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## A sigh of relief

A sigh of relief could be heard echoing around Phillip Island as this week started with no new cases.

Wastewater testing also failed to find any further traces of the virus.

Despite 32 exposure site listings, miraculously the island and San Remo appear to have avoided any infections.

Bass Coast Health CEO, Jan Child said the community had responded

strongly to the call for testing and it was "really good news" that no cases had been detected.

But she said it was still too early for celebrations.

"We're not out of the water until the end of this week ... then I'll breathe a sigh of relief."

She said most people who were isolating or in quarantine due to vis-

iting an exposure site had now had their Day13 test.

To date, all had returned a negative result.

Ms Child congratulated the community for its fantastic response to the Covid crisis.

"From what I hear, people who are isolating or who are in quarantine are doing the right thing."

"There's really low mobility around town and there's good use of masks."

"Stopping mobility helps enormously with the spread of the virus. I think everyone has done the right thing."

She praised local businesses for implementing good Covid-safe plans and said it was a factor in the lack of transmission.

She was also thankful that the visitors who tested positive, had been diligent with checking in and wearing masks.

"We had a lot of things going our way," she said.

No new exposure sites have been listed on Phillip Island or in San Remo since July 19.

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A window  
on quarantine

It was a slow and quiet week for many locals, with hundreds in quarantine or isolation after visiting an exposure site in San Remo or on Phillip Island. According to the state's Covid Commander Jeroen Weimar, last week there were over 805 local people isolating or in quarantine. Between July 16 and 19, the list of Tier 1, 2 or 3 exposure sites reached 32, including 24 in Cowes. Michelle and Greg Harrison spent 14 days in quarantine. They said it brought them closer as a family, while their daughter Caitlin spent her time on some lovely art projects. "Family and friends have been so kind," said Michelle. "My older sister sent us a grazing plate from Grazing Phillip Island. It made such a difference, so we paid it forward by sending one to our grocery collector (Rachel Dafner) and the Post Office who have been working on minimum staff."

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## School traffic plan launched

When school went back for term 3 at Cowes Primary, a new plan to improve the traffic issues on Settlement Road was implemented.

Officers from Bass Coast Shire Council along with Victoria Police were present during the first week, prior to lockdown, to keep everyone safe as the school community, and other drivers, got used to the changes.

Principal Rod McKenzie said drop off and collection times were incredibly busy for most schools and Cowes Primary was no exception.

"The new drop-off/collection zone is working well and significantly improving traffic flow on Settlement Road, especially from 3.30-3.45pm," he said.

"Parents and carers have followed the plan well and been responsive to minor adjustments like allowing children time to get to the designated area before arriving for the after-school collection."

Mr McKenzie thanked Bass Coast Shire Council for their support in helping implement the new scheme.

"They have worked with the school to help educate drivers and pedestrians on all aspects of road safety."

Parents and carers have welcomed the new initiative.

Natalie Golluccio regularly picks up her seven-year-old grandson from school and said the new system was fantastic.

"You don't have to wait for people turning in and out of that small car park."

"I used to have to walk in to get him, because you'd have to park so far away. Now

you can just drive up, pick them up and on you go."

She said the drop off area was well supervised by staff and the school crossing attendant, so she was less worried about her grandson's safety.

"Before there were people waiting to turn in from both sides of the road. This system is so much easier and safer."

"I love it. Good on them for doing it."

Natalie said her only suggestion would be to install a shelter at the drop off and pick up area, so the children didn't have to wait in the rain.

Taryn van Leeuwen also believes the new system has made the school drop off far safer.

She and her daughter, who is in Grade 3 at Cowes Primary, ride to school each day, from the Thompson Avenue end.

"Now there's no congestion around the roundabout on Thompson Avenue, the IGA or Melaleuca Lodge."

"From our end, it's been magnificent."

She said the traffic this year has been "so scary" she stopped letting her daughter ride to school on her own, however with the new system, things are a lot calmer.

"It genuinely seems like there is less traffic."

She also praised the work of the local crossing supervisors, who have helped develop the new plan.

"Full credit to Carmel and Julie (the crossing supervisors), for keeping our kids safe."

Taryn believes the new system will give more parents the confidence to let their children walk themselves into the school.

She hopes the next improvement will be on Thompson Avenue, where students are still not using the designated crossing area.

"Over the last 12 months to two years, Thompson Avenue has gotten very busy."

"Hopefully they can come up with a solution, as at the moment, the kids cross everywhere."



The new traffic plan hopes to ease the traffic congestion along Settlement Road during school pick up and drop off times, like this scene from earlier this year.

"Most of them cross the road at the IGA, and use the traffic island to help get across."

"There's a crossing on the other side of the roundabout, but they don't use it."

### Improvement

At the end of last term, the school unveiled the new plan to try and deal with the increasing traffic issues.

"Since the commencement of 2021, Cowes Primary School has been working with Victoria Police, Bass Coast Shire Council and crossing supervisors to assess traffic and pe-

destrian movement on Settlement Road and identify improvement options," Mr McKenzie said at the time.

The work resulted in a newly identified drop off and collection zone on Settlement Road.

The designated area can accommodate up to eight cars at a time, which Mr McKenzie said would allow for multiple drop-off or collections to occur simultaneously.

The supervised crossing will provide a natural break in traffic that will support vehicles to exit the designated drop-off and collection zone.

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## Lovers Walk plan refused again

A proposed residence to be built on Cowes' renowned Lovers Walk has been rejected for a second time.

In June, councillors agreed with shire planners that a planning permit for a property in Charmandene Court – which received seven objections – be refused because it failed to minimise coastline impact and was at odds with neighbourhood character.

The owners of the property since lodged revised plans, with councillors at the July meeting again voting to reject.

Cr David Rooks said while the owners had reduced the building footprint, as well as

changing the setback and including vegetation, the changes did not go far enough.

"It still fails," Cr Rooks said.

"It's still a bulky build on a residential block."

He said the planning requirement for 35 per cent vegetation cover included an easement.

"It's not possible to vegetate an easement. The intent is wrong and does not comply with the amount of vegetation cover required."

The owners in March took the shire to VCAT for a failure to decide on the permit within the prescribed statutory timeframe, with a VCAT hearing pending.

The shire will now inform VCAT of their refusal of the plans.

The permit sought to build one double storey dwelling in the northern section abutting Lovers Walk and a single storey dwelling in the south.

Objectors said building rules required the replacement of any significant trees that had been removed in the 12 months prior to a planning application being lodged be replanted.

*Editor's note: The publisher of this newspaper was an objector to the original application.*

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# Island pool: less bang for a greater buck?

Phillip Island's proposed new pool will cost substantially more to build than pools built in other rural Victorian towns, according to new research.

The Advertiser scoured the state to compare aquatic centre costs and facilities, finding the island would receive less bang for a greater buck.

Bass Coast Shire's feasibility study proposes Phillip Island should have a 25m pool, learn-to-swim combined warm water pool area, and 24-hour gym at a cost of about \$45 million.

The study proposes a potential stage two for Phillip Island of two indoor sports courts, which would bring the total cost to \$52 million.

The study states the option of constructing a 50-metre pool "has been analysed but found to not be sustainable", based on population size and on the extra \$8 million such a pool would require to construct.

Bass Coast Shire is now seeking funding of \$93 million from state and Federal governments for Phillip Island, as well as a new pool for Wonthaggi, costed at \$41 million for 25m x 10 lanes, a larger gym, new spa and sauna.

## Comparison

In contrast the 2020 Surf Coast Aquatic Facility at Torquay – the most recent and best comparison to that proposed for Cowes – will see a 50-metre warm water pool, health centre, gym and group fitness rooms at a cost of \$38.5 million.

Surf Coast employed the same consultants, Otium, to produce their feasibility study, and have received \$13.5 million from the Victorian government, while the Australian government committed \$20 million, with the shire making up the shortfall.

Surf Coast was told by the Commonwealth their funding was contingent on building a 50-metre indoor pool.

While Torquay has the most similar demographic and visitation numbers to Phillip Island, another comparison includes Mornington Peninsula Shire who this month



The new Yawa Aquatic Centre at Rosebud opened this month and includes a 50-metre pool. The centre also includes a learn-to-swim pool, warm water program pool, aqua play/splash deck, wellness centre and gymnasium. Photo courtesy of Mornington Peninsula Shire Council.

opened a new 50-metre pool at Rosebud, which cost at tender \$35.8 million, although the final cost was \$47.5 million.

The Yawa Aquatic Centre includes a learn-to-swim pool, warm water program pool, aqua play/splash deck, wellness centre and gymnasium.

Other rooms include a cafe, school group and family change rooms.

While Phillip Island residents have been lobbying for a pool for about three decades, Mornington Peninsula residents were celebrating, interviewed on TV explaining they had campaigned for more than two decades for the pool.

Wangaratta – a much larger area compared to Phillip Island – in 2020 received a new 50-metre outdoor pool, water polo pool, 17m indoor warm water pool, and outdoor splash

pad but no other sporting courts.

Wangaratta's pool was funded through \$4.4m from the Federal government, \$1.5m from the Victorian government and \$100,000 from the Wangaratta Swimming Club, as well as a \$6 million low interest state government loan.

The Advertiser asked Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie why Phillip Island's pool cost more for less.

We asked why, when Surf Coast was told by the Commonwealth their \$20 million funds were contingent on a 50-metre pool, does Bass Coast Shire say we need to go to government for \$90m for two 25-metre pools?

And we asked how consultants Otium could produce a feasibility study in June 2020 for a 50-metre pool complex for the Surf Coast at a cheaper price for about same size

shire, yet arrive at such different conclusions for Bass Coast?

Ms Wastie said successful aquatic and leisure centres were "specifically designed for the unique characteristics of each region or shire they service, to maximise use and financial sustainability".

"For instance, population catchment, population demographics, visitor influx, user trends and future projections all influence what components are recommended for aquatic and leisure centres, meaning no two centres are the same and therefore, don't cost the same," Ms Wastie said.

"We anticipate the costings and external funding required for the delivery of the projects will be further fleshed out in a funding strategy, which will be developed in the next phases of the project."

# Health staff vaccination rates rise

Almost 60 per cent of Bass Coast Health staff are currently fully vaccinated.

According to CEO Jan Child, 56 per cent of staff have received two doses of the vaccine, while 76 per cent have received one dose.

She admitted more work needed to be done to increase the staff uptake.

"We've got a big push on now, making sure our staff understand how important it is to be vaccinated."

With approximately 880 staff, Ms Child said most clinical staff were vaccinated, however there was some vaccine hesitancy in other areas.

"We have such a broad group of staff, including cleaners, engineers, office workers," she explained.

"They're all going to come with their different ideas and understanding of the vaccine risks."

Ms Child said many of the staff concerns reflected concerns within the broader community.

"We have some people who don't want to have the vaccination at all.

"Some are hesitant about AstraZeneca, and others had concerns about the vaccines' impact on pregnancy."

She agreed the community needed more information, to enable them to make an informed choice about vaccination.

"The more information that becomes available, the more we have to get it out to the community."

Anyone concerned about vaccination should discuss the issue with their GP.

Visit [www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines](http://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines) for information on vaccines and eligibility.

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There is increasing tension in Grantville between residents and sand miners.

# Temperatures rise over sand mining

Police were called to the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve earlier this month after the manager of a nearby sand mine accused a group of walkers of trespassing.

