The fact she prevailed was due to the hard work she put in over an 18-month period, during which she resigned from a senior

position with Fujitsu, to campaign in the run up to the election, he said.

"She worked day and night, with no pay, out on her own, to get her message across. The commitment she gave was total. She put it all on the line, giving everything she had, and was inspirational in her candidacy," Mr Brown said.

The end result, after a nail-biting fortnight, was a win by 8300 votes on a two party preferred basis. Mary now holds the safest Liberal seat in Victoria, and Monash was the only Federal seat not to register a swing against the Liberal Party.

Recognising the resounding defeat of the Liberal Party at the election, and as one of only seven Liberal female lower house members now sitting in the Federal Parliament, Mary said it is very clear to her that more female Liberal representation is vital, be it in

state or federal parliament, in the interests of better government.

She told those gathered that her number one priority is to stand up for the people of Monash, and for the people of Australia.

She spoke of the power of being part of a team, to achieve results for constituents, in relation to their particular needs, and pledged a laser focus on getting things done for the benefit of the region. As the founding CEO of the Committee for Gippsland, a leading industry voice to government, Mary said she is aware of the issues confronting small businesses, and is keen to tackle these.

"If there is something you would like to discuss or ask, please don't hesitate to contact me," is her message to constituents.

Mary's Monash electoral office has recently opened and is located at 46C Albert Street Waragul. Phone: 03 5614 3600.



Mary Aldred (centre) with Phillip Island supporters from left: Julian Glynn, Laurie Litaize, Pam Cameron, Bob Woods, Chris Woods, Maddie Baker, Robert Clarke (former Liberal Government Victorian Attorney General) and Christine Thomas. Seated: Melva Smith and Liz Van Vliet Hays.

SPORT



Midweek bowl winners were Shirley Corcoran (L), Michael Dady (S) and Robyn Dahl (R). More photos at pisra.com.au/sport

Out on the green

MIDWEEK BOWLS

Quite a few of our family of bowlers turned up at Lang Lang to once again, fight it out for players of the day.

John and Bev and Vern signed us in while Marianne ensured all the visitors were looked after with hot drinks and biscuits.

Once we were all assigned teams we went out to the green and were welcomed with rain. Luckily this didn't last too long so we had a great morning of bowls.

Then after lunch the game was still great fun but with the increase of the wind the greens seemed to fight against the bowls and the temperature seemed to drop to pretty much freezing conditions. Lots of fun though across all the rinks.

Not a lot of wrong bias bowls but a few of bowls looked somewhat suspect, but on examination were just "off target".

Winners on 37 points were: Shirley Corcoran (L), Michael Dady (S) and Robyn Dahl (R).

Runner up winners on 34 points were: Ron Hughes (2), Raff Merante (3), Chris Sharpe (L) and Phil Nielson (S).

Best one game winners on 19 points were: Luke Monckton (3), John Williams (S) and Bob Arnold (L).

A big thank you to Marianne for all her hard work in the bar as well as the kitchen. Also, to John and Laurie for clearing up outside, as well as Marianne and Colin for all their work in the kitchen and clubroom.

This week the team will be meeting up at Loch and District Bowls club to once again fight it out for players of the week.

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

Red Rocks results

GOLF

Saturday, July 19

Pro Stroke
Winner: Rob Stead (16) +2.
Runner up: Anthony Fradkin (16) +4 C/B.
NTP: 16 John Kneebone.

Putting Comp
David Pearce 34 putts.
Rob Stead 34 putts.

Sunday, July 20
Stableford
Winner: Steve Wurt (6) 39 points.
Runner up: Ian Murray (19) 38 points.
NTP: 1 Steve Wurt, 18 Daniel Rutter.

Bridge results

CARDS

Monday July 14: Duplicate Bridge 5 1/2 Tables: Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman 1st, 57.06 per cent. Power off Wednesday, so no Bridge.

Basketball and tennis get the grants

SPORTS FUNDING

Phillip Island's Basketball Association and the Rhyll Tennis Club both received funding from the State Government in the latest round of the Sporting Club Grants Program

Phillip Island and District Basketball Association received a grant of \$1000 to replace junior singlets and basketballs.

