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Funding trifecta for three major projects

Phillip Island Hot Springs' Mark and Jodie Vogt, with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Tourism Minister Martin Pakula, and business partners from Peninsula Hot Springs Charles Davidson and Bharat Mitra.

Phillip Island Hot Springs, the Chocolate Factory and a proposed brewery and distillery at Rhyll were the big beneficiaries of state government grants announced on Friday.

Tourism Minister Martin Pakula visited the island with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale to announce \$5.2 million for the hot springs at Newhaven, \$1.2 million to the yet-to-be-developed Rhyll Brewery and Distillery, and \$492,000 for the Phillip Island Chocolate Factory's current expansion.

All three businesses applied for the grant funding, which was open to public, private and not-for-profit groups.

"The hot springs expansion will provide a significant boost to the region, attracting an estimated 73,000 new visitors to the island in the first year," Mr Pakula said.

"They are expected to contribute more than \$4.7 million to the island's economy."

He said the hot springs would cre-

ate 35 jobs during construction and 68 full-time and indirect jobs when it's completed next year, while the new brewery at Rhyll would create 55 jobs during construction and 20 full-time jobs.

The expansion of the Phillip Island Chocolate Factory will create 25 new jobs.

Pandemic

The hot springs and brewery applied for funding through the Regional Tourism Investment Fund, which supports new and innovative tourism infrastructure that will increase visitation, drive private investment and deliver jobs.

The chocolate factory applied for a grant through the Business Competitiveness Program, which provides funding for new manufacturing technologies and processes.

Ms Crugnale said the funding came after businesses had been hard hit in the wake of the pandemic.

"This is just what we need coming

through a pandemic that crushed our regional economies especially those like here on the Bass Coast, which is so reliant on tourism and international visitors," she said.

"We need to support every innovative project and program to get back on our feet here. And if our state government has a funding program that can help kickstart this then that's great."

She said all applicants went through a rigorous assessment process, with co-contributions required, as well as audit checks.

"It is public money so absolutely there needs to be these checks and balances, processes in place, agreements are signed, reporting required."

Hot springs

Cape Kitchen owners Jodie and Mark Vogt said the \$42 million Phillip Island Hot Springs project currently under construction included a main arrival building, 480m² la-

goon, bubble beds, a swim up bar, whirlpool, eucalyptus-scented spa pools and a salt mist walk.

An 80-seat café will include a pizza area and family picnic grounds.

There will also be an apothecary and gift shop selling their own skin care range.

The current restaurant is being repurposed with ocean-front dining and a guest lounge.

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

Brewery

Owner of the \$4 million Rhyll Brewery and Distillery Justin Jamieson recently submitted the planning permit to Bass Coast Shire, with the project hoped to be built by September 2023.

Justin said he planned to build a microbrewery as well as a micro still.

"The aim is to consume on site, with 12 taps featuring a core range of about five craft beers and with other more seasonal, experimental varieties."

He said the 90-seat restaurant would serve food designed to match beers, with ingredients sourced locally.

Chocolate factory

Chocolate production at the Phillip Island Chocolate Factory will increase from 35 tonnes to 550 tonnes, as part of a \$3.2 million expansion plan. The expansion, which will increase production and see the visitor tour expanded, is due to be finished by December.

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Island's littlest stars in the spotlight again

Phillip Island's little penguins are stars of a new ABC TV show "Meet the Penguins", airing on Tuesday, June 28 at 8.30pm.

This follows on from Tuesday's Southern Ocean Live, which broadcast from the Penguin Parade on Tuesday, June 21, complete with a local audience.

Dr Ann Jones takes look at the world's smallest penguins, living on the southern coastline of Australia.

As well as featuring the world-famous penguin parade on Phillip Island, the show also heads to St Kilda to meet the city cousins.

The show follows the penguins for six months as they find partners and homes to raise their chicks.

According to the show's producers, inside the colony are "both tales of domestic bliss and neighbourhood dramas", while at sea, the little penguins "are forced to face trials of tempestuous weather, strong currents and migrating fish stocks".

They may be small, but these little creatures are also incredibly tough, so prepare to be amazed, surprised and inspired!

Meet The Penguins airs Tuesday June 28, 8.30pm, ABC TV and ABC iview.



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Car ferry set to stall indefinitely

The car ferry looks almost certain to stall after the state Tourism Minister said the government had no plans to fast-track it.

Minister Martin Pakula spoke to the Advertiser last week following the Bass Coast Shire's announcement they would pull out of plans to lead an investigation into the proposed Cowes to Stony Point car ferry project.

In September last year the state government announced \$200,000 funding for a feasibility study investigating the Cowes jetty as a possible location for a car ferry terminal, with Bass Coast Shire agreeing to oversee the study.

However, in a controversial move, Mayor Michael Whelan earlier this month released a statement reneging on the deal to oversee the study.

"It's not our job to hold a gun to their head," Mr Pakula said.

"If the council wants to run a feasibility study then we're prepared to offer them support. We have provided support which effectively has been declined and the ball is in council's court."

Mr Pakula said it was "fair to say

the project has stalled" and would only start again once council took the initiative.

"They need to be the proponents and we will provide the funding support".

But he added "there's nothing sour about it" and good relations continued with the shire.

Bombshell

In January the shire announced they would soon appoint a consultant to lead the project.

However this month Mayor Whelan said council believed for the project to be successful the state government was "best placed to lead any future work on this project", including this feasibility study.

"We consider Local Government Authorities as stakeholders in any future development of the Cowes to Stony Point Ferry project," he said.

Cr Whelan explained council's formal position was "in principle support" for a car ferry between Cowes and Stony Point, but their focus would now be on the long list of infrastructure projects promised by council.



ADVERTISER EDITORIAL

Last week, the local Member and the Victorian Tourism Minister arrived on the island and announced three successful funding applications for local businesses.

Yes, there's an election coming and the state government is keen for photo opportunities.

We all know how that game goes.

Without an election in the wings, there probably wouldn't have been a visit by the Minister.

The announcement would have been via the usual press release and it's not surprising people are cynical.

But what was shocking to me was the vitriol the announcements unleashed on social media, some of it directed at the businesses themselves.

We hear lots about the island's community spirit, but there was precious little of it on display last week over these announcements.

All three businesses received the grants under established and well-publicised funding programs run by the state government.

There is no suggestion any of the businesses were given special treatment or, as was the case in previous government grant scandals, were assessed as ineligible or a low priority for funding.

In the paper and on our website, we regularly publish details of grant opportunities available to businesses, individuals and community groups.

Most government grant programs are well promoted and easy to find if you look.

During the pandemic, many local businesses, including this paper, received funding and/or support (such as job keeper) from government.

There have been rebates and grants on offer from state, Federal and local government.

Funding for grant programs like those that funded the three Phillip Island projects is allocated in the state budget – sometimes two or three years in advance.

Again the information is publicly available and if you believe grant funding for private enterprise shouldn't be part of a state budget, then you probably should take that up with the Treasurer and the Premier.

If you think this region deserves more money for specific public projects, or infrastructure like roads – start writing letters and making a noise.

Bass Coast Shire Council has an advocacy list which includes major projects like a pool on Phillip Island, and yes, they are lobbying for major state support.

I'm sure they are hoping for a commitment on the scale of the community hospital promise from the last election.

That kind of funding announcement is separate to grant programs.

Funding projects through an established grant program doesn't mean the government can't fund other public projects.

It's not an either or.

If you want to find out more about the funding programs behind last week's announcement, you can visit www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/regional-tourism-investment-fund and business.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs.

In the meantime, perhaps try and be kind.

Regardless of whether you think the businesses deserve support, behind each one are people trying to make a business work or establish a new venture under some of the most difficult circumstances in recent memory.

