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Residents in Bonwick Street San Remo are up in arms, after the ambience of their street was trashed last week.

Electricity provider Ausnet turned up last Wednesday, removed all power poles from outside their homes, and installed three metre higher replacements, to carry high voltage lines into a neighbouring new housing estate.

The residents are in shock at the sudden loss of their street ambience, but also concerned about possible radiation output of new high voltage wires running past their properties, which they say could present a health risk on the lower side of the street.

And they also feel duped. They were informed by letter that their power would be turned off last Wednesday so that essential maintenance of the electricity network in the area could be carried out, which clearly was not the case.

A resident who asked Ausnet what they were doing when they arrived in the narrow residential street in the morning was told by a worker: "We are going to bugger up your views."

The developer and AusNet have

obviously worked together to come up with the lowest cost way of providing an electricity supply into the new estate, and we are the sacrificial lambs, said one angry resident.

"Whilst the new estate has all its electricity system underground to provide the new residents with clear views and reduce visual pollution, they have inflicted great visual pollution on the current residents of Bonwick Avenue," he said.

"In doing so, they have also devalued our properties, by impinging on the views.

"The new poles are actually three metres higher than the ones removed, and the additional transformer installed, is worrying as it is close to some of the residents, who have expressed concern in relation to radiation output and the new high voltage wires."

The resident said that at no stage was he or anyone in the street consulted about the new electricity works.

"AusNet in fact misled us when they sent letters and texts stating that the power outage on Wednesday July 20 was for "essential maintenance" of the electricity system, when in fact it was for augmentation of the system to get a NEW high

voltage supply into the new estate.

"They certainly did not use the existing infrastructure to feed power to the new estate.

"The new higher poles with the crossarms ready for the new high voltage lines and transformer are there purely for the benefit of the new estate, but at our expense."

The existing low voltage lines have been hung onto the new higher poles, and residents have been told the high voltage wires will be installed in three weeks time.

Council also in firing line

Residents are also questioning the role of the Bass Coast Shire Council (BCC) when it comes to issues such as this.

"There would be few if any who believe power towers, poles, transformers and associated delivery equipment enhance any environment whatever the context, the obvious question being why Bass Coast Council allows Ausnet to construct them in sensitive coastal residential areas?" an affected resident commented.

"We have seen our environment despoiled overnight.

"To my knowledge the provision of essential infrastructure like pow-

er and water doesn't require community consultation. But it would have nevertheless been courteous of both Ausnet and BCSC to be explicit in relation to what was being proposed as the only notice given was that power would be cut off prior to construction.

"An explicit notice would have given opportunity for residents to comment."

Ideally, residents would like the power in Bonwick Street to have gone underground too.

They say it would have been a straightforward process as the underground infrastructure for utilities is already there. And the power supply goes underground 30 metres on their side of the Western Port views boundary.

They are demanding that the new high voltage lines expected to be hung in three weeks time be instead installed underground, and a pad mounted substation be provided in the new estate.

The original low voltage lines in Bonwick Avenue could then be brought down to their original height. They say the underground high voltage lines could come down Bonwick Avenue or via Anderson Street and through the park.

Accommodating

Bonwick Street residents say they have been "extremely accommodating" over the last 18 months while construction of the new Westernport Views estate has been underway.

"We have lost access to our own properties at times, there has been dust and noise, all borne stoically, as we knew this had to be done.

"But this is going a step too far.

"No-one objects to the new estate, but we object to the like it or lump it attitude we have had foisted on us by AusNet.

We are in shock that something like this can happen,".

Response

Bass Coast Shire, AusNet and Jordan Crugnale, Member for Bass, were all contacted for comment.

A spokesperson for Ausnet issued the following statement.

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Destination Phillip Island hosted an industry event at the Phillip Island Winery last week, attended by a large number of tourism operators from throughout the district. The gathering was addressed by keynote speaker Renee Giarusso, on Facing the Future with a Gift Mindset. Photos: Page 18.

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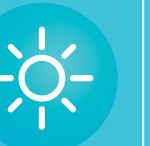
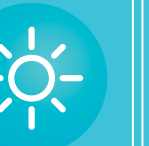


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Power poles in Bonwick Street San Remo were removed last week, and three metre higher replacements (pictured) were installed. High voltage wires will be hung in three weeks time at the upper level, to service the new Westernport Views Estate.

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“AusNet notified residents of the interruption to power on our network, which was

required by the developer in order to undertake the works.

“This notification used standard wording and wasn’t tailored to the detail of the developer’s works, so we apologise for the lack of clarity to residents.

“The work is designed, financed and undertaken by the developer. This includes the high voltage lines yet to be replaced.

“AusNet authorised the design only as compliant with technical and safety requirements to supply the development.”

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP said: “This must be incredibly frustrating for the residents of Bonwick Avenue. As is often the case; the responsibility to install critical infrastructure for a (new or expanding) development lies with the developer.

“I have been advised by Ausnet that they are responsible for signing off on the technical and safety aspect of the works. Ausnet used their communication channels to advise the residents of the power outage for works to commence. The permit (including approvals) itself is the responsibility of Bass Coast Shire Council and I strongly encourage anyone concerned about these works to reach out to them (Council).”

Bass Coast Council issued a one line response.

“Council was not advised of the AusNet works, please contact them directly for comment,” the council spokesperson said.



Staff members at the Coles store in Cowes are great supporters of the store’s SecondBite program. Pictured celebrating the fantastic initiative are Damien Loricco (Bakery Manager) Lucie Pedrosa (Deli Manager) Phoenix Coulton (Fresh Produce 2IC) Steve Mercer (Dairy Manager) Benjamin Howell (store Manager) Michelle Messina (Customer Service Manager) Jarrod Ryan (Store Support Manager) and Tah Si Sultan (Fresh Produce Manager).

Coles SecondBite winter appeal

Cowes shoppers at Coles and Liquorland have raised more than \$6,400 for food rescue organisation SecondBite in the Coles’ annual Winter Appeal, helping to put the equivalent of over 37,000 meals on the table for vulnerable Australians. Customers have supported SecondBite by purchasing a donation card for just \$2 or by making a donation at the checkout.

The Coles SecondBite program also rescues edible surplus food from growers, manufacturers and retailers and distributes this free of charge to over 1,400 charities and not-for-profit organisations to feed vulnerable Aussies in need. The rescued food is used by organisations such as PICAL in Cowes to make nourishing meals for community members facing hardship.

Great news from PINP We’re fox free again

The PINP Conservation team is cautiously optimistic that Phillip Island is again fox free.

The DNA samples collected from the fox that was caught last week have been matched to the genotype of the DNA collected from scats and tracks of the fox responsible for the attack at Bimbadeen egg farm when dozens of chooks were killed back in May.

PINP describe this news as reassuring but says its Conservation Team remains vigilant and will continue to closely monitor the situation.

The good news is that to date, there has not been any further evidence of foxes since the fox that has been tested was captured.



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Valued trees finally to be protected

A long-awaited significant tree register will be created, in last-minute changes to Bass Coast Shire's new Local Law 2022.

After first being mooted in 2019 by community groups, the shire has finally committed to the creation of a register to protect the region's most precious vegetation.

The new Local Law, passed by councillors at the July meeting, includes a clause for council to maintain a register "recording all significant trees within the municipal district and ensure that such Significant Tree Register is accessible on Council's website and can be inspected at Council's principal office during normal business hours".

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said to ensure the register will be "implemented effectively", officers will be working "over the coming months to develop systems and processes for significant and protected trees".

"The process will set out the guidelines for what trees will be included on the register, how the register will be formed and the different stakeholders who will



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be involved in the process"

Ms Wastie said as such the tree register section of the Local Law would not be enforced until January 1, 2023, "to allow sufficient time to develop the register, inform and engage with the community and ensure the new processes are well understood".

Register

After years of constant tree felling by ratepayers, in 2019 the Bass Coast Branch of the National Trust and the Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) pro-

posed the island's first ever Significant Tree Register.

Their proposed register focused on significant, "A grade" trees on public land with private landholders able to nominate trees on their own land.

Criteria was to be modelled on the approach followed by the National Trust and other councils, with factors such as landscape context, aesthetic value, rarity, age, outstanding size and shape or for cultural or heritage connections."

However, in the wake of Covid

the proposed register stalled.

PICS president Jeff Nottle last week welcomed the significant tree protections in the local laws.

"We are aware of the community angst around the demolition of some trees and we know the community wants to protect them," Mr Nottle said.

Nature strips

Following community feedback to the draft local law in May, the finalised law now includes other changes.

Previously the draft stated home owners could not cut, trim, lop, prune on any private property less than 5000 square metres any significant tree or protected tree.

The finalised law now removes that 5000 square metre provision.

As detailed in the draft, the new rules are also tough on residents planting any vegetation on nature strips and enforce regulations on keeping grass trimmed. Landholders also cannot carry out any other works within the tree protection zone of a significant tree or protected tree, in order to protect roots.

New laws on turbines, graffiti, trolleys

The majority of community feedback on the Bass Coast Shire's new Local Laws were around holiday rentals and protection of significant trees, last week's council meeting was told.

Initial community consultation was held in January and February, with 243 survey responses, which helped write the draft Local Law.

Following the release of the draft in May and June, 33 submissions were received.

Feedback included a suggestion that holiday home owners be able to drop off waste for free at transfer centres.

A submitter said there needed to be stronger regulation of short stay rentals while several said 24 hours for bins to be bought in was unreasonable.

One respondent said the shire should not stop nature strip plantings.

Another wrote they were pleased the shire opted not to include regulation of drones in the Local Law and one said there needed to be better communication of the laws.

Turbine

Several were supportive of the clause banning residential wind turbines, however many have since been critical that it has come too late for Surf Beach residents.

In 2020 there was community outcry in Surf Beach after a Dixon Street resident was set to build a 10.5-metre-high turbine that required no permits.

At the time the shire said they were unable to intervene, saying only the State Government could resolve the problem.

But last month the Dixon Street resident quickly erected the turbine in what neighbours said was a last-minute "desperate attempt" to stave off the impending new local law.

The new clause states that "unless permitted under the planning

scheme or other legislation, an owner or occupier of private property must not, without a permit, erect or install, or cause or allow to be erected or installed, a wind turbine or similar device, other than a wind energy facility, on any land less than 5000 square metres in a built-up area".

Overview

The new Local Laws 2022 include:

- a section on graffiti, requiring a person to keep their land - including boundary fences - graffiti free. The law applies to tags, but excludes permitted graffiti art;

- a person must not display a vehicle, caravan, boat or any other thing for sale on a road or municipal place;

- a person must not leave a trolley on a road or in a municipal place, except in a designated area and supermarkets must ensure their name and trading name are clearly marked on the shopping trolley and must not allow it to be abandoned;

- an authorised officer can direct a person to relocate a beehive on any private property if the number or location of beehives gives rise to a risk to safety;

- there is also a section to "better address nuisance, intimidating, obstructing, damaging or unsafe behaviour in a municipal place", of wheeled toys including skateboards, rollerblades and motorised toy vehicles "all propulsion types".

Fines

According to the shire, local laws have an automatic sunset clause after 10 years.

The shire can initially issue warnings to any offender, with the maximum penalty for an offence 20 penalty units.

A penalty unit is an amount of money set by parliament each year. From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, a penalty unit is \$181.74 (two penalty units is \$363). The value of a penalty unit is set annually by the Victorian Treasurer, and is updated on July 1 each year.

Hopes new law solves summer waste woes

In a bid to solve peak season overflowing bin problems, holiday rental owners will be required to have a waste management plan, under last-minute changes to Bass Coast Shire's new Local Law 2022.

Councillors at the July meeting passed the new laws, which have undergone extensive community feedback.

The local law has a number of new last-minute clauses, including the creation of a significant tree register to protect valued vegetation (see separate story).

This is in addition to already publicised new laws, detailed in the draft earlier this year, such as restrictions on the use of monkey bikes and motorised toys on footpaths and the much-anticipated ban on residential wind turbines, which has come too late for Surf Beach residents.

Following community consultation on the draft, released in May, councillors have added a new clause to the Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law.

Previously the draft only required the owner or appointed agent to inform occupants of waste disposal arrangements.

However, in the final local law two new clauses now require the owner or appointed agent to have a council-approved waste management plan.

"Where a waste management plan is not approved by council, council will provide for a fee a 240 litre landfill bin to the owner or appointed agent of



Cr Ronnie Bauer, who has long advocated for increased red bin collections over summer, said he is "skeptical" about the waste management plan.

the Short Stay Rental Accommodation property, in addition to other residential waste bins," the local law stipulates.

Despite objections by some submitters to the draft, the final local law includes a provision requiring the owner or appointed agent to ensure any waste left at an accommodation property that cannot be contained in the bins onsite is removed within 24 hours of occupants departing.

Also an owner or agent must not leave a residential waste bin out for more than one day before or after the designated collection day.

Several submissions to the draft objected to this clause saying it was "unreasonable", but shire officers opted to retain the clause.

"Skeptical"

Cr David Rooks said he envisaged the waste manage-

ment plan would "go a long way to helping the waste problems over summer".

However Cr Ronnie Bauer, who has long been advocating for increased red bin collections in peak periods, said he was "sceptical" about the waste management plan.

"It is a leap of faith from having a management plan to having holiday makers give any regard to waste," Cr Bauer said.

He added a further concern was the new registration fee for the short term accommodation had not been set.

"It will require an amendment to council's fees and charges. I believe it should be a significant amount to cover the additional three pickups of the landfill bins in summer and other administration coats."

He said short term accommodation was a business, and

registration fees will be passed to customers, which could be "onerous".

Mayor Michael Whelan said council officers would now develop the process for how owners of properties should register their accommodation, outline the responsibilities of owners and set the fees to register.

He said the new additions to the Local Law would not be enforced until January 1, 2023.

"This will provide us with sufficient time to not only develop the processes that are needed to ensure these new laws are implemented effectively, but also to engage with the community to make sure they understand the new requirements, prior to them being enforced," Cr Whelan concluded.

The accommodation section of the local law aims to regulate the sector, which has long been criticised by neighbours and residents for anti-social behaviour by visiting guests.

The law imposes a number of conditions on holiday rental owners to ensure peace for neighbours, including implementing a registration system and setting a maximum stay duration for customers.

"By registering short stay accommodation providers, council can help ensure a minimum standard of guidelines," Cr Whelan said.

"These will in turn minimise the risks of this accommodation affecting the peace of neighbours."

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These information sessions are essential for students and their parents to attend in order to gain insight into the programs available at the Wonthaggi Campus and the process of selecting subjects for the 2023 school year. In particular, with the phase out of VCAL across Victoria at the end of 2022, these sessions will be critical for students and their parents to gain an understanding of VCE and the VCE Vocational Major options for their Year 11 & 12 years.

Year 9 into Year 10 Information Sessions

Monday 1st August (7.00pm) @ San Remo Campus (Specialist Building – Library) of Bass Coast College
Tuesday 2nd August (7.00pm) @ Wonthaggi (Senior) Campus (Library) of Bass Coast College

Year 10 into Year 11 (Senior Programs) Information Session

Thursday 4th August (7.00pm) @ Wonthaggi Arts Centre (Graham St)

These sessions are open to current BCC students and prospective students for the 2023 school year. Please note that students who attend an information session may be given preference to access programs and subjects.