The Rhyll Tennis Club's \$990 grant is for uniforms and equipment and pickleball equipment.

The two grants were among the 827 grants for sports clubs across the state, announced last week by the Acting Minister for Community Sport Gayle Tierney.



Phillip Island and District Basketball Association received \$1000 to replace junior singlets and basketballs through the latest round of the Sporting Club Grants Program, while the Rhyll Tennis Club received \$990.

Results from the green

GOLF

Tuesday July 15

Men's 18H Stroke Monthly Medal
Overall winner: Steven Sloss (11) 71 C/B.
A Grade winner: A-1 Steven Sloss (11) 71 C/B.
Winner A-2: Ian Smith (10) 72.
B Grade winner: B-1 Mitch Dickie (14) 71.
B-2 winner: Greg Hyndman (14) 72 C/B.
C Grade winner: C-1 Mitch O'Brien (35) 71.
C-2 winner: Carl Russo (26) 74 C/B.
BDL to 75 C/B.
NTP: 5th Michael Taylor, 7th Ian Barnes, 10th Anthony Shannon and 17th Gino Manfredi.

Men's 9H Stableford
Overall winner: John Withington (25) 20 pts from Neil Dewar (34) 18 pts.
BDL to 17 pts.

Wednesday July 16

Women's 18H Stroke Monthly Medal
Overall winner: Emma Hall (4) 70.
A Grade winner: A-1 Emma Hall (4) 70.
B-1 winner: Jane Sellenger (32) 75.
BDL to 79 C/B.
NTP: 5th and 7th Cathy Jones, 10th

Kaye Beaton, 17th Emma Hall.

Women's Stableford 9H
Overall winner: Sarah Gordon (44) 21 pts from Pamela Williams (38) 16 pts C/B.

Thursday July 17

Open Stableford 18H
Overall winner: Heath Grace (13) 43 pts.
A Grade winner: A-1 Craig O'Neil (12) 42 pts.
A-2 winner: Ron Young (12) 40 pts.
B Grade winner: B-1 Heath Grace (13) 43 pts.
B-2 winner: Rob Davison (14) 36 pts.
C Grade winner: C-1 Jeffrey Sellenger (20) 37 pts.
C-2 winner: Steven McIntyre (19) 36 pts C/B.
BDL to 33 pts C/B.
NTP: 5th Scott Lethbridge, 7th Peter Ablett, 10th Ron Young and 17th Anthony Shannon.
Great score: Ron Young hole in one on the 10th.

Men's 9H Stableford
Overall winner: Neil Delwar (32) 20pts from Basil Moloney (15) 19 pts.
BDL to 16 pts C/B.

Saturday July 19

Men's Comp Stableford 18H
Overall winner: John McCaffrey

(33) 41.
A Grade winner: A-1 Ben Walsh (9) 37.
A-2 winner: Andrew Hewett (9) 36.
B Grade winners: B-1 Steve Regnier (15) 39
B-2 winner: Max Disher (17) 35 C/B.
C Grade winner: C-1 John McCaffrey (33) 41.
C-2 winner: John Shaw (32) 36 C/B.
BDL to 32 C/B.
NTP: 5th Lawrence Ferrari, 7th Glenn Paterson, 10th Adrian O'Gorman and 17th Brady Ross.

Women's 18H Stableford
Overall winner: Lesley Meadowcroft (13) 35 pts from Helen Coghlan (16) 33 pts.
BDL to 30 pts C/B.
NTP: 5th Karen Green, 7th Jeanette Diss, 10th Rhonda Boyd and 17th Emma Hall.

9H Stableford
Winner: Basil Moloney (16) 18 pts from Harold Jackson (40) 17 pts.
BDL: 14 pts.

Sunday July 20

18H Stableford
Overall winners: James Bain (9) 36 pts from Hary Bentley (11) 35 pts C/B.
BDL: to 33 pts C/B.



U15 soccer girls had a great match against Korumburra City ending in a draw.