They certainly don't deserve a public pile on.

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Budget division: “red flags” or “sound management”

Global financial concerns overshadowed Bass Coast Shire councillors vote on the 2022/23 budget.

Crs Ronnie Bauer and Les Larke voted against the budget, with Cr Bauer describing it as a “real problem for our shire”.

According to the budget, the shire will lock in an additional \$14.9 million in new borrowings to fund the capital works program and refinance \$11.7 million in loans already held, in total increasing total borrowings to \$30.8 million as from June 2023.

By '25/26 borrowings will be \$44.5 million. Cr Bauer said the amount of projects was “frenetic”.

“When the ten-year plan was discussed last year we didn’t know the full impact of Covid on our capital works program or other projects.

“The war between Russia and the Ukraine was the furthest thing from our minds. We also hoped that interest rates would not start rising for another one to two years.”

He said shire officers had “reassured” councillors that capital works already started could be completed.

“However we must look at those briefings not as a reassurance but as a warning. A warning that if we continue on our current trajectory, the underlying loss could very quickly become the actual loss.”

He called on councillors to “reassess and reduce our ambitious program”, in particular to



Island Ward councillor Ronnie Bauer voted against the budget at last week’s council meeting, along with Cr Les Larke.

reduce the reliance on external consultants.

A financial buffer should be created, Cr Bauer said, and actions reviewed, to bring down a mini budget later this year.

“We must pull our heads in and put some of our very worthwhile projects on the back burner.”

Cr Bauer did not list which projects he believed should be put on hold.

Concerns

Cr Larke, who is an accountant and long-term critic of shire budgets, reiterated his previous concerns about adjusted underlying results.

“Put simply, if operating expenditure is greater than operating income, and this is the trend for our council, it means that internal funds are not sufficient to fund capital expenditure projects, and therefore borrowings have to increase accordingly,” Cr Larke said.

“I am not opposed to borrowing – particularly for inter-generational projects – however I deem it inappropriate for a council that incurs significant ongoing operating deficits.”

Cr Larke said council should revise the 22/23 budget to generate funds “to deliver essential services and finance capital projects without the need for further substantial borrowings”. He did not nominate which items in the budget needed to be revised.

He said council should set key performance indicators and the CEO should then deliver those results.

According to the shire, the Victorian Auditor-General’s Office indicators say Bass Coast’s financial position will “remain sound with ongoing operating surpluses and investment in capital expenditure”.

“While the draft budget reflects increased

council borrowings, this is tied to the major capital investment program and the level of debt is still expected to remain within prudential guidelines,” the budget states.

Support

Cr David Rooks described the budget as “sound” while Cr Bruce Kent said he agreed with all councillors.

“We must keep looking at the budget but I believe we have pulled in the reins and reduced our carry overs,” Cr Kent said.

He asked shire officers whether there was sufficient financial contingencies in shire coffers, to which the officer replied “we believe we have an appropriate amount”.

“The whole of Australia is hurting at the moment,” Cr Kent continued, “but it’s my belief council officers have covered risk management ... instead of putting us in a cocoon and waiting for the right environment.”

Cr Brett Tessari said he had “total confidence” in the budget team.

“It’s us councillors who keep putting projects forward and demanding officers fit them into the budget ... it’s us who sets the budget,” Cr Tessari said.

Cr Clare Le Serve said in future years “we will have to be restrained”.

“I think it’s a fair budget. It’s just that we have to keep the finger on the pulse and deliver a budget that is sustainable within rate capping.”

Cowes sporting hub plan a last minute budget sweetener

A plan for the future of the Cowes’ sporting hub, a new Blue Gum community garden and a completed playground in Rhyll were among the last-minute, big-ticket items to be added to the final Bass Coast 2022/23 budget.

Councillors last week were divided in their support for the budget (see separate story), with major projects costing \$29 million, which increases total borrowings to \$30.8 million from June 2023.

Following public consultation on the budget in April and May – where five written submissions were received – the budget was amended to include:

* Blue Gum Community Garden – \$278,000: The Phillip Island and Community Learning Centre’s community garden will be moved from its current site on Church Street to the Blue Gum reserve (see separate story). The design includes garden beds, an accessible toilet, fencing, car park, and a larger shed that can be used for classes. PICAL will contribute \$38,000.

• Rhyll Playground – \$270,000: Supply chain and construction costs increased the amount



The approved budget includes a \$185,000 refurbishment of the CFA building in Settlement Road when the CFA vacates in August, to transform it into a community arts hub.

to complete the works, which are currently part of the Rhyll jetty upgrade. Following a submission last month by the Rhyll Community Association, landscaping and playground works will now be finished.

• Refurbishment of the Cowes CFA Building – \$185,000: The council-owned CFA building on Settlement Road will be vacated by the CFA in August. This funding will allow it to be upgraded to house various community groups including the Artists Society of Phillip Island, Phillip Island Arts and Crafts Gallery, Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space, and Boomerang Bags.

• Cowes Recreation masterplan – \$80,000: The plan for the old carnival site, on the corner of Ventnor and Phillip Island roads, will look at the potential uses for the entire site including the positioning of facilities, such as the aquatic and leisure centre, sporting ovals,

walking tracks and more.

In addition there is \$50,000 to an arts collaboration, following a submission by Phillip Island Conservation Society artist Dr Laura Brearley.

The Corinella Bowls Club will receive \$30,000 for a disability access toilet design, while there will be \$30,000 for a review of Crown land.

Already approved

There will be \$11.2 million spent on new leisure and recreational facilities, including the complete construction of the new Cowes Cultural and Community Centre (\$2.8m) due to be finished by the end of the financial year.

The Anderson Road boat ramp has been earmarked \$200,000 for detailed designs and \$300,000 will go to the Kilcunda skate park construction.

At San Remo, \$1.8 million will be spent on the Shetland Heights and Potters Hill Road unsealed road upgrade and \$500,000 will be spent on the Cowes-Rhyll Road shared pathway, all part of an allocated \$14 million budget to improve roads and paths.

Other capital works include:

• kindergarten expansion (\$400,000), including a new two-room kindergarten at Newhaven Primary School, as well as space for maternal and child health

• renewal of the Rhyll Hall (\$300,000)

• San Remo Structure Plan (\$150,000)

• the long-awaited neighbourhood character and housing strategy (\$150,000)

• \$5.1 million on climate change actions

• San Remo Structure Plan (\$150,000).

A rate cap increase of 1.75 per cent has been maintained as mandated by the state government

After several years of massive garbage cost price hikes, this budget proposes a 1.8 per cent reduction in the waste service charge.



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Dr. Azad Kadom is pleased to announce she has resumed work at the Cowes medical centre. After taking some time off to be with her family and new grandchild, Azad is very happy to be practising again with her patients and being part of the community. We welcome you back Azad.

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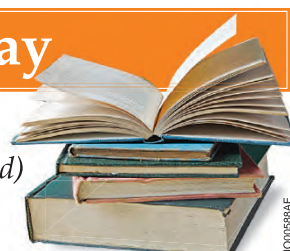
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Covid cases rising again

After falling below 300, local cases are again on the rise.

Concerningly, even when cases started to fall across the shire in early June, the numbers on Phillip Island remained steady.

According to case figures released on Monday, Phillip Island has the highest number of recorded Covid cases in the shire (100) and when San Remo is added in, it accounts

for 46 per cent of local cases.

With more people indoors due to the cold weather, and with holidays approaching, cases are likely to continue to climb.

Gippsland Region Public Health Unit recommends everyone eligible for a third Covid vaccination should book in as soon as possible.

They also recommend taking advantage of the free flu vaccination offer (available

until the end of June), as flu cases continue to grow.