A local resident told the Advertiser a group of walkers using designated tracks to walk through the reserve on July 1 were met on their return by the mine operator from Sand Supplies who accused them of trespassing.

Wonthaggi police confirmed two officers were called but took no action.

Save Western Port Woodlands spokesperson Tim O'Brien said the incident underscored resident concerns about the expanding sand mine industry.

He said a buffer zone around the mine was extending over part of the designated tracks within the Crown reserve.

"Our group is very unhappy with the activities and attitude of this miner," Tim said.

"His actions show the indifference of sand miners in the Grantville forest corridor to the wishes of the community, and their assertion of their right to destroy valuable and vulnerable forest ecosystems to get to the sand below it."

"Threatening actions by sand miners will not deter us in the least. The walkers are simply ordinary people wishing

to enjoy this vanishing remnant forest in crown reserves and are strongly determined to protect it."

Sand Supplies' Robbie Viglietti said the group had trespassed into the mine's 50 metre buffer zone.

"We control the 50 metres beyond the fence line. The buffer zone is clearly sign posted," Robbie said.

"The reason we don't have an additional fence to ring that zone is because it would require clearing of a swathe of bushland, which I don't want to do."

Robbie said they had installed security cameras on the perimeter, with the cameras issuing him an "intruder alert".

"They were not bushwalking but taking photos as part of a campaign to present an image of what we're doing as illegal or wrong," Robbie alleged.

"This is the fourth time they've been here and I've told them repeatedly not to."

## Shire response

During last week's council meeting, a public question asked whether Sand Supplies had a right to erect the section of fence beyond their work boundary.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said the mine manager secured approval from Parks

Victoria to erect the fence adjacent to the mine, because the fence would benefit the Nature Conservation Reserve (NCR).

She said the 50 metre wide native vegetation buffer zone formed part of the gravel extraction reserve and was not part of the nature reserve managed by Parks Victoria.

"Council is confident that the sand mining company has no interest or rights within the formal Nature Conservation Reserve," Ms Wastie added.

"As a gazetted reserve, this is permanently protected from all extractive uses."

## Opposition

In May residents packed the Corinella Hall to express their opposition to sand mining.

In a separate incident earlier this year, Sand Supplies was accused of uprooting ancient grass trees – some possibly up to 700 years old – later found to be permitted.

Tim said subsequent replanting of the grass trees "does not reflect the numbers of grass trees removed".

Robbie questioned how the group knew with confidence what grass trees had been replanted across the mine.

## Cocktail of toxic chemicals in the bay?

Western Port bay's environment could be at significant risk if a proposed Grantville sand mine is allowed to expand, according to a new damning report.

The report, "Potential Environmental Impacts of Proposed New Sand Mining Project at Grantville" by Dr (Professor) Dick Wettenhall says there has been a failure to consider the impact of a cocktail of toxic chemicals from the proposed Dandy Premix mine expansion.

The report was tabled at last week's Bass Coast Shire council meeting, with councillors unanimously voting to send the report to State Planning Minister Richard Wynne.

Last year the Minister used his powers to override Bass Coast Shire and call in the Dandy Premix plans, convening a planning panel in March to advise on the application to expand the mine.

A Bass Coast Shire spokesperson said with the panel now concluding and handing its findings to the Minister, there had been no indication when Mr Wynne would make a decision.

If successful Dandy's open cut mine will operate for up to 40 years and remove the equivalent of eight MCGs worth of vegetation.

It would also see 120 trucks every day use the Bass Highway using new traffic lights, which residents say adds up to about four hours of stoppage on the highway.

Professor Wettenhall's report, written after the panel's conclusion, found Dandy Premix's expert evidence failed to assess the risks of environmental harm caused by heavy metals and toxic chemicals.

"The pollutants accumulated in the dredge pond will leach into the ground water and, from there, released into the downstream creeks and Western Port Bay mudflats," the report found.

"In these highly significant aquatic environments, the toxic pollutants are likely to inflict considerable harm to an array of organisms and, in so doing, disrupt the delicately balanced eco systems."

Professor Wettenhall's report said the expert evidence paid "little or no attention" in particular to three pollutants "with known

environmental toxicities" used to remove fine sand particles and contaminants from mine slurry, and also failed to consider ongoing monitoring.

## Precedent

Cr Michael Whelan said Mr Wynne had recently stopped AGL's plans to establish a gas plant on Western Port because marine discharges would have unacceptable effects on the bay, which is listed as a wetland of international significance.

"We are urging the Minister to take action on this report," Cr Whelan said.

Cr Leticia Laing agreed. "For our community this is a pivotal moment in the quest to protect the environment for current and future generations."

"The report shows very clearly the chemicals we are talking about cause mutations."

"This needs to be treated with the urgency it deserves."

Councillors agreed it was "regrettable" Professor Wettenhall's advice was not available for the panel hearing "nonetheless it should be taken into account in the decision by the Minister".

## Council's role

Save Western Port Woodlands' Tim O'Brien asked two questions at the council meeting, including whether the shire knew the chemicals used in sand washing processes in another separate mine at Sand Supplies and whether the shire would conduct environmental testing for toxicities around all mines in Grantville?

Shire CEO Ali Wastie responded saying the Resources branch of the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions (DJPR) was responsible for regulating mining activities in Victoria, including enforcing, monitoring and managing compliance.

She said miners needed to meet conditions and provide an approved work plan to DJPR.

"Council is not privy to the details, including specific processes or chemicals used," Ms Wastie said.

"Council has neither the authority nor capacity to test for water-born pollutants around all licenced mines in Grantville's forest corridor."

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# PICAL garden plans blossom

A business plan to relocate the PICAL Community Garden has been sent to Bass Coast Shire Council, in the latest step to secure a new home for the garden.

The plan to move the garden to an area of Blue Gum Reserve appears to be back on track, with the community voicing strong support for the garden to be established in the area.

In May, PICAL expressed concern the garden move had been put on the back burner by Bass Coast Shire, after it failed to allocate money in the 2021/22 budget for the relocation.

It was then told the move would require an amendment to the reserve Masterplan; however recent consultation sessions indicated strong support for the proposal.

PICAL chair, Jeff Lloyd believes the site at Blue Gum Reserve has great potential.

"It offers an exciting new vision for the community garden to further grow its programs and involvement with the wider community," he said.

Jeff said he was very pleased with the business case the organisation had prepared and its vision for the relocated garden.

"PICAL is only seeking Council's support for a 'like-for-like' move by council of the existing community garden."

## Plan

The business case proposes Council replicate the garden's current operations and physical infrastructure, "either by moving our portable infrastructure or reinstating new infrastructure on a like-for-like basis".

This includes 750 square metres of in-ground garden beds, a portable building including external decks and ramps, undercover workshop areas, shaded pergola, two metal machinery sheds and a wheelchair friendly toilet block.

The report stated the new site "will require disability and vehicular access" and parking arrangements for PICAL, the CFA and SES would need to be resolved.

PICAL plans to salvage timbers from the existing beds for reuse in the new garden.

Timbers donated from the Cowes Jetty by Parks Vic would be used as part of the perimeter fencing, garden beds and for wheelchair friendly pathways.

An existing portable building from the current site would need to be moved to accommodate The Boomerang Bags operation.

## Future

The business case outlines future expansion plans for the garden, including improved disability-friendly paths, a bigger workshop area and new tools, additional water tank, a new shade house for propagation, a green house, solar power, amphitheatre and a Zen Garden.

The estimated cost of these expansions is up to \$79,600.

PICAL said once Council approved the relocation to the Blue Gum Reserve site, it would mount a major fund-raising drive for the garden upgrade and expansion.

## Community contribution

PICAL said the Community Garden provides important social connections and mental health benefits for over 40 volunteers each week.

The garden hosts community gardening clubs and an adult education program that includes subsidised horticulture/permaculture training, hospitality and food preparation training, DIY repurposing of used timber and a Japanese Raku-style pottery course.

The report noted PICAL contributes \$30,000 annually of its own resources, including staff and overheads to manage the garden, and co-ordinating the education program.

In addition, over the past five years it has raised approximately \$50,000 in grants, donations and in-kind assistance to support the Community Garden.

Produce from the garden is also an important part of the PICAL food relief program.

PICAL is now the largest emergency food relief outlet in South Gippsland, feeding almost 6000 people last year. It regularly feeds more than 500 people each month.

## New home

PICAL is set to move to a new location at the end of the year, after its existing Church Street site was purchased by the state government for the new community hospital.

Last year the shire confirmed they had purchased a new PICAL home at 16 Warley Avenue in Cowes, allocating almost \$1.3 million for construction of 550 square metres of floor space. The building is due to be completed by Christmas or early in 2022.

However, the Warley Avenue site is about a quarter of the size of the space PICAL currently occupies and cannot accommodate all the current services, with the garden and Boomerang Bags needed to be housed in a different location.



A concept drawing of the new PICAL Community Garden, part of the business case presented to Bass Coast Shire Council to help secure a new home for the garden.



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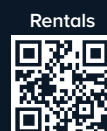


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Coels Shed was built 80 years ago by early islander Rudi Coels and moved to the current PICAL site in 2018. With a community hospital being built on the Church Street site, a new home needs to be found for the historic shed.

## Where next for Coels Shed?

With PICAL set to move by the end of the year, a new home is needed for the historic Coels Shed, which was relocated to the current site in 2018.

In a report to Bass Coast Shire Council, PICAL proposed council run a community consultation process to determine the best location for the shed, and who should be its custodian.

The report states "several historical and conservation groups have expressed interest" in taking responsibility for the shed.

However PICAL said it would be happy to continue its custodial role if it was determined that the new community garden site is the best home for Coels Shed.

"PICAL will integrate the shed into the garden design ... (and) will commit the \$13,000 in funds held for Coels Shed

to its further restoration," the report stated.

"If the process determines an alternative preferred home and custodian ... PICAL will contribute these funds to the new custodian."

### History

The Shed is classified by the National Trust of Australia as an Historical Workshop.

Plans in 2018/19 were for the Shed to be used to store tools and materials in the PICAL garden and potentially outfitted with modest amenities, such as a small kitchenette; and for a storyboard to be erected outlining its history.

Bass Coast Council allocated \$25,000 for the purpose, describing the Shed at the time as an important part of island history, with councillors and the community pleased that the disused

building was going to be restored, used and maintained.

Coels Shed was built 80 years ago by early islander Rudi Coels, who was a master builder in Cowes.

He was a carpenter, joiner and furniture maker, who married Edith Harris, a granddaughter of early settler Joseph Richardson. He lived at Ventnor and rode his bicycle into Cowes to work each day.

He built the shed in 1927 for convenience, so he could store his tools and timber closer to his jobs there, and used it for over 50 years.

Many of his buildings still stand today, a tribute to his high standard of workmanship.

He also made the pews for St Philips Church in Cowes; and repaired the ferry Estelle Star after the superstructure was badly damaged in rough weather at the Cowes jetty.

# A sigh of relief

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### Testing sites

Ms Child said while the Walk-in clinic closed on Tuesday, the drive through site in Cowes would continue to operate.

"We will keep the tent open, but will talk with council about the possibility of a different location."

Operating hours would fluctuate, based on demand.

Between July 16 and 25, the drive through site conducted 2071 tests, peaking at 411 on July 18.

She said if cases were detected in the area, Bass Coast Health was well placed to respond.