Breakers sizzle in chilly weekend matches

SOCCER

U15 Girls

If their previous meet was anything to go by, Sunday's match against Korumburra City was always going to be a tight contest. Taking control early and keeping the ball predominantly in their forward for the first half, the Breakers engaged their passages of play with precise and intense focus.

However, it was not until just over halfway into the first half that Hannah backed herself and took the ball for a run down the pitch, effortlessly slotting the ball past the outstretched City keeper.

Intensity increased, yet the Breakers defence, comprising of Talia, Lily T, Lily J and Mia, were able to ensure that ball stayed clear of their goalkeeper Tamsin.

Closing in on the half-time whistle, Ava was able to sneak a shot at goal amidst some strong tackles.

City was quick off the mark in the second half getting one back on the home team, with a high flier well over the head of Talia holding calm in goal.

Standing strong, the Breakers showed some real pressure moments, putting some of their training hustles into action.

With a bit of to and fro between each end, City was able to even the score late in the second half. A draw at the final whistle, another close one for these evenly contested teams.

It has really been amazing seeing the growing confidence of players in this team.

From holding ground, to intercepts, to chasing down balls, the desire and hunger is golden and moments that are cherished from the cheering spectators. Go girls.

U14 Stingrays

The U14 Stingrays turned on the style on Sunday, delivering a sizzling 16-0 victory over Lang Lang in what can only be described as a goal-scoring bonanza.

Playing a new 4-4-2 formation, the team embraced the change and absolutely thrived, passing beautifully, taking on new roles, and having a whole lot of fun in the process.

Callum kicked things off with a cracking goal after a perfect setup from Hunter.

Ferg followed up with a confident finish before Cooper pounced for a quick third.

The goals kept coming: Ben nailed one after a lovely pass from Kaylan, Jackson bagged a



U14 Stingray were on fire against Lang Lang, in a game described as a goal scoring bonanza.

double and Blair slotted a well-deserved goal of his own.

Bailey showed grit and calm under pressure to get two on the board, including a sweeping finish while Kavish and Harvey also joined the party.

Ferg couldn't be stopped, ending the day with an incredible four-goal haul. The team took full advantage of the chance to try different positions.

Manny even stepped out of goals for a run in the field, with Callum taking the gloves for the second half. The back four held strong, the midfield delivered sharp link-up play, and the forwards made it count.

It rained goals for a team who have worked hard all season to find their rhythm. A top-tier performance from a Stingrays side hitting their stride at just the right time.

Final Score: Stingrays 16 – Lang Lang 0.

Goals: Ferg 4, Bailey, Jackson, Callum, Cooper and Ben 2, Blair, Kavish and Harvey 1.

U14 mixed

There is no better way to begin a Sunday morning than to watch the mighty U14 mixed-team win.

Despite a slow start on yet another chilly morning, the team displayed some exceptional skills (testament to the extra training the team has committed to of late).

As the team began to build, there were some lovely passes from Blake to Levi while Angus made sure he was available whenever needed. Breakers started the scoring with a lovely pass from Hannah to Rueben less than five minutes after Rueben was subbed onto the field.

Next, James took an excep-

tional corner to score the second goal of the day. Again, the ever-reliable duo, James assisted Rueben to score the third goal before half time.

Both teams started the second half with grit and determination and Korumburra scored two quick goals taking the scoreline to 3-2.

In response, James chipped it in over the goalie's head to ensure the Breakers maintained their lead. Korumburra tried to come back only to be intercepted by Zac to deny them.

With the taste of success brewing, Georgia scored a ripper after passing all the Korumburra defenders to score the fifth goal for Breakers. Korumburra did not go down without a fight and replied to bring the final score to 5-3.

A wonderful display of football growth and determination from the team. Players and coaches should be proud.

U12A

A solid performance from Phillip Island U12A team against Korumburra on the weekend. Some wonderful teamwork showed throughout the game and positivity from both sides.

There were some great goals scored throughout the game and some excellent team goals with lots of passing in the build-up.

Final Score: Phillip Island 15 – Korumburra 1.

Goals: Harry 3, Henry, Darcy, Wes and Elliott 2, Marlo, Flynn, Ryder and Kelsey 1.

