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Urgent care centre moves to new hospital

It was smiles all round. Inspecting the new Resuscitation Room at the Urgent Care Centre in the Community Hospital (from left): BCH Interim CEO Simone Alexander, Jordan Crugnale MP, Kirsten Weinzierl (BCH Executive Director), Minister Thomas and Linda Goltz (Nurse Unit Manager at the UCC).

HEALTH

An enlarged Urgent Care Centre opened last week as the first step in delivering the new Phillip Island Community Hospital.

Health Minister Mary Anne Thomas visited Cowes to mark the opening of the centre, the first service to begin operating from the new hospital building.

The new Urgent Care Centre (UCC) has expanded the capacity of Bass Coast Health to offer urgent care services, including afterhours care for minor, non-emergency injuries like bumps, cuts and bruises, mild infections

and suspected fractures.

The site of the old Urgent Care Centre will be renovated and repurposed as a public dental facility.

The move is the first stage of a phased delivery of the Community Hospital, with the other services to be opened over the next nine months.

It's understood the next to come online will be radiology services, including a new CT machine, ultrasound and general X-ray, expected to be operational by July.

This will be followed by an area providing chemotherapy

and dialysis, with day surgery and dental services the last to be up and running.

The final hospital will also offer mental health services, allied health and rehabilitation and pharmacy services.

The government said it will also provide strong links to specialists, community health providers and social support services and will ensure better follow-up treatment and support for those who require complex care.

More care

The new centre has room to

further expand as demand increases, and was designed to almost double the capacity of the old Urgent Care Centre, which opened in October 2019.

In its 2023-2024 Annual Report, BCH reported there were 31,223 presentations to the Cowes Urgent Care Centre in the year.

The new centre includes four treatment cubicles, a new resuscitation room, and state of the art isolation room, and will have the ability to provide x-rays and scans.

The new UCC was initially scheduled to open in early 2024.

Minister

During her visit, Minister Thomas chatted with staff, inspected the new centre, including the yet to be opened radiology areas, and the courtyard garden.

She praised the local member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, saying she was known for her "pester power".

"She's an extraordinary advocate for this community," Minister Thomas said.

She also acknowledged the incredible efforts of the staff, volunteers and community members in working to make

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One of six new speed humps installed in Chapel Street in Cowes. Drivers are being urged to slow down in both Chapel and Church streets where three raised pedestrian crossings, nine street humps and one raised intersection are being installed.

Bumpy road to Cowes east speed changes

ROADS

Drivers appear to have been caught un-awares by speed humps and traffic calming measures recently installed in Chapel and Church streets in Cowes.

Drivers are being warned to slow down, with some taking to social media last week describing the speed bumps as dangerous and calling for them to be painted as soon as possible.

The speed humps were painted on Monday. Another person urged everyone to drive carefully, due to the poor visibility in the area at night.

Six speed humps have been installed along Chapel Street, between Dunsmore Road and Thompson Avenue.

A new path and a wombat crossing (a raised pedestrian crossing designed to improve safety for pedestrians) is being

installed at the intersection of Chapel Street and Dunsmore Road.

On Church Street, at the intersection with Dunsmore Road a raised intersection has been constructed.

There are now two new speed humps and two wombat crossings along Church Street, between Dunsmore Road and Thompson Avenue.

However locals continue to question if the interventions are necessary.

“Handy for the emergency services rushing to the Health Hub,” said one, while another asked what the statistics were “to support these roads are dangerous and death traps”.

The move to reduce speeds on urban streets is a statewide trend. In March, a draft report released by Infrastructure Victoria, an independent expert advisory body, proposed 30 km/h per hour speed

limits on local streets to improve safety and promote walking and cycling.

Studies overseas, including in London, Canada and Wales, have shown a significant reduction in pedestrian injuries or deaths, when speed limits were lowered.

Dr Lauren Pearson, a Research Fellow and Equity Lead within the Sustainable Mobility and Safety Research Group in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Monash University, been involved with research examining the benefits of lower speed limits.

“Thirty km/h speed zones are one of the most cost-effective interventions we can use to enhance the safety and liveability of local streets,” Dr Pearson said.

Project history

The works in Church and Chapel streets, by Bass Coast Civil and Excavation, are

funded by the Traffic Accident Commission as a safety improvement project for pedestrians.

It is part of a proposal – detailed in March – to change speed limits in Cowes east, which divided the community, receiving hundreds of online comments.

Sections of Settlement Road, Church Street, Chapel Street and The Esplanade are earmarked for a reduced speed limit of 40km, as are roads running between these streets.

Several sections are earmarked for a 20km/h speed limit, including at the Cowes Recreation Reserve, Transit Centre, the Bass Avenue and Warley Avenue car parks and the section of Thompson Avenue between Chapel Street and The Esplanade.

Details: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowes-east-traffic-management

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Fight to save Fisheries continues

FISHERIES

While Cowes Fisheries office will remain open, the campaign opposing the State Government's gutting of Fisheries is not over, with concerns officers are being left powerless, putting lives at risk.

Last week there were reports the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) instructed all Fisheries officers to immediately cease all marine safety inspections, which Phillip Island resident and former Fisheries officer Kevin Brown said would put boat owners' lives at risk.

Kevin said he understood officers were also told to cease all infringement notices and warnings "as they no longer have sufficient staff to carry out the role".

He said in 2023/24 Fisheries officers carried out more than 6000 marine safety inspections, compared to about 500 by Safe Transport Victoria.

"The agency with the vessels and expertise required to do the job, and the history of doing the overwhelming number of inspections is ceasing immediately. No plan B," Kevin said.

"Just no longer doing it. Who will now ensure the safety of the boating community?"

"What will the officers be doing? Many of the core tasks undertaken by officers for decades have been removed."

Kevin said the exact details of officers' roles was yet to be published but early indications were they "won't and cannot remain the same".

There is also now a new petition opposing Fisheries cuts, which include reducing full-time employed officers from 69 to 39 positions, and calling for an inquiry into VFA's slashing.

"These cuts to both resources and frontline Fisheries officers will inevitably compromise the state's ability to: enforce fishing regulations and protect its iconic marine life from criminals, along with the sustainability of Victoria's immensely valuable commercial and recreational fisheries," the petition states.

It also stated the cuts would compromise the state's ability to "prevent significant numbers of drownings by undertaking regular and widespread marine safety inspections", and its ability to "deploy sufficient marine equipment, vessels and expert personnel as needed in accordance with the State Emergency Management Plan".

As reported in May, the VFA confirmed four Fisheries officers



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will be based from Cowes, but all four current officers will be required to reapply for their jobs through an Expression of Interest.

When asked for details about the EoI, the VFA gave no response to the Advertiser.

Response

The Advertiser asked the VFA why officers had been instructed to cease marine safety inspections and a VFA spokesperson said enforcement agencies, including Victoria Police and Safe Transport Victoria, patrolled waterways to check boaters were carrying required safety equipment and to deter unsafe and illegal behaviour.

"Our officers continue to protect our fisheries and engage with the recreational fishing community in a way that positions the VFA for long-term success," the spokesperson said.

"Fisheries officers can still issue warnings and infringement notices to people not following the regulations."

The spokesperson said the Major Fisheries Crime Unit would target organised illegal fishing and would be given additional resources to focus on those deliberately doing the wrong thing.

"Environmental neglect"

Community and Public Sector Union Victoria secretary Karen Batt said the information around the "de-structure" released by the VFA "does not accurately portray

the real number of job losses".

"It only discloses the number of 'filled positions' being lost, not accounting for the vacant (unfilled) positions that are also being abolished," Karen said.

"Fisheries Officers, as we know them, will no longer exist in the state of Victoria."

"Our fisheries will be left completely unprotected, unlawful poaching activity will skyrocket, and all our officers will be able to do is try to 'educate' offenders."

Victorian National Parks Association campaigner Shannon Hurley said the risk of poaching and illegal fishing had increased "with short-sighted cuts".

"This is environmental neglect disguised as budget management," Shannon said, calling for a reversal of all proposed cuts to frontline capacity.

She said the Allan government had confirmed marine protection was "not a priority by implementing cuts that will create massive enforcement gaps across important marine parks and fishing zones, placing ecosystems and sustainable fishing interests at risk".

The Seafood Industry Victoria agreed saying "rules and regulations designed to keep fish stocks sustainable and seafood supply chains secure are only effective if adequately enforced".

For petition details, visit www.parliament.vic.gov.au/get-involved/petitions/sign/ and search for Victorian Fisheries.



The Nobbies Centre, carpark and boardwalks are closed until the end of June, with locals saying the fencing is causing dangerous traffic conditions, "an accident waiting to happen".

Nobbies closure clarified

TOURISM

The Nobbies Centre, carpark and boardwalks are closed until the end of June, with locals calling for an explanation for why the popular attraction was shut down.

As the Advertiser reported last week, the area was closed off after what was described as an "infrastructure incident" at the Nobbies Centre building.

The article prompted a flurry of comments on social media.

Some said the fencing was causing dangerous traffic conditions, describing it as "an accident waiting to happen".

Others called for more clarity on the building damage.

"Can we just find out what's going on," asked one reader.

"Why on earth would the car park be closed and access to the walking paths etc? This is ridiculous. Just block off the building if need be," stated another.

"Why so secretive? Closing the building does not mean people cannot use the carpark. Tourism is as dead as a door-nail and you remove the Nobbies," an exasperated reader complained.

Phillip Island Nature Parks has now provided more details of the incident.

"The Nobbies facility was built nearly 30 years ago and is in a highly

exposed environment that is subject to damage from high winds and corrosion," a Nature Parks spokesperson said.

"In this instance, corrosion at the base of an external column holding up the eaves caused irreparable damage to that column. As a result, the structure has been compromised and requires repair."

"During this time, we have been following the advice of engineering specialists and WorkSafe, to provide a safe perimeter around the structure, which has resulted in the short-term closure of the carparks and boardwalks."

The spokesperson confirmed the Nobbies boardwalks are on track to re-open in time for the start of the winter school holidays.

"The Nature Parks is managing initial works to ensure the building structure is safe to enable access to the true attraction of this site – the boardwalks, the views and the blow hole," the spokesperson said.

In the meantime, the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre will be open from midday each day, to accommodate any visitors requiring facilities on the Summerland Peninsula, including food, drink and retail options.

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Newhaven residents' "great disappointment" in DAL

PLANNING

A new housing estate at Newhaven west would damage the environment and strain infrastructure including the Phillip Island bridge, according to the Newhaven Residents Group.

The group last week responded to the announcement – outlined in the final chapter of the State Government's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) – that Newhaven's town boundary will expand from Boys Home Road to Samuel Amess Drive, expressing "great disappointment" and adding Phillip Island was "already at breaking point".

In a letter to the editor, the group said they had previously objected to an extension, arguing it was not in alignment with Bass Coast Shire Council's Neighbourhood Character Strategy, which intends to retain Newhaven as a "village".

"The group's objections are concerned with lack of infrastructure, environmental intrusions as well as increased traffic congestion," the group statement said.