Pictured at last week's announcement are from left Melina Bath, MLC for Eastern Victoria for the National Party, Brett Tessari, Nationals candidate for Bass, Cindy McLeish, Shadow Minister for Sport and Tourism, Don Turner, President PIAFC, Peter McMahon, secretary PIAFC, David Southwick, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Aaron Brown, Liberal candidate for Bass, Cathrine Burnett-Wake, Liberal Member for Eastern Victoria regio and Linda Marston PIAFC committee.

Huge community effort pays off

During his visit to Cowes last week to announce a \$42 million Aquatic Centre commitment for Phillip Island by a Liberal led Coalition, should it be elected in November, Deputy Leader of the Opposition David Southwick recognised the huge community effort over a 30 year period that has gone into getting to this point...

"This is a "community first" driven project," Mr Southwick said, adding "nothing really happens without a community spearheading and fighting for their needs.

"I can't think of many projects where the community has kept up the momentum over three decades. That shows a real need."

"For a project to be sustained throughout a 30 year campaign by local people, shows me that this pool needs to be done."

He described the advocacy of PIAFC secretary Peter McMahon as "tremendous" in recent times, and acknowledged 30 years of hard work by the large numbers of individuals who had preceded him over three decades.

And he also acknowledged the importance of the work undertaken by the Bass Coast Shire in its support of the pool project, ensuring that plans are ready, that stakeholders are on board, that land has been purchased and the project is now shovel ready.

Mr Southwick thanked Liberal leader Matthew Guy for his strong support for this project and described him "as somebody that has been lobbying very strongly for this Aquatic Centre to be funded."

And he commended the advocacy work

undertaken by Liberal candidate for Bass Aaron Brown, to get the project over the line.

"We know how important this is to the community and thank you for your advocacy, because without that we wouldn't have this announcement today," he said.

He said the fact that Dawn Fraser had launched the PIAFC fund campaign back in the year 2,000 and that it was still ongoing showed him the strength of support and the significance and importance of the project to the island community.

Don't hesitate to contact me, I am here to help.

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Smiles all round, Mayor delighted

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whealan

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whealan has warmly welcomed last week's pledge by the Victorian Liberal and National parties, that a \$42 million Phillip Island Aquatic Centre will be built if a state Coalition government is elected in November.

"This has been a long time coming, and I thank you for it," Cr Whelan told Mr Southwick and Coalition candidates for Bass Aaron Brown and Brett Tessari, at last week's announcement.

Cr Whelan said that an Aquatic Centre on Phillip Island was a strong part of council's two pool strategy. . . and part of a full recreation strategy that will enable more incredible sporting facilities to be developed on land purchased by the shire last year for this purpose.

He said that through the design work already completed by Otium consultants on council's behalf, council has never been in a better position to deliver the pool project.

"That work has been acknowledged by the announcement today."

"We are shovel ready and ready to go. We are looking forward to getting on with it.

Bass Coast CEO Ali Wastie said that the announcement was testament to council's advocacy strategy, and that it was a reflection of community aspiration.

"We are absolutely delighted to receive this

news of \$42 million from the Liberal Party for the funding of the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre.

"This has been a long standing aspiration of the Phillip Island community. Council has done everything it can in terms of getting the project shovel ready, and buying the land."

"We are really hoping, with fingers crossed, for a matching commitment from the Labor government come November so that we can deliver our two pool strategy."

Aaron Brown

Speaking at last week's announcement, Liberal candidate for Bass Aaron Brown said that \$42 million is a huge funding announcement for a single project, and that it will back the health, well being and lifestyle needs of the people of the Bass Coast.

He said he had met with members of the Phillip Aquatic Centre, who had shared the 31 year history of the island's fight for a pool; describing their advocacy for the pool project as tremendous.

"But they had not been able to get anything across the line since 1991."

"We need to listen to our communities and get outcomes for them. I have listened, and am pleased to get this across the line," he said, also thanking the Coalition team headed by Matthew Guy for its support for the island project.

Mr Brown described the Aquatic Centre as a once in a 50 year opportunity, which does not come along very often.

"Generations after generation living here will benefit from this.

"It will be a very important facility for the lifestyle and health benefits it will provide, and a great boost for tourism."

Peter McMahon

Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Peter McMahon, who has worked tirelessly for a pool for the last 13 years, made the following statement.

"After almost 30 years, Phillip Island residents have finally been listened to and heard. An Aquatic Centre will bring enormous benefits to everyone in our community . . . the young, the old and everyone in between, in so many ways.

Finally Phillip Islanders will be able to enjoy the health, lifestyle and well being opportunities an aquatic centre will bring, and that are taken for granted by most other communities across the state.

If it had not been for the work of Aaron Brown, the Liberal candidate for Bass, we would not have achieved this pledge.

Cr David Rooks

Island ward councillor David Rooks described the announcement as "incredibly exciting news for all Bass Coast residents."

"Our Island community has been asking for a pool for a few decades now with the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund leading the charge. The last few years have seen an enormous amount of planning and advocacy work go into Council's two pool strategy for the Shire and this pledge by the Liberal Party recognises the incredible passion for aquatics in our community.

"The Master Plan for the future site of the pool and sporting precinct is due for completion this financial year.

"It's indeed exciting times for our community."

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Brett Tessari

Brett Tessari, Nationals candidate for Bass and also a Bass Coast Shire councillor, described last week's announcement as "Fantastic."

He paid tribute to the foresight of the Bass Coast Shire Council for buying back the land on which a grand sporting complex is now planned, and which will see the establishment of many sporting facilities go ahead in the future.

Cr Tessari said that the process had been a long one, and he that had been involved in it for the past six years.

He thanked the Matthew Guy led Coalition for supporting the pool project.

"Let's make sure that come November we can actually deliver on the project by being voted in."

Cr Ronnie Bauer

Island ward councillor Ronnie Bauer is delighted with the announcement.

"I am thrilled that the pool issue is finally off the back burner and at the forefront of consideration in the lead up to the November election.

There is no doubt that the pool is a priority need for the people who live here and has been since their campaign first started in 1991.

I stood as an Independent candidate for the seat of Bass in 2018 and a pool was a major component of my platform; and it was again in 2020 when I stood successfully for election as a Bass Coast councillor.

I congratulate the Coalition team for listening to the community, and acting. And I thank those who have worked solidly over three decades to keep the issue of an Aquatic Centre for Phillip Island firmly on the agenda.

I'm optimistic, says Nola, after 31 years

Nola Fenech's initial reaction to the news last Wednesday that Victorian Opposition Leader Matthew Guy has pledged \$42 million to build an Aquatic Centre on Phillip Island, should the Liberal/National Coalition win government at the November state election, was one of "disbelief."

But that has quickly changed to excitement and "cautious optimism" as she comes to terms with the fact that the dream she has held and worked toward for 31 years, may finally become a reality.

Nola launched the first Phillip Island Pool committee back in 1991, when she was in her early forties. Now in her late seventies, she remains an active member of what today is known as the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund (PIACF).

Last week's very welcome announcement saw much celebration locally; but a quieter approach from Nola, as she looked back at some of the highs and lows for PIACF, over those years.

Back in 1991, Nola worked for the Shire of Phillip Island, in the home care department, which looked after the frail and elderly members of our local (and much smaller) community.

One of her weekly tasks was to assist with organizing a bus load of about 30 seniors across to the Wonthaggi pool on Tuesdays, for a two-hour morning hydrotherapy session.

The bus had to leave at 8.30 am in order to complete the pick up across the island, to arrive at the pool in time for the 11am session.

It would leave Wonthaggi about 1.30pm, and complete the drop off by 4.30pm.

"The clients loved the warm pool, but they would be shattered at the end of the day. The hydrotherapy sessions were so beneficial, but exhaustion after such a long trip negated the benefit."

One of Nola's clients Edna Thompson, of Carisbrooke, suggested to her that she and her husband Vern would back a pool and hydrotherapy facility financially, if a pool appeal was launched.

Nola called the first pool meeting in 1991, and a committee was formed.

A pool was already Stage 4 of the Shire of Phillip Island Recreation Plan, and was scheduled for development in about 1994/95, after completion of Stage 1,2 and 3 which included the construction of the Cowes Recreation Centre.

The Shire of Phillip Island had also just purchased 80 acres of land (the old carnival site) for future development of an island sporting precinct.

The only pool on Phillip Island at that point available to the community for use was at the Isle of Wight Hotel. Publican Rick McKechnie kindly heated it up every Tuesday afternoon for Nola's seniors' group; and local kids also learned to swim there.

Amalgamation intervenes

When amalgamation of the Wonthaggi, Bass and Phillip Island councils was decreed in 1994 by the Kennett government, commissioners were appointed for two years to run the newly formed Bass Coast Shire.

The commissioners (unelected) decided not to proceed with a pool on Phillip Island, shredding the feasibility study which supported it, and within six months had sold the 80 acres the former council had set aside for development of an island sporting precinct, for \$260,000. The funds went into the new shire's general revenue.

Once it was finally understood that the



Nola Fenech (centre) called a meeting back in 1991, to get the ball rolling for the establishment of a Phillip Island pool. Thirty one years later, she is pictured celebrating last week's pool pledge with Don Turner (left) PIACF president, and Peter McMahon PIACF secretary, with "cautious optimism." Don joined PIACF in 2005, and Peter became secretary in 2013, after years as an active member.

new amalgamated Bass Coast Council had no intention of proceeding with the former Phillip Island Shire's plans, the community push to build an Aquatic Centre on the island began in earnest.

It began with the establishment of The Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund (PIACF) by the community, following a huge public meeting held in October 1999, with 1700 members actively signing up to support the cause.

Olympian Dawn Fraser AO, who had agreed to become pool patron, officially launched the fundraising program at a huge gala dinner held at the Continental in Cowes in May 2,000.

The PIACF committee elected at the public meeting set about its work.

It developed a model for a 25-metre pool with hydrotherapy facilities, and embarked on a major fundraising campaign over the next decade, whilst also lobbying all levels of government to win support to build the facility.

"Our problem through the late nineties and noughties was always the refusal by the Bass Coast Shire to support us," said Nola.

"I find it interesting that the Bass Coast Shire Council, twenty years on, has finally bought the sport precinct land they sold, back, but at a cost of \$4 million. They purchased the first 40 acres of it for \$1.3 million in 2017, and the remaining 40 acres quite recently for \$2.7 million."

Following the launch by Dawn Fraser, the community got behind the committee with gusto, remembers Nola.

"We sold naming pavers, which we still have, waiting to be laid; volunteers were paid to man the entrance gates at the Motorcycle Grand Prix for decades; we held fundraisers, including many at Churchill Island, baked cakes, held stalls, ran balls and dinner dances, and even sold tickets for a few years at the Pyramid Rock New Year Music Festival.

"\$300,000 was eventually raised and when two large hangars from interstate were donated to the committee, \$80,000 was expended to get them down here.

"In the end they were not used by PIACF" recalls Nola, but one was donated to the Viet-

nam Veteran's Museum committee, and now houses part of the present Vietnam Veterans Museum."

Grants submitted

In order to apply for a pool grant from both the State and Federal Governments, it was requisite upon PIACF to submit a comprehensive feasibility study along with each funding application, and this required professional help.

No less than six feasibility studies, prepared by consultants, were commissioned by PIACF in a period of twenty years.

"This was a very costly business, and dug deep into our reserves, but it had to be done," says Nola.

"People can look at our balance sheet on our website (piac.org.au). It's all there, where every penny expended and on what, has gone."

"The work put in by so many people was voluntary. Everyone worked long and hard to pursue PIACF's aim. Successive committees were elected over the years and carried on.

"Sadly, so many of those early, committed passionate pool supporters have not lived to see this great day. People like Phil Dixon, Colin Grey, Jock McKechnie, Alison Thomas, Merv Lincoln, just to name a few."

Nola recalls the Adventure Resort on the main road offering five acres of land to council at a peppercorn rental, at one point, to help get the project off the ground.

And she says Phillip Island came very

close to achieving an Aquatic Centre in 2006.

"PIACF had submitted an application to the Federal Regional Infrastructure Fund in 2006, and we were thrilled to hear back provisional approval, once one amendment was made. The year 2006 was unfortunately during a prolonged drought, and the PIACF application was sent back to us to be amended to include an underground water storage area. Our application was provisionally approved by the Howard government . . . but before its announcement, there was a change of government, and things changed. The Regional Infrastructure Fund program was put on hold by the incoming Rudd government and they initiated a new program to replace it. We were one of 600 applicants nationally for a program that approved 30 projects. We were unsuccessful.

"So near and yet so far," is her memory of that time.

Nola said as the years passed, things changed and all subsequent applications had to be submitted through councils.

At one point, in 2016, Bass Coast Council resolved that it would support two new pools within the shire. One at Wonthaggi and one at Phillip Island.

"The council decreed that it would fully pay for a pool at Wonthaggi, but that Phillip Island residents would have to raise 50% of a pool there if they wanted one.

"That went down like a lead balloon on the island," mused Nola.

"That meant that island ratepayers would have to contribute to the cost of a Wonthaggi pool through their rates, and remember we pay almost half of the entire Bass Coast rates; and then turn around and fundraise 50% of the cost of a pool on Phillip Island. This was completely inequitable, and caused uproar."

Two pool strategy since adopted

In the past few years, Bass Coast Council has adopted a two-pool strategy, costed at \$80 million plus.

The original 80 acres of land set aside by the old Shire of Phillip Island for a sports precinct has finally been bought back in its entirety by the Bass Coast Council.

An aspirational recreation plan for the site has been drawn up and paid for by PIACF.

Bass Coast Council has approved funding in this year's budget for a master plan to be drawn up for the 80 acres it now owns.

Bass Coast Council has funded both a Phillip Island pool feasibility study and a magnificent Phillip Island Aquatic Centre pool design prepared by Otium consultants.

"As Mayor Michael Whelan said at the announcement. The project is shovel ready," said Nola.

"Hopefully, my six-month-old great granddaughter Imogen, unlike her mother and grandmother, will be able to learn to swim in a Phillip Island Aquatic Centre pool."

Council Update



Cowes Public Art Commission 2023 – Project Reference Group

Council is looking to establish a Project Reference Group (PRG) to guide the delivery of this year's Public Art Commission, to be located in Cowes. The PRG will be made up of local residents and stakeholders, who can guide the process and ensure the local community is represented throughout the project.

This is an opportunity to be involved in the process of contributing to the identity and character of your town.

It is anticipated that the PRG will meet at least five times over the commission period:

1. To establish the theme for the artist brief.....August
2. To review and approve the artist brief.....September
3. To shortlist artists from the field of entries.....October
4. To select the preferred artist/project.....December
5. To celebrate the delivery of the project.....June 2023

The first meeting will be held online, on Monday, 22 August from 4.30pm to 6.00pm.