Special mention to the team for supporting Kelsey and Elliott to get their first goals of the season.

Korumburra did really well, and Liam scored their goal with a long-range chip.



Diego Monteiro (right) with coach Carlos Viera at the IBJJF Asian Jiu-Jitsu Championship, where he took out second place in the Master 2 White Belt division over 80kg, competing against athletes from across the continent.

Local Jiu-Jitsu champ on the podium

JUI-JITSU

The IBJJF Asian Jiu-Jitsu Championship is one of the most respected and competitive tournaments in Asia, organised by the International Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation (IBJJF).

This year's championship took place from June 19 to June 22, at the Chiba Port Arena in Chiba, Japan and Phillip Island's Diego Monteiro shone on the world stage, competing against athletes from across the continent.

Diego entered the Master 2 White Belt division over 80kg. He was accompanied to the tournament by his coach Carlos Viera, representing his academy

CIA Paulista Australia.

After a series of challenging matches against Japanese opponents, Diego took out second place, saying "I embraced the true spirit of Jiu-Jitsu; respect, courage and continuous growth".

Diego said competing in a major international tournament was about "more than chasing medals".

"It is about gaining valuable experience under pressure, learning from every exchange, being part of the Jiu-Jitsu community, and developing a strong, critical sense of my inner self.

"Every fight, win or lose, contributes to the evolution of Jiu-Jitsu in Asia and around the world," he said.



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Round 12 soccer results

SOCCER

Senior Men's: Phillip Island Breakers 4 d Korumburra City 0.

Senior Women's: Phillip Island Breakers 7 d Korumburra City 0.

Men's Reserves: Phillip Island Breakers 14 d Korumburra City 0.

Under 17 Mixed: Phillip Island Breakers 1 drew Korumburra City 1.

Under 15 Girls: Phillip Island

Breakers 2 drew Korumburra City 2.

Under 14 Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 5 d Korumburra City 3 and Phillip Island Stingrays 16 d Lang Lang United 0.

Under 12 Girls: Phillip Island Breakers 7 d Korumburra City 1.

Under 12A Mixed: Phillip Island Breakers 7 d Korumburra City 1.

Under 12B Mixed: Phillip Island Stingrays 7 d Leongatha Knights White 3.

A splashing finish to the holidays for SGB

SWIMMING

It was a busy end to the school holidays for the 27 SGB swimmers competing at the Traralgon Doc Shop cup on Sunday at the Regional Aquatic Centre.

The majority of the team racing were competing for qualifying times at next month's short course Country Championships and there were several happy swimmers, adding more swims to their events list.

The longer distance events were run as mixed events so swimmers got to race against their training partners to see who got to claim bragging rights.

Coach Dylan was pleased with their efforts.

"They have swum really well and I'm really looking forward to watching them compete against regional Victoria's best in Bendigo in a couple of weeks."



It's all smiles for the SGB swimmers Billy Fisher, Bec Barclay, Bel Croatto, Penny Carruthers, Daisy Giliam-Rodda, Amalia Lofgren and Jordan Gallicchio.

Several SGB swimmers ended up in the hot heats, where the winner of the heat won a prize.

This was fiercely contested, especially by sisters Bel and Emily Croatto who finished with three second PBs and 0.4 of a second between them.

This week is the last chance to swim a qualifying time for the Country Championships, with the club hosting a home meet at the pool in Leongatha on Sunday.



Seen here at the Victorian Longboard titles in May, a contingent from Phillip Island are competing in the Australian Surf Championships on the Tweed Coast this week. From left: Graeme Burgan, Sian Adnam, Jacquie Chambers, Natalie Van Der Heyden and Ebony Maier. Photo: Andrew Lidsey @bunpix

Island longboarders head north

SURFING

A group of Phillip Island surfers have headed north to compete in the Longboard division of the Australian Surf Championships on the Tweed Coast between July 22-27.

The 31-strong Victorian Longboard team includes five Phillip Islanders: Ebony Maier and Natalie van der Hayden competing in the Open Women category, Jacquie Chambers in Over 50 Women, Sian Adnam in Over 50 Women and over 60 Women, and Graeme Burgan in Over 70 Men.