Covid and flu vaccinations are available through GPs and pharmacies.

According to the latest GRPHU figures, Bass Coast has the highest vaccination rate in Gippsland, with 74 per cent of those eligible having received their third dose of the vaccine.

All up, a staggering 98,506 vaccinations have been ad-

ministered in Bass Coast.

The next most vaccinated Gippsland shire is South Gippsland, which has administered 76,150 vaccinations and 63 per cent of those eligible have received their third dose.

The lowest rate of vaccination is in Latrobe, where only 21 per cent of those eligible have received their third dose.

GRPHU strongly encour-

ages people to wear a face mask in indoor public spaces, especially if you have flu or Covid-like symptoms.

"Face masks combined with other preventative measures, such as getting vaccinated, frequent hand washing and physical distancing, can help slow the spread of any respiratory illness," they advise.

People should also stay home if they are unwell, and not go to work or school.

Need a Covid test?

Monash Pathology is offering Covid tests (PCR and RATs) at Wonthaggi Hospital, Monday to Saturday from 9am – 1pm.

In Cowes, testing is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 12.30pm – 3.30pm at the Health Hub in Church Street.

PCR tests are also available by appointment at Wonthaggi Respiratory Clinic.



One of the founders, and a co-coordinator of the Cowes Coastcare group has launched a petition to stop the proposed Cowes to Ventnor bike track.

Petition to stop Cowes/Ventnor bike track

Heather Liney, the co-coordinator of Cowes Coastcare, has launched a petition requesting the Bass Coast Council to remove construction of a bike track along the foreshore between Cowes and Ventnor, from the council's tracks and trail strategy.

Ms Liney said she has no wish to make the provision of bike trails a divisive issue.

She supports bike tracks, but is requesting council to avoid construction of a bike path along the sensitive foreshore area between Cowes and Ventnor, when other alternatives

are available.

"What this petition is about is asking people to support retaining the foreshore area as it is. And asking council to recognising that it provides habitat for unique flora, fauna and birdlife; that it is fragile, and that it should remain undisturbed."

Ms Liney said that council's bike tracks and trails strategy lists the foreshore bike trail to Ventnor as a priority.

"But this foreshore is fragile, and home to an abundance of wildlife and birdlife, which will be displaced if a path is built there."

"We have bike paths through the Oswin Roberts Reserve, Conservation Hill and the Red Rocks Reserve, with wildlife able to co exist because of the size of these areas."

"But in this case, the foreshore is a narrow strip. It is also the subject of a number of indigenous, flora and fauna overlays."

Ms Liney said an alternative for cyclists from the Cowes Boat Ramp to Ventnor is available through back streets.

And a bike track from Cowes to Ventnor, already half built by council, is a second alternative, if that was completed, she said.

"We are appealing to council to come up with an alternative that would suit bike riders, without disturbing an irreplaceable foreshore haven."

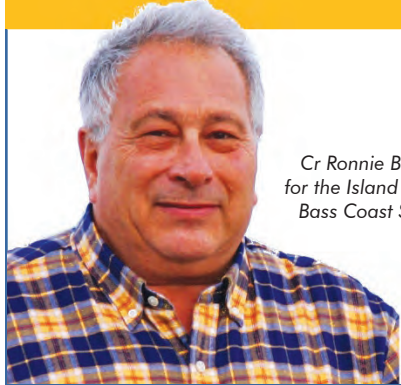
"We need to look after this area while we still have it. Once it is gone, it is gone."

"This fragile environment has had enough rubbish, destruction, illegal clearing and interference."

Ms Liney helped start the new Cowes Coastcare group.

The petition can be signed at petitions.someofus.org/petitions/protect-the-cowes-foreshore-from-bike-tracks

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



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Planning controls hinder tourism: new report

A five-star coastal accommodation resort, wellness retreats, and a new golf course are needed on Phillip Island and San Remo to meet future tourism demand.

That's according to the Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism Draft Strategy 2022, out for community feedback until July 27.

The draft strategy states the Bass hinterland and Waterline communities should consider supporting such tourist attractions as art galleries, farm gates and farmstay accommodation, and a destination distillery, while Kilcunda could focus on outdoor events and eco experiences.

The strategy states while there are tourism gaps and opportunities across the shire, current planning policies have "restricted investment", with current controls in the planning scheme insufficient to manage tourism proposals.

"Local planning policy often prescribes location-specific tourism land uses without consideration to current market demand – which is a crucial factor for successful investment attraction," it states.

The strategy advocates rezoning land for mid to large scale development with the ability to "deliver significant economic and employment outcomes".

It says from 2014 to 2021, there were 68 tourism planning applications, with 44 granted a permit, because the majority of tourism proposals were on land zoned farming and not in rural tourism precincts.

It concludes land zoned rural tourism is failing to deliver "any substantial tour-



Barriers to tourism development could be eased through changes to planning rules, according to a new draft shire strategy "Unlocking Rural Tourism", out for community feedback until July 27.

ism investment" because they "do not reflect demand for investment or visitation patterns".

"For example Phillip Island has the greatest demand for rural tourism uses, however there is limited land zoned Rural Activity on the island."

"Current broad hectare land uses such as large lot cattle farming are not conducive to agri-tourism uses and owners have little interest in establishing a tourism enterprise."

"A number of proposals have received significant community backlash and have resulted in permits not being granted."

The strategy recommends an alternative approach be investigated that provides specific direction on tourism uses in rural areas.

Community consultation will include a mail out to all landowners in rural tourism precincts.

Feedback

Mayor Michael Whelan

said the strategy recommended changes to the planning scheme and other processes to help grow the local tourism industry.

"We know that this is a complex and quite technical document, so our officers have prepared a video summary to assist in preparing your submission on the strategy," he said.

Council was awarded a grant from the Victorian Planning Authority to prepare the strategy.

The shire is holding drop-in sessions at:

Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre, Newhaven – Tuesday June 28, 4pm-7pm and Monday July 11, 1pm-4pm.

Kernot Hall – July 14, 2pm-5pm.

Corinella Community Hall – July 16, 12pm-3pm.

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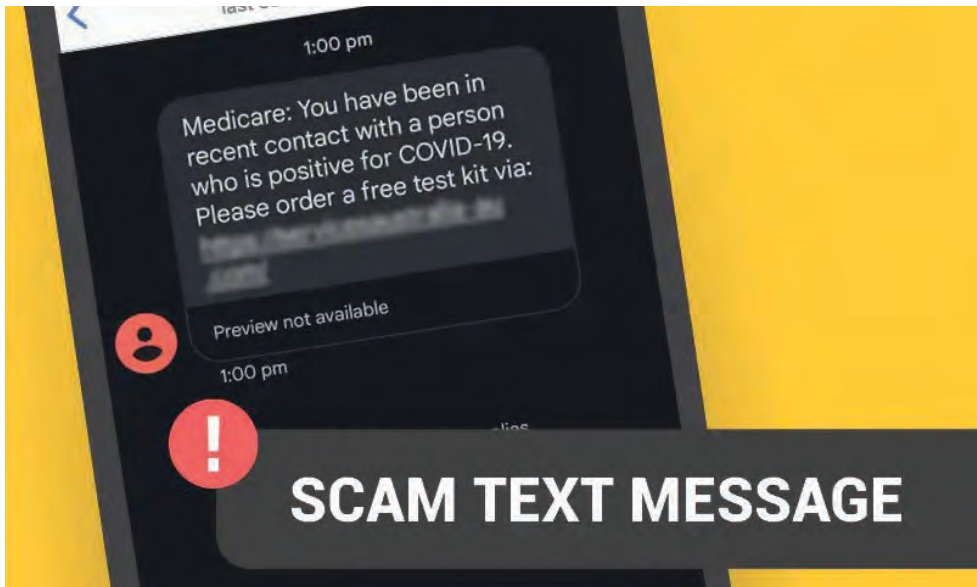
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A text message similar to this scammed a Cowes resident last week, who fortunately realised the deception before any money was taken from her account.