"It is hoped Bass Coast Shire Council will have the good sense to reverse any decision ... of the area becoming a housing estate and demonstrate a commitment to preserving the area as a nature precinct."

The group said Newhaven was a marine sanctuary and home to species of birds, fronting Churchill Island and part of the internationally-recognised Western Port RAMSAR wetland.

"The real disruption comes with increased water consumption, sewage, noise, traffic, electricity disruption, notwithstanding the access via the bridge



The biggest change to emerge from this month's DAL announcement is Newhaven's town boundary is expanding to Samuel Amess Drive. Newhaven residents say Phillip Island is "already at breaking point".

which has already reached its limitation."

They said should a housing subdivision proceed, block sizes would need to be large to limit the population and houses would need to be single storey "in harmony with the environment".

"Even then, access to the area would have to be thoroughly considered, as traffic management and intrusion to the intention of Phillip Island being a nature park are already at breaking point."

Boundary

The new Samuel Amess Drive boundary – which will ultimately be locked into law following this announcement – was proposed in the Bass Coast Planning Scheme but is a considerable extension from what

the DAL proposed in 2022, to end roughly around Boys Home Road.

The planning scheme flagged the land behind the chocolate factory as future residential land, but only subject to a detailed coastal vulnerability hazard assessment, because the land is deemed of environmental significance.

During the planning panel hearings in 2023, lawyers for the combined Newhaven West landowners of 906, 910 and 930 Phillip Island Road, Newhaven, including Howard Verwey, Geoff Moed and Panny Letchumanan from the chocolate factory, argued locking the boundary at Boys Home Road was "ill-conceived".

However, lawyers representing the Planning Minister at the planning panel

hearings argued "Phillip Island is a nationally-significant tourism destination and this land is the gateway to Phillip Island," adding the chocolate factory was an "unfortunate visual outcome" that the DAL aims to "avoid in the future".

The planning panel report, also released this month, shows panel members agreed with the developers, recommending land west of Beverley Road does "not have a strong landscape character" and "is appropriate for sensitively designed residential and tourism development".

During the hearings, proposed concept designs for the Newhaven West land were shown, which included extensive carparking along Phillip Island Road and service roads for mooted tourism facilities.

As reported in 2022 in the Advertiser, Geoff Moed, known to many locals as the former owner of A Maze'N Things, said he bought 30 acres of this Newhaven West site several years ago because he believed it was earmarked by the council for future housing development and within Newhaven's town boundaries.

This month Mr Moed told the Advertiser the whole DAL process meant for more than seven years he had been unable to make progress on developing the land and he had "lost a lot of motivation".

"You can only beat your head against a wall so many times," Mr Moed said.

He described the outcome as "not a victory but not an outright defeat", asking whether the government would compensate him for the loss of about 10 acres fronting the water.

Given his loss of motivation, he said he was "undecided" about whether to develop the land or sell it.

DAL impacts helicopter business

PLANNING

Cape Woolamai's helicopter business is set to move location, in the wake of last week's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) announcement by the State Government.

As reported earlier this year, the 47-hectare airport land at 1 Veterans Drive, Newhaven was put on the market as "residential land" and a "land bankers delight".

According to online real estate sites, the land continues to be for sale but in recent weeks for lease signs have also been added.

The release of the final chapter of the DAL has finally confirmed the airport land will not be included in Cape Woolamai's town boundary and will remain farming zone.

The announcement means Island Helicopters – which has been leasing the building it currently occupies on the airport land – will move, but only a short distance.

As reported last August, Na-

tional Vietnam Veterans Museum board chair Kingsley Munday confirmed he bought the front 2.4 hectares of the land, on the corner of Veterans Drive and Phillip Island Road, which will now house the helicopter enterprise.

Kingsley last week said Island Helicopters has a lease on the airport buildings until July 31.

"There was no extension available for the lease as a result of the proposed sale of the land," Kingsley told the Advertiser.

"I understand the group of investors tried to sell the land but with a 50-year moratorium on development (in the DAL), there were no offers.

"I own the land on the corner which runs down to the museum. Island Helicopters will operate from that land.

"We are in the process of building our own building for the helicopter business on my land."

Kingsley said he was uncon-

cerned if the airport land was leased to a competing aviation business.

"If competition comes it will be survival of the fittest – that's the nature of competition and doesn't bother us."

Under the initial DAL details released in 2022, a protected settlement boundary was proposed for Cape Woolamai, which did not include the airport land.

However, airport owners Glen Waverley Real Estate pushed back in the 2023 DAL planning panel, urging the airport land be included in the town boundary.

There have been other attempts by the owners to have the land rezoned and developed.

In 2016 Bass Coast Shire received a planning scheme amendment application, by consultants representing the airport landowner, to rezone the airport site from farming zone to general residential zone, which never eventuated.



Phil Sweeney, Kingsley Munday and Mohan Chahal, the team behind Island Helicopters, will be moving their business a short distance, on the back of the DAL announcement.

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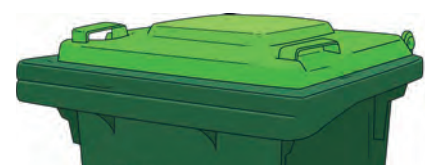
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Community responds to DAL

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Community groups say while they are “disappointed” that Newhaven’s town boundary will expand, more broadly there is wide support for the State Government’s Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process.

As reported last week, according to the final chapter in the DAL, town boundaries across Phillip Island will not be expanded, except at Newhaven to Samuel Amess Drive, while San Remo’s town boundary has now officially expanded to allow housing development through to Punch Bowl Road.

Island Voice president Peter Paul said he was “cautiously pleased” with the DAL.

“Once it is in legislation, it gives Phillip Island the chance to maintain and retain its environment, to be an iconic site for Victoria and Australia,” Peter said.

“Without the DAL there would have been continued arguments and problems. This has put a lot of that to rest and it will leave a legacy for the future.”

Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) president Greg Johnson welcomed the final draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), released this

month, which will soon be enshrined in law.

“It is a significant strategic landmark document for the current and future planning of our shire, particularly for Phillip Island,” Greg said.

“Permanent settlement boundaries should prevent urban sprawl into landscapes of state and regional significance, many of which PICS has cared for over the years.

“These landscapes include the island’s farmland.”

National Trust Bass Coast branch president Ross Lloyd said the DAL was “a significant milestone for present and future planning”, although San Remo and Newhaven’s expansion was “disappointing”.

But he said the DAL would only be fully effective if there was “a faithful implementation” across council and other authorities.

“Planning scheme amendments will need to include clear, unambiguous clauses and standards to ensure this happens correctly. A broader suite of planning overlays may be needed,” Ross said.

He said unfortunately the government had “offloaded all the hard work” on to shire plan-



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ners, which will also cost the ratepayer, and the government should help “funding for consultants and staff resources”.

The Advertiser asked the State Government whether they would fund council to carry out the work of the DAL, but received no reply.

Small towns

Small Towns Coastal Alliance spokesperson Nikki Taylor said they welcomed the protected settlement boundaries of towns outlined in the SPP.

“This will provide more certainty for residents and developers in the medium term,” Nikki said, adding “we are disappointed with the expansion of the Newhaven town boundary” (see separate story for further details).

Nikki was critical of the

lack of detail on Significant Landscape Overlays (SLOs).

When released in 2022, the DAL proposed a series of SLOs or beefed-up landscape planning controls to protect significant landscapes around the island.

Despite the report from the 2023 planning panel hearing offering detailed recommendations to SLOs, the final SPP offered little detail.

“Whilst we are generally happy, there are some concerns regarding the uncertainty of the SLOs over the Phillip Island North Coast and Hinterland and the Eastern Western Port Bay Coastal Flatlands,” Nikki said.

“Given the amount of time that it has taken to resolve the SPP process, why is this still up in the air?”

The Advertiser asked

the State Government why the SPP didn’t include detailed controls and a spokesperson said draft planning controls, including SLOs, were exhibited alongside the draft SPP in 2022 and would now go through the planning scheme amendment.

Nikki also said the SPP failed to detail sufficient future water resources.

Sand mining

Many groups also highlighted concerns the SPP allowed continued mining in the ecologically significant Western Port Woodlands, which stretches from Lang Lang to Grantville and is home to threatened wildlife like southern brown bandicoots and powerful owls.

“While the SPP recognises the Western Port Woodlands for its outstanding environmental significance, we remain concerned about the woodland’s future because the document implies support for the continuation of incompatible sand extraction, despite there being alternative sources of sand available in nearby shires,” Greg Johnson said.

“It will be necessary for the community to remain vigilant and engaged in the woodland’s future.”

Conservationists are urging the State Government and Bass Coast Shire Council to fund ecology and citizen science surveys in the woodlands to collect vital information.

Victorian National Park Association and the Save Western Port Woodlands group will press for a joint working party with the council and government representatives to scope what work needs to be done.

Bass Coast Shire Council and public agencies are now required to endorse the draft SPP – the next key step before the DAL can be finalised.

Once approved, the Bass Coast will become the fourth area in Victoria to have an SPP in place – joining the Bellarine Peninsula, the Surf Coast and the Macedon Ranges – giving it the state’s highest level of long-term planning protection.

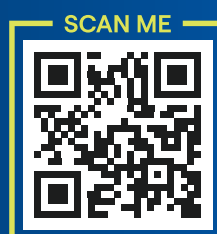
An SPP must go before Victoria’s two houses of Parliament to change and the Planning Minister must ensure a review of the Bass Coast SPP occurs no later than 10 years after it starts.

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New winery for San Remo

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A new \$1.4 million winery and cellar door is planned for the entry to San Remo, with a planning permit currently out for public feedback.

Punchbowl Winery is proposed for 435 Phillip Island Road, a 40ha site that is zoned farming and currently has a single dwelling and 1000 pinot noir vines planted in 2017 in the north-east portion of the property.

According to the permit, the owners plan to convert the existing dwelling into a two-storey cellar door and wine making facility, with nine bedrooms and an associated liquor licence.

The vineyard will be developed, with an area in the north-west of the property earmarked for an additional 4000 vines.

Wine will be produced on site – to a maximum volume of 10,000 litres – and will be stored in the building, for sale both on and off premises.

The permit states wine tasting at the cellar door will be available by appointment only and the proposed operating times will be Monday to Sunday including public holidays 10am – 6pm.

The maximum number of patrons at any one time will be 25, with a 12-bay carpark set to be built, and no live music will be played.

There will be seasonal tasting events, vineyard tours,



Wine tasting at the cellar door will be available by appointment only at proposed new winery, Punchbowl Vineyards, 435 Phillip Island Road, San Remo.

and educational workshops.

“Punchbowl Winery is a boutique winery dedicated to crafting high-quality, sustainable wines with a unique sense of place,” the permit states.

“The winery will produce limited quantities of estate-grown wines, focusing on varietals that thrive in cool climate regions.

“The wines contain no sugar, no fining agents and are vegan friendly. A traditional basket press is used to extract the flavour from the grapes, removing the need for automated machines and creating a gentle pressing operation.”

It states the family behind the winery – Franlaw Pty Ltd – has “significant business experience” from company board positions including public and not-for-profit

organisations, along with 30 years of farming and wine industry experience.