"Good luck to all Victorians competing in the event over the coming weeks" said Surfing

Victoria CEO Adam Robertson.

"Longboarding is going from strength to strength in Victoria and we are proud to have one of the strongest pathways for longboard surfing in the country. The representative team that goes to the Australian Surf Championships each year is a key part of that, and I look forward to following the results."

Live scores and results can be followed online via australiansurfchampionships.com

For more information, please visit australiansurfchampionships.com/longboard.

Entry to the Australian Longboard Titles is by state qualification or invitation as a wildcard.

Killy Bass faces strong Cora Lynn

NETBALL

A Grade

Killy Bass put on a great effort against a solid Cora Lynn team.

The girls had a great start and kept Cora Lynn on their toes.

The girls adjusted to the conditions and played for each other.

The full court defence stepped up this week but couldn't get them over the line for the win.

Best on: Grace Rand.

B Grade

It was a windy day on the court at Cora Lynn this week.

Unfortunately for Bass the conditions didn't work in the girls' favour as they faced a strong Cora Lynn side.

The breeze made passing tricky and Cora Lynn's shooters made the most of their chances, rarely missing.

Bass' defenders, Liz, Esther and Ally, worked hard all game and made the most of every opportunity to intercept floating passes, despite the pressure from Cora Lynn's sharp shooters.

In the midcourt, Kira and Kiara gave it their all, running tirelessly and keeping the ball moving.

Up front, our rotating shooters Kylie, Bell and Ciara faced a tough and physical contest but held their ground well and kept the scoreboard ticking over.

Killy Bass couldn't quite bring home the win for Kylie's birthday this week but are proud of the effort and looking forward to bouncing back next week.

C Grade

Kilcunda Bass showed strong defensive efforts in their match against Cora Lynn, creating plenty of turnovers and applying consistent pressure.

Unfortunately, windy conditions made shooting difficult, and their pass placement let them down at key moments.

These errors proved costly, as the team struggled to convert defensive gains into goals.

Despite the loss, the team showed great fight and will look to improve on their connections moving forward.

Best on: Alice Mabilia and Phoebe Steendam.

D Grade

In very trying, windy conditions, the Kilcunda Bass girls got off to another slow start, unable to convert the first centre pass.

The team battled through the first quarter, but a few costly mistakes saw them go down by six goals early.

The girls reset at quarter time and really brought the game to a strong Cora Lynn side throughout the second and third quarters, working hard to close the gap.

Heading into the final term Killy had reduced the margin to just four goals and were right in the contest.

However, in the fourth quarter, Cora Lynn pulled away once again to take the win, with a final score of Cora Lynn 33 to Kilcunda Bass 20.

An all-round great effort from everyone on court, the girls



U15s GK Paige OBrien.

never dropped their heads and fought hard for the most part.

Best wishes and a speedy recovery to Jess, who sustained an injury early in the game.

Best on court, receiving the Grantville Foodworks voucher: Kim Pike.

U17

Cora-Lynn defeated Kilcunda-Bass 61-8.

Despite the score, everyone played well and the team were getting around each other.

The defence end had a tough run, however persisted throughout the game and didn't give up.

The mid-court and attacking end worked well together to move the ball down and help out the defenders where they could.

In the second half, Killy mixed up positions and had a fun run.

Regardless of the score, it was a good and fun game.



U11s WA Zeally Efferberg.

Best on court went to Alana Dakin and Maisie Van der Walt.

U15

Killy Bass knew this game was going to be a tough one so went into it with a plan to make some changes and try out some different combinations and that's exactly what the team did.

The girls gave it their best and the score did not reflect their efforts out on court.

Some good playing combos were put into place and they will take them into the next few weeks, put the best foot forward and keep working hard to stay in finals contention.

As a coach I am proud of the girls for never giving up and keeping their heads held high and always supporting each other.

Onwards and upwards for us from here.

Best on: Ciara Santorini and Maya Andersen.

U13

Facing the top team in the competition was always going to be a challenge, and the well-drilled, disciplined Cora Lynn side proved too strong.