Heartless scammers target long Covid sufferer

A local resident is warning of a Covid exposure scam doing the rounds.

Ursula, an 82-year-old Cowes resident is currently recovering from long Covid and has spent the last four months battling the disease.

So when she received a text message on Friday June 10 from Medicare saying she had been exposed to Omicron, she panicked.

“I’ve been in hospital twice and have felt really sick on and off.”

“I was just starting to feel better and thought, I don’t want to get sick again, and that’s why I followed the instructions so quickly.”

The text stated Ursula need to immediately get a PCR test and provided a link where she could order one.

As well as filling in her contact details, she had to put in her credit card for a \$1.34 charge.

“I just assumed it was for postage,” Ursula said.

It was only afterwards that her suspicions started. She couldn’t work out where she would have been exposed to Omicron.

“I sat here thinking about it and because I’ve had long Covid, I hadn’t been anywhere.”

Her only outings were two medical appointments, where she hadn’t mixed with the public.

“I started to get concerned,” Ursula admitted.

On Monday of the long weekend, she called Medicare.

“That’s when I found out it was a scam. They said they never send a text and would either email or call someone if they needed to contact them.”

Ursula immediately rang her bank’s head office.

Fortunately nothing had been taken from her account and the credit card was promptly cancelled.

Less than an hour after that, she received a call from the Medicare scammers.

“The man was very polite, asked me how I was feeling and said they hadn’t been able to process my payment.

“I was so annoyed with them, I just said, “I’m not interested” and hung up.”

She has since reported the scam to the Services Australia Fraud Hotline and told all her friends, and wants everyone to know about it, so no one else falls victim.

Scams

Other Covid scams include text messages saying you’ve been identified as eligible for a vaccine, or fake MyGov texts.

The government Scam Watch website advice is to not click on hyperlinks in text/social media messages or emails, even if they appear to come from a trusted source. Always go directly to the website through your browser.

It also says never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for personal or financial details, even if they claim to be from a reputable organisation or government authority. Just press delete or hang up.

More at: www.scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams/current-covid-19-coronavirus-scams.

Details of Covid scams are also available at: www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/text-message-scam-for-free-covid-19-test-kit.

Local tests

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said authorities were aware of the scam text messages.

“It’s disappointing that people are willing to take advantage of people during the midst of a pandemic,” Ms Child said.

“I urge people to disregard such text messages and report them to Scamwatch.

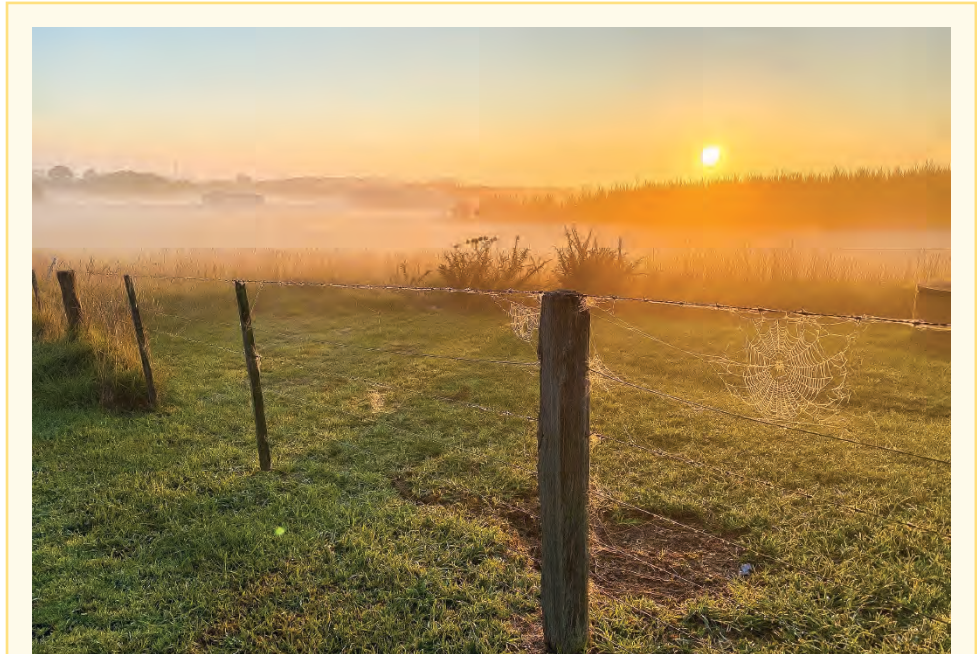
“While we are still enduring a pandemic, combined with a severe influenza season and a prevalence of gastro and colds in our community, I encourage everyone to monitor for symptoms of Covid or flu and get tested if they show any – either by Rapid Antigen Test or a PCR test at Wonthaggi Hospital or Phillip Island Health Hub.

“If you have a positive RAT, report it as required,” continued Ms Child.

“If your RAT is negative, have a PCR test to rule out Covid and isolate until you get your PCR test result and don’t have symptoms to minimise the risk of illness spreading throughout our community.

“Also don’t forget to ensure your Covid vaccination is up-to-date and get your flu vaccination to give yourself the best protection against illness.

“Continue to sanitise your hands, avoid crowds and wear a mask indoors if you can’t maintain physical distancing from others.”



Dawn on the weekend across the island was met with thick fog, a dew, blue skies and welcome sunshine.

Mental wellbeing and resilience

Local business operators have the chance to focus on their own mental wellbeing in a series of upcoming workshops.

The Phillip Island Business Network (PIBN) received a grant via Business Victoria to deliver training to improve mental wellbeing and resilience throughout the business community.

Michael Wells who co-owns and operates Ripples n Tonic farm in Ventnor is leading the project and training.

Michael brings considerable experience to the role.

He has spent 10 years in private business, five years managing a not-for-profit organisation helping children suffering from parental incarceration and more than 20 years with Victoria Police where he performed roles as a trained police negotiator, criminal investigations and critical incident response management.

He has also been a life-coach mentor and sports coach for marginalised youth from refugee backgrounds.

As part of the grant requirements, Michael has received recent specialist training in wellbeing that complements his professional experience.

The training will be delivered by Michael and team members from PIBN.

“The overarching goal of the training is to make participants intelligent and empowered stewards of their own wellbeing,” Michael said.

“We are not providing clinical counselling, crisis support or telling people how to run their businesses, just relevant education and engaging training, to improve individual levels of resilience, that will ripple and result in better business outcomes.”

Michael said the workshops were in response to some of the negative impacts of the global pandemic that profoundly affected the local tourism economy on Phillip Island.

“The proposed training will provide participants with individualised strategies to become more self-aware, more resilient and better leaders and managers for their organisations.

“It is also proposed to develop ongoing peer support opportunities by establishing active peer support groups and activities in order to improve community connectedness and provide emotional support in a psychological-safe environment.”



A helping hand for business owners, to improve mental wellbeing and resilience, through a series of workshops presented by the Phillip Island Business Network. Photo: Billy Pasco, Unsplash.

Research indicates that every dollar invested in wellbeing creates greater productivity in the workplace and greater returns on investment over time, he said.

The training is currently free to Phillip Island Business Network members and will also be available to non-members for a small fee-for-service (inquiries to admin@pibn.com.au).