"If this ever happens again, we know the Leisure Centre is a great walk-in site.

"And if we need more sites, the Bass and San Remo locations worked really well.

"We've tested the plan and know it works, so we will be able to put it in place quickly if it's ever needed again."

Ms Child said testing would continue to be a key part of managing Covid, and urged people to get tested if they experienced any symptoms.

"Testing is a key preventative tool to understand what's happening," she said.



Test times at Cowes drive through on Thursday were one and a half hours or less.

Updates on site opening and wait times are regularly posted on BCH's Facebook page.

### Wastewater

Last week, Gippsland Region Public Health Unit said wastewater testing in the region had been ramped up since the positive cases were identified two weeks ago.

Previous tests taken on July 6, 13 and 17 had not detected any viral fragments, however fragments were detected on July 19 and 20.

Daily tests on July 21, 22 and 23 were all clear.

A spokesperson said the two days that had positive wastewater results were unlikely to have been caused by

the visitors who had sparked the original crisis, as they had all returned to Melbourne.

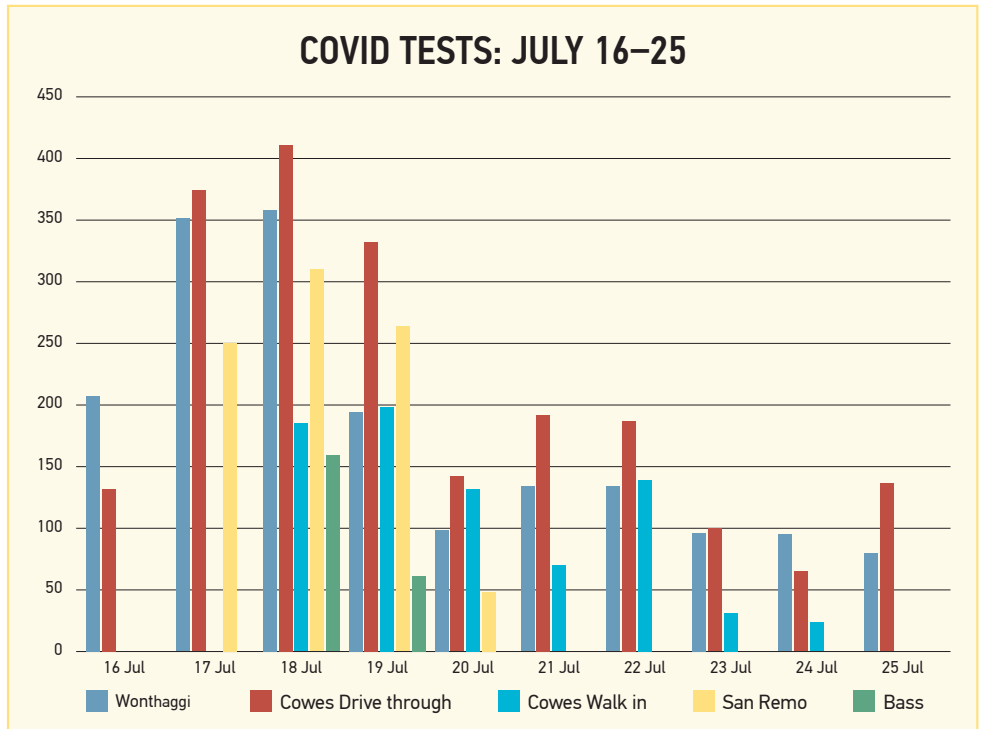
"COVID-19 should clear quickly in waste if the cases leave the area, within 24 hours.

"The current assumption was the positive wastewater was due to a potentially undiagnosed case.

"However, like everything, there is uncertainty. The more people get tested, the more clarity we will have."

For details of wastewater testing, go to: [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/wastewater-testing-covid-19](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/wastewater-testing-covid-19)

See the most up-to-date list of exposure sites at: [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites)



Between July 16 and 25, the drive through site in Cowes conducted 2071 tests, peaking at 411 on July 18. In total, 4912 tests were taken across the five sites in Bass Coast.

## Online abuse investigated

Reports of online abuse involving local students are under investigation.

Senior Sergeant Andy O'Brien confirmed police were aware of the incidents.

He said advice was being sought from a specialist police unit that works in schools, and police would be speaking to the people involved.

He described the online behaviour as "unacceptable".

"Online abuse including racism can be investigated as a crime," he said.

The incident involved abuse of a student from Wonthaggi Secondary College but occurred outside of school hours.

A Department of Education and Training spokesperson said Wonthaggi Secondary College was only made aware of the incidents

on Monday, July 20.

Principal, Darren Parker said: "The health and wellbeing of our students is our top priority.

"Any form of racism or bullying is utterly unacceptable.

"We're very proud of our reputation as a diverse and multicultural school that is welcoming and safe for all students.

"We will fully investigate these claims, and are providing full support for the student affected."

The school's Bullying Prevention Policy was updated in February 2021.

Anyone who needs crisis support should call Lifeline (24 hours a day) on 13 11 14 or visit [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au).

Teenagers experiencing bullying or abuse, including online can visit [kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/bullying](http://kidshelpline.com.au/teens/issues/bullying) or call 1800 55 1800.

## Council Update

### Have your Say: Draft Smiths Beach Town Plan

In 2020, we started a conversation about the future of Smiths Beach and invited the community to share their ideas. The Draft Smiths Beach Town Plan builds upon this community engagement and is being developed in collaboration with a panel of community members and a reference group of key organisations including the Smiths Beachcombers Association, Phillip Island Nature Parks and the Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club.

The Smiths Beach Town Plan presents a vision for Smith Beach's future across eight key dimensions and includes four "gamechanger" projects, including a new trail, upgrades to the Smiths Beach and YCW Beach Car Parks and a proposed shared zone on Smiths Beach Road among other actions and initiatives across the wider community.

To view the plan and to have your say online, please visit: [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smithsbeach](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smithsbeach)

We are also running three drop in sessions\* at the following times:

- Saturday, 7 August 11.00am-4.00pm at Smiths Beach Car Park\*\*
- Thursday, 12 August 4.00pm-8.00pm at Phillip Island Information Centre, Newhaven
- Thursday, 19 August 11.00am-4.00pm at YCW Beach Car Park\*\*

\* In the case of public health restrictions preventing in-person events, these drop-in sessions will be held virtually.

\*\*In the event of bad weather sessions will be relocated to the Phillip Island Information Centre in Newhaven.

The closing date for consultation is Tuesday, 31 August 2021.

For any enquiries regarding this project, please contact Council's Strategic Planning Team the numbers below or email [strategic.planningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:strategic.planningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au)

### Wonthaggi Public Art: Join the Working Group

Council is establishing a Working Group to steer the delivery of a Public Art Commission, to be located in Wonthaggi. The Working Group will consist of local residents and stakeholders who can guide the process and ensure the local community is represented and expressed throughout the project. This is an opportunity to be involved in the process of contributing to the identity and character of your town. The first meeting will be held in the foyer of the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre on Monday, 9 August from 5.30pm until 6.30pm. To participate, contact Team Leader Arts and Culture, David Burrows on [david.burrows@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:david.burrows@basscoast.vic.gov.au) or on the numbers below to register. It is anticipated that the Working Group will meet at least five times over the commission period:

1. Establish the theme and site for the artist brief (August 2021)
2. Review and approve the artist brief (August 2021)
3. Select the shortlist of artists from the field of entries (November 2021)
4. Select the preferred project from the shortlisted artists (January 2022)
5. Celebrate the delivery of the project (June 2022)

Bass Coast Shire Council, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi | DX 34903 Wonthaggi | PO Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995 | 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or via the National Relay Service (for people with speech or hearing difficulties) on 13 36 77 | [basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au) | [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au)

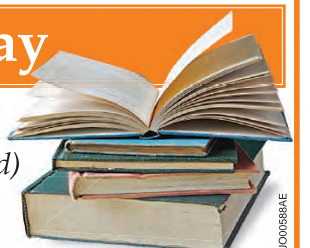
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# Shire's begging bowl to government

A wish list – including \$66 million for two pools, \$25 million for San Remo's roads and \$5 million for the Cowes Cultural Centre – has been released by the Bass Coast Shire in the lead up to next year's state and Federal elections.

Councillors at last week's meeting voted in support of the report outlining its advocacy priorities – effectively a begging bowl of projects needing government funding, with some seeking state funding, some Federal, others a combination of both.

Here are the wish list items:

## 1. Pool

Top of the list is two community pools, with a total \$66 million required from government funding.

The advocacy report firstly details a request for \$31.5 million towards construction of Wonthaggi's pool, with total costs \$42 million.

This is followed by Phillip Island Aquatics Centre, with the shire seeking \$34.5 million in government funding (total build \$46 million).

"For more than two decades the (Phillip Island) community has lobbied for an aquatics facility," the report states.

## 2. Cowes Cultural and Community Centre

After already securing several grants and a low interest state government loan for \$10 million, the shire is now seeking an additional \$5 million in Federal government funding for the construction of the Cowes Cultural Centre.

At a total cost of \$20 million, the CCCC will include a library, theatre, museum, gallery, café, community hall, and meeting spaces.

"After more than a decade of planning, including significant community consultation, the Centre is now



Having pulled down the Cultural Centre in Cowes, the shire is now seeking \$5 million in Federal government funding for its construction. This is on top of the grants and low interest loans they've already secured.

designed and ready for construction," the advocacy report states.

"Catering to projected high population growth and addressing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Centre will generate 69 construction jobs, 30 ongoing jobs and \$51.8 million in economic benefit to the region."

In addition, the shire is requesting annual state government funding of \$112,000 over the next three years to support programs at the new CCCC.

## 3. Roads

The shire is seeking \$2.35 million to upgrade about 900 metres of Shetland Heights Road in San Remo, as well as a footpath.

"The development of the junior campus fails to provide upgrades for either vehicles or pedestrians along Shetland Heights Road and the school will undoubtedly place additional burden on this road," the

report states.

In addition, they are asking the Victorian Government to allocate \$23 million to Regional Roads Victoria to upgrade Back Beach Road and Bergin Grove in San Remo to improve access issues onto Phillip Island Road.

"Current access issues are anticipated to worsen," the report states, adding that Phillip Island expects an additional 4300 visitors per day by 2035.

In total the shire wants \$32.85 million state government funding for road upgrades, which includes upgrading dirt roads, as well as an increase of \$5 million per year over the next four years from the Commonwealth's Roads to Recovery Fund.

## 4. Erosion

The shire is asking for \$4.01 million from the Federal government

to tackle climate change and \$2.16 million from the state government for erosion control, which includes \$1.86 million to build eight timber groynes and a 300-metre rock seawall at Cowes East.

"In Bass Coast, climate change and severe weather events are impacting our coastal communities and environments now," the report says.

"Rising sea levels and coastal erosion is a concern for our community, with the Inverloch coast experiencing significant erosion in recent years."

Having declared a climate emergency, Bass Coast Shire is aiming for zero net emissions by 2030.

So they are also requesting: \$1.5 million to change street lighting to more efficient LED lighting; \$500,000 for improved agricultural and farming practices; and \$150,000 for electric vehicle charging stations.

## 5. Broadband, mobile connection

Inadequate fixed line broadband and mobile coverage is hurting Phillip Island businesses and even schools, according to the advocacy report.