In the final quarter, the team mixed things up with a few positional changes, the girls had fun and their smiles remained as they walked off the court at the end of the game.

Killy Bass look forward to seeing what this team can achieve as they meet Phillip Island next week.

With no main awards, the much-loved Babes Chocky Awards went to Summer Christian and Claire Feehan.

U11

In windy conditions it was a really challenging game for the kids who are still learning a lot of the basics.

Cora Lynn are very well drilled team with exceptional skills for their age and unfortunately for the team they just ran away with the game.

Killy Bass had some great individual performances where some of the kids used skills that were practiced at training.

Others proceeded to lead into the space and lead onto the ball but scoring today proved difficult in the windy conditions and with such a fierce opposition.

The girls tried their hearts out all game and as always left the court all smiles.

Best on: Matilda.

Maccas award: Molly.

TIDE GUIDE

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

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HIGH 10:50 am 2.82 m	HIGH 11:59 am 2.86 m	HIGH 1:06 pm 2.92 m	LOW 6:45 am 0.57 m	LOW 7:46 am 0.58 m	LOW 8:42 am 0.63 m	LOW 9:30 am 0.70 m
LOW 4:03 pm 1.50 m	LOW 5:22 pm 1.49 m	LOW 6:39 pm 1.40 m	HIGH 2:08 pm 2.99 m	HIGH 3:01 pm 3.03 m	HIGH 3:47 pm 3.04 m	HIGH 4:26 pm 3.01 m
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Tough tussle against Inverloch for KB juniors

FOOTBALL

U14

The first quarter was neck and neck with both teams moving the ball well from end to end.

Inverloch going into the second with a narrow lead.

The second was much the same, Inverloch extending their lead by one point.

The third was much tougher with Inverloch capitalising on Killy Bass mistakes and taking a three-goal lead into the last.

The boys came out and kicked two quick goals putting us right back in it.

Keeping the opposition scoreless in the last and kicking three goals was a great effort.

Keep up the hard work and success will come.

Awards: Justin Braumann-Hall, Cooper Brown, Travis Hockley, Kayden Webber, Dominik Acuna and Harrison.



U14 Killy Bass awards (from left): Kayden Webber, Travis Hockley, Justin Braumann Hall and Cooper Brown.

U12

It was a tough day at the office for Kilcunda Bass U12 team, as they came up against a well-drilled and determined opposition in Inverloch.

Inverloch was switched on from the first bounce and made their intent clear early, outplaying Killy in the opening half and setting the tone for the match.

To the boys' credit, we showed a lot more grit and determination in the second half.

Once Killy Bass found their rhythm, they started to play some of the best footy for the day, moving the ball with more purpose and linking up well through the middle.

Unfortunately, the damage had already been done and while

the boys clawed back some momentum, it was too little too late.

Clancy Quinlan and Max Milner led from the front, working tirelessly all day and setting a great example with their effort and composure.

Alfie Russo and Bailey Pool were also key contributors, regularly pushing the ball forward and giving the team chances to hit the scoreboard.

Rory Nicholas, Jack Caffrey, Chaze Poulton and Miles Leary provided strong, consistent efforts across the ground, showing plenty of heart.

Meanwhile, Levi Fisher, Maverick Loughridge, Austin Bennett, Spencer Sunderland and Darby Quinlan kept cracking in and didn't stop trying all game, great resilience from all of them.

Goals: Jack Caffrey and Max Milner.

Best Players: Clancy Quinlan, Max Milner, Alfie Russo, Bailey Pool, Rory Nicholas and Jack Caffrey.

Awards: Austin Bennett, Levi Fisher, Darby Quinlan and Spencer Sunderland.

U10

Sunday, saw the young U10 Panthers take on Inverloch at home.

In what was a really even contest all day, the kids played with great energy and their pressure was amazing for four quarters.

Each week the kids keep improving and are really coming together as a team.

With three games remaining Killy Bass are looking forward to seeing what the rest of the season brings.



Olivia Holmes with Coach Justin Tilley. Olivia had a standout performance in the U16 match and was awarded the Beau Vernon Medal.