Current dates:

- June 21 at Penguin Parade complex (Education Room 1 & 2) from 5.30pm to 7.30pm
- June 23 at Ramada Resort (Bass Room 1) from 5.30pm to 7.30pm
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Crime up, family violence down

Bass Coast bucks the state-wide trend, with a 2.4 per cent rise in criminal offences between March 2021 and March 2022.

According to the Crime Statistics Agency, criminal offences were down by 11.5 per cent across Victoria last year.

In Bass Coast, the number of recorded incidents was 2147, and a comparison figure to the rest of Victoria (per 100,000 population) shows Bass Coast figures are slightly above the state average.

And while the rate of Family Violence incidents in the area continued to be well above the state average, there was a drop of 4.4 per cent on the previous year.

Breakdown

Criminal incidents in Bass Coast were predominantly breaches of family violence orders or criminal damage (23 per cent), followed by residential (non-aggravated) burglary, theft and assault.

Wonthaggi remained the top area for incidents (601), followed by Cowes (391), Inverloch, North Wonthaggi and Grantville.

Charges were laid in 37.8 per cent of cases, with 37.1 per cent remaining unsolved. In a further 25.1 per cent of cases, no charges were laid.

The top five categories for local offences were assault, theft, property damage, burglary/break in and stalking/harassment.

The number of Family Violence incidents dropped from 936 in 2021 to 895. Women continued to represent the majority of affected family members (71 per cent).

Neighbours

LGA	Criminal incidents March 2021 – March 2022	Per cent change from previous year
Bass Coast	2147	2.4% up
Cardinia	4618	17% down
South Gippsland	1194	5.5% down
Baw Baw	3036	15.3% down
Latrobe	7826	13.9% down
Wellington	2964	7.8% down
East Gippsland	3640	0.3% up

Bass Coast was one of only two local government areas in Gippsland that saw a rise in crime statistics but still has the second lowest recorded number of incidents of all Gippsland shires.

The adjoining shire of Cardinia, our nearest non-Gippsland neighbour saw the number of incidents drop by 17 per cent last year, but still recorded more than twice as many as Bass Coast.

There has been extensive research in Australia and globally of the link between local socio-economic levels and crime.

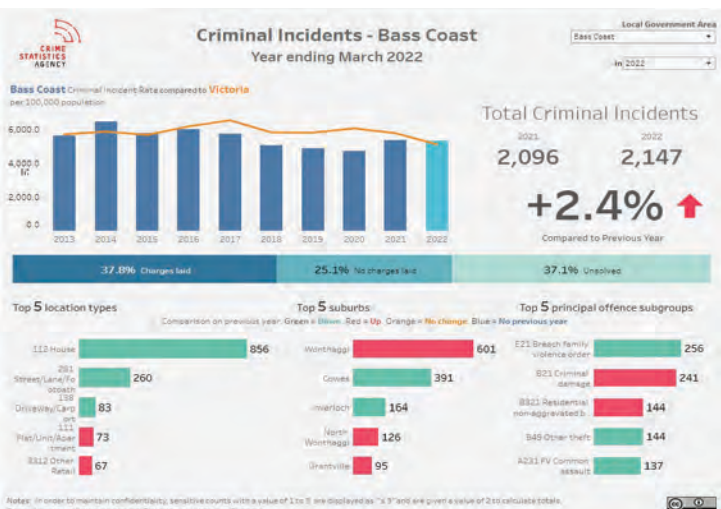
The level of crime in an area can be impacted by social disadvantage including levels of education, employment, home-

lessness and mental health.

Latrobe which has the highest level of socio-economic disadvantage in Gippsland, recorded the highest crime statistics.

Bass Coast scores 945 on the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Advantage and Disadvantage (the second lowest category), which indicates a higher level of disadvantage than similar coastal shires such as Mornington (1013) or Surf Coast (1064). Unlike Bass Coast, these shires recorded levels of crime well below the state average.

You can see the Bass Coast statistic breakdown at: www.crimestatistics.vic.gov.au/crime-statistics/latest-crime-data-by-area.





With school holidays about to start, the Cowes Urgent Care Centre (UCC) in Church Street is expecting a busy couple of weeks.

A busy time ahead for Urgent Care Centre

With school holidays about to start, the Cowes Urgent Care Centre (UCC) is expecting a busy couple of weeks.

During the April school and Easter break, close to 900 people visited the UCC at the Health Hub in Church Street, and the upcoming holidays are also expected to be busy.

Bass Coast Health reported that attendance at the UCC was back to pre-pandemic levels.

While most people come to the centre during the day, staff reported a steady rise in after-hours presentations.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said after-hours demand during the last school holidays had jumped dramatically.

"The numbers are up and so is the acuity (sicker patients)," Ms Child said.

"We've still got people who are coming because they can't get into a GP, but most of the people coming now need to see someone as soon as they can."

Ms Child said the UCC aimed to take care of all patients, stabilise them and then move them on, including transferring them to a hospital if needed.

"We've had a lot of Covid patients through and that mostly happened after hours, so it's good to be able to get them to see a doctor and stabilise them."

Ms Child described the centre as working well and being "really appropriately used", but

said the new Community Hospital, due to open in 2024, will almost double the urgent care centre capacity.

It will also provide X-rays and CT scans.

Currently people have to go to Wonthaggi for these services.

"With the Community Hospital, we will be able to do diagnostics on site – ultrasounds, CT scans and X-rays. This is a key part of trying to build more capacity," Ms Child said.

"We will have chemotherapy, dialysis, and two operating suites for minor procedures.

"That will expand our surgical capacity and the chemo and dialysis will expand services from Wonthaggi."

The UCC opened on October 30, 2019 and quickly saw between 18-40 patients presenting each day.

Presentation numbers during April 2022 averaged 33 per day, with 57 people treated on the busiest day (April 16), and an average of 50 presentations each day of the Easter long weekend.

Prior to the opening of the UCC, the MIIC (minor injury and illness clinic) operated between December 2018 and October 2019, with 10,000 people visiting the MIIC.

The Urgent Care Centre is located at the Phillip Island Health Hub at 50-54 Church Street, Cowes. There is no cost for the doctor or nurse, but may be some costs associated with medications or medical aids. Call 5951 2101.

No clue on power outage

The cause of the power outage on Friday of the long weekend (June 10) remains a mystery.

The outage impacted 9000 properties across the island including the busy retail and hospitality area of Cowes.

Homes and businesses in Cowes, Silverleaves, Ventnor, Wimbledon Heights, Rhyll and Newhaven were affected, with many left in darkness for over six hours.

Locals were quick to blame the outage on a system overload, given the influx of visitors, while others cited a fire on pole in Kilcunda as the cause of the disruption.

However an AusNet spokesperson said its engineers were still investigating.

"The incident at Kilcunda was not the cause of the main outage. Rather, it was a result of this smaller line overheating due to taking extra load because of the mainline being down.

"Our team will continue to conduct a full investigation before determining the appropriate measures for the future."

Mobile phone coverage was also down during the black out.

"Our network sites need electricity to run and local power outages disrupted services on Phillip Island. Services came back online once power was restored," said Telstra Regional General Manager Jenny Gray.

"Our network sites are equipped with battery backup power which keeps services online for a period, but cannot keep them running for an extended time.

"We know this can be frustrating and we work with power authorities to bring everyone back online as soon as electricity is restored.

"Residents can continue to make and take calls with their mobile at home or work by using their nbn connection to access Wi-Fi calling," Ms Gray said.

This works even during a mobile outage and is a free setting on most popular mobile phones, which allows your mobile to call using a Wi-Fi network."

However the NBN option was not available to most of the impacted residents, with Wi-Fi modems not working due to the power outage.



The recent power outage disrupted mobile services on Phillip Island. Telstra said the network sites have battery back-up but they can't run for an extended time. Meanwhile, AusNet is still investigating the cause of the June 10 power outage.