To participate, please contact Team Leader Arts and Culture, David Burrows on david.burrows@basscoast.vic.gov.au or on the numbers below.

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Penguin viewing stand makeover

The Phillip Island Nature Parks is about to embark on a staged \$20 million project which will see the re-development of all penguin parade viewing infrastructure at the reserve.

A recent \$5 million State Government grant through the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Region Regional Tourism Investment Fund, will get the ball rolling, with the ageing infrastructure on the beach at the penguin reserve set for removal or a makeover.

Jarvis Weston, PINP Planning and Projects Manager, said Stage 1 of the work will see the installation of a new circular boardwalk down to the beach which will create a new looped experience.

The Boardwalk will extend left from the Visitor Centre doorway out to the beach, down to the stands, and then follow the penguins as they make their way back up from the beach through the dunes to their burrows, and back to the Visitor Centre.

Jarvis said it is well and truly time for a penguin viewing makeover, with some of the old stands still in use first built in the 1960s.

Design of the new viewing infrastructure is in the final stages, and Jarvis is hopeful that the plans will go out to tender in September or October.

With just a small five month construction window available . . . in order not to interfere with the penguin and shearwater breeding season . . . it is hoped that work can commence in May next year.

It is also hoped that pre fabrication of some components of the new infrastructure can happen off site, to limit interference with the rookeries.

The old concrete stands will be retained, but built over, Jarvis said. New toilets will also be incorporated in the works to be done.

Completion date is set for June 2024.



An artist's impression of new penguin viewing stands, proposed for the penguin parade.

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Works have been completed on the upgrade to the Forrest Caves staircase.

Work on Forrest Caves staircase

Phillip Island Nature Parks has completed an upgrade to strengthen the staircase to Forrest Caves, in response to ongoing coastal erosion., and the boardwalks got a revamp with new decking, handrails and steps.

The works involved large machinery on the beach installing 10 screw piles to stabilise the staircase.

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

“These vital works will stabilise and strengthen the staircase structure to ensure

ongoing safe access to Forrest Caves so the local community and visitors can continue to enjoy this beautiful beach,” Jarvis said.

The works were timed to occur out of Short-tailed Shearwater and Hooded Plover breeding seasons and impact minimised through the use of an existing track to the beach. The Bruce Ave access track will be monitored to see how vegetation recovers, and if the need be, revegetation will take place.

“We’d like to thank the community and visitors for their patience while we completed these important works,” Jarvis said.



The Chitty Chitty Jab Jab mobile vaccination bus run by the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit will be at the Wonthaggi Town Hall on Saturday 30 July from 10am-2pm.

Vaccination is vital as the next COVID wave strikes

Vaccination remains a vital defence in the Bass Coast’s bid to minimise the impact of the next wave of COVID.

The BA 4 and 5 sub-variants of the Omicron strain are now the dominant strains in our community and they are more contagious than previous strains of COVID.

These new strains are unfortunately active in our community at the same time as Influenza, other respiratory illnesses and gastro, resulting in widespread sickness.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said the case numbers documented are not showing the full extent of the impact on our community because we know many people are not getting tested and not reporting positive Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs).

It is our view, based on Emergency Department presentations and hospitalisations, that the numbers of people with COVID are probably greater now than they have been ever before. And the impact of Influenza and other respiratory diseases on local people is being felt across all industries and townships.

The availability of a fourth winter dose of vaccination offers everyone the perfect opportunity to minimise their likelihood of catching COVID and to reduce their risk of experiencing significant illness should they do.

“Vaccination remains the best way you can protect yourself and those you love against COVID and flu,” Ms Child said.

“If you haven’t had a flu jab it’s not too late. If you are eligible for a fourth COVID dose you should get it. You just need to be aged 30 and over, it must have been three months since your previous COVID infection and your previous COVID vaccination, and you can even have your flu and COVID vaccinations at the same time.

“In addition to vaccination, I would implore people to wear masks indoors and when you can’t physically distance, sanitise and wash your hands often, avoid crowds, work from home if you can, and gather outdoors or in ventilated indoor spaces wherever possible. These actions help to reduce transmission of bugs.”

COVID and flu vaccinations are available from GPs, Pharmacies and the Chitty Chitty Jab Jab mobile vaccination bus run by the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit.

This bus will be at the Wonthaggi Town Hall on Saturday 30 July from 10am-2pm. No bookings are necessary but arrive early. COVID and flu vaccinations are available for all age groups. Bring your Medicare Card and children must present proof of age.

“Having as many COVID vaccinations as you are eligible for will help to increase your chances of staying out of hospital and therefore reduce demand on our already busy health system,” Ms Child said.

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San Remo Opportunity Shop volunteers pictured : Back from left Helen Andrews, Sandra Thorley and Janine Morris. Front from left, President Sarah Fleisner, Marj Wagland, Joan Ray and Caroline Talbot.

Op Shop funds vital theatre equipment

Bass Coast Health (BCH) has expressed its enormous gratitude to the volunteers of the San Remo Opportunity Shop.

Through sorting and selling quality secondhand goods from the popular San Remo Op shop, the volunteers have raised \$74,700 to enable the purchase of an ultrasound machine at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The machine will be used in theatre and be particularly beneficial during the performing of caesarean births.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said the amount raised was a tremendous sum for the volunteers.

"The Op Shop volunteers have very proudly worked hard to raise these funds to enable the purchase of this vital piece of equipment," she said.

"This has been no easy feat given the COVID lockdowns we endured, which meant the Op Shop had to close for an extended period of time.

"Bass Coast Health also wishes to thank the community members and tourists who shopped at the Op Shop and in turn supported our health service."

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Aspiring soccer players, carers, and volunteers all had a fun morning at the Newhaven Oval last week, as a four week trial session for an All Ability soccer program got underway. If participants are keen to continue, and it is hoped that they will, the weekly sessions will become a permanent fixture for the Phillip Island Soccer Club.



Gareth Kennedy (left) introduces Mark James to the game of soccer.



Raymond Bergin (left) thoroughly enjoyed kicking the soccer ball around with Andrew Dean.

All abilities soccer fun

The Phillip Island Soccer Club “All Abilities” soccer try out morning, held last week in beautiful weather at the Newhaven oval, was a great success.

Andrew Dean, who happened to see an all abilities soccer day in progress in Melbourne, was so struck by the joy and fun he witnessed, that he suggested to the Phillip Island Soccer Club, of which he is a committee member, that a similar program could be established here.

That was in 2020, but Covid had intervened until last week, when the program was finally able to get underway, with Andrew and fellow committee member Gareth Kennedy at the helm.

Gene Parini, at Gipps Sport, was asked for assistance, and has been a huge help, printing flyers and promoting the event, Andrew said.

Invitations to Interchange and Connecting to Australia,

based in Wonthaggi, Yooralla at Leongatha and Scope at San Remo were sent out . . . and about 30 excited participants arrived at the oval on Tuesday, to play the game.

Volunteers were on hand to pass on their skills, and soon everyone was enjoying kicking around soccer balls together.

“It was awesome. Everyone had a ball, and they are all keen to come back next week,” said Andrew.

Initially planned is a four week All Abilities trial period on Tuesdays, and if the participants would like to continue, then we will keep it going, said Andrew.

“In fact, if anyone else in the community . . . abled and disabled . . . would like to join in and kick a soccer ball around the oval on Tuesday mornings between 10am and 11 am we would love them to come along.”

Andrew said the aim of the All Ability sessions is to promote inclusiveness and the

game of soccer to everyone.

“Just because you have some sort of ailment shouldn’t mean you can’t get outdoors and have a go . . . because you can, and our Club wants to make this happen.”

The Phillip Island Soccer club is providing all of the equipment necessary, and is hopeful that the program will grow.

If last week’s session was anything to go by, it is off to a flying start.

“I believe this is the first time soccer has been made available to all abilities in South Gippsland, and our Club is excited for this Tuesday event to continue.”

Andrew extended a warm invitation to people of all abilities to come along . . . and that it would be great if the able bodied got involved and helped out as well.

The sessions run on Tuesdays at the Newhaven oval between 10 and 11 am, weather permitting.

Newhaven College student wins top honours

Newhaven College student Holly van der Pligt received top honours this week for her outstanding VCE results in 2021.

Holly received a Premier’s VCE Award for excellence in Environmental Science making her one of the top Environmental Science students in the state.

Holly thanked her teachers for their support during her years at Newhaven College.

“Your teachers reverberate the amount of energy you put into your studies, and it would be il-

logical to not draw on their knowledge and guidance throughout such a challenging year,” she said.

“Take advantage of every opportunity you are given, do what you love and do it passionately and there’s no doubt you will succeed.”

Newhaven College principal Tony Corr said the entire school community was proud of Holly.

“We are very proud of Holly and her exceptional academic performance. She worked very hard and her results are a testament to her

dedication and commitment.

“The VCE Premiers Award is recognition of her outstanding achievements. At Newhaven we pride ourselves on providing the best opportunities possible for each student to achieve success. It is pleasing to have seen Holly flourish in the caring and supportive environment she experienced at our school.”

Holly’s teacher Karyn Scott mentioned that Holly’s thoughtful questioning was what set her apart.

“It’s been a privilege teaching Holly throughout her time at Newhaven College. From Year 7 she exhibited a genuine interest and curiosity in both people and the world around her.”

Holly was among 298 of Victoria’s brightest students, recognised by this year’s Premier’s VCE Awards.

RIGHT: Newhaven College student Holly van der Pligt received top honours this week for her outstanding VCE results in 2021.



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By Cr Leticia Laing

I am excited to be bringing you the Deputy Mayor's message this week while Mayor Cr Michael Whelan is away.

In June I attended the Australian Local Government Association conference and National General Assembly in Canberra. As a first time attendee, it was a fantastic and eye-opening experience. It was inspiring to meet so many councillors and council staff from across the 537 local governments in Australia, who all have a deep care for their respective communities.

As a regional council with a small population, Bass Coast Shire is heavily reliant on state and federal financial assistance to get even the most basic of infrastructure and services for the community. One speaker we heard from was National Planning Institute of Australia president Dr Marcus Spiller who said Australian local councils do more with less and continue to do so, despite cost shifting, inadequate fiscal equalisation and rate capping across the country.

It was also wonderful to see that there are some very talented and professional women leading the way in the local government space. I had the pleasure of meeting the new Federal Minister for Local Government, Kristy McBain, a former New South Wales councillor.

I am passionate about encouraging women to become involved with local government. The Women Leading Locally fellowship program is an initiative of the Victorian Government, delivered by the Institute of Community Directors in partnership with Women for Election.

The program aims to increase the representation of women councillors and mayors in Victoria. Applications for the 2023 program are scheduled to open in March next year, with the 12-month fellowship to begin on 24 May 2023. Running for council and now being a Councillor, has been an incredibly rewarding experience for me. That's why Bass Coast will be hosting a local event to encourage local women to learn about the benefits of running for council. Myself, along with Crs Clare Le Serve and Rochelle Halstead hope to connect with as many women as possible, to encourage a more diverse representative group on our council board. At the event, we will be sharing loads of information and some insights about our experiences. The details of the event are still being finalised, once we have everything locked in, we will let the community know.

Unfortunately, COVID is still dictating many aspects of our lives, with an expected increase in cases over the next few months. A fourth dose of the Covid booster is now available and if you are eligible, please don't hesitate to get it. Here at Council, we have taken precautions including having virtual meetings and mask wearing at our offices. This virus is continuing to spread throughout the country, so maintaining good hygiene, wearing a mask in busy areas and physical distancing are all still good ways to keep safe.

Many of you may have been hit hard with the virus and some are in hospital so please stay safe and well.



The NAIDOC planting day organised by the Phillip Island Nature Parks at the Koala Conservation Centre earlier this month centred around the establishment of a cultural garden featuring edible plants, a yarning circle and some art works.

Planting day for cultural garden

The Naidoc planting Day organised by the Phillip Island Nature Park at the Koala Conservation Centre (KCC) Reserve was a great success.

The planting day at the KCC, specifically under the large manna gum in front of the visitor centre, has been described as particularly significant for three reasons.

It has witnessed the entire story of koalas on the island; it has survived the clearing of the island in the post-contact era; and most importantly, it has been alive since the time that the only people who used Phillip Island were Bunurong.

The tree is well protected, with the advantage of now being protected behind a fence, so its surrounds are an excellent place for plantings that require protection like bulbine lillies and yam daisies. A total of 154 new seedlings were planted. As well as the bulbine lillies and yam daisies, these included kangaroo grass, trigger plants, lomandra and dionella. The planting day was the first stage in the establishment of a 'cultural garden featuring edible plants, a yarning circle and some art works.

National Water Week poster competition

Westernport Water marks National Water Week (NWW) each year by running a poster competition for local primary school students within our service area.

The competition provides a great opportunity for students to put their artistic creativity to the test by creating a colourful A3 poster.

The theme of this year's NWW and poster competition is 'Our water stories'.

We invite students to reflect on what water means to them and to share their own individual connection to water through their poster. A water story could be about a favourite watering hole, a beach to walk along, or a shoreline to surf. Maybe it's sitting quietly by a river, walking through a rainforest, or just drinking that first glass of water in the morning. What 'springs' to mind when you hear the word WATER?

Westernport Water will award prizes to the best three posters in each age category, and local winners will also be entered into the statewide poster competition and judged against winners of other regions for even greater prizes.

In addition to the student prizes, all participating schools are entered into a random draw for a \$500 contribution towards a sustainability project, purchase of water efficient products or educational materials of the school's choice.

Students have until 5pm on Friday 2 September 2022 to enter, and winners will be announced during National Water Week, 17 - 23 October 2022.

This year, posters need to be uploaded via our new website, a collaboration with other Victorian water corporations who run the competi-

tion, and with funding provided by the Department of Environment, Land, Water, and Planning.

Westernport Water's General Manager of Corporate and Community, Gareth Kennedy said that water education is essential for everyone.

"But above all, we must teach the leaders of tomorrow how to protect our water by caring for the environment and using drinking water wisely, Mr Kennedy commented.

"We are excited to receive the entries for this year's competition. Our staff look forward to seeing what students create, and participate by voting for their favourite posters each year."

All competition guidelines and information on how to enter can be found on our website - <https://www.westernportwater.com.au/nww-poster-competition-2022/>



The community bid a sad farewell to the much loved Sylvia Carter, who was Rhyll's oldest resident.

A life well lived

Sylvia Carter, Rhyll's oldest resident passed away on July 3 aged 103.

Sylvia had a remarkable life, born at Leongatha in 1919 at the time of the Spanish Flu.

She grew up on family farms at Tarwin Meadows, Gunya and Ryton with her parents and after leaving school, worked at the Boolarra Store and at the "Kia Ora Café" at Warragul.

It was at the Kia Ora Café where she first met her husband to be Clive Carter.

However, war was declared. Clive enlisted in the RAAF and Sylvia worked in the war effort, at the Government Aircraft Factory in Melbourne, riveting wings onto the Beaufort Bombers. She said that at the time she and her fellow workers had to work around the clock, and she remembers going to sleep at her bench.

Her family now wonder how those wings stayed on the planes.