“The vineyard manager has completed vintages at numerous wineries both within Australia and overseas countries, with the added knowledge and reputation of being a wine judge.”

Traffic

A traffic impact assessment states traffic volume data for 2020 shows Phillip Island Road is estimated to carry 11,000 vehicles per day.

The assessment measured the stopping sight distance for traffic approaching the winery when coming from Phillip Island, and for cars leaving the winery heading to Melbourne, concluding there was sufficient visual distance to turn.

“The anticipated increase in right-turn movements into the site is not expected to elevate the risk of rear-end or side-impact collisions at this location,” the assessment says.

The winery is expected to generate up to 22 vehicle trips per peak hour, “which is considered low in traffic engineering terms”.

“The anticipated traffic from the proposed development can be readily accommodated by Phillip Island Road without negatively affecting its overall performance.”

A patron management plan states staff will consider neighbours and “take all reasonable measures to ensure the conduct of the premises does not unreasonably impact adversely on the surrounding area”.



The planning permit for A Maze’N Things proposes to remove various trees, including this eucalypt.

A Maze plans to grow

PLANNING

A Maze’N Things has applied for a planning permit to construct four additional glamping pods, six cabins, and a jumping pad, alongside removal of several trees.

The permit, out for community feedback, details works for 1805 and 1821-1825 Phillip Island Road, Cowes, including retrospective approval for three glamping pods and one additional parking space to each cabin.

Nine native trees will be removed, including established eucalypt and melleuca, which have regional endangered status.

“Where possible, it has been sought to incorporate the development amongst the existing vegetation to maintain the natural characteristics of the site while supporting the development of additional tourism facilities,” the permit states, adding replacement trees will be planted to maintain “the leafy character”.



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Island at forefront of Victoria's battery boom

ENERGY

According to the Climate Council's latest report, Victoria is leading the country in the installation of community batteries.

Here on Phillip Island, the State Government last year gave \$2.1 million for seven neighbourhood batteries.

The Phillip Island project is one of many, with 140 community batteries being installed across the state.

The Climate Council said the batteries are helping to reach Victoria's target of at least 2.6 GW of energy storage capacity by 2030, and 6.3 GW by 2035.

"Around 40 percent of our main energy grid is powered by sun and wind," Climate Councilor and energy expert, Greg Bourne, said.

"Batteries are our bridge to a 21st century energy grid; keeping the lights on in our homes, schools, and workplaces as our ageing coal fleet eventually retires by 2040.

"We already generate an excess of clean, reliable, renewable energy from Australia's abundant sun and wind. Rather than simply letting it go to waste and missing out on the savings, batteries will help soak it all up and put it to good use during periods of high demand."

The report also shows one in two Australians are seeking to install a household battery alongside a new or existing rooftop solar system.

The Federal Government's Cheaper Home Batteries Pro-



Seven community batteries are being installed on Phillip Island, some of the 140 being installed across Victoria. The Climate Council says the state is leading the country in the installation of community batteries.

gram kicks off on July 1, and the Climate Council says installing two million more batteries in homes and businesses by 2030 would collectively save Australians more than \$4 billion on their power bills every year.

Island's batteries

The neighbourhood battery project is a collaboration between Mondo, Bass Coast Shire Council, Totally Renewable Phillip Island and the Victorian State Government.

Mondo said the seven sites on the island were predominantly selected based on areas that have an existing high uptake of rooftop solar, "or where

there was a possibility of increased energy network activity because of electrification".

The batteries will store the energy until it is needed in the evening or morning when demand is high and renewable energy is limited, as well as summer peak demands, but won't prevent outages or provide back-up power during an outage.

In what is believed to be a first, a percentage of any revenue made from the batteries will be donated back to the community for further renewable projects.

The sites of the neighbourhood batteries are:

- Berninnet – Thompson Avenue (205 kWh) – which has the potential to become an emergency centre to charge phones when the power is down
- Corner Kembla Road and Pasadena Drive, reserve, (410 kWh)
- Corner Seagrass Avenue and Everton Drive, reserve, (205 kWh)
- Goodwood Drive and Elvington Avenue, reserve, (410 kWh)
- Hallway Drive, Wimbledon Heights, reserve, (205 kWh)
- Council depot – Settlement Road (205 kWh)
- Katherine Circuit, park (205 kWh)

The community batteries will operate alongside the 5MW Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICES)

Built by Mondo in 2023, on behalf of AusNet, it is designed

"to stabilise the grid" and provide extra energy in peak periods, such as during the Grand Prix, replacing the need for diesel generators.

The PICES is located at Gap Road and can provide extra energy needed in peak peri-

ods, able to power 8000 homes for two hours, or 700 homes for a day.

PICES is not designed to prevent blackouts and does not provide power when the connection to the main grid is down.



After the success of this weekend's home battery forum, Totally Renewable Phillip Island will now hold monthly information events at the Cowes RSL.

Power to the people: battery forum

ENERGY

Totally Renewable Phillip Island will now hold monthly information events at the Cowes RSL after a successful home battery forum on the weekend.

Nearly 40 people attended the battery meeting on Saturday, which saw presenter Werner Theinert – who worked for the former State Electricity Commission in the Latrobe Valley and overseas – discuss how homes can become energy

independent and save money.

Local solar providers Sunscape Solar's Daniel Ballard and Sam Leighton also answered householder questions.

"TRPI as a for-community organisation feel unbiased information would be useful especially with the avalanche on social media about batteries," TRPI's Garry Busowsky said.

TRPI's July meeting will examine household electricity plans and which gives the lowest cost plan for specific needs.

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Nine local organisations were presented with cheques by the Phillip Island RSL at an afternoon tea held last week to celebrate the RSL community grant program. More photos at pisra.com.au

RSL Community grants presented

COMMUNITY

Nine local organisations were presented with cheques by the Phillip Island RSL (PIRSL) at an afternoon tea held last week to celebrate the RSL community grant program.

A total of \$33,895 was presented to the volunteer organisations.

PIRSL president Peter Paul said the RSL was proud to be able to assist the community groups represented at the cheque

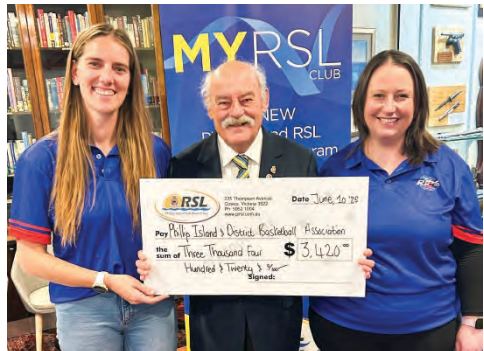
presentation, which is held biannually.

“We assist many organisations through our community group program, particularly in the area of sport and youth; plus supporting our essential services, the CFA and SES. We particularly endeavour to support groups who help themselves.”

Mr Paul said that in addition to the grant monies distributed last week, the RSL supports the community with sponsorships,

school awards, school breakfast programs and more, with this additional commitment valued at approximately \$45,000.

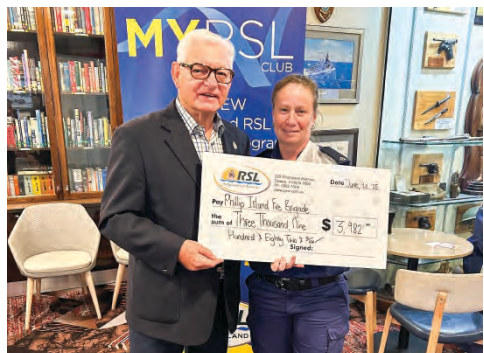
Grant recipients last week: Phillip Island Community Orchard \$4199; Wonthaggi Cadets \$5799; San Remo SES \$725; Phillip Island Football Netball Club \$2420; Rhyll Tennis Club \$4850; PI Fire Brigade \$3982; St Philip’s Anglican Church \$2000; Phillip Island SES \$4000; PI Basketball Association \$3420.



Phillip Island Basketball representatives Rachel Gill and Cassie Stoppa accept a cheque for \$3420 for a website build, from RSL member Garry Simmons.



Joel Reid and Dennis Moss, representing the Phillip Island SES, with RSL member Michael Crump, and their cheque for \$4000, which will be used to purchase chainsaws.



RSL president Peter Paul presents PI Fire Brigade volunteer Anita Reed with a cheque \$3982, for gate refurbishment.



Michael Crum presents San Remo SES members Rod Cameron and Ron Chambers with a cheque for \$725, to purchase a reciprocating saw.

Cowes meeting on turbine hub

WESTERN PORT

A community meeting on Western Port’s proposed wind turbine construction hub will be held in Cowes tomorrow (June 19), 6pm-9pm at Berninneit.

The Port of Hastings is hosting a series of meetings for the Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal (VRET), as the project team and specialists pre-

pare technical studies for the Environment Effects Statement (EES).

The meeting will cover the updated project design, assessment process, construction, the visual amenity, coastal processes and onshore ecology studies.

An online meeting will also be held on June 24, 7pm-9pm.

Earlier this year, a Community Reference Group

(CRG) was established for the project.

The proposed terminal will be about 40ha, and require 18ha of land reclamation. It will be an assembly port, to provide offshore wind turbine and foundation components.

Details: renewableenergyterminal.com.au or renewableenergyterminal.com.au/community/reference-group



Year 4 students Georgia Evans and Savannah James were thrilled to sit with Year 9 student Aisha Glass and read together.

Learning Together: Year 9s Support Younger Students at Newhaven College

EDUCATION

At Newhaven College, the benefits of being a Prep to Year 12 learning community are evident every day, with students of all ages learning alongside, and from, one another.

A standout example of this is the College’s peer tutoring program, where Year 9 students support Junior School learners in developing their reading skills.

The reading folders used during these sessions align directly with the explicit instruction students receive in the classroom, allowing the Year 9s to reinforce essential fluency skills such as pace, expression, punctuation and accuracy. However, the program offers more than academic support – it fosters confidence, connection and a shared sense of purpose between students.

Interestingly, many of the current Year 9 students did not experience early reading instruction grounded in the Science of Reading, a methodology that has gained traction

more recently.

As a result, the younger students are not only being supported – they are also teaching. Through these sessions, Junior School students introduce their older peers to phonics terminology and help them understand how to pronounce phonemes (letter sounds) and digraphs (two letters that represent a single sound), rather than simply naming letters.

Beyond reading, the Year 9s are also contributing to Spelling Mastery sessions in Years 3 and 4 and engaging in hands-on mathematics activities. These opportunities help build leadership, empathy, and confidence in the older students, while providing valuable support and encouragement to younger learners.

“This reciprocal learning is a powerful reminder of the strength of our whole-school model,” says Head of Junior School, Cath Huther.

“It’s a joy to see students across year levels working together, growing together, and building a culture

of curiosity and care.”

Director of Learning, Karen Milkins-Hendry, is passionate about the College’s Prep-Year 12 overarching goal.

“We are proud of our bold ambition of an authentic and achievable P-12 approach to the teaching of literacy across years and disciplines, using our unique position of having a sub-school model which allows for both specialisation and sharing of our expertise and knowledge.”