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The Blessing of the Bikes is moving from San Remo to Cowes, kicking off a new Phillip Island Motorcycle Festival from October 7 to 11, in the lead up to the Motorcycle Grand Prix.

Blessing of the Bikes returns

A new motorcycle festival in the lead up to the Motorcycle Grand Prix has been announced.

The Phillip Island Motorcycle Festival will run from October 7 to October 11, kicking off with a Blessing of the Bikes.

The event is being organised by Victorian based charity, Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation, which says it aims to build it into the country's largest motorcycle event outside the MotoGP.

It will include bands, show and shines and displays in Cowes and the Blessing of the Bikes at the Cowes Recreation Reserve.

More event details will be released in the coming months.

Allan Turner, the Foundation's managing director said he hoped locals would come out and enjoy the festival.

"We're hoping locals will come and attend the Friday and Saturday music – bring a chair, a rug and enjoy the night," he said.

"The Cowes Footy Club will run a bar and

cater for the event.

"We're having two local bands as warm-up acts; Friday night is INXSIVE tribute band and Saturday night is Chocolate Starfish."

Tickets for each night will be available at the gate for \$60.

Allan said he'd be keen to hear from any bike-related businesses interested in sponsoring the festival or having a stall at the event.

Festival tickets are already on sale at: events.humanitix.com/phillipislandmotorcyclefestival

About Zaidee

Both the festival and the Blessing of the Bikes are supporting Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation.

Zaidee Rose Alexander Turner – aged 7 years and 22 days died suddenly on December 3, 2004 from a burst blood vessel in her brain called a Cerebral Aneurism.

Zaidee's parents, Kim and Allan, founded

Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation not long after.

The foundation aims to raise awareness of organ and tissue donations.

At the time of Zaidee's death, the Turner family had been registered organ and tissue donors for five years. As a result, Zaidee donated her organs and tissues at the Royal Children's Hospital, as were her wishes at the time.

Zaidee's gifts help save or improve the lives of seven people. Six children and one adult received Zaidee's gifts.

Zaidee was the only child in Victoria under the age of 16 years and one of the youngest Australians to donate her organs and tissues in 2004. She was only one of six children nationally to donate their organs in 2004.

"Zaidee's story is directed towards both children and adults so they can think about others who are waiting for a lifesaving operation and a suitable match for an organ or tissue," said Allan.

"It's about giving this gift to others so they can live a better life and, in some cases, have a second chance at life."

Allan said the rainbow was a symbol of hope; after every storm the sun shines and there is a rainbow.

"For those people on the transplant waiting list, the rainbow symbol offers them hope. At the end of their rainbow is an organ or tissue to improve their life, or in most cases save their life."

A core campaign for the foundation is Zaidee's Rainbow Shoelaces, which are used to create awareness for its organ donation campaign.

"The community can reflect their support by wearing the laces, which are sold for just \$2 a pair," Allan said.

Zaidee Turner wore rainbow-coloured laces in her shoes when she was a little girl and the concept of Zaidee's Rainbow Shoelaces was developed in her memory.

www.zaidee.org

Register to be an organ donor

In 2004, the year Zaidee Turner died, so too did 130,000 other Australians. Only 218 were organ donors.

In 2020, 165,000 Australians died but still only 448 were organ donors that allowed 1232 people to receive an organ transplant.

This was still not enough donors to make sure those on the waiting list get their much-needed transplant.

Data on community attitudes to organ and tissue donation also show:

- 74 per cent of Australians have discussed

donation with family members

- 6 per cent of Australians know family members' donation decisions

- 93 per cent of Australians would uphold these donation decisions when they are aware of these decisions; and

- 40 per cent of Australians who are unaware of family members' donation decisions would uphold those decisions

Find out more or register to become an organ and tissue donor online at www.donatelife.gov.au.

Fair go for ratepayers

Councils across Victorian will have to introduce fairer financial hardship policies, after new legislation was introduced into state parliament this month.

The legislation explicitly defines financial hardship and requires councils to engage early with ratepayers.

The government said councils will also not be able to use debt collectors or pursue legal action which could result in homes being sold to pay back debts to council "unless ratepayers refuse to engage and all other options have been exhausted".

The bill will allow the Local Government minister to set a maximum amount of interest levied on unpaid rates and charges.

Councils will also be limited in using the Magistrates' Court order for recovering unpaid rates in situations where rates or charges have not been paid for two years or more.

The law follows the release last year of an Ombudsman's investigation into how councils respond to ratepayers in financial hardship.

The Ombudsman's report found that people who were struggling to pay their rates were often met with debt collectors, high penalty interest and in some cases costly litigation.

Ombudsman Deborah Glass OBE said hardship policies varied widely between the 79 councils and in some cases "published policies did not reflect actual practices".

"Too many people are told their only option is a payment plan, when the legal framework includes waivers and deferrals – which some councils have a blanket policy of refusing," Ms Glass wrote in the report summary.

She said charging penalty interest to people in hardship was wrong "as well as punitive and counterproductive".

Ms Glass was also disapproving of the use of debt collectors which some councils relied on heavily and summarised that councils needed to improve their approach.

"The public sector is expected to act in the public interest more than the private sector – but in dealing with hardship, local councils lag behind utility and other companies, including banks.

"We would be rightly concerned if our bank was doing more to meet its social obligations than our council.

"Nobody wins from heavy-handed approaches, least of all the public interest.

"Good hardship relief schemes get the balance right. And driving people in hardship further into debt or out of their homes is short-sighted.

It creates costs for other parts of government, costs that are also borne by taxpayers."

The report recommended:

- minimum standards be introduced for hardship relief
- legal requirement for councils to publish hardship information
- caps on councils' ability to charge high penalty interest
- better links between councils and other sectors, including financial counsellors and the private sector, to keep councils up to date with good practice.

Bass Coast

The report provided a snapshot of each council's rates and hardship practices.

According to the report, Bass Coast Shire was in the second tier of socio-economic disadvantage.

It was also in the highest bracket (70-79 per cent) for council budgeted income from rates and charges.

Bass Coast Shire Council does have a hardship policy and offers payment plans for ratepayers struggling to pay their rates.

It also offers an interest waiver if payment of interest would exacerbate the problem, capped at 50 per cent of penalty interest.

However the council applies a 50 per cent interest rate for deferred rates and penalty interest of other unpaid rates.

It also uses a debt collection agent. Between 2018 – 2020, there were 47 court actions and three land sales relating to debt recovery from unpaid rates.

Although both rate waivers and deferrals are permitted under the Local Government Act, Bass Coast did not offer waivers and only considered deferrals in extreme circumstances.

The Advertiser ask council if it would update its financial hardship policy, including the use of debt collectors in light of the new legislation and the impact of new rulings limiting the use of Magistrates' Court orders.

Questions were also submitted asking if the interest rate would be reviewed and if the hardship policy included consideration of domestic violence in financial hardship cases, given the high rate of family violence incidents in the area.

No response was received by our deadline. See the full report at ombudsman.vic.gov.au/our-impact/investigation-reports

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\$5m government grant to hot springs

The Phillip Island Hot Springs project – at the Cape Kitchen restaurant at Newhaven – has received a \$5.2 million grant from the state government, through its Regional Tourism Investment Fund.

Stage one of the project, set to cost \$46 million will be complete by March 2023.

The successful grant was announced by Tourism Minister Martin Pakula and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale during a visit on Friday, who said it would help construct several of the proposed 20 bathing pools.

Mr Pakula said the funding would also support a feasibility study into a future 120-room Cape Woolamai Lodge.

“The hot springs expansion will provide a significant boost to the region, attracting an estimated 73,000 new visitors to the island in the first year,” Mr Pakula said.