Sylvia and Clive married at Williamstown in 1943. After the war they share-farmed at Molesworth, trapping rabbits as well, before buying their farm at Rhyll in 1945.

They milked cows, fattened pigs and grew chicory; and had three children, Shirley, Colin and Leonard.

Sylvia always worked hard on the farm. Just as he had in the war years, packing food parcels in the Rhyll Hall to send to England.

She was a great supporter of Moonya, helping out with their fund raising efforts, and in more recent times, knitted rugs for the Red Cross and the Salvation Army and more recently The Cottage by the Sea at Queenscliff.

She had knitted hundreds; but no-one kept count.

Sylvia loved farm life at Rhyll, and drives through the Gippsland hills, barbecues, picnics, her garden, cooking, clothes, shopping and her regular coffee catchups at the Cowes Bakery. A major highlight was her 100th birthday party at the Rhyll Hall, before the onset of the pandemic.

Sylvia saw and gave so much in her life to others, in her 103 years.

She leaves behind her daughter, Shirley, son Colin, eight grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.

She is remembered for a wonderful life well lived, sadly missed but cherished and loved by all.

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Superbikes return November 16-18

It has been almost two and a half years since the Superbike World Championship made its way down under to race at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, with the date set for the very last race on the championship circuit of November 16-18.

In what is set to be an end of year motorsport bonanza with the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix being held only one-month prior, Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit General Manager David Bennett said he is confident that ticket sales will return strong with fans eager to witness all the action.

“It has been 26 years since Phillip Island last held a Superbike World Championship season finale, dating back to 1996, and I think the excitement in that alone will certainly draw a significant crowd.” Mr Bennett said.

“Watching any form of motorsport live and in person is truly an experience you can’t match watching from home, and judging by how the 2022 Superbike World Championship has gone so far after just five rounds, we truly believe the season finale will deliver on all fronts.” Spectators will also get the chance to see ASBK – Australian Superbike Championship categories of Superbike, Supersport, and Supersport 300.

“We are always thrilled to welcome Australian categories to the WorldSBK paddock, and offering riders an opportunity to once again race on a world stage.” Bennett said.

“And to top the action and excitement off, spectators will get to celebrate together as we crown the 2022 Superbike and Supersport World Champions at one of the most iconic circuits on the calendar – it doesn’t get much better than that.”

The drawcard difference of WorldSBK is the unmatched level of spectator access, with all 3-Day ticket holders and VIP hospitality guests getting free WorldSBK paddock access to provide an experience like no other. The ever-popular Paddock Show will also return in 2022, giving spectators non-stop on-stage entertainment each day, including superscreen coverage and live commentary of all track action, interviews, autograph sessions, chat shows, and much more. Exclusive



to WorldSBK – Parc Ferme is located in the centre of the paddock and open to all 3-Day General Admission ticket holders, giving spectators the chance to be up close and personal with the top three riders from Superpole sessions and all races.

What makes the Superbike World Championship season finale even more exciting, is the inclusion of Australian riders Oliver Bayliss, son of three time Superbike World Champion Troy Bayliss, and Benjamin Currie, competing in the World Supersport Championship.

“Thousands of motorsport enthusiasts have been watching Oli Bayliss and Ben Currie race on the world stage this year, and now we get to witness and cheer on their hard-work and success firsthand at home – you simply can’t miss that!”

For further information regarding the MOTUL FIM Superbike World Championship at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, or to purchase your tickets to this years season finale on November 18-20, head to www.worldsbk.com.au.

Important Changes for 2022/23 Financial Year

By **Simon Manning**
Coastal View Financial Services

June 30th has come and gone quickly; small businesses are busy making sure their tax affairs are in order. But amid the mad rush at the end of the financial year, it can be hard to keep track of all the other changes that have come into effect since July 1.

Minimum wages Increase

The national minimum wage has increased by 5.2% and changes have kicked in since July 1.

From July 1, Australian employees will be entitled to a minimum take-home weekly pay of \$812.60, or \$21.38 an hour.

This represents a weekly increase of \$40 a week, with some 2.7 million Australians covered by the minimum employment standards.

Employers should now be checking to ensure each of their employees are being paid the equivalent of any applicable

Modern Award.

All employers will be able to check how the new rates will apply to their business via the Fair Work updated rates.

Superannuation guarantee rate and threshold changes

The amount of superannuation employers needs to pay their employees has increased thanks to a scheduled increase in the superannuation guarantee (SG) rate.

The SG rate will increase from 10% to 10.5% on July 1, 2022 and is legislated to increase further to 12% by 2025.

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) is reminding employers that they will need to use the new rate to calculate super payments on or after July 1, even if some or all the pay period covers work that was done before July 1.

From July 1, the monthly eligibility threshold for super payments has been removed, which means employees can be eligible for super payments regardless of what they earn.

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Big projects, big bucks:

With the sound of construction ringing across Phillip Island and San Remo, the Advertiser takes a look at major projects, what has been promised and what has been delivered so far this year. Also how much all these big ticket items are costing and the timeline for development.

Cowes Cultural and Community Centre

Previously the shire said the CCCC would be open by December 2022, but it has now been pushed back to 2023.

Most recently the concrete has been poured with steel construction ready soon and electrical inground services continuing.

Last year Bass Coast Shire councillors awarded McCorkell Constructions Pty Ltd the tender to build the centre, alongside Jackson Clements Burrows Architects, with the total value of the design and construct contract \$28,377,998.

The building will include: a 250 fixed-seat theatre, a 458m² library, gallery space, multi-purpose community spaces, grand hall (334m²), up to 400 seat function area, as well as environmental construction and certification.

The original budget for the build was \$19 million, but last year it had a 43 per cent cost blow out.

Sports hub and community pool

Following last year's purchase of the carnival land, on the corner of Ventnor Rd and Phillip Island Rd, the shire has started long-term planning for construction of a sports hub, including the long-anticipated aquatic centre.

Last year the shire released a feasibility study proposing Phillip Island – whose residents have been lobbying for a pool for about three decades - should have a 25m x 8 lane pool, learn-to-swim combined hydrotherapy area, and 24-hour gym at a cost of about \$45 million.

The study also recommends a \$41 million new pool for Wonthaggi - with the current pool built in 1975 – including 25m x 10 lanes, a larger gym, new spa and sauna.

The shire's advocacy strategy – released last year - is seeking a total \$66 million funding from state and federal governments for Phillip Island and Wonthaggi pools. However, after failing to receive any Federal Government funding at the May election for a community pool, hopes are now pinned on State funding in the lead up to the November election.

The 22/23 shire budget includes \$80,000 for a Cowes recreation masterplan, to look at the potential uses for the entire site including the positioning of facilities, such as the aquatic and leisure centre, sporting ovals, walking tracks

and more.

It's good news for sports clubs such as the Phillip Island Football and Netball Club who say their facilities are “bursting at the seams” there is a need for a bigger sporting precinct.

Once funded, the sports hub and community pool would be built on the 32ha site.

CFA HQ

Construction of Phillip Island's new \$2.2 million fire station is nearing completion on Ventnor Road and when finished will feature four motor room bays for fire trucks, a breathing apparatus maintenance room, meeting rooms, kitchen and offices.

The 6400m² land at 110 Ventnor Rd, west of McKenzie Rd, was purchased four years ago by the State Government, with a planning permit in 2020 detailing a four-vehicle 728 sqm building, covering about 10 per cent of the site.

The proposed fire station is expected to receive about 200 call outs per year and will be run by volunteers only.

The CFA's current site on Settlement Road, where they have been based since the mid-1970s, is now “outdated” and run-down, with volunteers calling for a new station for several years.

Transfer station Gap Rd

About 45 hectares at 380 Back Beach Road - opposite the Grand Prix Circuit - (but which has Gap Road frontage) - was purchased by the shire in 2020 for \$1.6 million.

The shire's 2021/22 budget included \$100,000 for the planning and design of a new Phillip Island Transfer Station.

According to the shire last year, the new transfer station and council depot would be housed on about 4.5 hectares on the property.

The use of the remainder of the site is to be “determined in consultation with the community”, but could include a solar farm or biodiversity offsets. It will not include landfill.

However in May the shire confirmed they had pushed the project out at least five years.

When asked by the Advertiser why the proposed new station wasn't included in this year's budget, the shire said funding had been allocated in 2027/28.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie confirmed the project had “moved out by a couple of years”.

In 1994 it was announced the Rhyll tip would eventually be closed, with the Cowes Recycling Bank on Dunsmore Rd built as an interim measure in July 2013.

In 2015 the shire acknowledged the island required a transfer station, comparable to Wonthaggi. It explained the Dunsmore Rd Cowes Recycling Bank did not adequately meet the

needs of the community and was not a long-term solution, especially given the island's growing population and international tourist status.

Community hospital

In 2019, the State Government announced it would buy the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre's (PICAL, see below) existing Church Street site to allow for the construction of a community hospital.

The Government was set to start constructing the hospital last year but was been delayed, now set to open in 2024.

In June Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said plans were in the final detailed design stage, and she anticipated they would go on public exhibition within eight weeks

The new double storey hospital is to be built adjacent to the Health Hub in Cowes.

Plans show chemotherapy and renal dialysis facilities and specific dedicated areas allocated for both mental health and paediatric patients. A radiology precinct is included, enabling CT scans, Ultrasound and general X-ray services to be carried out in Cowes.

A much-expanded urgent care centre, and a pharmacy (not retail) is included in the design and the hospital will also have dedicated ambulance access and entry space. A new main reception area will be created connecting clients to public meeting rooms, which health groups can access for education and other purposes.

Another exciting, new (for Phillip Island) and very welcome facility will be the establishment of a public dental service in the new hospital.

PICAL home

The Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre's long-awaited new headquarters were approved by council last year, with \$1.3 million development plans; however following a cost blow out in June councillors approved a budget of \$1.95 million.

The planning permit for a 1017m² site at 16 Warley Ave Cowes - formerly the Warley hospital - is for single storey building to be built in two stages, including multipurpose classrooms, a computer lab, meeting rooms, storage areas, an office and reception.

The new buildings for PICAL are being pre-fabricated, offsite and so far the floor framing is finished and the wall and roof framing is underway.

The Warley Avenue site is about a quarter of the size of the space PICAL currently occupies on Church Street – and where it is set to vacate by November - and cannot accommodate all the current services.

The shire has given PICAL a parcel of land at

Blue Gum Reserve behind the CFA station for their community garden, with \$278,000 in the '22/23 shire budget to establish the garden.

About \$185,000 was also included in the budget to upgrade the nearby CFA station – set to be vacated by the CFA in August – so it can house various community groups including the Artists Society of Phillip Island, Phillip Island Arts and Crafts Gallery, Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space, and Boomerang Bags.

PICAL is the largest emergency food relief outlet in South Gippsland, regularly feeding more than 500 people each month and started in 1980.

Cape Kitchen day spa

The Phillip Island Hot Springs project - currently under construction at the 35-acre 1215 Phillip Island Rd Cape Kitchen property – is set to be finished by early 2023.

It will include a main arrival building, 480m² lagoon, bubble beds, a swim up bar, whirlpool, eucalyptus-scented spa pools and a salt mist walk.

An 80-seat café will include a pizza area and family picnic grounds, open all day from breakfast to dinner.

There will also be an apothecary and gift shop selling their own skin care range, 5EA, or Fifth Element Apothecary.

The current Cape Kitchen restaurant is being repurposed with ocean-front “intimate” indoor dining and a guest lounge.

The \$46 million project last month received a state government grant of \$5.2 million.

Future construction stages will cost \$67 million and include the Cape Woolamai Lodge, a spa treatment facility, and Saltwater Hot Springs Thalassotherapy, which will use heated seawater, believed to have beneficial health effects.

A 700m deep bore will access the natural 38C mineral-rich aquifer, which will extract 20 megalitres of groundwater.

Vietnam Veterans' museum

Bass Coast Shire councillors in May threw their support behind the Vietnam Veterans, approving a proposal to build a new museum in Newhaven.

The proposal includes a 4206 square metre building containing exhibition areas, visitor spaces including a café, and support areas, such as offices, archives and storage. The plans also include extensive landscaping and a wetlands, as well as publicly accessible outdoor areas.

The museum access would be from a newly created fourth exit from the current roundabout at the intersection of Phillip Island and Woolamai Beach roads.



An artist's impression of the new National Vietnam Veterans Museum: it will be built on a 100-acre site opposite the current museum, with access from the Cape Woolamai roundabout.

what's planned

for the building, a landscape masterplan, a survey of all existing vegetation, vegetation offsets, a construction management plan, waste management plan and a cultural heritage plan.

Officers said although there were 10 objections to the proposal, they recommended approval. Councillors voted unanimously to support it.

The \$50 million museum now needs to be funded, with management seeking government funding and private sponsorship.

The museum will be built on a 100-acre site at 24 Churchill Road, opposite the current museum, with access from the Cape Woolamai roundabout.

The current museum could be sold, rented or used for another purpose.

The 100 acres was purchased in 2019 for \$2.6 million – paid from a Federal Government grant – after a long search for a new site to house the museum's expanding collection.

Car ferry

More than a decade after it was rejected by the community, the Cowes jetty was set to again be considered for a Cowes to Stony Point car ferry terminal, after the State Government last year announced \$200,000 funding for a feasibility study.

However in June Bass Coast Shire reneged on their initial promise to lead the new study to investigate the jetty.

The State Government says it now has no plans to take the reins and run a feasibility study, effectively stalling the controversial project.

The proposed feasibility study was the latest in a long line of failed attempts to ratchet up the car ferry dating back to 1985, with the most recent being a much-criticised business case in 2018, which saw community opposition quash the proposed Cowes west terminal site.

The 2018 business case did not consider the Cowes jetty because it was rejected by councillors in 2010 following community opposition.

But in an about-face, in 2018 councillors deferred voting to support the business case until the Cowes jetty was re-considered and a feasibility study undertaken.

Isle of Wight

New plans for the former Isle of Wight site, on the Cowes Esplanade, are expected to be lodged with the shire by about October.

Last year Melbourne based developer Moda bought the historic site, with the selling price undisclosed through a confidentiality agreement.

Moda this month told the Advertiser the development would include a “world class” pub, hotel, conference and wellness centre, ahead of a proposed opening in 2025; but Moda would not reveal a price tag.

Stage one - from January '21 to June '22 - has seen the creation of a business case and the project vision.

Stage two will run in July and August and include the concept design phase, with stage three the concept drawings and submission to the shire.

Stage four will depend on the planning process but will hopefully be in May next year when Moda will develop detailed construction plans and contract the builder.

Each stage will be fluid and - depending on conditions - could be amended.

The Isle of Wight was first given a planning permit for redevelopment by the former Phillip Island Shire and since 2005 has had a planning permit, which had been amended and subsequently approved by a planning panel. In 2011, the Bass Coast Shire refused to extend the permit for a third time, and it expired.

Distillery, brewery

A \$4 million Rhyll Brewery and Distillery is planned for 11 Beach Rd, recently submitting its planning permit to Bass Coast Shire, but yet to be publicly advertised.