Newhaven College is inviting scholarship applications from students entering Year 9 in 2026 who can demonstrate outstanding abilities across a broad range of areas, including academic, sporting, performing arts, leadership and community involvement.

For additional details about the Year 9 Scholarship program, go to the Newhaven College website or contact the College’s admissions team on admissions@newhaven-col.vic.edu.au.

Applications close Monday July 14, at 4pm.

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Urgent care centre moves to new hospital

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the community hospital a reality. "We've opened with the Urgent Care Clinic, but of course more services will come on board," she said.

The Minister described the new hospital as a "gamechanger" for the community, "making it easier for locals to manage their health needs or seek urgent care for common ailments closer to home".

Interim CEO of BCH, Simone Alexander said day theatres, ophthalmology, dermatology, chemotherapy, dialysis and consulting rooms were all part of the new hospital services.

Ms Crugnale described the Community Hospital as an important addition to local health-care options, "ensuring there is more choice for urgent care or everyday services without travelling far".

"I also want to take this opportunity to thank the consultative committee members, the many community groups, organisations and local advocates for their input, design contribution, fundraising efforts and passion that has brought us to today."

Community

At the forefront of the community campaign for improved health services was the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG).

"For 16 years we've been advocating to get to this stage," said PIMHAG's Peter Paul.

"This is just the first stage; the opening of a hospital will be the culmination of 17 years of perseverance by this commu-



PIMHAG's John Matthews and Peter Paul, with Health Minister Mary Anne Thomas at the opening of the new UCC, the first part of the new Community Hospital to be operational. More photos at pisra.com.au

nity to replace Warley."

Fellow PIMHAG member John Matthews said with the closure of Warley Hospital in 2008, "the community lost its security blanket".

"We fought long and hard to have that security blanket returned to Phillip Island."

"And don't forget the community put a lot of money into this too. The Warley Hospital funds went in; the council donated the land. The community has been well behind this project from day one and still are."

Mr Matthews praised the dedication of the 23-plus members of PIMHAG over the journey to secure a hospital, as well the fundraising work of the Health Hub Auxiliary, donations from local groups including Rotary, and the Bendigo Bank which contributed \$200,000 to the oncology area.

"The community is still working hard to make this facility work for our community," he said.

Mr Paul described the new hospital as a wonderful asset and acknowledged the partnership with BCH to see the hospital delivered.

"In 2016, nobody (in the government) wanted this. Now we have a free public service, a doctor on duty seven days a week. I think it's a credit to the community who has stayed the distance."

"This is a wonderful legacy for the future of Phillip Island. If we keep building legacies like this on Phillip Island, we're going to be a better place for a lot of people."

An official opening of the new hospital, including a community celebration is expected early next year.

Asbestos exposure leaving cancer legacy on island

HEALTH

Phillip Island has one of the highest rates of mesothelioma – which is caused by exposure to asbestos – in Australia.

A new online tool, the Australian Cancer Atlas, compares the rate of cancer on the island against the national average and shows the island is 55 per cent above the Australian average for mesothelioma, which is "likely to be a real difference".

When divided into genders, the rate of mesothelioma in men is 67 per cent higher.

In San Remo, which is bundled into all of Bass Coast, the rate of the rare lung cancer – that is most often found in tradies – is 34 per cent above the national average, with women (27 per cent) experiencing higher rates than men (20 per cent).

Across all cancers, Phillip Island is five per cent below the Australian average, with most cancers below the average and "unlikely to be a real difference".

Oral cancer – which is caused by smoking or alcohol among a range of causes – is equal to the Australian average.

And residents appear to be sun smart, with the rate of melanoma 10 per cent below the national average.

Men on the island are experiencing higher than average rates of head and neck cancers, as well as leukaemia.

Women on the island are largely below the Australian average and even for those above

such as ovarian cancer (11 per cent above) all were unlikely to be a real difference.

San Remo

San Remo, and the remainder of Bass Coast, have a slightly higher rate of cancer than the national average at seven per cent, with higher rates of liver and kidney cancer, as well as lung, rare blood and rare cancers.

For men there is a 31 per cent rate above the average for testicular cancer, which likely to be a real difference.

The online atlas highlights patterns of cancer across Australia, showing how measures relating to cancer diagnosis, survival, recognised risk factors, screening, and selected hospital treatment vary by small geographical areas across Australia.

Mesothelioma primarily affects individuals with a history of asbestos exposure, particularly those who worked in industries like construction, shipbuilding, or manufacturing where asbestos was commonly used. While it can occur at any age, it's most common in people over 60, with a latency period of 20 to 60 years between exposure and diagnosis.

Health experts advise to significantly reduce your risk of cancer, focus on a healthy lifestyle, including maintaining a healthy weight, regular exercise, a balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables, avoiding smoking and excessive alcohol consumption, and practicing sun safety.

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PICAL welcomes new Assistant Centre Manager

COMMUNITY

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) is excited to welcome Kerry Ladell as Assistant Centre Manager.

With over 20 years of experience in community and neighbourhood houses, Kerry has worked as manager at Somerville, Belvedere and Rye Community Centres. Since 2022, she has successfully led the Corinella and District Community Centre, where she built strong local partnerships and supported a range of community programs.

Having lived locally for the past five years, Kerry understands the needs and strengths of the Bass Coast community.

"Kerry brings strong leadership characteristics and great experience building community connections," Graeme Turner, PICAL President said.

"Kerry's appointment marks a significant step forward in strengthening PICAL's leadership structure and operational sustainability.

"With two people across such a complex and vital community space PICAL will be more resilient and sustainable," explains Graeme.

Under the new leadership structure, the Centre Manager and Assistant Centre Manager will work closely with each other overseeing the centre's operations on different days, sharing responsibilities and supporting each other in managing the day-to-day demands of the centre.

"Phillip Island Community and Adult Learning Centre is fundamental to our community – it not only offers a broad range of services it also holds many important community relationships," Graeme said.

"The role of the manager is complex and having a leadership team of two allows us to better support staff and volunteers, provide



PICAL welcomes new Assistant Manager Kerry Ladell, who oversee the centre's operations two days a week.

consistent oversight and build a more robust, adaptable and resilient organisation."

He said the new structure comes in response to the centre's growing community impact and its need for a sustainable future.

"The centre currently operates with just 67 paid staffing hours per week, while its dedicated volunteers contribute an estimated 400 hours of service – a testament to the centre's vital role in the community."

Kerry started with PICAL on June 12. A handover period will take place in Kerry's first few weeks.

After settling in, she will work independently for two days each week, while the Centre Manager David Rooks will cover the remaining three days.

Graeme said PICAL looks forward to introducing Kerry to the wider community and continuing to deliver essential services with an even stronger team at the helm.



The annual Singularity concert returns to St John's Uniting Church, Cowes on Sunday June 22 at 2pm, featuring a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's whimsical operetta, Iolanthe.

Gilbert and Sullivan concert at St John's

ENTERTAINMENT

The much-loved annual Singularity concert returns to St John's Uniting Church, Cowes on Sunday June 22 at 2pm, featuring a lively costumed performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's whimsical operetta, Iolanthe.

This cherished local tradition brings together talented singers and musicians from the region who generously donate their time and talents – all in support of a wonderful cause. As always, every dollar raised will go to the Rubaga Youth Development Association (RYDA) in Uganda, which provides vital vocational training, education, food and accommodation to orphaned and vulnerable young people.

RYDA supports 100-200 teenagers at a live-in campus in Kampala, helping them gain practical skills and a better future. The organisation is fully accredited and receives no government funding – and St John's has proudly supported their work for many years.

This year's performance of Iolanthe is sure to bring plenty of laughs. The story follows a mischievous fairy, Iolanthe, who broke fairy law by marrying a mortal man. Banished for 25 years, she returns to find her son Strephon, now a half-fairy shepherd, in love with a beautiful young woman named Phyliss. Unfortunately, Phyliss is also the ward of the Lord Chancellor, and half the House of

Lords is hoping to marry her themselves.

With help from the Fairy Queen, spells are cast, secrets revealed, and the traditions of British nobility turned hilariously upside-down. It's classic Gilbert and Sullivan – witty, musical, and delightfully absurd.

So, gather your friends and family for an afternoon of music, costumes and community spirit.

Everyone is welcome at St John's Uniting Church, 80 Chapel Street, Cowes, on Sunday June 22 at 2pm.

Tickets available at the door: \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under 14. (Cash only, no EFTPOS.)

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A quiet act of defiance

FILM

The Phillip Island Movie Club presents My Favourite Cake on Wednesday June 25, at Berninneit, starting at 7.30pm.

This Iranian drama-comedy by Maryam Moghaddam and Behtash Sanaeeha tells the story of 70-year-old Mahin, who decides it's never too late to pursue love again.

Living alone in Tehran, Mahin's quiet life is changed by a spontaneous encounter that turns into a charming and unexpected evening. But what begins as a sweet, light-hearted tale of late-life romance quickly reveals a deeper political message when viewed against the backdrop of Iran's strict social codes.

"In Iran, even the simple act of dancing or sharing a meal with a man in your own home can be considered illegal," says club secretary Margaret Byrne.

"So, every moment of joy in this film is a quiet act of defiance – and that's what makes it so powerful."

Set in a country where cohabitation outside marriage is banned, and women must adhere to strict dress codes, the film explores themes of freedom, resistance and personal dignity through the lens



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of ordinary, older citizens who remember a time before the 1979 revolution changed everything.

As the film was being produced, 22-year-old Mahsa Amini died in police custody after being arrested for not wearing her hijab "correctly" – a tragic event that sparked global outrage and widespread protests in Iran. The filmmakers chose to include a similar scene in the film despite knowing the risks. As a result, they were arrested and handed suspended prison sentences and heavy fines, charged with "propaganda" and showing the film without state approval.

"Knowing that the filmmakers were arrested and sentenced for showing this

story – just for including a scene where a woman doesn't wear a hijab – makes the film even more moving," Margaret adds.

"It's a beautifully told story, full of humour and heart, but there's real courage behind it too."

My Favourite Cake (2024) runs for one hour and 37 minutes and is rated M.

Please note the film begins at 7.30pm, the new starting time for 2025.

It is a private event, and you must present your PIMC membership ticket and your Trybooking receipt to enter.

If you haven't collected your PIMC membership ticket as yet, the club will be issuing tickets from 7pm.

Annual Morning Tea at CWA shop

FUNDRAISER

The Countrywomen's Association, Victoria, Cowes Branch is holding their Annual Morning Tea on June 24, with all proceeds going to the Cancer Council.

The morning tea will run from 10am until 1pm.

The CWA Shop at 94 Thompson Avenue, will be set up for patrons to eat in and enjoy community fellowship along with a delicious array of food.

There will also be a takeaway option. Everyone is welcome.



The Cowes CWA branch is holding its Annual Morning Tea on June 24, from 10am – 1pm, raising money for the Cancer Council.

Paint your whale tail

BUSINESS

The whale season is upon us, and the island is gearing up to host this year's Whale Festival from July 11 – 13.