“They are expected to contribute more than \$4.7 million to the island’s economy.”

Cape Kitchen owners Jodie and Mark Vogt said the Phillip Island Hot Springs project currently under construction at the 35-acre 1215 Phillip Island Road property included a main arrival building, 480m² lagoon, bubble beds, a swim up bar, whirlpool, eucalyptus-scented spa pools and a salt mist walk.

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

There will also be an apothecary and gift shop selling their own skin care range,

5EA, or Fifth Element Apothecary.

“The products are based on sea minerals and Australian botanical ingredients and will provide another important connection to the destination,” Jodie said.

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

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

“Thalassotherapy will be an absolute game-changer, a unique and a first-in-Australia, offering ocean-front therapy,” Jodie said.

“This will be a signature wellness experience not just for the region, but the state.”

Partnership

The Advertiser took part in a tour with Mark who said he had travelled the world for inspiration to create the hot springs.

“This has been a decade of gathering information,” he said.

“The Blue Lagoon in Iceland is my favourite, but there’s also a whirlpool in a German hot spring that I got hooked on.

“We have gained inspiration from across the globe, picking the best of the world and bringing it here.”

Mark said the pandemic

had caused construction delays.

He added they had more recently worked with Peninsula Hot Springs, who are now partners in the project, bringing their experience in establishing spas on the Mornington Peninsula, New Zealand and Metung in Gippsland.

“Bringing in partners has enabled us to continue the momentum to build future stages,” he said.

Peninsula Hot Springs’ Bharat Mitra said hot springs was more than a business.

“This is about people connecting more deeply with themselves. We are running so fast we don’t even remember what we’re running after,” said Bharat.

So far 100,000 trees have been planted, with children from Newhaven Primary School last week helping to plant the 100,001st tree.

Landscaping designs are by Kilcunda’s Karl Russo, who has created a series of outdoor private pods, which will be for hire.

Pools will be heated from a 700m bore, which will extract 20 megalitres of groundwater to supply the pools with 38C aquifer mineral-rich water from under the property.

According to Southern Rural Water the proposed bore was from an aquifer deeper than used in agricultural bores.

The water will come from an “unincorporated groundwater management area” which means there is no limit on how much water can be extracted from the aquifer.

Rhyll’s new brewery, distillery gets funding boost

A new brewery and distillery planned for Rhyll has received \$1.2 million in state government funding through the Regional Tourism Investment Fund.

The \$4 million Rhyll Brewery and Distillery, planned for 11 Beach Road, has recently submitted its planning permit to Bass Coast Shire, yet to be publicly advertised, with the project hoping to be built by September 2023.

Owner Justin Jamieson bought the vacant land two years ago and said he planned to build a microbrewery with 5000 litres of production a week, as well as a micro still, able to make about 200 bottles per batch, most likely in gin or vodka using local botanicals.

“I’d also like to do rum, given the maritime history of Rhyll, but that will require a little more planning,” Justin said.

“The aim is to consume on site, with 12 taps featuring a core range of about five craft beers and with other more seasonal, experimental varieties.”

He said the 90-seat restaurant would serve food designed to match beers, with ingredients sourced locally.

“I don’t want it to be a restaurant with a couple of beer vats, but a brewery with a restaurant in it.”

Funding

Tourism Minister Martin Pakula and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale announced the \$1.2 million grant last week, explaining the project would create 55 jobs during



Owner of the proposed Rhyll Brewery and Distillery Justin Jamieson with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Tourism Minister Martin Pakula at the grant funding announcement last week.

construction and up to 20 full time jobs.

“Visitors to the Rhyll Brewery and Distillery will be able to relax and have a drink while soaking up the waterfront views – another reason to stay even longer on Phillip Island,” Minister Pakula said.

Ms Crugnale said the brewery and distillery would expand the tourism offering on Phillip Island.

Background

Justin grew up in Melbourne but his parents retired to Rhyll 20 years ago, where his mother Marilyn now lives.

Justin runs a publishing agency specialising in travel magazines, such as Get Lost magazine, and also has a regular travel and tourism segment on 3AW.

He said travelling the world gave him an insight into wineries and brewing and Phillip Island was ripe for a destination food experience.

“Even over the last 20 years Phillip Island has changed from what it was. I still think it’s untapped.

“I love the low-key vibe of the region so when I saw the block of land I thought this will fly. The island needs a classy type of gastronomic experience.”

Justin said the Phillip Island Winery was a good example of a business that has attracted a “slice of the Yarra Valley consumer to Ventnor”.

He added the distillery and restaurant would be sustainable, with solar power, water tanks collecting rainwater for brewing and electric car charging.

Chocolate factory sets a new high bar

\$492,000 state government grant

Chocolate production at the Phillip Island Chocolate Factory will increase from 35 tonnes to 550 tonnes under a \$3.2 million expansion plan.

The expansion, which can be seen clearly from the Phillip Island Road and is expected to be finished by December, will help boost wholesale and export sales, said Nithia Kondanapanny.

“The extension will help increase production and will see the visitor tour extend, as well as more churning and manufacturing machines,” said Nithia on a tour of the factory last week with the state government.

Her sister Surya said the expansion would help meet customer demand.

“There’s high demand for our product and it’s hard to keep up enough stock in our shop,” Surya said.

“Making chocolate is a very labour-intensive process so the expansion will largely be to help stock our shelves with a small amount of export.”

Last week Tourism Minister Martin Pakula announced a grant of \$492,000 for the \$1.4 million machinery and installation component of the project.

The chocolate factory was one of 28 projects across the state funded under the state



The Phillip Island Chocolate Factory received more than \$490,000 in state government funding for its \$3.2 million new extension and Tourism Minister Martin Pakula visited to announce the grant last week.

government’s Business Competitiveness Program.

Mr Pakula said the expansion would boost production to 550 tonnes of chocolate each year, “roughly the same weight as a full Airbus A380 plane”.

He said the project would also create more viewing areas for the public to see how

the company’s chocolate treats are made, enhancing the experience for visitors which averaged about 170,000 a year before the pandemic.

Panny Letchumanan, his wife Prema and two of his daughters have run the chocolate factory since 2005, with 20 staff.

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Events, entertainment and community news

Exhibition opportunity for artists

Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space Inc (PICES) is planning their fourth Pop Up Exhibition in January 2023. They invite professional and emerging artists who have not yet exhibited in a Pop Up Exhibition to be part of the 2023 exhibition. Four different weekly exhibitions will be held at Ramada Resort Cowes from January 3 to 30. A broad spectrum of visual arts is exhibited each week, including paintings, drawings, collage, original limited-edition prints, photographs and textiles. Artists' Expression of Interest to Exhibit forms and Exhibition Guidelines will be available on the PICES website at pices.com.au from the first week in July. PICES' goal is to support artists, bring contemporary art to the community and contribute to a broad-based contemporary arts network within the region so that Phillip Island becomes recognised as a premium destination for the arts and attracts visitors and tourists to the region. With over 5000 practicing artists throughout the Gippsland region including many on Phillip Island, PICES saw a need to actively develop new opportunities to support artists and inspire the rapidly expanding residential and tourist populations. In previous Pop Up Exhibitions, PICES has exhibited the works of over 70 exceptionally



PICES is calling for expressions of interest from local artists to be involved in their fourth Pop Up Exhibition in January 2023.

talented artists with average sales of around \$13,000 and 800 visitors each year. Learn more about PICES, its past exhibitions and other activities at pices.com.au, Facebook.com/picesartspace and Instagram.com/picesartspace. PICES is a not-for-profit voluntary organisation which relies on the commitment and support of its enthusiastic committee and members. For more information email us at pices3922@gmail.com. / Sponsored article /