"Newhaven College had to resort to setting up a radio signal to gain access from the Mornington Peninsula and the Phillip Island Nature Parks Koala Conservation Reserve was so restricted to internet access, they could not set up their office as intended," the report states.

"Internationally acclaimed attractions in Bass Coast such as the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix and Phillip Island Penguin Parade have been identified as having major shortfall in supply and this is also seen across major tourist towns including Phillip Island, San Remo and Inverloch with usage spikes affecting supply."

"Businesses and vendors report interrupted connectivity, connections and reduced speed impacting their growth, sales and level of service."

While there is no price tag on this item, the shire is nevertheless requesting this region is prioritised in the next round of the Federal Government's Mobile Blackspot Program.

## 6. Dinosaur trail

About \$7 million in government funding is needed to kickstart the proposed Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail.

Running 40km from San Remo to Inverloch, the proposed trail will include six art sites that link polar dinosaur fossils, accessible by car, bike or foot.

A museum/cultural centre will be built in Inverloch alongside a sound and light installation linking science, Aboriginal culture history and the environment.

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# Wonthaggi Arts Centre

2021 - 2022

## LIVE EVENTS

The performances below have been postponed to new dates

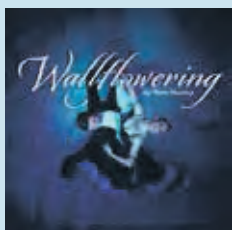
**Marina Prior & David Hobson - 'The 2 of Us'**



**Wed  
3 Nov  
2021**

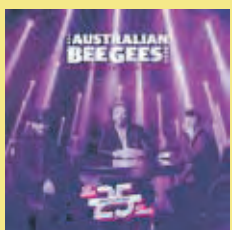
**New show added  
Matinee 1:00pm**

**Wallflowering by Peta Murray**



**Sat  
13 Nov  
2021**

**The Australian Bee Gees Show**



**Wed  
17 Aug  
2022**

Dates for the performances below are still being finalised. Please visit our website or facebook page for the latest updates

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Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre  
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# THE PULSE

Events, entertainment and community news

# Olivia's virtual run

Cowes resident Olivia Drazzi is doing a virtual run to raise money to help find a cure for cancer.

This year, the Run Melbourne event is going virtual due to Covid restrictions, but Olivia and Team Pedro will be at the start line, raising funds in memory of Olivia's uncle Peter.

Peter was diagnosed with bowel and stomach cancer in April 2019 and the team came together to raise funds and support him on his cancer journey.

Working around lockdown restrictions, Team Pedro joined the fundraising efforts again in 2020.

Unfortunately Peter passed away in December 2020, so this year the team is more determined than ever to take part in the 2021 event.

"Despite the devastating news that Run Melbourne is once again cancelled this year, Team Pedro will be participating virtually in an attempt to raise money for Cure Cancer," Olivia said.

"As a team we have agreed to participate by walking or running within 5km of our homes to comply with current lockdown restrictions.

"Our team is very diverse in that we have members participating virtually from the Gold Coast, Canberra and even Canada. On the day we will share photos with



Olivia Drazzi and Team Pedro are taking part in Run Melbourne, in memory of her uncle Peter, who passed away in December 2020.

our team of scenery or progress of our walk/run."

The 40 members of Team Pedro are all family or friends of Pete,

"so this cause is important to all of us", Olivia said.

"I will be walking 5km with my partner in memory of my Uncle

Peter and to continue the tradition that we began two years ago," Olivia said.

She remains inspired by her uncle's positive outlook throughout all his treatment, including the work he did to raise awareness of the disease.

"The loss of Peter was devastating to our entire family. We were lucky enough to get to spend a year and a half with Peter after he was diagnosed, and we all cherished this by spending as much time with Peter as we could," Olivia said.

"I believe in this cause very dearly because not only is it essential to raise money for cancer research, but it is also important to raise awareness about regular health checks to help prevent more deaths from cancer.

"I personally miss the tight bear hugs my uncle would suffocate me in every time we visited and, by creating Team Pedro, I hoped that we could gain enough awareness to make sure that cancer does not prevent anyone else from hugging their loved ones."

You can help Team Pedro raise funds for Cure Cancer by donating at [runmelbourne21.grassrootz.com/curecancer/run-melbourne-for-team-pedro](http://runmelbourne21.grassrootz.com/curecancer/run-melbourne-for-team-pedro)

To find out more about Cure Cancer visit [www.curecancer.com.au](http://www.curecancer.com.au)

## Business mentoring workshops rescheduled

The business mentoring workshops originally scheduled for the end of July have been rescheduled due to the Covid lockdown.

Presented by the Phillip Island Business Network, with subsidised funding from the state government, mentor Andy Rookes has developed the sessions specifically for businesses of Phillip Island.

This workshop usually costs \$800 per person, but is being offered at a special discount price.

PIBN Members will pay just \$100 per person for 2 x 3-hour sessions, while PIBN non-members

can attend for \$200 per person.

The workshop will be held at the Phillip Island Penguin Parade Visitors Centre and there are limited places still available.

Workshops will now be held on Monday, August 30, 8.30am - 11.30am (group 1) and 1pm - 4pm (group 2)

Monday, October 4, 8.30am - 11.30am (group 1) and 1pm - 4pm (group 2)

Morning tea and lunch provided.

To find out more or to book, visit [www.pibn.com.au](http://www.pibn.com.au) under News & Events



David Kelsey (wellbeing coordinator), Rodney McKenzie (Principal) and Sarah Tyrrell (Assistant Principal), helped put together packs to send to Cowes Primary School families in isolation.

## Packs to soothe isolation blues

Many local families have endured 14 days in isolation, after visiting one of the 19 Tier1 exposure sites across Phillip Island and San Remo.

After Cowes Primary School was notified that a number of their families were caught up in the Covid scare, staff swung into action, putting together wellbeing packs to send to the affected families.

"Spending 14 days at home

would be tough, especially with young children," said Principal Rod McKenzie.

The wellbeing packs included food, treats, games, mindful colouring books and many other little bits which aimed to provide a surprise and boost spirits.

"The families were very appreciative and many sent through photos of children with big smiles," Rod said.



"My mural is an ode to Woolamai and Phillip Island, its clear, clean ocean and the wildlife that inhabits it," said Darren Henderson.

## Art celebrates local environment

Although the four bronze harmony bells have been stolen, five new artworks remain on display at the site of the old Cultural Centre.

Last year Bass Coast Shire Council commissioned five Phillip Island-based artists to create murals on plywood boards to the theme "My Island Home" to brighten up the vacant and fenced Cultural Centre site.

The artwork showcases the extraordinary artistic talent present in and around Cowes with local artists Marian Quigley,



"My design concept is based on the idea of Phillip Island being a meeting place for my people. In the sea, beyond the shoreline, are the many creatures that hunter-gatherers brought home for their tribe," Graham Gilbert said.

Steve Ulala Parker, Lynda Horsborough, Darren Henderson and Graham Gilbert contributing to the project.

Meanwhile, information sessions on the new Cultural Centre designs scheduled for July 21 were postponed due to lockdown. No new date has been set yet.

Bass Coast Shire Council said they will be rescheduled to a date when they can be carried out in person, hopefully in early August. The new designs can be viewed at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowesccc](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowesccc)





# EDUCATION CHOICES







# Seamless education choices

Cowes Primary School and Early Learning Centre is a vibrant educational setting where learning and relationships are central to school life. They aim to deliver opportunities and positive educational experiences which will stay with their students for a lifetime.

As students only pass through their school years once, Cowes Primary School knows that their learning foundations must be sound in preparation for future growth.

A school is only as good as the teacher in front of the class and that is why Cowes Primary School strives to ensure there is a great teacher in front of every class, a welcoming environment and engaging learning spaces that are well resourced to maximise student outcomes.

At Cowes Primary School, teachers work in professional learning teams to collaboratively plan units of work that engage students' curiosity and allow them to explore areas of personal interest. They implement best practice and tailor the classroom learning experiences to the needs of their students which maximise the achievement of all.

## Facilities

Cowes Primary School is spaciouly spread across 14 acres and is much larger than traditional government school sites. The luxury of space has allowed the school to



Year 2 students Frankie and Mila enjoying the new playground

provide students access to a 25-metre pool, tennis courts, vegetable garden, Early Learning Centre, large grass oval, four purpose-built playgrounds, including a specialised sensory play space and a three-acre native bush sanctuary.

The school is currently building a competition sized gymnasium to meet the growing needs of students and the local community. The new gym will give students a multi-purpose play space, and the local community will be able to share these state-of-the-art facilities outside school hours.

Last week the roof was installed

on the gymnasium and it is hoped the project will be finished later this year in readiness for the Year 6 graduation.

A new bike shed is also in the planning phase and is expected to be completed this year. Cowes Primary School has a large number of students who ride to school each day and the new facility will accommodate up to 90 bikes.

## Phillip Island Early Learning Centre (PIELC)

Construction is well underway at PIELC in an effort to accommodate more children thanks to a grant



Last week, the roof was installed on the new gymnasium. When completed it joins the school's facilities including a 25-metre pool, tennis courts, vegetable garden, oval, four playgrounds, ELC and a three-acre native bush sanctuary.

obtained through the Building Blocks: Three-Year Old Kindergarten Infrastructure Strategy. The new space will be ready for new students in 2022 which will help meet the unprecedented demand.

## High Abilities Program

Cowes Primary School currently has a number of students participating in the Victorian High-Ability Program.

The Victorian High-Ability program will provide 48,000 high-ability students in Years 5 to 8 at government schools the opportunity to participate in online extension and

enrichment programs in English and Mathematics.

After completing the 10-week virtual program delivered by Virtual School Victoria, students will participate in a face-to-face masterclass with other high-ability students from schools in their local area organised by high-ability practice leaders. Cowes Primary School is looking forward to running a numeracy masterclass. All masterclasses will incorporate the latest COVID-19 advice and risk mitigation strategies to maintain a safe environment for students and staff.



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## FOR ENQUIRES PLEASE CONTACT EITHER:

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# Vibrant school community

*Nestled in the centre of San Remo is a little school with a big heart.*

San Remo Primary School prides itself on being a community school. "We work together with families and students to make sure everyone feels they're in a safe environment, but one where education is really valued," said Principal Karen Bowker.

With students who are engaged in learning, and teachers who are not only highly skilled in the curriculum, but also caring and supportive, Karen said the school is justifiably proud of the range of classes on offer.

This year, it is taking part in the Primary Maths Specialist program.

"Two of our teachers are training in this program run by the Department of Education, with a focus on the best maths practices and working with maths professionals," Karen said.

"They then come back and share that knowledge with other staff, improving the curriculum in the classroom."

That translates to the students getting "hands on" with maths.

"It's not just about getting the right answer. It's the journey. The children are thinking about how they got the answer," Karen explained.

The program will see the children leave primary school with "strong foundations and real maths knowledge"; with strategies they can use throughout their lives.

The school also offers a vibrant



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range of specialist subjects, including art, physical education, Japanese, music and library, while outside the classroom, the school veggie garden and other outdoor spaces play an important role in school life.

Another unique feature is the out of school hours program.

"It's been running for over 15 years and is very valued by the school community," Karen said.

"It's run by the school community and includes before and after school care.

"A lot of schools outsource out of school care, but our school council employs a local co-ordinator, Jenny Ramage, who works in the school part time as well.