It is hoped to be built by September 2023 on the vacant land and will include a microbrewery with 5000 litres of production a week, as well as a micro still, able to make about 200 bottles per batch, most likely in gin or vodka using local botanicals.

A 90-seat restaurant will serve food designed to match beers, with ingredients sourced locally.

In June the proposal received \$1.2 million in state government funding.

Town boundaries

While not a major construction project, the Distinctive Area and Landscapes (DAL) is nonetheless a big deal for Phillip Island and Bass Coast.

The first round of community consultation on the DAL – which will guide future land use - was in 2018, when residents sent a loud message there was too much development pressure on Phillip Island and San Remo, and growth should be managed.

The second round of consultation in 2019 saw the release of a discussion paper, which stated the main challenges facing Phillip Island were congestion and local infrastructure pressures during peak periods, urban development demand, and climate change threats to the environment.

The third and final round of consultation took place earlier this year with the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP).

The SPP detailed a series of beefed-up landscape



An artist's impression of the new PICAL facility on Warley Avenue, Cowes

planning controls to protect six Bass Coast areas that have been declared state or regionally significant, including the coast and hinterland between Cape Woolamai and Ventnor, as well as the Rhyll Inlet, and areas north of Cowes-Rhyll Road to Newhaven.

The SPP also locked in Phillip Island's town boundaries, with San Remo's ultimate boundary Punchbowl Road.

Housing subdivisions

New housing subdivisions continue to pop up around the island and San Remo. Some of the latest include:

- Cowes is set to get a new village for retirees - or those close to retirement - with a 280-residence development planned for Cowes west. The village will be on a large section of the 12-hectare property at 299-325 Church Street, stretching from Settlement Rd to Justice Rd, with a small section up to Church Street. It will be launched in mid-2023;

- A new 59-lot subdivision for 273-297 Church Street Cowes, opposite Anchor Belle Holiday Park has just been listed for application on the shire's planning permit register;

- A new 42-lot housing subdivision is planned for 205-223 Thompson Avenue, next to the RSL, with the developer currently taken the issue to VCAT “due to the length of time without a decision from council”;

- A Thompson Avenue caravan park, formerly known as the Islander, is set to again be a caravan park. Owned by Holiday Lifestyle Cowes, a company which also has caravan parks in St Leonards, Portland and Werribee, the property will have 49 cabins. In coming months they would apply for a planning permit for a 600m2 facility including an outdoor pool, barbecue area, kitchen, toilet block, showers and laundry. Previously the site was marketed as an “affordable accommodation village”, with house and land from \$350,000;

- Construction has started on a 19-lot subdivision on the former 1.7 hectare Cowes market site, with a frontage to 225 Settlement Road;

- 35 Cowes-Rhyll Road: Subdivision of land into 16 lots, creation of reserves and associated works, and removal of native vegetation;

- 14-20 Redwood Drive: Subdivision of land into 12 lots;

- 17-19 Small Court, San Remo: a 35-lot subdivision, still in the early stages.

Watch this space:

- Regional Roads Victoria's plans to expand and upgrade roads at San Remo and Newhaven

- Skate parks: The shire does not have a definitive timeline to find a site for the long-delayed regional skate park, nor a timeline to build a local skate facility in Newhaven.

- Old Boys Home, Newhaven: locals are waiting to see what new owners have planned for the historic site.

- The developers of a proposed five-storey, \$12 million hotel at 85 Thompson Ave, Cowes, are appealing at VCAT, after councillors last year rejected the planning permit.

- 151 Marine Parade, San Remo: a proposed three-storey building in the early stages of planning.

- An amendment for 131-133 Marine Parade, which seeks approval to add a fifth storey, 151m2 “pent-house”. The approved plans are for a 22-apartment complex with four retail shops at four-storeys high, above San Remo's three-storey height limit.

ALREADY COMPLETED:

- The Health Hub on Church Street
- San Remo Secondary College
- The rebuild of the Cowes Police Station on Chapel Street
- Construction of the new Penguin Parade
- Jetty Triangle redevelopment
- Transit Centre parking
- Cowes Primary School Gym



The multi-million-dollar new hot springs spa at The Cape Kitchen – 1215 Phillip Island Road - is on track to open next year.



The new Cowes Cultural Centre is set to be finished in 2023.



A \$4 million Rhyll Brewery and Distillery is planned for 11 Beach Rd.

SPOTLIGHT ON San Remo

Re launch of home delivery meals

It has been a difficult couple of years at the San Remo Hotel, what with Covid lockdowns in 2020 and 2021 and then a fire to cap things off in January this year.

The fire destroyed part of the kitchen and closed the bistro for another 13 week period.

The very good news is that repairs have now been completed and the bistro is in full swing again.

One of the innovations that the San Remo Hotel introduced during the Covid period was the home delivery of delicious bistro meals and drinks from the Thirsty Camel bottle shop.

Everything on the menu, from fresh local seafood to a parma, is available.

This innovation proved to be so popular that the takeaway meal and drinks concept is now returning as a permanent fixture.

"Pretty much everything on the menu is available to takeaway, and can be delivered to your door," says the hotel manager

Daniel Mock.

"Patrons can select from the pub's full menu, which has plenty of gluten free options, and from what's on offer at the pub's Thirsty Camel bottle shop."

The San Remo Hotel has been able to buck the trend that is being seen all over Victoria at the moment of restaurants forced to close for a couple of days a week because of the difficulty in finding staff.

"We have been really lucky to be able to stay open seven days a week without any problems," says Daniel.

"We have a really loyal and consistent crew. There are five great chefs, waiting staff, bar staff and kitchen staff.

If you are interested in some delicious bistro meals or drinks from the bottle shop being delivered to your door on these cold wintry night, the menu is on the hotel website.

Go to sanremohotel.net and follow the link to online ordering.



The San Remo Hotel's popular takeaway bistro meals and delivery service proved to be so popular over the Covid lockdown period, that it has been relaunched, and is now available every day of the week. Hotel chefs from left Manjeet Singh, Nola Monahan, Manbir Singh and Satpal Singh prepare the meals for the delivery service which extends from Grantville back along the Waterline area and to all of Phillip Island.

Orders can also be phoned in, if preferred.

Time wait for delivery is generally half an hour in the vicinity of San Remo, but obviously longer for Cowes and Grantville.

Daniel's advice is to pre book earlier in the day.

The takeaway meal and delivery service extends from Grantville back along the Waterline area and to all of Phillip Island.

The service operates between 5pm and 8pm every day of the week.

Takeaway meals are also available at lunch time, between 12 noon and 2 pm, but this service is for personal pick up.

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Triple M Rush Hour coming to San Remo



Excitement is mounting at the San Remo Hotel as it prepares for the popular Triple M Rush Hour program to be broadcast from the front bar in August.

Rush Hour's Billy Brownless and James Brayshaw will be hosting the nightly drive time show between 4pm and 6pm on that date.

It will be a great two hours, says hotel manager Daniel Mock.

"They are great fun and talk about

everything from footy to world affairs."

Over the two hours, there will be give away goodies, lucky draw raffles, a quiz contest, and some local identities thrown in to the mix for good measure.

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Know your Nature Parks - Winter at the Nature Parks

By Phillip Island Nature Parks

As we keep warm indoors during these cooler months, our Conservation team have been busy across all areas of the parks.

In the skies – birdlife Hooded Plover

The hooded plover breeding season is officially over, with 14 chicks successfully fledged. This is the second highest number recorded in 30 years of monitoring!

During winter, hooded plovers move in flocks between feeding spots around and off the island. A flock of 8-15 hoodies has been regularly spotted at Summerland beach in front of the Penguin Parade viewing platforms alongside a small group of red-capped plovers.

Hooded plovers will start breeding again in late August to early September. You can help them by walking on the wet sand as you pass by and keeping dogs on lead.

Short-tailed Shearwaters

The shearwater adults and chicks have now left our shores to fly directly towards the Sea of Japan.

Whilst much is still to be learned about the fledglings and their journey, we do know the adults have no stopovers, and they don't even touch the water much on their way so are probably not feeding at all. The trip for adults is about 13,000 km from the Southern Ocean near Antarctica to the Sea of Japan and takes them only about two weeks.

Most birds then move across to the Bering Sea near Alaska, another 6000 km, though not all at the same time. It is summer in this part of the world and whilst in the Northern Hemisphere the birds are far more sedentary, they find the most productive waters and spend a lot of time sitting on the water foraging.

On the ground Flora

The yellow bottle-brush flowers of the coast banksia and the white star-shaped flowers of the white correa continue to flower through winter helping to brighten up the grey skies. But for most of the plants in the Nature Parks, it is underground where the activity is happening at this time of year.

Good rains mean that the soil is alive with fungi, many of which are important allies of the plants helping them take up nutrients by their roots. The fruiting bodies of some fantastic fungi can be seen now amongst the leaf litter.

Along the beaches, mangrove seedlings are washing up. Mangroves are a unique group of plants in that the seeds germinate while still attached to the mother plant. The grey man-

groves in Westernport are currently dropping their seedlings. They can float around in the water for months and will hopefully, eventually find themselves settling into a suitable substrate where they can take root.

Fox sighting

A reminder that any possible fox sighting will be investigated by our specialist team. Please report any suspected sightings by calling 0419 369 365. Injured foxes should be taken to the nearest veterinary clinic on the mainland, it is imperative that no foxes be brought to the island for any reason.

Foreshore management

Our planned strengthening works to the staircase to Forrest Caves beach in response to ongoing coastal erosion are now expected to take place in mid-July. The works are weather dependent, exact dates for this construction will be posted to our Facebook event and local beach signage will be updated. Alternate access during this time will be via Bruce Avenue. To learn more follow us on Facebook and be sure to sign up to the Facebook event.

Surf Beach Sunderland Bay biodiversity project

To protect significant coastal vegetation and cultural heritage in this area from the impacts of rabbits, the construction of a rabbit-exclusion fence in conjunction with a rabbit control program and targeted revegetation program will be occurring.

This project is a resident led initiative, with the support of Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Coastcare Group, Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Landcare Network, Bunurong Land Council and Phillip Island Nature Parks. Construction is expected to commence in early August.

A community drop-in session is being held on Saturday July 16 at 10am at the Surfies Point car park. Further information at www.penguins.org.au/about/local-community/news/biodiversity-project/

On our shores and in our waters Penguins

The Little penguins are emerging from what is known as the 'Autumn breed'. This is a time when their behaviour is just like the start of the spring breeding season – they return to their burrows, perform courtship rituals, and even lay eggs.

As the days get shorter and the weather colder, they will face the rigours of winter. Little penguins can deal very well with cold waters, due to their compact, waterproof outer feathers and inner down – just like a doona inside a wetsuit!

When the water temperature around Phillip Island drops to 10-12

degrees celsius, their food sources, such as small fish, may move away from Phillip Island meaning the penguins have to travel further for food.

Despite these long feeding trips, the penguins still come ashore at Phillip Island, an average of four times during winter.

Seal Rocks

This year saw the fifth annual SealSpotter challenge take place! The three-week challenge called upon everyday citizens to help protect our population of Australian fur seals by helping to identify new pups and entangled seals captured in thousands of drone images of the colonies at Seal Rocks here on Phillip Island and The Skerries near Mallacoota.

This allows Nature Parks scientists to analyse seal population and marine debris entanglement data faster and more accurately, leading to a greater understanding of their world and the threats they face. Over 13,000 images were counted with participants from all over the world including Australia, Spain and Hungary! Thank you.

Wildlife rehabilitation

The Rehabilitation Centre has finally slowed as the weather cools down and we shift into Autumn. We received 253 calls from March to May involving 31 different species.

We have released several species including a Pacific Gull and three Little Penguins, as well as five Gould's Wattled bats, which were found in a disused caravan at Summerland and carefully placed in a box by the house owner before calling the Rehabilitation Centre.

All five were healthy and fit and were released successfully without incident after sunset.

Keeping wildlife wild – the greatest thing you can do for wildlife is to keep it wild. These animals are very different to domestic animals, and have developed very specific diets, behaviours and habitat needs over thousands of years. What you can do to help:

- Don't feed or approach wildlife unless injured - just admire them from a distance
- Create habitat on your property by planting local indigenous plants for food and shelter
- Landholders can create wildlife corridors
- You could also provide nesting boxes for birds and mammals
- Install a bird bath or pond

For more information, or if you find injured wildlife, you can call Phillip Island Nature Parks on 5951 2800 or Wildlife Victoria 8400 7300

Don't forget to share your Nature Parks images with us by using our hashtag #PhillipIslandNP



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Question time should stay

I have been inundated by Island Voice members who are disappointed and angry regarding Crs Rooks and Laing's actions at the last council meeting, where they attempted to remove public question time from Ordinary Council meetings. Our members are extremely upset that these elected representatives tried to prevent them asking a short question (50 words) and receiving a reply from council that is minuted and available for everyone to read after the meeting.

Currently, Question Time is the only direct way that the community has to ask higher level questions about council activities. People used to be able to talk directly with councillors via Community Connection Sessions, but these halted during COVID and although supposed to resume, have not yet done so.

For operational issues such as a missing bin pickup, or the like, people are savvy enough to use online resources or, if they call council they will be directed to the appropriate department by the receptionists. Question Time provides an opportunity to

ask strategic questions or seek clarification on specific topics. Generally answering such questions takes between 10-30 minutes once a month, so the time required is not onerous.

Fortunately the motion failed, thanks to our other councillors, but the community has a right to know why Crs Rooks and Laing tried to stop Public Question Time?

Linda Marston, Secretary, Island Voice.

Keeping an open mind about paths

It has been wonderful to see the passion for the island's native vegetation and animals in recent Letters to the Editor about the tracks and trails strategy. We share that passion. However, we believe that people have jumped the gun in their opposition of particular paths.

The strategy merely prioritises hypothetical trails. There have been no assessments of environmental or cultural impact, nor economic feasibility.

Apart from general approval or disapproval of the strategy concept, there is little yet to oppose or support.

Opposition of coastal paths appears to be

based on perceived impacts on native vegetation and animals, and, if these impacts were found to be significant, we agree that there could be no justification for the construction of the paths.

However, in many places on Phillip Island, the urban / coastal interface is dominated by smothering weeds such as kikuyu, agapanthus, cape ivy and blue periwinkle.

Some of these are legacies of past urban development but others are more recent garden escapes or the result of garden waste dumping.

The likelihood of regeneration of native plants growing in these weedy areas is low and the prognosis for natural values close to the urban interface is poor. If a formal path can be placed close to the urban boundary with negligible damage to native vegetation, it could have an overall positive impact on natural values by allowing greater scrutiny of illegal use of foreshore land (e.g. by deterring the dumping of garden waste and reducing the number of informal tracks, some of which are definitely causing damage to native vegetation near the beach).

In addition, if there are interpretive signs along the route, path users may become more aware of the values of coastal habitat and, who knows, join local coastcare groups to assist in the desperately needed rehabilitation of vegetation or lobby council for more resources to manage coastal reserves.

We will keep an open mind about the path proposals until clear evidence is provided about impacts and benefits.