Sun shines on Bulldogs' big win

FOOTBALL

U16 Girls

It was a beautiful day on Phillip Island as the Bulldogs U16 Girls took to the field against Warranor and they certainly didn't disappoint.

With blue skies and a strong home crowd behind them, the girls put on a great display of footy, taking the win 56 to 23.

The standout on the day was Olivia Holmes, who kicked a brilliant five goals and was awarded the Beau Vernon Medal for best on ground.

Olivia worked hard all over the ground and showed great leadership, especially inside 50.

There were strong efforts right across the team.

Bethany Grenness was solid through the midfield, Piper Nicolaci kicked two goals and Jasmine Trapnell was also strong in the forward, kicking a valuable goal for the Bulldogs.

Sadie Davies pushed forward, Stella Tilley, Mia Ward, Tess Ricardo and Georgia Niven were strong in the back line while Ruby Kent and Mackenzie May helped keep Warranor quiet with strong defensive pressure.

Coach Justin Tilley said it was one of their best games of the year.

"The girls played for each other. They backed themselves in, and it really paid off. I'm proud of the effort from all players."

It was a great day of footy on the island and the Bulldogs are showing they're a team to watch as finals approach.

Final Score: Phillip Island 8.8.56 defeated Warranor 3.5.23.

Best: Olivia Holmes (Beau Vernon Medal), Bethany Grenness,



Captain Ellie Hughes was presented with Beau Vernon Award in the U14 Girls match.

Lily Bow, Gisele Smith, Mia Ward and Stella Tilley.

Goals: Olivia Holmes 5, Piper Nicolaci 2 and Jasmine Trapnell 1.

U14 Girls

Despite the scoreboard, the Phillip Island U14 girls showed incredible spirit and determination in their clash against Inverloch.

Captain Ellie Hughes led by example, attacking every contest and was deservedly awarded the Beau Vernon Medal.

The girls had several promising opportunities but were just unable to convert in the final metres.

Hazel impressed with her relentless on-ball pressure, while Hailey's work in defence and midfield was tireless.

Sera gave her all in every position she played and Holly's run and carry helped move the ball into the right areas.

The team's resilience reflects a young group growing stronger each week.

Final Score: Phillip Island 0 def by Inverloch 75.

Derby Day for the pups

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U10 Blue v Red

The future of the Phillip Island Bulldogs was on full display this weekend as the junior Red and Blue teams faced off in a spirited intra-club match.

Despite a cool eight-degree morning, the action on the field was hot from the first bounce in a game that showcased tenacity, teamwork and a thrilling change of momentum.

The first half was a tale of Red team pressure.

From the outset, the Red side dominated possession, keeping the ball locked in their forward 50 for long stretches.

The Blue team's defence was tested early and often, but they held firm with standout efforts, consistently in the right place to intercept and clear the ball.

After a tough, contested struggle, Red's persistence paid off with a goal, giving them a well-earned lead heading into the later quarters.

While the Red team managed another quick goal after the main break, the tide began to turn in the final term.

In a dramatic shift, the fourth quarter was all Phillip Island Blue.

Finding another gear, the Blue side took control of the contest, surging into their forward 50 on at least five separate occasions and putting the Red team's defenders under immense pressure.

The match was marked by fierce tackling and relentless effort from players on both sides.

Blue's Harper Dykes was a force in the packs, while Red's Quil Edwards took several crucial marks to stem the Blue tide, both deserving winners of the Beau Vernon Medal.

As the final siren sounded, both teams were cheered from the ground for a contest that highlighted the club's developing talent and great sportsmanship, capped by a roaring rendition of the club song as both teams joined forces on the field.

The game was a fantastic display of junior football, proving the future looks bright at the Kennel.

U10 Blue, Beau Vernon Medal: Harper Dykes.

Awards: Kody Sheers, Judd Lock, Lachie Dallinger and Billy Kimber.

U10 Red, Beau Vernon Medal: Quil Edwards.

Awards: Levi Dedrick, Xander Janssen and Mason O'Connor.