"It's a really vibrant program that the children are happy to go to and parents are very appreciative of."

The program which runs from 7am to 9am and 3.30pm until 6pm, includes outdoor activities, board games, craft and cooking.

Already this year, the school has



*This year, the school is taking part in the Primary Maths Specialist program and that translates to the students getting "hands on" with maths.*

moved to remote learning during two lockdowns and works hard to ensure the students and parents can cope with the disruption to the normal classroom schedule.

"The students have coped very well, and we've designed a curriculum that isn't too hard for parents to manage, as they juggle their own work as well.

"We just try to make sure everyone is properly supported."

After the latest lockdown upended plans for a school open day, it has

been rescheduled and all being well, will go ahead on August 3.

Karen encourages any interested parents and families to come along.

"Our buildings might not be the most glamorous in our area, but what's happening inside our buildings makes up for that.

"Our parents love the community feel."

Contact the school on 5678 5354 to confirm your attendance or find out more details.

## SAN REMO PRIMARY SCHOOL



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If you would like more information on our school please contact the principal:  
Karen Bowker on 5678 5354 or [karen.bowker@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:karen.bowker@education.vic.gov.au)  
[www.san-remo-ps.vic.gov.au](http://www.san-remo-ps.vic.gov.au)





The school values include emotional intelligence, a sense of adventure and aspiration, respect for oneself and others, responsibility, organisation, team work, communication, creativity, critical thinking, leadership, resilience and problem solving.



Wonthaggi Secondary College (to be known as Bass Coast College from 2022) offers many opportunities for students, including sport, the performing arts (music, drama, school productions), the human powered vehicle, indigenous programs, student wellbeing and student leadership programs.

# Bass Coast College

## “Achieving success in a caring and creative environment”

It is an amazing time for the entire Bass Coast community as Wonthaggi Secondary College embarks on an exciting future as Bass Coast College. This will coincide with the opening of our fourth campus in San Remo at the beginning of the 2022 school year. Our college is a school of strong performance with a positive learning culture that is reflected in our school vision: “Achieving success in

a caring and creative environment”. We are very proud of our history and reputation of academic and personal excellence, along with providing many opportunities for student success in the areas of sport, the performing arts (music, drama, school productions), the human powered vehicle, indigenous programs, student wellbeing and student leadership programs. We actively seek and respond to students’ needs across all levels of

the school, by providing accelerated learning (eg. Select Entry Accelerated Learning), learning support programs (eg. Tutoring, Select Entry Literacy Program, Program for Students with a Disability) and alternative flexible learning programs (through the FLOW Campus). Genuine empathy for our students is central to our practice. An understanding of them and their personal circumstances is essential in a holistic approach to

their learning. Our priority is supporting young people in developing the key knowledge and skills necessary to contribute positively to their community. These skills include our school values of emotional intelligence, a sense of adventure and aspiration, respect for oneself and others, responsibility, organisation, team work, communication, creativity, critical thinking, leadership, resilience and problem solving.

Like generations of students from Wonthaggi Secondary College’s history, our Bass Coast College students will leave us with strong academic results, high levels of vocational readiness and the personal skills necessary to be successful in their future endeavours. **Dudley campus:** Years 7-9. **San Remo campus:** Years 7-9. **Wonthaggi campus:** Years 10-12. **FLOW campus:** Flexible Learning Options Years 7-10

# It takes a Village

Phillip Island Village School (PIVS) in Ventnor, is now in its sixth year.

The intentionally small alternative primary school is part of a group of three local Village Schools, including Koonwarra Village School (opened in 2012) and Village High School (opened in 2020). All three schools share an underlying philosophy and an emphasis on social and emotional learning, autonomy and shared decision making, and connection to people, nature and the rhythms of life. PIVS suits families that are interested in an individualised approach to education, which values student voices and sees children as capable partners in their learning. The development of independence and decision-making abilities is scaffolded throughout each child’s educational journey, in which skills introduced and practiced in the early years of school are supported to mature and progress as the child grows. Play-based learning is a central part of the Victorian Early Years Learning and Development Framework (EYLF), which is the curriculum structure used for students in Foundation to Level 2 at PIVS. “The teaching team at PIVS are passionate about providing time and space for early years students to be able to

play, as this has so many well-documented benefits, including the development of social and emotional skills, harnessing the natural curiosity of children to explore and experiment with the world around them, and an ability for children to focus on and develop their own interests,” explains Jo Hockett, Principal. “The PIVS Mentors know each individual student well, allowing them a deep understanding of how each child learns, and how best to tailor educational experiences to their learning style.” Detailed planning underpins a rich but relaxed daily program, which incorporates a mix of guided play and learning, adult-led learning and child-directed play and learning. The key outcomes of the EYLF align well with PIVS’ expectations for students in the first few years of school including developing a strong sense of identity, having connection with, and contributing to their world, having a strong sense of wellbeing, being confident and involved learners, and becoming effective communicators. PIVS has recently refined their enrolment process for Foundation students, including the level of detail provided to families about what is a

good fit between the school and each child. Lien Sim, Community Leader explains. “For families of students entering Foundation, we look for a shared understanding about what success looks like, an understanding of whether our teaching and learning approach matches with the student and whether our philosophy matches with the family’s values around education.” A focus on students’ interests starts in the early years of primary school and is developed throughout the middle and later years through PIVS’ focus on project-based learning. This then follows on naturally to the Individualised Learning Plans that are co-created with and by each student at Village High School. “PIVS students have so many opportunities to explore their passions and really develop an understanding of what drives them,” explains Lien. “This will give them the best chance of reaching the end of their secondary learning journey having a clear understanding of their own goals and strengths, and in many cases, they will already have experience in industries they are passionate about before they finish high school.”



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Junior School students participate in the Junior School Biannual Production. Middle and Senior School students have the opportunity to audition for the annual College Musical Production. Non acting opportunities are also available in crew, lighting, sound, costume, set design and set construction.

## Enrolment Opportunities & College Tours

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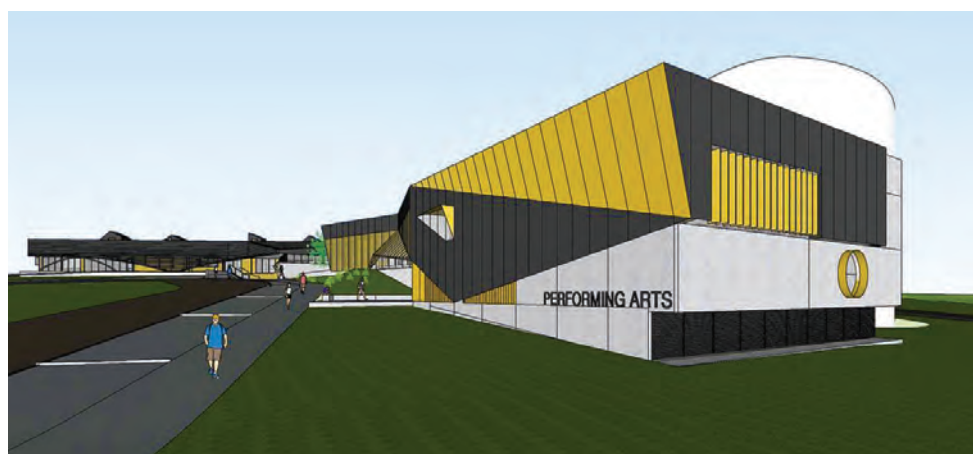
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Feeling comfortable at school and being happy and healthy has a direct impact on each student's capacity for optimal learning.



Students are supported and motivated to develop their strengths, grow and learn from challenges and develop positive relationships.

# Students come first

The community of Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College has a strong focus on student wellbeing. It is supported by a shared vision and programs in order for everyone to feel safe and well cared for throughout their educational journey.

The college acknowledges that feeling comfortable at school and

being happy and healthy has a direct impact on each student's capacity for optimal learning – and for them to flourish in their chosen field.

Equally, enjoying school and being engaged in learning influences a student's wellbeing in particular their confidence and resilience.

The relationship between wellbeing and learning is critical to the development of the whole person and why the college chooses to focus on the wholistic development of our students.

Students are supported and motivated to develop their strengths, grow and learn from challenges

and complexities and develop positive relationships as the foundation for their learning.

A commitment to fostering positive behaviour with the college underpins wellbeing at the college.

The new \$4.5 million Senior School building is an innovative learning precinct where year 11

and 12 students and staff can work together to create positive learning experiences.

The building is surrounded by outdoor landscaping that provides students and staff with a contemporary space.

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What do we want and when do we want it? The shire is asking for \$4.01 million from the Federal government to tackle climate change and \$2.16 million from the state government for erosion control, including at Cowes East (pictured).

# Shire's begging bowl to government

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## 7. Bike paths

A total of \$7.35 million is being sought for tracks and trails across the shire, including a path from Cowes to Rhyll (\$800,000) and one from Cowes to the Penguin Parade (\$250,000).

Others include Inverloch to Wonthaggi and Woolamai to Nyora.

## 8. Sand mining

According to a Victorian Government report, trucking from Grantville's growing sand mining industry is expected to see truck journeys per day on local roads increase from 607 vehicle movements a day in 2015, to 2586 movements per day in 2025, and 3940 in 2050.

"The estimated B-Double truck movements on local freight routes represent 5.4 vehicle movements a minute in a 12-hour working day," states the shire.

As such the shire is seeking funding to develop a study into the potential impact of extractive resources industries on Bass Coast.

"The study would recommend projects to offset the impact of the extractive resources industry and improve local amenity, infrastructure, environment and liveability in Bass Coast."

## And there's more

In addition, the shire has requested:

- \$400,000 state government funding towards the development of Activity Centre Plans for San Remo and Inverloch.

- \$500,000 for a study and design of the Wonthaggi alternative freight route and \$8 million towards construction of roundabouts in Wonthaggi.

- A review of service levels of public transport in Bass Coast.

In seeking funding, shire mayor Brett Tessari said Bass Coast was the fastest growing economy in regional Victoria and the third fastest growing economy in Victoria.

"Since 2007 our economy has grown 45.6 per cent, out pacing all other local government areas except Wyndham and Melton," Cr Tessari said.

"This anticipated growth brings challenges, but also many opportunities. Significant challenges include seasonal visitor fluctuations, labour and skills shortages, key worker accommodation concerns, traffic congestion and transport linkages, global economic uncertainty, increasing environmental pressures including climate change, and increasing competition from other destinations."



*Smiths Beach mum-of-two Lisa McLure writes in this week's lockdown column, about the trials of home-schooling kids Evie and Angus. She continues to find relief in dressing up their unhappy cat Eric, who now has an internet following.*

"What a year this week has been: lockdown, home-school, it's all back with a vengeance.

The week has been a mental minefield: friends in quarantine for two weeks, masks outdoors again, so many businesses shut down or extremely short staffed.

Home-school brings its own challenges.

I don't know how parents with a toddler do it.

Having an eight and 11-year-old to navigate is hard enough, let alone doing it with a small human destroying the house and demanding attention.

How about those with more than two kids, in varying levels of primary and high school – my heart goes out to you.

My kids like to take it in turns each day: one going for student of the week, while the other breaks my brain down piece by piece.

Then the next day they swap roles, and the rollercoaster of emotions starts all over again in a different form.

I try to remember this is tough on them too, missing their friends and not having the structure of the classroom.

As a bonus I am getting a refresher on transitive verbs, similes and onomatopoeia (what for the love of god is that?).