K McDougall, Silverleaves . M Shaw, Cowes

Hub goes over and beyond!

A big thankyou to the staff at the Cowes Medical Hub on Thursday July 21. To the lady at the front door, the triage nurse (with the pony tail) a patient, who supplied the jumper leads, and the cleaner, who used his car to start up my flat battery.

Having one of those extremely bad days I was thankful for the team work of these busy people who helped me, and of course, the treatment for my husband Neil. What a wonderful group. Cannot thank them enough.

Ingrid Wilson Cape Woolamai.



The Island Harmony Singers' August 14 concert – 2pm at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes – is the first concert for 2022 and will include a range of songs from Europe, from Jewish peace songs to Hungarian dance.

Island singers rehearsing for August concert

Learning to speak Ukrainian is hard enough. But trying to sing in the language is a whole other degree of difficult.

When the Island Harmony Singers decided to perform the Ukrainian national anthem at their upcoming August 14 concert, member Terry Norquay says they had to change their tune.

"We're also singing songs in Italian and French for the concert and so we decided that was enough to get our heads around so we're singing the anthem in English," Terry says of the tribute to the Ukrainian war.

"It has become a phenomenon around the world for choirs to put the anthem in their repertoire so we tried to learn Ukrainian but it's very difficult."

The August 14 concert – 2pm at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes – is the first concert for 2022 and will include a range of songs from Europe, from Jewish peace songs to Hungarian dance.

And it will be the first concert for their new conductor Cecily Woodberry, who replaces long term conductor John Perrin, whose retirement last year was marked by an end of year concert.

Conductor

Cecily trained in England and at the Conservatorium of Melbourne. She has performed as a soloist and ensemble member in operas, most recently with Melbourne Opera Company, and on the concert stage.

Terry says Cecily has a holiday house on the island and she approached her to be the conductor of Island Harmony Singers after Cecily's Melbourne choir, Singularity, last performed in Cowes.

"She agreed and officially started in February. Cecily is a fireball, full of energy and enthusiasm," Terry says.

John Perrin was the original and only conductor the Island Harmony Singers have had, from the time the group first started 17 years ago under the umbrella of U3A.

Covid

Terry says the August concert will be momentous given how the group has emerged from Covid.

"We hung in there during the last two years and there was no gap except for lockdowns when we weren't able to meet.

"When we were able to get back singing



Cecily Woodberry trained in England and at the Conservatorium of Melbourne and is the new conductor for the Island Harmony Singers, with her first concert on August 14.

we'd be 1.5 meters apart, wearing masks and with the doors open."

The group rehearses every Tuesday at 1.30pm at St John's with more than 20 members.

Terry says after the concert they will open to new members.

There are no auditions and members are not required to read music "but it helps".

"Especially if people are familiar with four-part harmony singing for soprano, alto, tenor and base."

He says the choir performs all styles of music from classic to folk, opera to gospel and "ballads to the Beatles.

"We are prepared to challenge ourselves with new music all the time.

"It's a broad spectrum, that's why the choir has kept going. Not everyone wants to do Gilbert and Sullivan and members are able to suggest songs."

The group draws members mainly from Phillip Island and as far as Tooradin, is generally for 50+ age, but is open to anyone.

"We always need more men" he says.

Aside from rehearsals and concerts, they also perform to aged care homes around the island.

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Do you have family myths or stories passed down through the generations that seem unbelievable?

Here are some examples of our members' exciting discoveries when researching their family history.



The burning of the Barque India of Greenock by Samuel Elyard.

A pirate tale and a miraculous rescue at sea

By Elaine Alexander

My great, great grandmother, Charlotte Tait, was born in 1818 near Edinburgh, Scotland, the daughter of a brewer's servant. She was a domestic servant and the promise of better work opportunities in Port Phillip encouraged her to travel, with her brother and sister, as an assisted emigrant to Australia in 1841 on sailing ship "The India".

I had often heard the story of the ship that bought my maternal family to Melbourne - that it had been attacked by pirates and then destroyed by fire. I had never taken this story seriously until I decided to research my family history.

Charlotte told the family of "The India" being accosted by a pirate and slave ship and the women and children hid below deck as the pirates were told only convicts were onboard. The pirates were, not long after, caught by a British warship and Charlotte gave evidence at their trial in Rio De Janeiro.

Soon after this scare the ship caught fire when two crew dropped a candle as they were collecting rum. It quickly burnt and sank and the 200 plus people on board had to leap into the sea, without any pos-



Charlotte Tait and two of her grandchildren, [my grandmother on the left], about 1890

sessions and little clothing. Seventeen people died including Charlotte's brother, Andrew. Miraculously, by a twist of fate, a French whaler was nearby and rescued 198 people in their lifeboats. "The India" had previously not sighted another ship since it left port!

The destitute passengers were taken to Rio De Janeiro where money was collected to provide them with housing, food and clothing until a ship was found to bring them to Melbourne later in 1841.

Charlotte had a son to an infamous "cad" who later staged a duel with his wife's lover but left her and died in a shipwreck in northern

Queensland. She then married another passenger from "The India" but was widowed after five years. With four young children she managed her late husband's blacksmith and stables business in Geelong for several years before moving nearer to her siblings in Skipton. She bore two more children to an unknown father whilst surviving the primitive living conditions on the goldfields. She acted as a midwife for many women, including her daughters and the wife of the man who first discovered gold at Ballarat which created the 1850s Victorian gold rush. Despite the hardships she lived to an amazing 93 years!

Help is available locally at PIADGS to research your family mysteries. They do not have to be only local Phillip Island families.

You are welcome to come and chat to our volunteers at 56 Chapel Street Cowes. Opening hours are Tuesday - 10am- 1pm, Thursday - 10am- 4pm, Friday - 1pm- 4pm and Saturday - 10am - 1pm. You may prefer to ring our secretary on 0418178343 or email piadgs@gmail.com to book a personal appointment.

You may pay for one of our researchers to trace your family or become a member and conduct your own research using our resources, with the help of our volunteers if needed.

DPI industry lunch

Members of Destination Phillip Island, the peak tourism organisation servicing this district, gathered at the Phillip Island Winery last Wednesday for the group's annual industry luncheon.

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The gathering was addressed by keynote speaker Renee Giarusso, on Facing the Future with a Gift Mindset.



From left Jo Viney - Brinnie T Design, Jess Patman Wildlife Cruises, Lisa McLure Bungalow Smith & Elements Hair Room, Ashley Michau Sunset Studio and Evie Clarke Glen Isla House, pictured at the DPI industry lunch last week.



Goska Wolnik Ocean Escape (airbnb and mini retreats) and Sally Genser Phillip Island Apartment Group, pictured at the luncheon.



Richard Nettleton Glen Isla House and Chantelle Khan - Member Engagement Executive with Vic Tourism Industry Council, compare notes.



Emilie Cutler - Bass Coast Council, Janine Temme - Bass Coast Council - Visitor Economy and Events, and Kim Storey Destination Phillip Island General Manager.



Renee Giarrusso (second left) Keynote speaker during the day, is pictured with the DPI Louisa Frazzetto, Arnika Martin, Serena Cabello and Kim Storey at the tourism industry luncheon.



Jessica Janson Phillip Island Business Network and Ingrid Huitema DPI.



Jon Dainton - CYC Assistant Manager and Marcel Edmonds CYC Manager, at last week's DPI luncheon.



Lauren van Strijp - Bass Coast Council Business Support Officer, and Lucy Dewhurst - Bass Coast Council Business Development Officer.



Maja Wolnik - Maja Creative and Marcus Ryan of Chauffeur So Good were among members of the local tourism industry to attend the DPI lunch.

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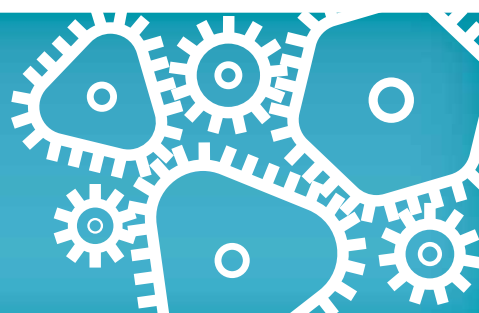
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Ron Rogers

The Board of Management and all members of the Phillip Island Bowling Club regret the passing of popular and valued member of the Phillip Island Bowling Club Ron Rogers.

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Beverley Read
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Beverley Read
21.3.32 - 18.7.22

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Peaceful journey Mum.

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A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Judith Wright will be held at the Kilcunda-Bass Football/Netball Club Rooms,

Hade Ave, Bass

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The 2022 Victorian Landcare Grants and the 2022 Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants are now open and aim to help volunteers and kids across the state protect Victoria's environment. Applications close 26 July 2022.

As part of the Victorian Landcare Grants, \$3.35 million is available for grants of up to \$20,000 to fund on-ground projects that protect, enhance, and restore our local land and environment. Support grants of up to \$500 are also available to help with group administration and running costs.

The grants are open to environmental volunteering groups, including Landcare groups and networks, Friends groups, Conservation Management Networks, Committees of Management, Coastcare groups and Aboriginal groups to support the important work they do in protecting and restoring our land and environment.

As part of the 2022 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants, \$450,000 of funding will be provided to environmental projects at local schools, kindergartens, preschools, childcare centres and other youth groups.

For more information about how to apply, visit environment.vic.gov.au/grants Applications Close 26th July.

Grants for locally led projects

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting local community groups and councils to create better public spaces and improved streetscapes across the state.

State Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, has announced that applications are open in regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne for the Labor Government's \$20 million Living Local Fund.

The Fund is supporting a wide range of potential projects, from upgraded halls to art installations, lighting, equipment, community gardens to playgrounds and improving accessibility.

The Living Local Fund is part of the Government's Our Regions and our Suburbs: Living Local Initiative and is designed to ensure local towns will have the infrastructure and equipment they need to continue to thrive.

Local councils and community organisations can apply for two types of grants: Grants between \$20,000 to \$200,000 will be available for infrastructure projects, including new playgrounds and community gardens, art installations and community halls upgrades; and Grants between \$2,000 to \$20,000 will also be available for local councils and community organisations to undertake minor refurbishments, buy new equipment such as kitchen appliances, laptops and audio-visual equipment.

The Living Local Fund grant applications are now open and close on Sunday, 14 August 2022. For more information, visit dipr.vic.gov.au/living-local

Firefighter jobs in Gippsland

Forest Fire Management Victoria (FFMVic) is looking for people in Gippsland who are after a challenging and rewarding job helping protect Victorian communities for the upcoming bushfire season and to assist with land management activities, to join its team.

FFMVic's Sam Quigley said applications are now open for approximately 90 project firefighters (PFF) to work in Gippsland. The roles involve being on the frontline fighting bushfires, conducting planned burns, managing roadside vegetation, pest and weed control, maintaining access to fire trails and roads, and supporting other emergency work to help protect the community and environment. The range of PFF roles available include general firefighters, fire support officers and rappel crew.

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Driver licence and medical and fitness assessments are required. Applications are now open and close on 31 July, to apply visit jobs.careers.vic.gov.au/pff or call 136 186.

Tenpin bowls results

2s Company: 1st on 6pts The Hounds, 2nd on 5pts King Pins and 3rd on 4pts Jail.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 25pts Pinpals, 2nd on 25pts Island Sector and 3rd on 23.5pts Storm.

Business Early: 1st on 5pts Bettsys, 2nd on 4pts Redundants, 3rd on 4pts Balls Deep, and 4th on 3pts Happy Hour.

Business Late: 1st on 6pts Holy Splits, 2nd on 4pts Dynamic Painting, 3rd on 4pts “New Team” and 4th on 2pts 3 Stooges.

This week’s top scorers across each league are:

Men: 205 Graham Peterson, 203 Raff Merante and 200 Peter Macinnes.

Women: 179 Chloe Else, 147 Lisa Walker and 150 Bec Betram.

Phillip Island Bridge

On Monday July 18, Leng Haggith and Paul Waylen took first place on 60.42%.

Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman weren’t far behind on 59.38%.

Third place went to Jill short and Marion Wellwood on 56.25%.

Winners on Wednesday July 20, were Marion Wellwood and Leng Haggith on 62.50%.

Clare and Jim Murphy took second place with 54.17% and Wendy and Graham Mckergow came third on 51.67%.

Phillip Island golf club

Tuesday July 19, Mens Stableford Winner was Shane Harding (37) with 37 points, runner up was Garry Birch (36) with 36 points on countback, NTP 5th Geoff Daff, 7th Wayne Morris, 10th Morgan Ward and 17th Rob Hayden.

Nine Hole Stableford winner was Peter Matthews (31) with 18 points.

Wednesday July 20, Ladies Stroke Monthly Medal

A grade winner: Karen Green (11) with Nett 76, B grade winner: Glenda Longshaw (30) with nett 76, and C grade winner: Robyn Docker (38) with Nett 73.

Monthly medal winner, sponsored by EMG Consulting was Robyn Docker.

NTP: 7th Megan Elbaz, 10th Liz O’Neill and 12th Roz Reid.

Best Putting: Karen Green 26 putts, Best Gross: Karen Green 87.

Nine hole Stableford competition winner was Sandy Barker (45) with 17 points.

Thursday July 21, Open Stabl-e-ford

Rob Chambers (26) was the winner with 41 points on countback from John Maglica (28).

NTP 5th Sean O’Brien, 7th John Savas, 10th Gerard Ferrari and 17th Rod Ward.

Nine hole competition winner was Ian Bray (31) with 20 points.

Saturday July 23, Mens Stableford

A grade winner was Wayne Morris (11) with 40 points, A grade runner up was Reece Jamieson (11) with 38 points.

B grade winner was M Larkin (13) with 38 points, B grade runner up was Steve Regnier (14) with 36 points.

C grade winner was C Sanderson (19) with 39 points on countback, C grade runner up was Vince Colella (28) with 39 points.

Ladies Stableford winner was Ira Septiana (24) with 36 points from Helen Coghlan (26) 34 points.

NTP Mens: 5th Graemen Cuff, 7th Tim Duff, 10th B Niven and 17th M Larkin.

Ladies NTP: 10th Ada Anglin and 17th Lorraine Hammon.

Nine hole winner was Steve Rieger (25) with 20 points.

Sunday July 24

9 Hole winner was Geoff Daff (14) with 17 points.

Phillip Island bowls

Winter triples:

Winners for this week’s round of winter triples for the second week in a row were Ken Gill, Steve Kantor and Alan Beddows.

The runners up were Phil Martin, Steve Farrelly and Ruth Partridge.

Well done everyone.

Social Thursday:

A gorgeous winters day on the island for social day bowls.

The winners with three wins and +34 points were Hans Olierook, Joan Farmer and Errol Bradford.

Runners up were Steve Farrelly, Lance Wearne and Rob Tyers also with three wins but +31 points.

Well done everyone.

Audika 2-4-2 competition:

Winner were Serge Castel, Alan Beddows, Lynne Thomas and Norm Waters.

Runners up were John Batty, Phyliss Major, Marlene Puncher and Ruth Patridge.