To help local businesses get into the spirit of the festival, a special "Paint Your Whale Tail" is being held on June 26, at Clay & Co Studios.

The creative drop in event is a chance to paint your very own wooden whale tail to display in your shopfront or business window during the festival.

The whale tails have

been crafted by the Phillip Island Men's Shed.

For just \$30 the Clay & Co Session will provide everything you need: tail cutout, art supplies and expert guidance.

The drop in session will run from 12 noon until 8pm.

You can come for 30 minutes or stay for three hours while you enjoy chats, paint and great company.

All completed tails from the day will feature in a social media post, with the public voting for their favourite.

The winning tail will

score a family pass to the Island Whale Festival Hub, two x tickets to Island Whale Festival Paint & Sip at Clay & Co, plus an Island Whale Festival merch pack for two (two hoodies and two beanies)!

Get creative, come along and celebrate whale season.

When: Thursday June 26, between 12pm – 8pm

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Phillip Island TOWN Club Leader Vincent Vale with graduates Joan Gordon, Gael de Kleuver and Therese Smith, after all three reached their doctor's recommended goal weight.

Latest winners weigh in COMMUNITY

The Phillip Island TOWN Club (Take Off Weight Naturally) has congratulated its latest graduates.

Leader Vincent Vale presented awards to graduate Queen, Joan Gordon, Runner up Queen, Gael de Kleuver and Best Graduate Therese Smith, after all three reached their doctor's recommended goal weight.

Phillip Island TOWN Club meet weekly at the Rhyll Mechanics Hall, Rhyll on Thursday mornings from 9am to 11am

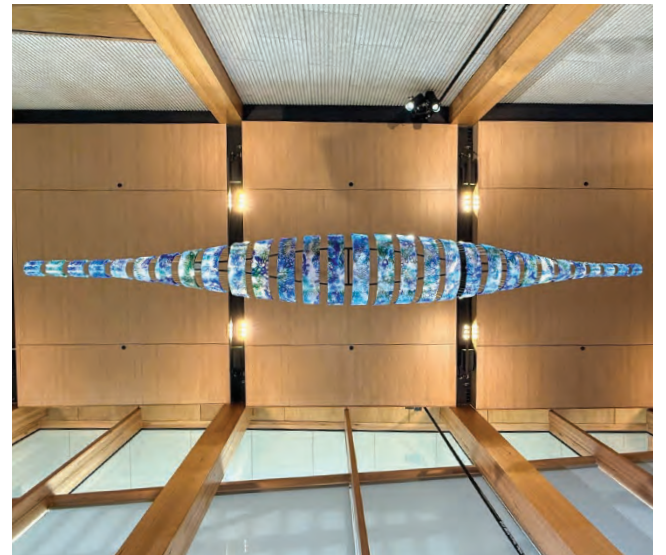
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Artist Maree Clarke and her family with the Bass Coast Shire Council Arts Team, with Yawa (Long Journey) suspended above on the ceiling of the great hall at Berninnet.



Installed on the ceiling of Berninnet's great hall, Yawa (Long Journey) by artist Maree Clarke consists of 30 glass panels shaped and suspended to form a glass canoe.

A stunning artistic journey

PUBLIC ART

On Saturday over 100 people attended the official opening of the new permanent public artwork Yawa (Long Journey) by Maree Clarke at Berninnet.

Yawa consists of 30 glass panels shaped and suspended to form a glass canoe.

The event started just after 2pm with a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country.

Guests then enjoyed speeches by Maree Clarke and members of her family, Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halsted and local Dr Laura Brearley.

People of all ages attended as well as some current and previous councillors, and other local artists including Uncle Kutcha Edwards and Boonwurrung artist Mitch Mahoney who exhibited for the Berninnet opening.

Members of the local community literally helped to create the new artwork. Several hundred people took part in workshops run by Maree Clarke earlier this year to help create the glass sections, which were then sent to Canberra to be blown.

The stunning glass canoe is now suspended from the roof of the great hall at Berninnet for all to enjoy.

Maree Clarke is a Yorta Yorta, Wamba Wamba, Mutti Mutti, and Boon Wurrung multi-disciplinary artist and curator.

Her work has been exhibited in galleries nationally and internationally and other public commissions include five stations of the new Melbourne underground rail loop and working with the Australian Tapestry Workshop for a 4.2 x 10 metre tapestry for Footscray Hospital.



Bass Coast Mayor Cr Halstead and Uncle Anthony Egan at the unveiling of (Long Journey) by artist Maree Clarke at Berninnet on June 14.

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Works start mid-June 2025, approx. 4-month duration
Lane closures, reduced speed limits, contra-flow traffic
Deep Creek St and Bass Hwy Service Rd access impacted
Two bus stops temporarily relocated

COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION OF ROADWORKS

Roadworks will commence mid-June 2025 for approximately 4 months on the installation of Traffic Signals at the Dandy Premix Quarries (Regional Group Australia) quarry intersection, 1381 Bass Highway, Grantville.

During roadworks there will be reduced speed limits, lane closures and contra-flow traffic through the Bass Highway construction zone with modified traffic layouts in place.

ROADWORK TIMES AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Roadworks across four (4) stages will generally be undertaken Monday to Saturday (6 days/week) between the hours of 7.00am – 7.00pm. Some short-term roadworks may be carried out overnight.

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Stage 1 Roadworks are confined to the existing quarry intersection median strip and the access/egress lanes.

Stage 2 Roadworks (Northbound) **Stage 3** (Southbound) & **Stage 4** (Sealing Course to both) will involve Bass Highway carriageway closures and contra-flow traffic.

ACCESS ARRANGEMENTS

Deep Creek Street and the Bass Highway Service Road traffic will be temporarily impacted during Stages 2, 3 and 4.

Deep Creek Street: temporary use of Bonney Road for Bass Highway access and egress, including for Smith Street, Broome Court, Stewart Street, Malcolm Drive and Panoramic Drive traffic.

Bass Highway Service Road (western side of Bass Highway): temporary northbound egress to Bass Highway under traffic controller supervision. This will also impact on traffic from Blackwood Drive, Swan Street, Vision Lane and Lang Street using the Bass Highway Service Road for northbound entry to Bass Highway.



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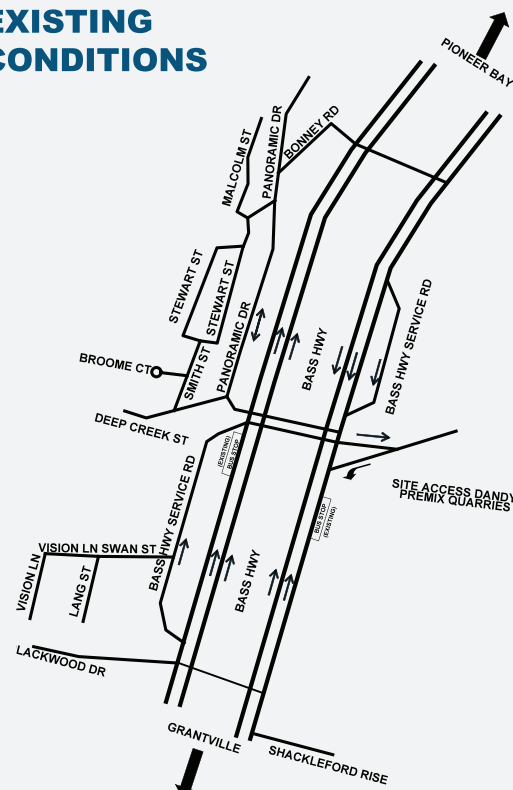
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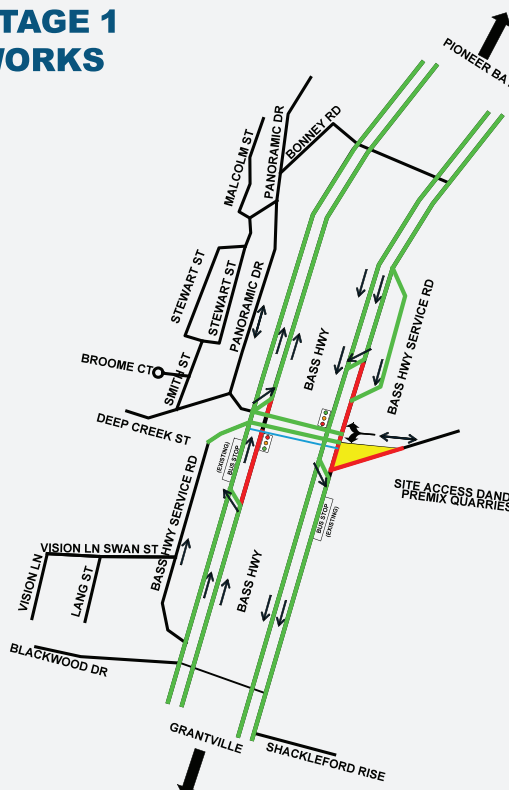
PROJECT OUTCOMES AND COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Installation of the Traffic Signals will enable trucks to turn right, northbound onto Bass Highway, resulting in a major reduction in quarry trucks through Grantville. The Traffic Signals will also improve Bus Stop pedestrian safety and assist safer Deep Creek Street traffic flows onto Bass Highway.

EXISTING CONDITIONS



STAGE 1 WORKS



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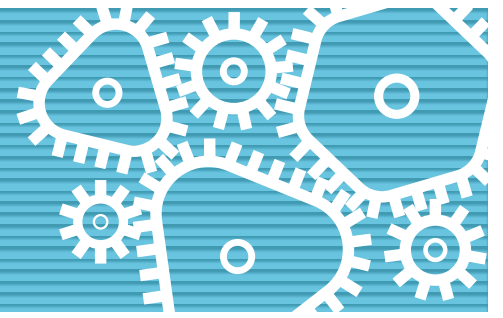
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Former owners Misha and Nick Say (right) handed the reins of the Westernport Hotel to Morgan and Shiree Mountford in April, after running the iconic pub for the last 20 years.



When Nick and Misha Say arrived in 2005 they never imagined a 20-year stay, but are now an integral part of the local community, and own the Phillip Island Winery.

Say goodbye: end of an era at Westernport Hotel

BUSINESS

In April this year, the community farewelled Nick and Misha Say as they handed over the reins of the Westernport Hotel. After almost 20 years behind the bar, the couple stepped away, confident it was in good hands with new owners Morgan and Shiree Mountford.

When Nick and Misha arrived in San Remo in 2005, they never envisaged a 20-year stay.

The young couple, who met working in hospitality, were looking at regional venues, keen to be part of a smaller community.

"We are both from the country, so we really wanted to get back to that," said Nick.

The original plan was to come in, get the pub running well, and then in a few years "flip it" and move onto something else.

The couple discovered life at the hotel wasn't quite what they expected.

"It was shocking," admitted Misha.

"Nick had been working in pubs, and I'd been studying and hospitality was always a side venture.

"But when we bought the pub, we were living on site, so it was all encompassing. I cried every night for the first month, asking 'can we go back to the city'."

In Nick's memory, the tears

lasted a bit longer – "I think Misha cried for the first three months" – as the couple set about trying to "transform what was a pretty rugged operation into something a little more family friendly".