Thank you Google search and Siri.

I swear Siri is doing a better job than I am at being the home teacher. And don't get me started on grade 5 math, eek.

The bright light in all this is that I enjoy listening to the children talk with their teacher on the Google class meets.

Cowes Primary teachers are so caring, checking in with the kids



Eric, the McLure's cat, continued to gain social media fame with his daily lockdown videos. In this one he conducted a cooking segment.

one-on-one when need be.

They have been so accessible during home-school, even though they all have a massive home/work/family balance in their personal lives.

Eric the cat has been my mental saving grace, doing his silly cat videos each day for social media, making little sets to video. Coming up with fun ideas for new videos has kept me sane.

I've had friends sew him little costumes and make props with their kids.

Eric has been very compliant when we dress him up and move him around.

Although he may possibly need cat therapy after lockdown and possibly I'm turning in to a crazy cat lady.

My sole purpose for these is making people laugh, interact online and hopefully lift their spirits.

Some days I'm full of motivation to get things done and be productive, other days I am watching the clock, calculating precisely how long it is until I can open that bottle of wine and find a quiet place to get some mental clarity and me time.

I love my family but by crickey some



Dapper Eric here wears a bow tie and penguin suit

alone time would be nice, on a tropical island, with a chef, masseuse and a fully stocked bar. A girl can dream. I've lost track of days and time, glancing at the calendar, watching as events pass by that are now cancelled.

I booked Evie and I in to go and see Frozen the musical last week.

My thinking when I booked it was to book it straight away, ASAP in the event we could possibly be locked down in a month or so.

Our tickets have been re-scheduled for late November.

Evie was very understanding. I think we underestimate our kids sometimes, and their resilience.

It's so important to connect with friends and family. Even your healthcare professional. We are not alone in this. Reach out to a friend or family member you haven't heard from, check in with them.

A simple text asking how they are feeling can go a long way.

We can't fix each other's problems but knowing that someone out there cares can make a big difference.

I lost my mum to brain cancer when I was 16, her legacy was: "If I can make just one person smile each day, then it has been a good day".

# Ramp upgrade won't fix sand problem

Better Boating Victoria has admitted the proposed upgrade to the Anderson Road boat ramp won't entirely solve the problem of sand build-up.

A decade after being given a \$500,000 facelift – at the time criticised by fishermen who said it would fail to improve the facility – new plans for the upgrade were unveiled at a community meeting a fortnight ago.

Daily sand build-up makes launching and retrieving vessels difficult and costs more than \$65,000 (2016 figure) annually for a grader to regularly clear the area of sand.

Water users also agree the neighbouring small jetty, built in 2011, is a white elephant and unusable at low tide.

Better Boating Victoria (BBV) earlier this year commissioned AW Maritime Pty Ltd to create the upgrade plans to improve safety, allow more boats to be berthed and to increase capacity.

The plans recommend:

- increasing the ramp's height to minimise sand build up on the ramp surface and add a patterned surface finish. There will be no edge kerbs, with the width of the ramp reduced. An additional third lane could be built in the future;
- installing timber groynes on either side, to the west and east;
- extending the existing jetty;
- dredging a basin at the end of the ramp to 0.5m;
- the turning circle at the top of the ramp be realigned, making "manoeuvring cars and trailers easier and safer", as well as improved approach and reversing lanes.



Lionel Bradley, who has been fishing off the Anderson ramp for 60 years, said he opposed most of the design upgrades.

## BBV response

However BBV Director Katherine Grech last week told the Advertiser the boat ramp would continue to have "some sand impacts".

She said further assessments on locations of the groynes and potential reduction of sand build up would be undertaken in the next phases of the project's design.

"The project to upgrade the ramp is in the early stages of concept design," Katherine said.

"It's much needed work and is going to lead to improved boating and fishing."

She said the ramp was impacted not just by sand movements, but also significant tidal variation and a flat grade and so needed to be steeper and higher.

She did not answer questions about why the ramp was having its side wings removed and why it was set to be smaller, effectively halving capacity.

Anderson Road ramp is maintained by Bass Coast Shire but BBV is working with the shire to progress the designs.

She said timing of the project was contingent on council support and approvals and because the project was in its early stages, costs were not known.

She said the Anderson Road boat ramp upgrade was being funded by the Victorian Government, alongside upgrades at Rhyll and proposed repairs and a new pontoon at Newhaven jetty.

## Concern

Lionel Bradley, who has been fishing off the Anderson ramp for 60 years, said he opposed most of the design.

"At the moment four cars can launch off the ramp but this design is making two lanes so the ramp will be useless," Lionel said.

"Why cut it in half? A lot of people drive down and turn their cars around instead of backing down 50 metres, but under this plan you won't be able to do a U-turn."

He said the smaller ramp would also add to congestion.

"Under this plan waiting times will be far worse. It will double."

Concept designs and survey: <https://betterboating.vic.gov.au/consultations/cowes-boat-ramp/>



# A losing battle with erosion?

With extra high tides and strong northerly winds in the last few weeks, excavators once again took to Cowes east to try to stop increasing erosion from breaching into foreshore properties.



# Shire to lobby on electoral changes

Bass Coast Shire will lobby for Inverloch to be kept in the state electoral seat of Bass, after the Electoral Boundaries Commission recommended it be moved to the Gippsland South electorate.

And councillors will also call on the commission to give Bass a new name that better represent First Nations people.

Last month the commission released a report into electoral boundary changes ahead of the

2022 state election, recommending Phillip Island remain within the Bass electorate.

However under the review, Inverloch would be removed, while other Western Port communities, such as Warneet, Tooradin, Nar Nar Goon, Garfield, and Bunyip would become part of Bass.

Shire mayor Brett Tessari explained the review only impacted state government electoral boundaries, not municipal.

"Regardless of the outcome, Inverloch will remain part of the

Bass Coast Shire," Cr Tessari said.

"Our submission will propose that retaining Inverloch within the District of Bass is important as it will maintain the sense of community.

"Bass Coast's coastal communities share a number of unique challenges, such as addressing the impacts of climate change and coastal erosion, seasonal visitation compounded by issues related to geography, population growth and land development."

Bass Coast Shire will instead propose an alternative option that sees electors in the northern part of the electorate move across to Gippsland South instead.

Cr Bruce Kent supported the move saying "Inverloch doesn't want to lose us and we don't want to lose Inverloch".

Cr Leticia Laing moved a motion to request the EBC consult with the Bunurong Land Council to consider changing the name of the Bass electorate.

The review is required because

each electoral district must be within 10 per cent of the state average in terms of enrolled voters, to ensure the vote is evenly distributed.

At the moment, Bass is almost 41 per cent above the state average, making it the second highest of any electoral district in Victoria.

To read the full report or to make a submission, go to [www.ebc.vic.gov.au/CurrentRedivision/ProposedBoundaries.html](http://www.ebc.vic.gov.au/CurrentRedivision/ProposedBoundaries.html).

Submissions close at 5pm on July 30.

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# Focus on vaccination

With no positive cases detected from the recent spate of exposure sites, the focus has now turned to increasing local vaccination rates.

The Gippsland Region Public Health Unit (GRPHU) said to date 9787 vaccines have been administered through the mass vaccination clinic in Wonthaggi.

This is made up of 6331 Pfizer and 3456 AstraZeneca vaccines. Additional vaccinations have also been done through local GPs.

Data was not available on how many of these doses were for first or second shots.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said it was important that people continued to come forward and be vaccinated.

She believes high vaccination rates are the only answer.

“It’s our way out of this. It’s the single thing that is probably going to make the difference between whether we are doing this stuff (restrictions and lockdowns) next year, or sitting back and enjoying things more.”

Vaccination is currently open to people aged 40 years and over.

People over 60 are eligible for the AstraZeneca vaccine unless they are in a specific category, such as a health care worker, or have an underlying medical condition.

People between 40 and 60 will receive the Pfizer.

Ms Child agreed there was a degree of vaccine hesitancy in the community.

“All the tussle with AstraZeneca has not helped and the clotting risk is a big factor in people’s minds.

“I think that’s certainly meant people across the board think all vaccines are tricky.”

However she urged people not to put off having the vaccine, saying the past week’s events had shown that even in the regions, the community was vulnerable to a Covid outbreak.

## Pfizer

Ms Child said this week the Wonthaggi clinic was focused on getting Pfizer to the 1A workforce – health-



Bass Coast Health is urging everyone to book in for their vaccination. Photo: Steve Cornfield - Unsplash.

care workers, paramedics and aged care and disability workers.

However, with additional supplies of Pfizer due at the end of the week, Ms Child said more bookings for the public should become available.

“Appointments will open up as soon as supplies open up.”

From this week, women who are pregnant (aged 16 years and over) can now receive the Pfizer vaccine through the vaccination centre.

The latest Covid information released by the Victorian Government stated Pfizer was the preferred vaccine for pregnant women and that global data had “not found any significant safety concerns with COVID-19 vaccines given at any stage of pregnancy”.

Ms Child urged anyone wanting a Pfizer vaccine – either for their first or second dose – to make a booking.

GRPHU advised bookings were required for the Pfizer vaccine at all community clinics in Gippsland.

## AstraZeneca

With a plentiful supply of AstraZeneca on hand, Ms Child urged eligible people to come forward, including those due for their second dose.

“If you’ve had one dose – please have the second. There are no clinical concerns around the second dose of AstraZeneca,” she said.

“AstraZeneca is still a safe vaccine for people in their older years.”

The clinic will accept walk-ins for AstraZeneca vaccinations.

In line with advice from AGATI, although Pfizer is still the preferred vaccine for people under 60 years, adults over 18 years who can provide “informed consent” can receive AstraZeneca through GPs.

The Community Vaccination Clinic at the Wonthaggi Town Hall is currently open from 9am to 4pm on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and 10am – 6pm on Wednesdays.

Clinic hours may change based on staffing and demand.

For the latest opening hours, visit [www.covidbasscoasthealth.org.au/covid-19updates](http://www.covidbasscoasthealth.org.au/covid-19updates) or check the BCH Facebook page.

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For information on vaccines and eligibility, visit [www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines](http://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines)

# Forrest Caves van plan canned again

A revived camping and caravan park at Forrest Caves was again rejected by Bass Coast Shire councillors, who said it would be “culpable” to build.

For the fifth consecutive year the controversial park plan has been proposed, with a planning permit for a 266-site caravan park development lodged in 2016, which later received 41 objections.

Late last year the developers submitted new plans for Bass Coast Shire approval for the 1285 Phillip Island Road land.

To be called Surf Park Phillip Island, the plans propose 207 camp sites – including 27 drive through caravan sites, 37 large camp sites and 114 tent sites – as well as a reception building, two amenities blocks, and caretakers residence.

Under the plans, the 8ha site will have 18 car parks, as well as parking for vehicles at each camp site, with a left and right turn lane land at the entrance to Phillip Island Road.

The plans received 59 objections and one submission in support, and is set to go to VCAT for a five day hearing from October 18 because the shire failed to make a decision on the application within the statutory timeframe.

Shire planning officers recommended refusal of the plans because they contravene state and local planning policies.

Cr David Rooks agreed with the refusal, saying the community has repeatedly rejected the plans.

“This has come up over a number of times and each time it is knocked back by council,” Cr Rooks said.