Killy Bass head to Cora Lynn

FOOTBALL

Seniors

Windy conditions down at Cora Lynn this week.

Kicking against the strong wind in the first quarter, the boys defended well, limiting the opposition to just three goals.

The next three quarters were hard work, and despite our best efforts, we were beaten on the day.

We'll look to bounce back next week against Phillip Island.

Reserves

Another tough week for the reserves.

Despite another defeat, our boys put in a massive effort.

They battled hard all day and put pressure on the ball carrier every contest.

It was a gritty performance, which impressed our supporters.

We look forward to the clash with the Island next week.



Phillip Island RSL has donated a much-needed marquee to the Phillip Island Football Netball Club. Chris Ross, PIFNC President, was very pleased to receive the generous donation from Peter Paul, Phillip Island RSL president.



U14 Beau Vernon medal winners from left: Zane Larson (Red team) and Taj Piera (Blue team).



U12 Beau Vernon medal winners from left: Kas Scheibel (Blue team) and Fletcher Hennessy (Red team).

Derby Day for the pups

FOOTBALL

U14 Blue v Red

Another sunny Sunday welcomed both sides to the Kennel. For the Blues it was a chance to continue their good form and for the Reds it was an opportunity to prove themselves after the disappointing effort in the first derby.

Both teams were missing a couple of players due to injury, illness and holidays, so were ably bolstered by the keen under 12 players.

The first quarter saw the Blues jump out of the blocks with a goal through some slick ball movement.

Red dug in and were winning a lot of the ball through the middle but were unable to capitalise in front of goal.

After some great tackling pressure Red put one through the big sticks to go into quarter time practically level.

The Red team were determined to put in a great effort, and this is exactly what they did.

Unfortunately, they couldn't convert on the scoreboard due mainly to the excellent work of the Blue team's back half.

Once they had absorbed what Red could throw at them, they were able to counterattack with great accuracy and speed.

The waves of players moving up the ground proved too much for the Red backs and were able to put on three goals for the quarter.

An early goal to Blue in the



U10 Beau Vernon medal winners from left: Quil Edwards (Red team) and Harper Dykes (Blue team).

third and you could see the game getting away from Red.

However, they didn't give in and at times had the lion's share of the play.

With a little more poise in front of goal the Red team would have been able to put some scoreboard pressure on their opponents.

The Blue team had played well to go into the last quarter with a healthy lead and the Red team would need a lot to go right to close the gap.

It would prove to be a bridge too far for Red as they continued to battle through

the last quarter.

Both teams traded goals in the last with the final siren seeing the Blue team run out victors by four goals.

Blue 6.5.41 def Red 2.5.17.

As always, the game was played in the right spirit and shows why the Bulldog pups are the envy of many teams within the district.

Well done to all the volunteers that make these days a highlight of the football calendar.

Each team is awarded a Beau Vernon medal which values determination, bravery

and skill.

Blue's recipient was Taj Piera and Red's was Zane Larsson. Both players had excellent games.

U12 Blue v Red

It was a fantastic day for footy as our U12 Mixed teams battled it out in the annual Beau Vernon Medal Round – a special round recognising players who embody courage, mateship, discipline, and enjoyment.

In a high-energy local derby, U12 Blue came out firing with strong team play and accuracy up forward, holding off a determined Red team to claim a 16-point win.

Final Score: Phillip Island Blue 5.7 (37) defeated Phillip Island Red 3.3 (21).

Beau Vernon Medal Winners: Kash Scheibel (Blue), Fletcher Hennessy (Red).

Both players showed outstanding leadership, effort, and sportsmanship – true Bulldogs spirit!

Best players U12 Blue: Fletcher Hennessy, Taj Henzen, Jasper Goodall, Izaac Naarden and Billy Easton.

Best players U12 Red: Kash Scheibel, Oliver Hellmuth-Pask, Sam Martindale, Yadin Kershaw, Noah Hollings and Jett Fawaz.

Huge congratulations to all players and coaches for a brilliant display of junior footy. What a way to celebrate a round that means so much to the club.

Read U12 Blue report online at pisra.com.au/sport

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