The first night he recalls "one of the locals wrapped himself in toilet paper and was set on fire", and "things went downhill from there".

Despite the initial shock, the couple gradually found their feet.

"We started playing a bit of sport, we met beautiful friends and joined clubs, and cleaned the pub up," said Misha.

Nick also played a key role in getting the local liquor accord together, at a time when local venues had a reputation for unruly behaviour.

"All the publicans, along with the local police, would meet once a month. If there was any trouble in the pubs, if one person was banned from one, we banned them from all the venues."

In hindsight, Nick said they perhaps went "too hard too early", joking some nights there were two security guards out the front and two patrons inside.

"But we wanted to create a safe place really quickly.

"We noticed a huge difference, even in 12 months."

When Misha got pregnant,

the couple bought a house in San Remo, moving out from the pub, but it increased their focus on creating a family-friendly venue.

"Obviously when you have children, that's an instant connector," said Misha.

They wanted a sense of community to be at the heart of the Westernport, but even they were surprised at how big it became.

"It was definitely a bigger part of the picture than we thought," admitted Nick.

"I'm always pleasantly surprised by the community aspect of the pub. It's one of my favourite parts of the whole operation ... being a community hub, rather than just a pub."

Live music

Under the couple, the Westernport also grew into the area's leading live music venue.

Nick estimates they presented over 3000 shows reminiscing about this at the farewell party in April.

"We hosted incredible international artists and rock royalty like the Weddos (Weddings Parties Anything), but I've always got a real kick out of the smaller acts," he told the crowd.

"The kids that have had their first gig here, the support acts that get their first break on the Westernport stage or the front

bar shows that become your unexpected new favourites."

Picking a highlight of their time – aside from their incredible staff – is a difficult task.

The sheer volume of work, juggling a venue and a young family, meant they were "not quite present enough a lot of the time," said Nick.

For Misha though, the Covid lockdowns forced her, like many others, to take stock.

"That was one time where we really were present, because it was all taken away. So the elements you missed were obvious," she said.

"We missed seeing those regular faces on a Friday night. We missed the connection with the community."

"I think in a way the pub replaced church. It was how you found out how such and such was going with their children, or their work or whatever."

Nick and Misha said the support of family (Misha's sister and her husband, and her mum both moved to the area) was a key factor in their success.

"They say it takes a village to raise a child, it took a village to keep a pub," said Misha.

She described the Westernport as "the backbone" which allowed the couple to branch out into other hospitality ventures, including the Phillip Island Winery, which is now their

main focus.

And having their daughters grow up, then work in the venue, was a huge factor in staying at the Westernport for as long as they did.

"One of my highlights was this summer just gone, when we had both girls working in the business," said Nick.

"Neither of them were born when we bought it and then all of a sudden one is behind the bar and the other is running the kitchen."

Misha agrees that was special.

"I think our kids were pivotal in us keeping the pub, because for them, they knew nothing else. It was their home, and we didn't want to take that away from them."

With the girls now grown up (18 and 16 respectively), the time seemed right to move on.

Being able to hand the pub over to another young and enthusiastic couple, who are also expecting their first child, sealed the decision.

While Nick and Misha are hardly slowing down, still running two local venues, they are looking forward to some down time.

"It's nice to have some weekends now, to go visiting, jump on a plane. We never could you know ... weekends were just always at the pub."

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Smiths Beach homeowners may soon be able to take part in a unique solar power scheme.

This month the Smiths Beachcomber Association is applying for a grant to investigate the rollout of a "virtual energy network".

Association president Phil Dressing said the network would enable holiday homeowners to install solar and batteries on their Smiths Beach dwelling with the excess energy then sold to the owner at their Melbourne or permanent

address at a reduced rate.

"It's a virtual power plant that means their Melbourne bills, for instance, will be cheaper," Phil said.

"Energy produced in Smiths Beach and not used is credited to another address."

The scheme will also work for permanent residents who will be able to donate their excess energy, for instance, to a community member who is doing it tough, or for community benefit.

"Retailers are becoming far more progressive in the marketplace."

Phil said the idea came from the

Vietnam Veterans Museum at Newhaven – of which he is a board member – who is selling their excess solar to Westernport Water through a similar virtual energy network.

The association will lodge a grant application with Bendigo Bank by the end of June to create a feasibility study, and then hopefully towards the end of the year will offer the scheme to residents.

"By going solar, it means we will be less reliant on the grid.

"We just need to motivate ratepayers to take it up and make clear the economic benefits."



The Vietnam Veterans Museum at Newhaven is selling their excess solar to Westernport Water through a virtual energy network, which is similar to the one proposed for Smiths Beach. Credit: Jeremy Bezanger, Unsplash.

Breakers dig deep

SOCCKER

U15 Girls

Round 7 for the PI Breakers U15 girls against Drouin Dragons (Yellow) was always going to be an intense battle for the third and fourth placed on the ladder.

Two evenly skilled teams saw strength from both sides early.

There were many attempts at goal by the Breakers in the first half, but the Dragons defence was strong, and not much was going to get past their fearless keeper.

Half time saw the Breakers trailing 0-1, but the huddle was positive, and Coaches Megan and Annie were able to encourage the team and reset their focus.

The second half saw an increase in team cohesion with great passes and attacking play, keeping the ball rolling up the Breakers end.

An impressive cross from Captain Georgia saw Ava score for the Breakers in the first five minutes.

A quick response from the Dragons saw their second goal and soon to follow another by the Breakers, levelling the score again, all within four minutes.

The heat was on and there was no giving in by either team.

POM Lily T showed a strong presence from midfield with powerful clearances, often sending the ball well into the goal square, providing opportunities for our attacking forward.

The enforcement from all our players across the pitch, in all positions, showed true determination and passion for the game.

What a great bunch of young women representing our club. The match ended with a 2-2 draw.

U14 Penguins

It was a hard-fought contest when the U14 Phillip Island Penguins faced off against the Drouin Dragons Maroon in Newhaven.

From the first whistle, the Penguins displayed relentless pressure, which paid off in the first half with a well-earned penalty that was calmly slotted home by Blake, giving the home side a 1-0 lead heading into the break.

Drouin came out determined in the second half, pushing hard to find an equaliser, but the Penguins matched their intensity with unwavering discipline.

Their midfield remained tireless, and their defence stood resolute, keeping the visitors at bay and maintaining the narrow lead.

In the end, it was the Penguins' ability to combine discipline, pressure and teamwork that saw them through to a deserved 1-0 victory.

It was a performance that not only secured the points, but also showed exactly what kind of team this young squad is shaping up to be.

U12 Stingrays

The U12 Stingrays faced Korumburra in a hard-fought away match on Sunday, June 15.

Despite early efforts on goal, Korumburra struck first and packed their defence, making scoring tough.

Persistence paid off when Cooper broke through with two



U14 Penguins soccer team in action.

strong goals, lifting team spirits.

Korumburra responded with two penalty shots, the first brilliantly saved by goalkeeper Manny, the second successfully converted, levelling the score at 2-2.

Ben and Cooper worked tirelessly up front, carving out space and showing the Stingrays the path to goal with skilful runs and determination.

A gutsy team performance all round, with solid defence and flashes of attacking brilliance.

U12 Girls

Phillip Island U12 girls hosted Drouin Dragons.

The girls got off to a quick start with Gabrielle Titmarsh scoring three minutes into the game and getting her second soon after.

However, Drouin increased their work rate by getting numbers to the ball and applying pressure to the girls.

The team quickly adapted by passing the ball to other players with room to run.

Both Olive Tavakkoll and Joselyn Trayford showed off their dribbling skills and both came close to scoring.

Kelsey Watson and Nkechi Okoli added their names to the scoresheet before halftime.

The second half was similar to the first half with Drouin getting numbers to the ball, but the girls were good enough to move the ball to space and create opportunities.

Lottie Bland came close to scoring twice.

The Drouin goalkeeper denied several good shots on goal.



U15 soccer girls had a close match against the Drouin Dragons ending in a draw.

After playing goalkeeper in the first half, Lily Murphy moved to the forward line and scored twice.

Gabrielle Titmarsh also added another two goals in the second half.

Kassandra Rivans impressed everyone playing as a forward and scored her first ever goal late in the game.

Overall, it was a very strong team performance to win 9-0.

All players should be proud of their passing and running with the ball.

Well done.

Round 7 Phillip Island results, June 15

Senior Men's: Phillip Island Breakers 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0.

Senior Women's: Phillip Island Breakers 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1.

Men's Reserves: Phillip Island Breakers 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1.

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 4 d Phillip Island Breakers 1.

Under 15 Girls: Phillip Island Breakers 2 drew Drouin Dragons Maroon 2.

Under 14 Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 1 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0. Korumburra City 2 drew Phillip Island Stingrays 2.

Under 12 Girls: Phillip Island Breakers 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0.

Under 12A Mixed: Phillip Island 7 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1.

Under 12B Mixed: Phillip Island Penguins 7 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 1. Phillip Island Stingrays 7 d Inverloch Stars 1.



Congratulations to The Gippisland Soccer League for being awarded the Corrie Koppen Fair Play award.

Sportsmanship on display at Country Championships

SOCCKER

Over the long weekend the Gippisland Soccer League Representative Squads made their way up to Albury Wodonga to participate in the annual Country Championships.

This event brings together all the regional soccer associations with 100 teams and over 1500 players competing for three days full of soccer.

This year the GSL submitted a record six teams into the tournament U12, U14 and U16 in both gender competitions.

Following a selection process earlier in the year the teams have been diligently training with their coaches in preparation for the weekend.

Despite being the second smallest association in attendance and facing some incredibly strong competition, every team notched up at least one win and multiple draws.

Both the U12 Girls team and U16 Boys teams made it into the semi-finals.

Though they both went down to the ladder leaders and eventual winners of their competitions, they played strong, competitive games.

The Gippisland Soccer League was also honoured to be awarded the Corrie Koppen Fair Play award for the region that best



U16 Girls Centre Back Michaela Marr clears the ball from defence against her Latrobe opponent.

embodies the values of sportsmanship, respect and integrity throughout the tournament.

This was a great acknowledgement of the character of our players and coaches across the weekend.

The GSL would like to thank the coaches and team managers for their tireless efforts in the lead up and during the tournament.

Their enthusiasm and passion are greatly appreciated.

The GSL would also like to commend their representative squads for their quality play and conduct across the weekend.



U16 Boys player Myka Sylvio was a standout player for the team across the tournament.

Results in the frame

TENPIN

2s Company (Monday): 1st place on 27.5pts Him & Her, 2nd place on 26pts King Pins and 3rd place on 21pts Palms.

ABL (Wednesdays): 1st place on 208pts Storm, 2nd place on 195.5pts The Fireballs and 3rd place on 193.5pts Dreamers.

Business Early (Thursdays): 1st place on 15pts Turkey Slappers, 2nd place on 15pts The Redundants, 3rd place on 10pts Old Timers and

4th place on 10pts Happy Hour. **Business Late:** 1st place on 18pts 3 Blind Mice, 2nd place on 17pts Squeezers, 3rd place 13pts The Ex Men and 4th place on 11pts Island Invaders.