Cr Rooks said he did not support the proposal for many reasons, including it was an urban

development outside existing town boundaries, while the surrounding environment was sensitive.

Cr Clare Le Serve said a caravan park should not be located near the neighbouring “highly hazardous” Forrest Caves surf beach.

“The beach there is not considered to be safe by Surf Lifesaving Australia,” Cr Le Serve said, adding the land was zoned farming and a caravan park was therefore “inappropriate”.

“Visitors from all over Australia will be visiting. It’s highly risky.”

Cr Michael Whelan said it would be “culpable” to attract tourists to such a “treacherous beach”.

He said that section of the Phillip Island Road was also “treacherous”, explaining there was a fatal accident nearby at Surf Beach several years ago.

“Imagine trying to turn with a 50-foot trailer on the back ... and with a crest coming down the hill,” Cr Whelan said, adding that all visitors would be required to drive to get even basic groceries.

Bass Coast Shire councillors in September 2017 unanimously voted to reject the development and the developers took the proposal to VCAT, with four hearing delays up to March 2019.

## Objectors

In 2016, Traffix Group completed a traffic report and once again they have submitted a new report, using traffic studies from 2014 and 2018 to conclude “traffic associated with the development will be modest”.

However most objectors strongly disagreed, predicting the proposed caravan park would invite serious traffic accidents.

A nearby resident argued the

developer’s traffic study was “seriously flawed” and should have been carried out in peak season.

Many objectors highlighted that Forrest Caves was a dangerous unpatrolled beach, with large rips that are “often not visible”, and “one of the most treacherous stretches of beach on the whole of Phillip Island”.

According to a flora and fauna assessment, the site contains areas of environmental significance and is habitat for the Short-tailed Shearwater and the threatened Hooded Plover.

As such the developers propose a 30-metre habitat protection buffer from the northern edge of the shearwater breeding burrows and a non-climbable conservation fence along the southern boundary stopping access to the conservation area.

Objectors, however, were critical of the proposal’s close proximity to a shearwater colony.

Several submissions highlighted that “almost every year” the land was subject to flooding, which stopped development of the neighbouring Scenic Estate reserve, “now a wetland managed beautifully as a tourist walk”.

Submitters asked how it was even possible to propose a caravan park in land that is zoned farming.

There was just one submission in support of the park plan.

“Phillip Island is a tourist destination and requires more caravan parks as four have now permanently closed in Cowes for development purposes,” the supporter wrote.

“The site is useless as farmland.

“The site is central to the island and located on the main road, that is great for access. A roundabout should be installed for access.”

# Can I get vaccinated?

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Please note:

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Stephanie and Mark Ippel with son Isaac said they were grateful for the support from the community. “Our neighbour who we hadn’t met yet picked up our shopping and made us fresh muffins.”

# A positive outlook

After spending 14 days in quarantine, Stephanie and Mark Ippel said they’re grateful for the support from friends, family and the local community.

“Iso has had its challenges but we are all safe and well,” they said.

“Basically we’ve had to call the ambulance here and they were amazing!

“And our neighbour who we hadn’t met yet picked up our shopping and made us some fresh muffins.

“Our other neighbours own the French restaurant, and they gave us some free meals from the pay it

forward they have and so did the Indian restaurant.

“I also got a delivery from two friends of some cookies from Island Cookies and have had friends collect shopping and petrol because otherwise when I got tested again I would run out.”

They said there wasn’t really a chance to prepare, as they had to isolate with no real warning.

“There are lot of little things you don’t think of.”

To date, there have been no positive results returned from any of the 805 local people in isolation or quarantine.

# Covid threatens to close another business

A Cowes yoga business has sent a desperate SOS to the community, asking for help to stay open.

Barefoot Potential owner Claire Sawatzky posted an urgent plea on her Facebook page, saying “Barefoot is in trouble”, able to financially last only 30 days.

Claire said “with a heavy heart” she penned the open letter to the community, explaining because of the pandemic the yoga and pilates business was in the red, after closing for a total of nine months.

The single mum of two said she had used her savings to keep the four-year-old Barefoot Potential afloat and spent the last 18 months living under a minimum wage, with no government support.

“I haven’t shared how difficult it has truly been, it’s not my style – sharing publicly for me means this is true, real rock bottom.”

Claire said few people had taken up online classes and after every lockdown Barefoot has lost a “wave of members”.

“We have been subject to some

of the harshest restrictions with closures far longer than most and capacity restrictions that meant we essentially earn zero,” she said, adding she wasn’t “knocking the public health response”.

As such, Claire called on the community to buy a family, friend or yourself a pass to classes

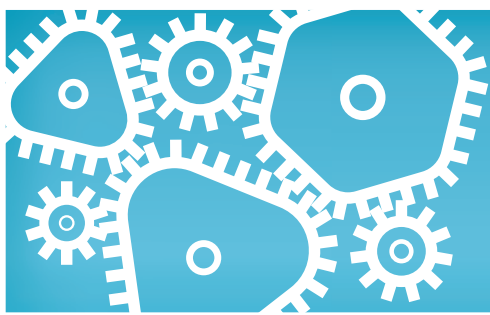
“We are calling on the community. “If you want us to stay open, we need your financial support.”

The shout-out comes after the tally of Covid economic victims continues to climb with the loss of Korea Garden in Cowes in early July after opening three years ago.

Last month the Advertiser reported 11:eleven café owner Raj Ruthi and partner Kirsten closed the doors of their Thompson Avenue business “after a long and challenging 15 months”, describing it as a “sad and uncomfortable time for us”.

That closure followed the end of Citrus and Vine restaurant in March and last year’s news that Fork n Waffle’s owners would step away, replaced by new management.





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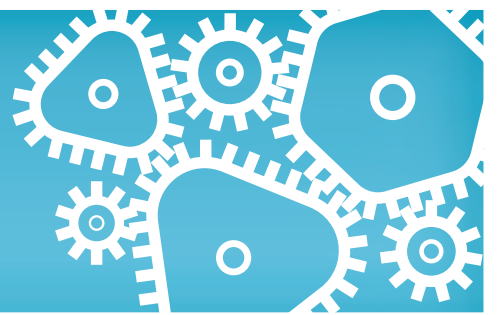
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We will miss his energy and enthusiasm and his gregarious and friendly nature that saw him acquire a legion of friends and admirers within the Bass Coast District.

A life very well lived.

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Maureen Foldi could see straight through to Christmas with these special reindeer specs!

lunch with all the trimmings was served.  
Even those residents unable to leave their rooms were treated to festive and Christmas themed meal trays.  
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Applications to be addressed to Secretary, Phillip Island Homes for the Aged Assoc. Inc. 1 Watchorn Road. Cowes Vic 3922 or emailed to [admin@phillipislandhomesfortheaged.com.au](mailto:admin@phillipislandhomesfortheaged.com.au)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**Notice of the 2021 Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group Inc. Annual General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting scheduled for August 10th has been postponed due to COVID 19-restrictions. Advice of new date will be given as soon as possible.

## SITUATIONS VACANT

### Position Vacancies Bass Coast Health

Bass Coast Health is seeking applications for the following positions:

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Fixed Term Full Time - Closes 22/07/2021

**PLUMBER**  
Permanent Full Time - Closes 30/07/2021

**REGISTERED MIDWIFE**  
Fixed Term Part Time - Closes 02/08/2021

**REGISTERED NURSE**  
Full Time, Part Time, Casual - Closes 02/08/2021

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- Excellent verbal and written communication and intermediate computer skills

### How to apply

Please visit our website to apply for this position and to view the Role Statement at [www.baptcare.org.au](http://www.baptcare.org.au)  
Then click 'Apply Now' to submit your application.

### Send applications by: August 15th, 2021

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Baptcare subscribes to a mobile and flexible work environment. Baptcare is committed to building a respectful and inclusive workplace, appointing the best person for the role and supporting diversity. We welcome applicants who may require adjustments. If you require support with the application process, please contact [pcservices@baptcare.org.au](mailto:pcservices@baptcare.org.au)



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# Dennis Tregonning Harris OAM

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So they sold the business and although being set up comfortably he started his next venture restoring vintage MG's at home in Mt Waverley.

He was often reminiscing on the many colourful characters he came across in their Prahran business, especially Lindsay Fox when he was starting out in his original one truck operation.

Lindsay and he became lifelong friends and members of the Commonwealth Golf Club.

With their holiday house on the Island it was only natural that his daughters, Sarah and Kylie, would follow his love of the ocean and when they joined the Surf Life Saving Club at Woolamai he was in his element.

Firstly it was as an organiser and driver of the growing Nippers program. Then he progressed to the main committee where he became Treasurer and focused on the club's fundraising activities as well as his mechanical expertise leading to the club becoming one of the first Victorian SLC Club's to have a mobile rescue vehicle operating on the beach.

Projects such as the sale of the Life Saving branded sunscreen continually flowed from his active brain.

Once the club launched the inaugural Channel Challenge event in 1986 in conjunction with his childhood friends, Lyle and Elaine Williams (Elaine grew up on a property next to the Harris family), he was off and flying.

Dennis loved the events and the involvement it gave him with the local community. It wasn't long before he had helped organise an event at the Cowes end of the Island in conjunction with his old Phillip Island footy club friends and we now have the Cowes Classic as part of the Bass Coast



Dennis Harris left, with Rob Williams, who organised the very first Channel Challenge event, and Ron Nicholson (right) co-ordinator of the event over the past few decades.

Series. However he will be best remembered for his work each year with the Hole-In-One golf tournament he ran at the Channel Challenge.

Each year he would spend months visiting golf clubs around Melbourne cadging thousands of golf balls and as many old golf clubs as he could find and this was a perennial and lucrative favourite on Channel Challenge day until the loud voices from the politically correct had it shut down.

Major raffles and collections,

the "Woolamai Wipeout" and "a day at the Woolamai Picnic Races" were all under the supervision of Dennis.

Another idea attributed to Dennis and his good friend, Brian Taylor, was the concept of building an accommodation residence close to the clubhouse so the older, experienced leaders of the club had somewhere to stay with their growing families and remain involved with the club.

Dennis often stated that he picked up this idea from members of the Coolool Surf Life Sav-

ing Club where he often parked his caravan next to, in the depths of the Melbourne winter, and of course it wouldn't be long before he was striking up a conversation with them as they went for their daily 9am surf.

Over the years Dennis has received many awards and recognition from our own club and from the shire of Bass Coast where he is a former Citizen Of The Year.

However he was especially appreciative of his recent OAM awarded by the Federal government as recognition for his hardworking efforts and achievements for various community causes, especially that of the Surf Life Saving movement based at his beloved Phillip Island.

The "wheel of life" has recently turned full circle with the four grandsons of Kath and Dennis - Aidan, Blake, Leo and Jasper - all becoming involved with the club.

Blake has recently used his training to help someone after a car accident and he and Aidan were both involved in a difficult rescue of someone who floated out to sea near their house.

We will all miss him but we also know that we were fortunate to have shared our lives with a terrific bloke who gave more than most and lived a full, happy and productive life.

Farewell Dennis, you were one of the best!

Our condolences to Kath, Sarah, Kylie and their families and they should know that our thoughts are with them.

There is a Facebook page being organized where people are invited to post stories and photos of Dennis' active life.

There is definitely a plan for us all to get together some time in the future and celebrate the great life of D. T. Harris along with his family and other friends.