Winter triples winners were (L-R) Ken Gill, Steve Kantor and Alan Beddows.



Winner were Serge Castel, Alan Beddows, Lynne Thomas and Norm Waters.



Winners of this week’s Midweek bowls were Haydn Cave (3), John Nicholson (S), Peter Taylor (L) and Enid Johnston (2).

Midweek bowls

On Thursday, July 21 midweek bowls was played at Corinella with 21 happy bowlers ready to battle for a top spot, the day was perfect with no wind and the sun was most welcoming.

Everyone was in good spirits on such a lovely day.

The green was a little fast, but we eventually mastered it.

As usual, we had plenty of good-natured bantering, and more than a few wrong biases so the RCH did very well.

At the end of the day, the winning scores were as follows, winners 36 points, runners up 33 points and one game winners 22 points.

Winners were John Nicholson, Haydn Cave, Enid Johnson, and Peter Taylor.

Runners up were Peter McWilliams, David Talbot, Pauline McWilliams, and Frank d-Unienville.

One game winners were Tony Heppleston, Luke Monkton, and Margaret McConville.

Thank you to Phil Wright for looking after us so well in the bar and kitchen.

A big thank you to those members who brought items for the free raffle table, especially our baker extraordinaire Gwen who baked scones.

Some of us were fortunate enough to win some, and they were delicious.

Also, David Smith who brought home grown rhubarb.

Next week we will be playing at San Remo, please arrive at 10am, for a 10.30am start in order to be on time, BYO lunch.

A shout out to our vice president Laurie Bell, who was not feeling well and could not make it.

Take care, we hope you will be with us again soon.

For more information, please contact Peter McWilliams on 56785974.

Come along and have a great day of bowling and friendship.

Everyone is welcome, see you on the green.



Senior, Max Blake flies high to take a great mark in Saturdays’ win against Dalyston.



Cooper Logan of the Reserves takes a huge mark under pressure.



Experienced swimmers Sienna and Holly give advice to younger swimmers, Isabelle and Hannah.



The boys Zac, Hugo, Josh, Mostyn and Owen are all ready to go get some state times.

South Gippsland swim club report

Traralgon offered many South Gippsland Bass swimmers a chance to get a qualifying time in the events they don't yet have for next weekend's Victorian Country Short Course Championships.

The club is aiming for a top 4 finish, and everyone wants to be part of the action, so several were throwing everything at their events to get the qualifying times.

43 swimmers ventured over the hills, a mix of experienced swimmers and the new kids, racing their first season of short course and loving it so much they are coming back each week.

It was a larger event compared to some of the smaller events some of the new swimmers have been at with

256 swimmers attending, making it a busy day.

The races were held in the 50m pool which has the ability to also be turned into a 25m pool for short courses, meaning more events can be held there. Coaches, Sam and Dylan were pleased with how the swimmers performed.

"It is always great to see the smiles on the new swimmers when they get a PB. They are so proud of themselves and so is their family in the stands," said Sam.

For new swimmer Matilda, it was a bit intimidating arriving after doing the smaller meets at Leongatha and Morwell.

However, with support from the others in the club, once she was in the

water it was all smiles again as she remembered the joy of racing.

She said, "She felt nervous, because there are huge crowds and not too many juniors swimming today, but I still feel a bit excited cause I have an opportunity to race and hope to improve my time." Learning to cope with the nerves is a big part of the day and has become a valuable life skill.

Experienced swimmer Sienna, had different reasons for being there.

"I am here today to get more times for Country Championships & Victorian State Championships. I already have a few for both, however, want to get more in the other strokes. I got my time for 100m free for Countries this morning, I have 100m breaststroke this arvo, fingers crossed."



Matilda and Amy, new swimmers in between races.



The young swimmers test out the facilities at Traralgon.



Experienced swimmer Hayden gives Brooklyn feedback on her race.



Josh Hunt qualified for the state champs in 200m fly, the same event former SGB swimmer Bowen Gough will swim at the commonwealth games on Sunday.



U12s A team played a great game against Inverloch in sunny conditions.

Phillip Island Breakers v Inverloch

Under 12s A team

Sunday's game against Inverloch was a great game for the Breakers.

In sunny conditions, the team applied their game plan exactly as they had trained.

Early in the first half Riley Goodwin drilled through a precise strike at goal, and then followed this up later in the half with a second attempt that went through off an Inverloch player.

The Breakers went into the half time break 2:1 up.

In the second half the play moved back and forth between the two teams, with both teams taking several attempts at a goal.

Jakob Storey put through the Breakers third goal to seal the game for Phillip Island.

Kavish Cunairun was awarded player of the match; he was impassable in defence and ran and ran and ran.

Under 12s B team

It was a glorious sunny winters day for the home game between Breakers v Inverloch Under 12B match.

Inverloch kicked the first goal of the match, and it was almost 35 minutes into the game before the Breakers managed to kick a return goal.

Another hard-fought goal by Inverloch just before half time bought the score to 1-2 in Inverloch's favour.

In the second half, the Breakers managed to score another two goals.

It was a very close match and the Breakers worked very hard for the win!

Player of the match was Judd who played an important role in the front line.

Goal Kickers: Angus (1), Hunter (2).

Under 17s mixed

The under 17s mixed team were short players again, Lara Smyth played her first game in the mixed team to help with numbers, however credit to Inverloch as they matched our numbers for a 9 V 9, this reciprocated what we did last time we played them.

Cadel Tsioulakis was made Captain, and Balian Prendergast went in goals.

It wasn't long after the first whistle that Jacob Liatos from the breakers put one in the back of the net, this opened the gates for his team mates to follow, as another 6 goals were scored from the Phillip Island Breakers.

One of them, from Lara who ran up and down the wing, presenting good options when she received a nice ball from Adam and slotted it in the net.

Three more from Jacob Liatos who played up front and beat the defence with his pace and ball skills, and 2 from Adam Dean.

Inverloch had their chances with some great runs from Dominic Chamoun, and Hamish Gillespie, they were both unlucky not to score.

The second half Cadel moved into goals and Jack Middleton played forward at the 55-minute mark Jack scored his first goal for under 17s.

Halfway through the second half, Liam Feury donned on the gloves, allowing Cadel to move up forward for his chance to add to the team sheet.

Two more goals were added to the goal tally in the second half with Xavier Godena who played in the midfield the whole game and slotted a nice goal.

The final score being, Phillip Island 9 goals, to Inverloch 0.

All nine players were awarded best on



Under 12B team: Back Row L-R: Ebony, Kobe, Coach Callum, Judd, Braxton, Josh and Leero. Front Row L-R: Angus, Hunter, Zac, Harley and Nash.

ground, as they moved the ball around so well as a team and used their voices well.

Goal scorers: Jacob Liatos 4 goals, Adam Dean 2 goals, Lara Smyth, Jack Middleton & Xavier Godena 1 goal each.

Next Sunday, we play Drouin at Lang for the GSL Cup round.

Men's Reserves

The Island reserves hosted Inverloch in perfect conditions, a win would secure second spot on the ladder, in what was to be a great game minus a few injuries from both teams.

The Breakers stood strong and challenged any form of attack from Inverloch.

T Tubino De Santana was the only player to score in the first half, Inverloch had a chance to equalize when a yellow card was given to Andrew Dean for a hand ball outside the 18-yard box, the free kick was taken only for the ball to be cleared form hitting the crossbar.

Then again in the Second half T Tubino De Santana put another one past the Inverloch Keeper. With Phillip Island having no subs left on the bench we ran out the game with the Breakers winning 2 - 0.

Goalkeeper, Tommy had another clean sheet for the Breakers.

This Sunday we host Korumburra at home.

Senior Women

Breakers fielded ten players verse fourteen.

It was a good contest and hard work on a hot day, Amanda wouldn't be beaten in centre back and made some good passes.

Pauleen seized the opportunity, getting herself forward into dangerous positions and scored two big goals in a few minutes, just when they were needed, helping send the breakers to 3-1 up.

Young Elladie Lewis played a full game and applied fantastic pressure to win the ball back for the Island many times and push the ball forward.

Fantastic team play using the full width of the ground to open up the Stars defence, led to some wonderful crosses from Kelly and great finishes from Abi and Lara.

Alyssa made some awesome saves in goals and used the ball very well with feet to distribute.

One particular save, a diving and cart-wheeling effort to her left, to get her fingers to

the ball, had the whole team very excited.

Ailish used her body very well in defence.

Young Coco was very strong in sweeper and showed great leadership.

Finley was a great playmaker in centre-mid and won some very strong challenges.

Kelly saw the keeper off her line and struck the ball first time to score from 40 yards out.

Abi continued to get herself into dangerous positions in the penalty box and scored another goal from another Kelly cross.

Great team play.

Lara continued to work hard all game, up and down the left wing to defend and attack.

In summary, lots of hard work on a hot day, with excellent team play, led to a very good win.

Phillip Island defeated Inverloch, 8-2.

Best: Kelly, Finley, Coco and Abi.

Senior Men

The Seniors took on an inform Inverloch team, pushing to get into the top four for the finals.

It was the away team that set off to the best start, with the defence making some mistakes they were up 2 - 0 after 15 minutes.

To the breakers credit they lifted their game and went close to scoring a few however their goalkeeper pulled off some fine saves.

The Breakers did score one before halftime, with Nathan Cleeland scoring a low hard shot for 2 - 1 at halftime.

Within ten minutes of the second half the Island Breakers were level with Nathan Cleeland scoring again to equalize the score.

A bad tackle in the box resulted in Inverloch getting a penalty and scoring from it. Y Soon after they were 4 - 2 in front.

They then, again, won another penalty, but this time Tommy in goals pulled off a great save diving low and hard to his right and pushing the ball away, this lifted the Breakers and soon after Maro Chiampo blasted the ball into the net.

The last ten minutes was all the Island, and some scoring chances went missing.

The Phillip Island Breakers were very unlucky not to score and level the game with Inverloch holding out to win 4 - 3.

Next week the seniors host Korumburra and the men will be looking at getting back to their winning ways.

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Junior footballers show talent in weekend games

U14s Blues

A perfect sunny day awaited Phillip Island Bulldogs U14s Blues as they arrived at Korumburra to take on Korumburra Bena Orange, for round 13. Although it was a perfect day for footy, easy it wasn't. It was a physical and contested game, with Korumburra Bena ready to bring it to us. After a slow start, our boys got into their game rhythm and played their footy style. In the end, the boys took home the win comfortably: Korumburra Bena Orange 0.1 to Phillip Island Bulldogs Blues 63. Best mentions to: Cade Wragg, Felix Bathgate, Levi Addison and Heath Bowen. Goals to: Xavier Williams (3), Heath Bowen (3), Seth McBean (2), Duke Lawrence, Jeremy Kelly, Ayden Fawaz and Felix Bathgate.

U10s Reds

The last game for the U10 Reds saw us take on Dalyston at home in great conditions. The boys were switched on from the opening bounce and every line was working for each other and linking up. Kienan Stray was unstoppable, charging out of the backline and

clearing the ball with long, accurate kicks. Pinpoint play starting from Miller Sund in the backline saw Ziggy Wagner draw first blood with a perfectly taken set shot from distance. The second term was one of our best for the year. We played corridor football, finding lots of space and open players. A huge performance from Zaine Liddell set us up for a big quarter as he snapped truly after gathering the ball in the square. Zaine had a huge game, and it has been great to see him grow as a player. Captain Jye Smith was a tower up forward having multiple shots on goal and being rewarded with a goal of the year contender as he slotted a drop punt through from the boundary. We kicked our third goal for the quarter via Lenny Nolan as he snagged a great check side goal. The third quarter was an arm wrestle as the pups applied pressure across the ground. The tackling was hard and relentless lead my Miller Sund. The pups went all out in the final quarter of the year. Determined to leave nothing on the ground, the boys ran, tackled, shepherded, and played for each other in

10 minutes of brilliant football. As we draw to a close on the 2022 season, I would like to thank Coach Tony Hornsby, Assistant Coach Simon Nolan, Team Manager Kerry Doig as well as all the many parents and family that pitched in to make it a very enjoyable year.

U10s Blues

Round 13 saw the Doggies travel up the beanstalk to the home of the Korumburra giants. Though the sun was shining the ground was soggy. Captains Ben Stephens and Heath Fitzpatrick gave a motivating speech, and coach Luke Marshall encourage the team to set some personal performance goals. The Giants brought the ball into their forward line, but the doggies backline sprang into action with their never give up attitude and were first to the footy and pushed it out wide. When the Doggies brought it back up to their own forward line, they locked it up well, with the coaches' reminders to have some half forwards hang back ready to kick it back in, working well. The tackling was brilliant from all players and was exciting to watch. Back in the club rooms after the game, the coach was full of praise. Jett Fawaz as usual showing his all-



Under pressure, Jeremy Kelly gets the ball to his teammate.

round skills, Jaxon Summerfield had a really good game, Will Patton was everywhere and giving 110%, Sonny Williams was in and under and ran hard. Flynn Riley, Kai Denblyden and Jaxen Marshall took some great marks and big kicks. Archie Dillinger was picking up the ball well from around his feet. Coach told Oscar James he needed to back himself, and it paid off because he went out and got plenty of possessions. Reece was also everywhere. Cody Naismith, Ned Ray and little Archer Paxton all battled hard and

strong as well. Brock Larsson used his voice well and Will Patton kicked an awesome goal. Awards: Captain Ben Stephens who really stepped up to lead this week, Captain Heath for his dedication to training and he attacked the ball hard, our number one ruckman Big Liam, Archer Paxton who battled hard all game and got plenty of possessions. Magnus who had one of his best games of the year today. Charles Cameron who ran hard at the ball, and Nick who took on multiple opponents at once today.



U10s Red played an honourable game as this season draws to a close.



U10 Phillip Island Blue Pups, with Coach Luke Marshall.

Island Girls dominate at Toora

In picture perfect conditions at Toora, the Island girls took on Woodside in the second last game of the season. With the windfarms on the hill in the background and not a breath of wind, it was the perfect day for high scoring football. It didn't take long for the Island girls to get the scoring underway. The girls were up and about early with Jorja (Jorga) Newman leading the way at centre half forward, attacking the ball strongly and burst-

ing through packs. Jorja was well supported by the midfield of Lexi Walton, Bella Gude and Maya Huther who were dominating around the ground. Whilst Alaska Dixon, Millie Marshall, Monica Bartels and Mia Boost worked hard to keep the ball in the forward line. A great mark from Monica Bartels, who then handballed off to Jorja Newman saw the Island open their account and it didn't stop there. Giselle Smith hit the woodwork

with a great snap, while Maya Huther opened her account after an impressive markup forward. As the game progressed the girls went from strength to strength. Poppy Marshall was superb throughout the game, between her and Jorja Newman they dominated in the ruck. Qiarshi Adams, Mia Boost, Maya Huther and Zoe Carr continue to excel on the wings, while Kara Nasilasila played one of her best games at full forward.