Top scores this week across each league were:

Women: Penny Wolswinkle 200, Mary Daroha 172 and Valma Peterson 159.

Men: Justin Porthouse 202, Hank Wolswinkle 194 and Peter Maccines 190.



Killy Bass netballer Kira Hamilton from B Grade contemplating the play.



Ciara Santorini Killy Bass B Grader focusing for the shot.

Killy Bass push Tooradin in hard-fought round

NETBALL

A Grade

The girls had a tough hit against Tooradin on Saturday.

Lisa Jones played her first game in A Grade this season and had a big impact on the game. A Grade played a full court defensive game but unfortunately couldn't match Tooradin. **Best on court:** Caity E.

B Grade

The team knew coming up against the top of the ladder undefeated team they would have their work cut out for them.

With a couple of the girls down, the girls had some fresh young legs in the side and boy did they play their little hearts out.

From strong defence to fantastic passages of play down the court to super strong ring work, B Grade worked hard all day and played a four-quarter effort.

Best of all they played all game smiling and playing for each other. To only lose by 17 was a fantastic achievement.

Best on court: Ally.

C Grade

Kilcunda Bass C Grade put up a strong fight against the undefeated Tooradin side, matching their intensity for the majority of the game.

The team's defensive pressure down the court was effective, disrupting Tooradin's flow and creating valuable turnovers. Despite the loss, Kilcunda showed great teamwork in working the ball into the goal circle with composure. **Best on court:** Melinda Cullen.

D Grade

After a well-earned bye last week, the Kilcunda-Bass girls returned to the court refreshed and ready to face a tough Tooradin side. With blue skies and sunshine overhead, it was a picture-perfect winter's day for netball. The girls came out of the gates strong, matching Tooradin's intensity and executing some sharp plays right from the first whistle.

Confidence was build-

ing and by quarter time, the scores were tied.

Kilcunda-Bass maintained that momentum into the second quarter.

Smart, composed play through the midcourt and attacking end saw them edge ahead by two goals at half time.

The third quarter was a standout.

Goalers were in sync and shooting with precision, defenders were relentless with key intercepts and rebounds, and the midcourt worked overtime to transition the ball forward.

The team capitalised on critical turnover and extended the lead to five at the final break. However, Tooradin came back hard in the final quarter.

A few costly turnovers allowed them to claw back the lead. Despite a determined fight until the very end, Kilcunda-Bass fell just short, going down by a single goal in a thrilling finish.

It was a tough result, but a game the girls can be proud of - showing their growth, teamwork and fighting spirit across four quarters.

Final score: Kilcunda-Bass 33 to Tooradin 34. **Best on court receiving Grantville Foodworks voucher:** Kim Pike.

U17

The girls did well to hit the scoreboard with the mid courters working relentlessly to feed the goalers.

Shoutout to Hope Oats for playing out of position in the mid court and excelling as expected and Maisie Van Der Walt for her accurate shooting especially in the second half of the game.

Despite Tooradin running away with the win the KB girls didn't back down and kept fighting right to the end showing plenty of improvement from the previous weeks. The team will continue to right their wrongs and focus on taking on Nar Nar Goon next week.

Special thank you to Jo Cartmel for assisting our Under 17 team on the

bench and Leanne Smith A Grade coach for running their training session last Thursday.

Best on court: Hope Oats and Maisie Van Der Walt.

U15

We knew these next couple of weeks were going to be really challenging coming up against the top of the ladder teams. Having the majority of the girls away on school camp for two weeks and unable to hit the courts for training really showed out on the court.

The girls had a sluggish start and that allowed Tooradin to punish them on the scoreboard, and they were able to run away with the game.

The team did show some promising passages of play and when they went back to playing their game, were able to pop some points on the board as well.

A huge shout out to all the girls who never gave up or dropped their heads even when things got tough. It's a real testament of how far they have all come this season.

They will dust themselves off, learn from mistakes and move on to next week when U15s take on Nar Nar Goon.

Best on court: Isabella Stead, Olivia Berry and Paige O'Brien.

U11

In an extremely chilly start to the day the U11 team took to the court.

The team decided to change up their line up in an attempt to get the ball into the goal ring and hit the score board. There were some good passages of play and once the girls can execute accuracy with shots at goal the team will become more competitive.

The kids started the season with limited experience but are showing continued improvement each week. Their enthusiasm for the game even in teeth chattering conditions this week is so nice to see.

Best on court: Sadie. Mac-cas award: Zealy.



Winners at Midweek bowls were Michael Dady (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Tony Heppleston (L).



John O'Day (L), Shirley Corcoran (2), Steve Edge (3) and John Nicholson (S) were the runners up of Midweek bowls.

Midweek at Lang Lang

BOWLS

A great day was had at Lang Lang last week, close to a full house as far as player numbers go. The team was signed in by Bev and Vern as Rob and David arranged the teams for the day.

Then it was out to the green in single digit temperatures to once again fight it out for team of the week. Some great teams with marvelous players made the day so much fun.

A few wrong bias bowls for the day, but this only makes the players try harder and adds to the RCH tin. Over the day the temperature rose to the mid-teens with a reasonable amount of direct sunlight. Overall, it was a beautiful day for bowling.

As always, there are winners and there is the rest of us. Winners on a magnificent

score of 34 were: Michael Dady (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Tony Heppleston (L).

Runners up also on a score of 34 were: John O'Day (L), Shirley Corcoran (2), Steve Edge (3) and John Nicholson (S).

Best One Game winners on a score of 18 were: Vern Elliott (S), Bob Arnold (L), Chris Coulson (2) and Raff Merante (3).

A big thank you to Marianne who looked after all the thirsty players in the bar as well as cleaning up with Laurie after all the players left to go home.

Another big thank you to Colin for cleaning up outside. This week we will be meeting up at Loch and District Bowls club to once again challenge friends for team of the week.

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

Until then, have fun and stay safe.

U17s fall short in tough battle against Nar Nar Goon

NETBALL

It was a lovely, crisp winter morning with the sun shining down as the Phillip Island Under 17 team fell just short in a fiercely-contested showdown against Nar Nar Goon, with the final score resting at 37-32 in their favour.

Phillip Island started strong and kept up with their opposition all match, but in the end, Nar Nar Goon proved a fraction too strong.

Tilly was a powerhouse in defence, putting pressure on their shooters and forcing crucial turnovers, while Olivia was strong alongside her, adding grit and stability.

Abbey provided a strong voice on court

alongside Olivia, leading with clear communication and lifting the team's spirit during tight moments.

Jasira started in goals alongside Aisha, while Ellie switched between centre and goals with Aisha, adding flexibility, creativity, and a fresh spark to their attack when it was needed most.

Ava held down the mid-court, working tirelessly to link defence and attack with great energy and skill.

While the result was tough for Phillip Island, there's plenty to be proud of, their team spirit, perseverance and unity will surely aid them in bouncing back in the games to come.

Best on Court: Olivia and Piper.

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Killy Bass push hard but fall short against Tooradin

FOOTBALL

Seniors

A tough game for the Seniors, coming up against second placed Tooradin.

A slight breeze gave the visitors the advantage in the first quarter.

They capitalised, kicking four goals.

The second quarter Killy Bass struggled to convert any scores into goals, kicking 1.7 for the quarter.

After the second half, it was much of the same. The team's bad kicking was the most disappointing result of our day.

Some standout performances from the likes of Lochy Scott, Dale Gawley and Nathan Foote were highlights of the day.

Final score: KB 3.15.33 – Tooradin 12.14.86.

Best on ground: Lochy Scott.

Reserves

Another tough week in the Reserves.

The boys battled hard all day and did their best despite the opposition's dominance.

Stand out performances from the likes of Brodie Simpson, Gavin Boyd and Adam Banks were the high points of the day.

Final score: KB 1.1.7 – Tooradin 22.24.156.

Best on ground: Brodie Simpson.

Veterans

Kilcunda Bass Vets faced off against Nar Nar Goon in a



Killy Bass senior Joseph West breaks away with the ball during Saturday's clash against Tooradin.

challenging matchup that saw the Goon come away with the win.

While the scoreboard showed a clear margin, the game wasn't without its competitive moments.

Kilcunda Bass worked hard around the ground and had patches where they were able to break through and apply

pressure.

However, missed opportunities and some costly turnovers allowed Nar Nar Goon to take control and gradually build a lead.

The Goon made the most of their chances and had the edge in key moments, but the game was far from a blowout.

Kilcunda Bass kept battling

until the final siren, showing resilience despite the result not going their way.

U16

It was fourth versus fifth on the ladder as the boys hosted Tooradin in what shaped as a tough contest.

The boys got off to a great start with the only two goals of the first quarter.

Cruz and Juzzy were causing plenty of headaches for the opposition in our front half, as was Harvey, who was providing a great target across half forward.

The second term saw Tooradin come out hard, piling on four goals.

This didn't come easy though, as our pressure only lifted, with Pez and Saya laying tackle after tackle to try and gain back some momentum.

The second half became an arm wrestle with both teams playing hard, tough footy.

Our backline, led by Tyler, continued to repel the many forward entries coming their way and around the ground. Chuck, Brodie and Blake never stopped running but unfortunately the end result didn't go our way.

An unbelievable effort by our young side. Looking forward to another strong performance next week at Nar Nar Goon.

Best players: Charlie, Blake, Perry, Brodie, Cruz and Darcy. **Goals:** Cruz 2, Jem, Charlie and Blake 1.

Results from the green

GOLF

Tuesday, June 10

Men's Comp 18H Stableford

Winner: Adrian O'Gorman (6) 43 pts.

A Grade winner: A-1 Adrian O'Gorman (6) 43 pts.

A-2 winner: Gino Manfredi (12) 37 pts.

B Grade winner: B-1 John Movric (19) 41 pts.

B-2 winner: Glenn Botterill (18) 37 pts C/B.

C Grade winner: C-1 Trevor MacFarlane (29) 39 pts.

C-2 winner: Mark Reid (21) 38 pts.

BDL to 33 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Dan McConnon, 7th Alf Micallef, 10th Geoff Daff and 17th Sam Orr.

Men's 9H 4BBB

Winner: David Gladman (18) 19 points c/b to David Scrace (40).

BDL to 14 pts C/B.

Wednesday, June 11

Women's 18H Stroke Monthly Medal

A Grade winner: Emma Hall (4) Nett 72.

B Grade winner: Julia Mascitelli (33) Nett 71.

BDL to Nett 77 C/B.

NTP: 7th Cheryl White, 10th Michelle Pardoe and 17th Jo Disher.

Women's 9H Stableford

Winner: Joanne Westthorp (38) 15 pts C/B.

BDL to 14 pts.

Thursday, June 12

Open 18H Stableford

Winner: Carl Russo (25) 39 pts C/B.

A Grade winner: A-1 Lawrence Ferrari (9) 39 pts.

A-2 winner: Paul Wagner (11) 38 pts C/B.

B Grade winner: B-1 John Movric (18) 37 pts.