State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale with Brendan Smart and Members of Cape Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club

## Surf club supported for gender equality

Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club is one of 86 clubs to receive a grant from the Change Our Game fund, to help promote gender equality in sport.

The \$5000 grant will allow the club to introduce JAMS - a junior development program that provides a holistic approach to educational and

training opportunities.

The Club said the program will focus on participants personal development within the club building self-confidence, leadership, teamwork and communications skills.

Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale said the grant was great news for the club and congratulated it for its "com-

mitment and passion to being leaders in our community.

"I look forward to seeing even more women and girls in our community get active and involved in grassroots sports," she said.

Grants from the program are designed to celebrate and showcase women and girls in all levels of sport and recreation.

## Bullseye for local shooting club

Congratulations to the Westernport Field and Game Association, one of 29 recipients in the latest round of the Shooting Sports Facilities Program.

The club received the grant to extend and renovate their buildings.

Other successful recipients include the Mal-lacoota Gun Club which received a grant to rebuild its facilities after the devastating bushfires, and Sale Pistol Club who successfully applied to install solar panels to bring power to the site.

Additional funding will be provided to clubs that shoot outdoors to develop an Environmental Management Plan to support them to manage their environmental obligations.

For more information about the program visit [sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants](http://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants).

### Midweek bowls

Notice to all our midweek bowls members, as Covid is with us again midweek bowls was cancelled last week (July 22), as we were in another seven-day lockdown.

Hopefully this week (July 29) we will be able to resume our bowling weather and Covid permitting, if so, we will be playing at San Remo not Tarwin Lower.

10.30am at club for an 11am start, BYO lunch and everyone welcome.

For more information or to register, please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 the night before.

Hopefully we will see you on the green.

### THIS WEEKEND DRAWS

#### WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Round 14, Saturday July 31

Phillip Island v Cora Lynn  
Kilcunda-Bass v Korumburra-Bena

#### SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Round 12, Sunday August 1

Phillip Island Red v Dalyston  
BYE - Phillip Island Blue

#### YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Round 10, Sunday August 1

Bunyip v Phillip Island

### WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

#### SENIOR FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Phillip Island	10	1	302.99	40
Inverloch-Kongwak	9	2	156.80	36
Tooradin-Dalmore	8	3	154.31	32
Nar Nar Goon	8	3	129.14	32
Cora Lynn	8	3	123.17	32
Garfield	7	4	114.47	28
Warragul Industrials	5	6	111.62	20
Bunyip	4	7	75.33	16
Kilcunda Bass	3	8	73.80	12
Korumburra-Bena	2	9	54.10	8
Koo Wee Rup	1	10	48.00	4
Dalyston	1	10	33.44	4

#### RESERVES FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Tooradin-Dalmore	10	1	384.56	40
Bunyip	9	2	343.87	36
Inverloch-Kongwak	8	3	172.86	32
Phillip Island	7	4	172.33	28
Nar Nar Goon	7	4	153.40	28
Cora Lynn	6	5	145.23	24
Koo Wee Rup	6	5	103.06	24
Warragul Industrials	6	5	90.42	24
Kilcunda Bass	3	8	51.24	12
Garfield	3	8	44.40	12
Korumburra-Bena	1	10	29.77	4
Dalyston	0	11	18.19	0

#### THIRDS FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	% WON
Garfield	8	0	424.68	100.00
Inverloch-Kongwak	7	2	364.18	77.78
Nar Nar Goon	7	2	245.23	77.78
Phillip Island	6	3	319.58	66.67
Korumburra-Bena	6	3	181.10	66.67
Cora Lynn	4	5	82.45	44.44
Bunyip	2	6	45.10	25.00
Koo Wee Rup	2	7	66.93	22.22
Kilcunda Bass	1	6	17.29	14.29
Dalyston	0	9	10.04	0.00
Warragul Industrials	0	0	0.00	0.00
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	0	0.00	0.00

#### FOURTHS FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	% WON
Tooradin-Dalmore	9	0	1029.36	95.00
Cora Lynn	8	1	377.35	85.00
Garfield	8	2	352.38	80.00
Inverloch-Kongwak	7	3	167.85	70.00
Phillip Island	6	4	202.83	60.00
Kilcunda Bass	6	4	200.00	60.00
Nar Nar Goon	4	6	58.99	40.00
Korumburra-Bena	3	7	35.64	30.00
Bunyip	2	8	30.70	20.00
Koo Wee Rup	1	9	21.37	10.00
Dalyston	0	10	10.67	0.00
Warragul Industrials	0	0	0.00	0.00

#### NETBALL

A-GRADE	Pts	%	C-GRADE	Pts	%
Dalyston	44	180.99	Inv-Kongwak	42	176.25
Kor-Bena	36	176.68	Dalyston	40	132.29
Tooradin-Dal	36	137.53	Bunyip	36	146.44
Bunyip	34	170.61	Cora Lynn	32	133.09
Warragul Indus	30	139.89	Nar Nar Goon	24	136.16
Nar Nar Goon	20	78.65	Koo Wee Rup	24	117.86
Phillip Island	16	91.70	Warragul Indus	20	117.33
Inv-Kongwak	16	76.23	Tooradin-Dal	18	122.77
Koo Wee Rup	16	67.20	Phillip Island	16	112.26
Cora Lynn	12	76.20	Kor-Bena	8	88.15
Garfield	4	46.71	Kilcunda Bass	4	26.66
Kilcunda Bass	0	2.27	Garfield	0	34.74
B-GRADE	Pts	%	17 & UNDER	Pts	%
Phillip Island	40	187.79	Inv-Kongwak	40	217.51
Tooradin-Dal	40	152.62	Koo Wee Rup	36	212.87
Inv-Kongwak	36	117.38	Phillip Island	36	186.73
Warragul Indus	32	119.47	Cora Lynn	32	148.70
Bunyip	24	114.99	Kor-Bena	30	150.57
Kor-Bena	24	112.02	Warragul Indus	24	133.70
Koo Wee Rup	18	101.09	Tooradin-Dal	22	86.71
Cora Lynn	18	88.11	Dalyston	20	118.64
Garfield	16	80.12	Bunyip	12	70.25
Dalyston	8	83.17	Nar Nar Goon	8	78.84
Nar Nar Goon	8	55.44	Kilcunda Bass	4	43.27
Kilcunda Bass	0	58.89	Garfield	0	7.89

## TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 28 JUL	THU 29 JUL	FRI 30 JUL	SAT 31 JUL	SUN 1 AUG	MON 2 AUG	TUE 3 AUG
HIGH 3:31 am 2.73 m	HIGH 4:25 am 2.75 m	HIGH 5:14 am 2.73 m	HIGH 5:59 am 2.70 m	LOW 12:00 am 0.70 m	LOW 12:35 am 0.70 m	LOW 1:10 am 0.71 m
LOW 9:18 am 0.54 m	LOW 10:06 am 0.64 m	LOW 10:50 am 0.76 m	LOW 11:31 am 0.89 m	HIGH 6:41 am 2.66 m	HIGH 7:22 am 2.63 m	HIGH 8:05 am 2.60 m
HIGH 4:22 pm 3.11 m	HIGH 5:00 pm 3.05 m	HIGH 5:34 pm 2.96 m	HIGH 6:04 pm 2.87 m	LOW 12:10 pm 1.01 m	LOW 12:47 pm 1.13 m	LOW 1:27 pm 1.25 m
LOW 10:03 pm 0.85 m	LOW 10:45 pm 0.78 m	LOW 11:25 pm 0.73 m		HIGH 6:32 pm 2.78 m	HIGH 7:00 pm 2.69 m	HIGH 7:31 pm 2.60 m

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Olivia and Popeye's result helped take Newhaven College Equestrian Team combined score against all VEIS schools to eighth out of 78 schools in the final leader board. Photo: www.oneeyedfrog.com

# Olivia jumps to the top!

Olivia Curtain and her superstar pony Dalgangle Hugs & Kisses (Popeye) are show jumping champions.

Olivia and Popeye represented Newhaven College at the Hygain Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series (VEIS) earlier this month.

Competing in the Freshman's division (primary school aged level) against schools from all over Victoria, Olivia and her family travelled to the prestigious Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre for the last competition event of this series.

Olivia was trailing the series

points leader in second place coming into this last round, but rode Popeye like a champion and won both the A2 and Grand Prix events for the day.

This gave her maximum points winning the day's event.

This result along with her scores from the previous rounds meant Olivia ended up winning the overall Freshman's Show Jumping Champion for 2021.

Olivia and Popeye's result helped take Newhaven College Equestrian Team combined score against all VEIS schools to eighth out of 78 schools in the final leader board.

This is an amazing achievement for Olivia in her first year competing at Interschool Show Jumping (ISJ'S) and for the Newhaven College Equestrian Team.

Next Olivia will represent Newhaven College in the Encourage division after the final Boneo series ISJ's in September this year.

In the Encourage division Olivia will be competing against all age groups up to year 12 and the jumps go to 75cm in height

Olivia and Popeye are looking forward to their next big challenge representing Phillip Island Pony Club in State Team Games

and Pairs Dressage next month.

In addition Olivia is currently coming first in the West Gippsland Zone Show Jumping Series E Grade 75cm which has four rounds to complete.

Olivia will be setting her goals on competing in show jumping at State's in April 2022.

Olivia would like to thank all the people involved in helping her since she started riding three years ago at Phillip Island along with her coaches Emily from Hillview Equestrian, Amelia from Australian Institute of Ponies and of course mum and dad for all their support.

# Dennis Tregonning Harris OAM

Life Member of the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club

1/05/1938 – 18/07/2021

By Ron Nicholson, Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club

I know how much we will all miss that infectious smile and those bright sparkling eyes that reflected Dennis' love of life and people.

Also his enthusiasm and energy, his positive and gregarious nature and his penchant for a yarn and a story or two (occasionally with extra sauce).

The Woolamai Beach SLSC will certainly miss his tireless fundraising work and his endless ideas to help keep the club in the black.

Mostly we will miss a really good and loyal friend, a devoted family man and a "True Blue" Aussie who squeezed the most out of his 83+ years on this planet.

Dennis Harris was at heart a country boy who grew up on Phillip Island during a much less congested and hectic era.

His father was at one time the



In 2013, Dennis was made Bass Coast Shire Citizen of the Year. Dennis and his wife Kathy with daughters Sarah McDougall and Kylie Harris Smith, sons in law Andrew McDougall and Mick Smith, and grandchildren Jasper and Leo McDougall, and Aaron and Blake Harris Smith.

Phillip Island Shire Council president and the family was always involved in community activities. He loved the freedom of a country childhood with all the sport

he could cram in, especially football and cricket with local clubs, surfing, golf and athletics. He also loved following the fortunes of those horses trained on the

Island by his cousin, Cefn Price, and also those trained by their close friend, Cyril Beechey.

Once he moved up to the "Big Smoke" he took up professional athletics and played football with Prahran in the VFA alongside his good mate, Kevin Sheedy.

He was particularly fond of Kevin's remark at a recent Prahran FC luncheon that there were only two people Kevin knew from Prahran FC that had received an Order of Australia Medallion – "Dennis Harris and himself".

Once Dennis had met and married his life partner, Kath, he and his brother-in-law, Murray Close, worked hard to establish and prosper in an automotive mechanical business of their own.

Dennis never did things by half, and he worked so hard that the doctors told him he had to slow down or he wouldn't see fifty.

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