As the game opened up, it provided an opportunity for some of the defenders to have a go up forward and it didn't take long for Jade Ricardo to make the most of the opportunity, snagging a lazy five goals for the day. Whilst Maya Huther wasn't far behind with four, Mackenzie Wain took her opportunity up forward, whilst Lily (Elbow) Bow and Monica Bartels snapped a couple of quick goals off the ground. Kayla Carpi, Sarah Eldridge and Millie Marshall were consistent as always, while the improvement in the younger girls Lilli O'Loughlin, Miki Leary, Giselle Smith and Macey Stubbs was a joy to watch.

Thanks to Giselle Smith who played the last quarter for Woodside. This was a fantastic display of football today by the girls and it was great to come away with a win after a couple of tough weeks. Great team effort girls. Final Score: Phillip Island 19.15.129 def Woodside 2.3.15. Best: Jade Ricardo, Poppy Marshall, Lexi Walton, Maya Huther, Jorja (Jorga) Newman, Monica Bartels, and Bella Gude. Goals: Jade Ricardo 5, Maya Huther 4, Jorja Newman 2, Poppy Marshall 2, Monica Bartel, Mia Boost, Bella Gude, Lily (Elbow) Bow, Mackenzie Wain and Kara Nasilasila.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 27 JUL		THU 28 JUL		FRI 29 JUL		SAT 30 JUL		SUN 31 JUL		MON 1 AUG		TUE 2 AUG	
LOW	4:23 am 0.80 m	LOW	5:21 am 0.80 m	HIGH	12:04 am 2.36 m	HIGH	1:03 am 2.42 m	HIGH	1:57 am 2.49 m	HIGH	2:45 am 2.56 m	HIGH	3:30 am 2.61 m
HIGH	11:50 am 2.68 m	HIGH	12:45 pm 2.74 m	LOW	6:16 am 0.78 m	LOW	7:08 am 0.74 m	LOW	7:54 am 0.72 m	LOW	8:36 am 0.72 m	LOW	9:15 am 0.74 m
LOW	5:16 pm 1.51 m	LOW	6:19 pm 1.47 m	HIGH	1:36 pm 2.82 m	HIGH	2:22 pm 2.89 m	HIGH	3:03 pm 2.94 m	HIGH	3:40 pm 2.96 m	HIGH	4:13 pm 2.96 m
HIGH	11:00 pm 2.35 m			LOW	7:16 pm 1.39 m	LOW	8:04 pm 1.29 m	LOW	8:46 pm 1.19 m	LOW	9:24 pm 1.08 m	LOW	9:59 pm 0.98 m

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U15s girls had a gwreat win over the weekend dominating over their opposition.

Brilliant weekend of netball

A grade

Phillip Island 36 defeated by Dalyston 40 A close and physically contested game fought to the very end.

Phillip Island came out firing and quickly broke Dalyston's game to lead by 8 at the end of the first quarter.

Although the lead was held at each break it was shrinking and we entered the 4th three ahead. Ultimately Dalyston fought back harder and took the win.

Both teams suffered devastating injuries to key players at the wrong times in the match.

We wish all players a quick recovery. Our A grade now enter the final three rounds, with some tough matches ahead to hold onto their finals position.

Best on court: Anthea Bennett

B grade

Teamwork, fun, laughing, fighting, trusting, best salad roll makers, babes.

An outstanding game and a brilliant win.

Teamwork at its finest.

Once again, the B grade girls demonstrated determination and collaboration that continues to see them have success on the court.

Exciting times are ahead ladies!

Final scores: PI 58 def Dalyston 51.

Best on awards: Sophie Gysberts, Lily Huther and Ahlee Penry.

D grade

There's no doubt that our D grade girls are getting better and better as a team each week. Unfortunately, though, this week we were plagued



A fantastic game played by the Island's U13 girls last weekend.

by injury and illness and came up against a great physical team in Daly and were unable to come away with the win.

We came out firing at the start and took the lead early but could not hold onto it.

Congratulations to Tailyn Payne, Karina Reynard, Casey Bartlett and Shanae Riley for receiving the awards this week.

U17s

What an amazing game against the top of the ladder team Dalyston!

The team started with a blast from the first centre pass.

The game was on, and the Island girls smashed out seven straight goals to take the lead.

However, Dalyston managed to settle and compose themselves with

some great attacking and their defenders really stepped it up a notch.

The first quarter ended with the Island 3 points up.

The rest of the game went goal for goal and the Island managed to maintain the lead by one or two goals at the end of each quarter.

The final quarter was hard fought to the end and had all spectators on the edge of their seats.

Unfortunately, the Island 17 girls lost by only 1 point.

It was a great effort, and the girls should be really proud of themselves as they are really improving and growing as a team at the right end of the season.

U15s

Coach had a chat to girls at warm up about playing as a team and from

the first whistle that's what they did.

They went out on court, talked to each other, encouraged each other and all played like champions.

Grace and Meika coordinated perfectly together in the ring and both their shots were on.

Sophia and Bella read the ball well, their defence strong and could turn over Dalystons attempts.

Matilda came up court, and strategically helped the play with resets.

Maya, Hazel and Abby all showed their great speed.

They could move swiftly up the court and passes were sharp.

A great win 38/14.

U13s

PI 50 defeats Dalyston 2.

Another team crushed by the girls who have become the team to beat in

the 13 & Under division. Their experience and agility were too much for a young Dalyston side.

Best on court awards went to Ellie Hennessy and Aisha Hibbert.

Congratulations to Aisha Hibbert and Olivia Holmes who represented the Bulldogs proudly this weekend, playing in the Association Championship finals for West Gippsland and finishing third in the state.



U11s

The Phillip Island under 11s played a great but hard game on Saturday morning against Dalyston.

Scores were Phillip Island 9, Dalyston 18.

Awards this weekend went to Tiffany Clarke and Stelah Tilley.

All the girls did such an amazing job, well done girls.

THIS WEEKEND DRAWS		LADDERS																			
WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION		SENIOR FOOTBALL					RESERVES FOOTBALL					THIRDS FOOTBALL					FOURTHS FOOTBALL				
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		Phillip Island	52	211.00	13 2	Nar Nar Goon	52	200.87	13 2	Tooradin-Dalmore	3.33	40	287.46	Phillip Island	3.69	48	489.60				
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		Nar Nar Goon	44	167.76	11 4	Koo Wee Rup	40	227.92	10 5	Phillip Island	3.00	36	191.60	Korumburra-Bena	2.57	36	167.24				
		Warragul Industrials	36	133.90	9 6	Cora Lynn	40	200.98	10 5	Cora Lynn	3.00	36	158.63	Garfield	2.46	32	101.96				
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Phillip Island v Drouin Sunday July 31																					
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			Inverloch-Kongwak	56	212.10%	Tooradin-Dalmore	56	164.04%	Bunyip	60	304.07%	Dalyston	60	264.98%	Inverloch-Kongwak	48	226.67%				
			Bunyip	48	173.31%	Phillip Island	52	136.59%	Dalyston	52	167.56%	Korumburra Bena	56	204.26%	Dalyston	40	215.81%				
			Dalyston	48	140.33%	Nar Nar Goon	48	165.82%	Inverloch-Kongwak	46	206.42%	Phillip Island	48	193.46%	Bunyip	40	211.11%				
			Tooradin-Dalmore	48	128.09%	Inverloch-Kongwak	44	168.70%	Garfield	44	155.00%	Inverloch-Kongwak	44	169.94%	Nar Nar Goon	36	191.56%				
			Nar Nar Goon	44	127.75%	Dalyston	36	114.31%	Nar Nar Goon	42	139.09%	Tooradin-Dalmore	32	110.53%	Kilcunda Bass	24	99.46%				
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			Cora Lynn	24	101.43%	Garfield	18	74.22%	Tooradin-Dalmore	18	76.40%	Bunyip	28	101.12%	Garfield	12	69.95%				
			Korumburra Bena	24	90.73%	Cora Lynn	14	66.23%	Koo Wee Rup	16	65.28%	Koo Wee Rup	24	85.61%	Cora Lynn	12	64.55%				
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Tully Dickie clears a quick handball to Noah Muller under Pressure.

Bulldogs light up the Dalyston evening

Much warmer conditions greeted the Bulldogs on our short trip to Dalyston this week.

Ground in excellent condition, no wind, warm conditions, a full set of games, what could possibly go wrong.

As opposed to the last 10-12 days, it thankfully turned out to be a relatively uneventful affair for the Bulldogs.

With the games turning into something of a lop-sided affair, with the magpies first score of the entire day coming mid-way through the first in the seniors, the evening was literally lit up by the locals cranking up their brand-new lights for the last quarter of the seniors.

One for the magpies there, much to the chagrin of Bulldogs President Ross who still awaits electrical connection at the Kennel!

Seniors:

With the injury list being slightly reduced with the return of Al Officer and Max Blake, the seniors were joined by youngsters Coby Olarenshaw, Tarquin McMillan, and Jack Papas (captain of the Under 18s).

A different look to the side, with Brendan Kimber taking over captain duties from the injured Jaymie Youle.

The Bulldogs started well and were quick to put the boys from Dalyston to the sword, with a consistent first half seeing 6 goals in each quarter, and a 9-goal half time lead.

The Taylor boys were waxing again as if it were their backyard, with Billy leading the charge with 3 first quarter goals.

Brother Jack and Max Blake were having a day out as well as the new look backline was being superbly led by Mark Griffin and Levi Robinson in particular.

The Dalyston boys came out fighting in the third, with Mason Storr and Michael Harris providing plenty of drive and Musa Amin and Max Connell being elusive.

A couple of Dalyston goals stung the Bulldogs back into action, with Cam Pedersen and Zak Vernon in particular being strong, and stand-in captain Kimber back to his best on the ball.

Eli Richards was continuing his recent superb form, and Jordy Patullo was having a great battle on his wing.

A 5 goal to 3 quarter saw the Dogs up by 76 at the third quarter time break.

Coach Vernon laid down a third quarter time challenge, a score of 170+ points, which seemed a tall order.

With the locals activating their brand-new lights the last quarter was played in something resembling broad sunshine!

The challenge worked, appreciating the lighted conditions, the Taylors, Max Blake, and Pedersen dominated the last.

Jack Papas bobbed up for a couple as the plucky Magpies tired.

A last quarter 11 goal blitz saw the final margin of 140 points.

Overall, a strong win for the Bulldogs, with all

sights now turned to next week's return blockbuster against Tooradin at home

Scores:

Phillip Island: 6.3.39, 12.8.80, 17.13.115, 28.17.185

Dalyston: 2.2.14, 3.3.21, 6.3.39, 7.3.45

Goals:

Phillip Island: Jack Taylor 6, Max Blake 5, Billy Taylor 4, Cameron Pedersen 3, Eli Richards 3, Zak Vernon 2, Jack Papas 2, Jesse Patullo, Orlando Kane-Gillard and Harry O'Brien.

Dalyston: Musa Amin 2, Hayden Wallis 2, Blake Carew, Jack Paravicini and Curtis Murfett.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen, Jack Taylor, Zak Vernon, Jordy Patullo, Mark Griffin and Max Blake.

Dalyston: Michael Harris, Curtis Murfett, Jack Paravicini, Michael Marotta, Matthew Howell and Hayden Wallis.

Reserves:

With coach Stirton way-laid with a bout of Covid, and a bunch of players promoted to the seniors, the week presented a challenge for the reserves.

Up stepped stand-in coach Luke Davies to look after the make-shift group.

Under 18s Lucas Chithotski, Tom Niven, Tully Dickie stepped up for a second crack for the day, with Under 18 coaches Alex Duyker and Kurt Lane also coming in.

Bulldogs' vets coach Leigh Woolford also returned, moving into the ruck and Jake Black came in for his second away game of the year.

Not quite a rag-tag collection, but certainly not what stand-in coach Davies could call a settled combination.

From the outset it was clear that the Bulldogs were still a step up in class compared to the Magpies. Perfectly setup behind the ball, the Bulldogs were able to constantly attack, whilst the defence stood firm with every Magpie foray forward of the centre.

Will Taylor-Eagles was continuing his excellent form in the mid field, and Alex Duyker took complete control in the forward line.

This led to one of the most intriguing battles of the day as Josh Wright from the Magpies setup perfectly in front of 'Duyks' for the rest of the game.

Liam Dayson was a dynamo around the forward line.

Robbie Linford continued to provide drive forward throughout the day, turning the clock back! Hayden Smith and Cooper Logan dominated their positions, whilst the backline, led by Arie Cook (including scoring a goal) and Tully Dickie in particular, continued to repel all Magpie attacks.

A final win by 126-0 was a fitting reward for coach and players.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 7.3.45, 11.7.73, 15.12.102,

18.18.126

Dalyston: 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 0.0.0

Goals:

Phillip Island: Alex Duyker 5, Liam Dayson 4, James Nicolaci 2, Cooper Logan 2, Lucas Chithotski, Hayden Smith, Jake Black, Tully Dickie and Arie Cook.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Alex Duyker, Rob Linford, Hayden Smith, Cooper Logan and Will Taylor-Eagles.

Dalyston: John Jones, Alexander Geyer, Joshua Wright, Jack Sheerin, Andrew Magro and John Armstrong.

Under 18s:

Unfortunately, it was a one-sided affair at the Dalyston oval on Saturday even with the Bulldogs missing a couple of key players.

The Magpies were struggling to find numbers to fill the team and relied on their under 16 boys to play a second game.

Predictably, the Bulldogs didn't show any mercy for the Magpies plight and even with a lapse in the third quarter, ran out winners by 200 points.

The Dalyston team never stopped trying and it was great credit to themselves that they competed strongly against an accomplished opposition but in the end, they were overwhelmed as indicated by the scoreboard.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 7.3.45, 19.4.118, 23.11.149, 31.14.200

Dalyston: 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 0.0.0

Goals:

Phillip Island: Dylan Susic 8, Hunter Clarke 5, Sunny Mattock 3, Brady Ross 2, Brodie Gude 2, Tully Dickie 2, Lucas Chithotski 2, Finn Cashman 2, Sonny McMillan 2, Thomas Niven, Brayden Kleverkamp and Daniel Caffieri.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Hunter Clarke, Dylan Susic, Jett McMillan, Sunny Mattock, Brady Ross and Noah Muller.

Dalyston: Beau Hull, Ryan Gray, Chase Krause, Ryda Kay-Darts and Brandon Mentiplay.

Under 16s:

Scores:

Phillip Island: 3.2.20, 4.8.32, 10.11.71, 18.12.120

Dalyston: 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 0.0.0

Goals:

Phillip Island: Zac Walker 7, Leo Savonna 3, Jack Huther 2, Benjamin Chihotski, Charles Martus, Charlie O'Garey, Oliver Duggan, Finn O'Brien and Max Arceo.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Yianni Caffieri, Zac Walker, Charles Martus, Timothy Niven, Sonny Merryfull and Max Arceo.

Dalyston: George McCausland, Lincoln Harris, Noah Forrest Mabilia, Cooper Shepherd, Harry Howell and Chase Krause.

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- 3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms/2 cars

\$1,200,000

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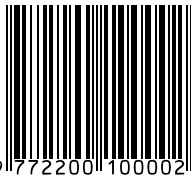
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