B-2 winner: Danny Hibbert (14) 34 pts C/B.

C Grade winner: C-1 Carl Russo (25) 39 pts C/B.

C-2 winner: Steve Keily (26) 39 pts.

BDL to 33 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Toby Durdin, 7th Peter Wilson, 10th John Daire and 17th Peter Rowan.

Men's 9 H Stableford

Winners: Rob Davison (14) 19 pts and Bryan Pirouet (21) 18 pts.

BDL to 16 pts C/B.

Saturday, June 14

Men's 18H 2 Person Ambrose

Winners: Mark Dykes and Dan McConnon 64 Nett c/b to Mark Ritterman and Jeremy Westaway, 3rd Heath Grace and Mark White 65 Nett.

BDL to 68 Nett.

NTP: 5th Bill Chan, 7th Max Brown, 10th Mike Fitzmaurice and 17th Athol Hill.

Women's 2 Person Ambrose

Winners: Lesley Meadowcroft and Emma Hall 69 Nett from Alice Schofield and Sheryl Smith 73.5 Nett.

BDL to 76.75 Nett.

NTP: 5th Vicki Ramage, 7th Kelly Ambler, 10th Jillian Chandler and 17th Lesley Meadowcroft.

9 H Stableford

Winner was Rob Davison (9) 16 points from David Henstridge (22) 15 points C/B.

Sunday, June 15

18H Stableford

Winners: Jack Keating (19) 36 pts from Isaac Batty (-4) 35 pts.

BDL to 32 pts.

Red Rocks results

GOLF

Stableford, Saturday June 14

Winner: Victor Petropoulos (14) 37 points.

2nd: Steve Wurt (8) 34 points C/B.

3rd: Neil Malcolm (18) 34 points.

4BBB Stableford, Sunday June 15

Winners: Steve Wurt and Neil Malcolm 43 points.

KB juniors fired up against Leongatha

FOOTBALL

U14

Another tough game down in the velodrome with Leongatha coming out strong kicking the first two goals of the game.

The boys kept their heads and stuck to the game plan, with a late goal in the first quarter kept them in touch.

The second quarter was a tough contest, with the ball moving from end to end.

The boys attacked the ball hard and won the quarter going into half time with a narrow lead.

Starting the third quarter, a player down was challenging for the boys, but they stuck at it and won the quarter, extending their lead.

Leongatha challenged in the last, but the backline was too strong.

A great team win against quality opposition.

Best on ground: Justin Braumann-Hall, Saya Logan, Dominik Acuna, Xavier Burridge, Lewis Milner and Cruz Bettles.

U12

On a crisp and clear winter's morning, Kilcunda Bass travelled to Leongatha for what turned out to be a spirited contest between two determined U12 teams.

The first quarter saw a tight



U12s' Lerah Schonewille showing her skills. More photos at pisra.com.au/sport

battle unfold, with both sides bringing the pressure early.

Defenders were on top, and scores remained low as each team found it hard to break through the opposition's backline.

The second quarter, however, belonged entirely to Leongatha.

They found their rhythm, moved the ball well through the middle, and capitalised on their opportunities up forward.

Kilcunda struggled to get it

past the centre and managed only a solitary point, while Leongatha slammed home four goals to take control of the match.

Credit to Kilcunda, though, who came out after halftime with renewed effort and fought hard in the third quarter.

While they didn't manage to hit the scoreboard, they kept Leongatha to just one behind and showed real grit and resilience.

The final quarter saw both

teams lift again.

Kilcunda finally found a breakthrough and slotted a well-earned goal, matching Leongatha's 1.1 for the term.

It was a positive finish to a tough day, but ultimately, Leongatha's dominant second quarter proved the difference as they claimed the win.

Final score: Leongatha: 6.5 (41) to Kilcunda Bass: 1.2 (8).

Best on ground: Bailey Pool, Lerah Schonewille, Spencer Sunderland, Miles Leary, River Dow and Chaze Poulton.

U10

Another beautiful morning saw Killy Bass play Leongatha at their home ground.

With last week's bye the kids were itching to get back out there and play footy.

It was such an even match up which meant the kids never felt deflated and they fought hard all game.

Great skills and effort were on show by both teams, and no one gave up all match.

It was a game full of highlights for the Panthers with three individual goal kickers.

Bentleigh kicked another one to add to his growing tally and a big shout out to first-time goal kickers Sonny Miller and Billy McMillan. Woohoo!

Big congratulations to all the kids on another great display of teamwork and fun.



The Club Champions award went to Rahni Matheson and Archie Smyth with Coach Dylan.



MC M and F Champs went to Levi and Gemma with Coach Lorri.



The age champions awards: 8 and Under: Taylan Pocklington and Ryan Thornby. 9-10 years: Ruby Pirouet and Oliver Jarrett. 11-12 years: Emily Croatto and Archie Smyth. 13-14 years: Sienna Hunt and Rex Brocklesby. 15-16 years: Rahni Matheson and Zac Sherar. 17 and over: Trinity O'Keefe and Mostyn Lumsden.



Most improved award went to Isabel Croatto with Coach Dylan.



Coach's awards: Coach Sarah – Josh Hunt, Coach Lorri – Byron Doran, Coach Sam – Lathan Lucas, Coach Dylan – Finn Middleton and Coach Trinty – Miah Roberts.

SGB celebrates the magnificent season

SWIMMING

It was a great celebration as South Gippsland Bass swim club gathered for their Presentation Evening for the 2024/2025 season at Inverloch on Saturday.

Gathering together for a meal and games after a few weeks break, it gave families and swimmers a chance to catch up in a relaxed atmosphere, before the short course racing season starts.

Coach Dylan was pleased with the year that was.

"We have grown in numbers as a club, and we've had some new achievements this year.

"We had two swimmers selected in the Team Vic Triathlon team, on top of the five swimmers in the Team Vic Swim team," he said.

"Two swimmers were selected for State Level pathway programs.

"We had several swimmers take on open water swimming with several competing at the State Titles, as well as a number of them taking out prizes in the Channel Challenge and the Penguin Dash," Dylan continued.

"We had several swimmers compete in the Masters National Championships and now have one swimmer heading to the World Championships.

"Our competitive teams have strengthened, and we came away in third place at Countries again in Mildura in very trying conditions, just two weeks after finishing sixth at the Victorian Sprint Championships."

A number of swimmers made finals at State and Na-

tional level, including a number of medals at States.

"We didn't enter relay teams, so our placings aren't as high, but the results our swimmers got were just fantastic," Dylan said.

"At Gippies, our Girls won the points competition for the first time ever, the first time in 25 years Traralgon has been beaten."

Coach Sam was thrilled with the ongoing growth in the juniors.

"We had our term two race nights last week at our two pools and to see all our juniors having great fun, enjoying their first taste of racing is always fun.

"If you look around at these nights you see so many of the older swimmers who started out at junior race night and are now swimming at Nationals."

Coach Lorri was thrilled with the growth in the multi-class groups this year.

"To have a whole team of Multi-class swimmers at Nationals and States makes such a difference," Lorri said.

"There's a familiar face and they have others there to support them.

"Our relay teams have done so well at the championships, winning Gold and Bronze in the mixed ability at Countries was so exciting and seeing all the other clubs encouraging the swimmers to the finish line."

The team captains thanked the club for letting them lead the team for the year.

"When we get up at 5am, people say why would you do that. It's not just to swim, but because we love the club, its cul-

ture and most of all the friends we have made," they said.

"It is what keeps us coming back each morning and we want to thank everyone for helping create that club culture."

The club thanked their sponsors who have all helped the club cover running costs, hire coaches and enter relay teams in competitions.

The club is greatly indebted to the volunteers who run the club, especially the exec Penny Hunt, Hanna Lofgren and Janelle Croatto, recognising the hours they put in to keep the club running.

Special mention went to Janelle Croatto who has finished her term as President after three years in the role and is taking on the role of treasurer.

Awards

The Coaches gave out their awards to the swimmers who they saw make huge efforts throughout the year.

Coach Sarah – Josh Hunt, Coach Lorri – Byron Doran, Coach Sam – Lathan Lucas, Coach Dylan – Finn Middleton and Coach Trinty – Miah Roberts.

The Club Champion awards went to Rahni Matheson and Archie Smyth, two swimmers who have excelled in the racing over the year at state levels, as well as being a great support to others in the team.

Age champions awards: 8 and under: Taylan Pocklington and Ryan Thornby.

9-10 years: Ruby Pirouet and Oliver Jarrett.

11-12 years: Emily Croatto and Archie Smyth.

13-14 years: Sienna Hunt and Rex Brocklesby.

15-16 years: Rahni Matheson and Zac Sherar.

17 and over: Trinity O'Keefe and Mostyn Lumsden.

The swimmer who has the most improved times for the season was Isabel Croatto, who was congratulated for her effort in her commitment to increas-

ing her training and as a consequence seeing a large improvement on her times from the previous season.

Three names were added to the Gippies 10-year Shield, swimmers who have competed in 10 years of racing at the Gippsland Championship: Hannah Simmons, Skye Munro and Lorri McKenzie.

From the card table

BRIDGE

The overall winners of the Winter Pairs were Jean Barbour and Greg Nicholson with 62.44 per cent. Runners up were Bronwyn Sund and John Farr 58.83 per cent.

Five and a half tables competed for the second round on Monday, with Greg and Jean winning that round with a massive 71.76 per cent.

Duplicate Bridge on Wednesday was won by Jill Short and Shirley Stewart with 63.89 per cent.

The amazing Marion Wellwood is turning 90 years old on June 27. A glamorous fling was held this week with friends and family, a spectacular cake shared and impressive light-footed dance moves in high heels with boa flying. Marion is an inspiration for us all.



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Euchre results

Ladies winner: Mary-Ann – 6 wins.
Men's winner: John K – 7 wins.
Encouragement award: Went to Bob.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 18 JUN	THU 19 JUN	FRI 20 JUN	SAT 21 JUN	SUN 22 JUN	MON 23 JUN	TUE 24 JUN
HIGH 5:05 am 2.62 m	HIGH 5:54 am 2.63 m	LOW 12:15 am 0.90 m	LOW 12:58 am 0.80 m	LOW 1:45 am 0.69 m	LOW 2:39 am 0.60 m	LOW 3:40 am 0.54 m
LOW 10:49 am 0.73 m	LOW 11:33 am 0.83 m	HIGH 6:48 am 2.64 m	HIGH 7:49 am 2.68 m	HIGH 8:55 am 2.73 m	HIGH 10:03 am 2.82 m	HIGH 11:14 am 2.92 m
HIGH 5:47 pm 2.99 m	HIGH 6:21 pm 2.93 m	LOW 12:21 pm 0.97 m	LOW 1:13 pm 1.12 m	LOW 2:11 pm 1.28 m	LOW 3:16 pm 1.41 m	LOW 4:31 pm 1.48 m
LOW 11:35 pm 1.01 m		HIGH 6:57 pm 2.87 m	HIGH 7:37 pm 2.80 m	HIGH 8:26 pm 2.73 m	HIGH 9:23 pm 2.66 m	HIGH 10:30 pm 2.61 m

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