Rhyll Boomerang Bags expand

The Rhyll Boomerang Bag Group have just been received a \$4500 a grant from Bass Coast Shire Council, thanks to the assistance of the Rotary Club of Phillip Island. The grant will allow the sewing group to purchase new equipment to assist with their various projects. The ladies have been busy making extra-large bags to ship the woollen toys and items they have created for Aussie knitting for War Affected Kids. This is an Australian and International Group committed to helping children affected by conflict. The Australian Syrian Association of Victoria (ASAVic) send a container of aid directly into Syria each year attempting to enrich the lives of mothers and children who live in refugee camps. Sandra Inness from Rhyll said: "We've been making articles and collecting items for two



From left: Rhyll Boomerang Bags' Anja Tennant, Cheryl West, Jenny Ward, Sandra Inness, Wendy Rich and Pam Spencer. The group recently received a \$4500 grant from council to help purchase new equipment.

years and we are now ready to send our contribution. These mothers and children are innocent but unfortunately bear the brunt of war." The Rhyll Boomerang Bag Group would like to thank the fantastic ongoing support from South Coast Furnishings and Cotton On Craft who continually assist their projects. "We'd also like to acknowledge the continued support from our local Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo who donate materials and provide us with a premises in which our volunteers work," said Sandra.

Non-fiction prize returns

Calling Gippsland writers

Entries are now open for the 2022 Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction, one of the richest competitions for non-fiction in Australia, with a total of \$10,000 in prize money. It's also one of the few regional writing prizes, open to any writer with a strong connection to Gippsland. Entries must pertain to the Gippsland region, issues or people. The first prize winner will receive \$5000, second \$2500 and third \$1000. This year there is a new section for shorter pieces (1500-4000 words) with a \$1000 first prize and \$500 for second. The three judges for the 2022 competition are Rees Quilford (winner of the 2021 Bass Coast Prize), Linda Cuttriss (winner of the 2020 Bass Coast Prize), and Karen Bateman (author, editor and librarian). This year's main prize is sponsored by Bass Coast Shire Council, the West Gippsland Regional Library Corporation and ArtSpace Wonthaggi. Anne Heath Mennell is sponsoring prizes for the shorter works. A former judge for the prize, Anne said she wanted to encourage younger or less experienced writers who felt intimidated by the required length of entries for the main prize (4000-10,000 words). The 42 entries for last year's prize came from most parts of Gippsland and writers ranged in age from the 20s to the 90s. Personal and family memoirs were well represented as were local history, natural history, military histories, profiles, travel and true crime. Rees Quilford, a PhD student at RMIT University's writing lab, won first prize with a mixed-media piece documenting his daily swimming, walking and watching at Cape Paterson during the first Covid winter. Like several of the other writers who submitted entries, he said the prize provided much-



Caption: Rees Quilford, winner of the 2021 Bass Coast Prize for Non-Fiction, is a judge in the 2022 competition, which is open to all Gippsland writers.

needed encouragement for non-fiction writing in general and for his own career in particular. "Articulating the personal and intricate connections that we share with the special places in our lives is a highly rewarding endeavour," Rees said. "However, sharing those reflections in public is quite daunting so it was heartening to learn that the Bass Coast literary community found something engaging in my writing." Graeme Wheeler, a 93-year-old author from Foster, won second prize with his story of the search for two young women missing in the high country in 1953. Inverloch writer Judy Vradenburg won third prize with an inside story of community activism. Chair of the organising committee Catherine Watson said that while the generous prize money was important, just as important to writers were a deadline and a guarantee that their work would be read. Entries for this year's prize close on September 14 and prize winners will be announced in November. For more information and entry criteria, visit basscoastprizeforfiction.weebly.com/, email editor@basscoastpost.com or phone Catherine Watson on 0401 817 796.

January 2023 PICES summer Pop Up Exhibition; Artists' Expression of Interest Invited

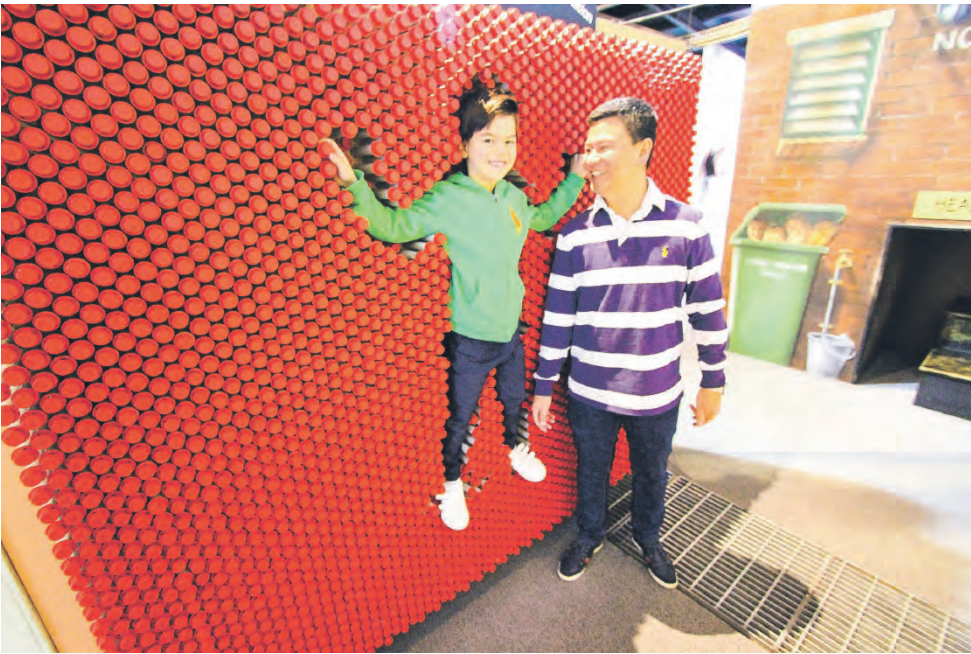
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Movie club re-scheduled

The PIMC would like to apologise to all the members that came to see "Promising Young Woman" on June 19. The screening had to be cancelled at the last moment due to technical difficulties at the Penguin Parade Theatre, which were not known prior to the movie club trying to use the theatre. The film will now be shown on Sunday July 17.



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Maybe mini golf is your thing! With constantly-changing levels and landscapes, Maxi Mini Golf will entertain both beginners to experienced golfers. The holes are challenging, but sometimes luck is what you really need. Compete using our scorecards, or just enjoy some family fun – it's up to you!

Our Puzzle Café has great coffees, cold drinks and a tasty selection of hot and cold food. The maze is tricky. Better take a coffee in with you!



The Wooli Tavern is a favourite with visitors and locals alike, serving locally sourced, modern Australian pub-style meals.

Come in from the cold at the Wooli Tavern

If you want to take the family for dinner these holidays, look no further than the Wooli Tavern.

Since opening late last year, the Wooli Tavern has been a favourite with visitors and locals alike, serving locally sourced, modern Australian pub-style meals.

The menu features deliciously fresh seafood, chicken, slow-roasted lamb and Angus beef, as well as vegetarian and gluten-free options. The kids are catered for too, with a menu of littlies' favourites including pasta, fish and chips and chicken pieces.

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That's quite a tail!

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It's Whale Festival time, celebrating the arrival of Humpback and Southern Right whales into our coastal waters. Photo: Claire Davie.

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What's so special about being on Phillip Island during winter? Witnessing the arrival of Humpback and Southern Right whales into our coastal waters.

The Island Whale Festival 2022 is in its sixth year and celebrates the arrival of these majestic creatures with a range of special events across the festival weekend in various locations.

This year's festival is from Friday July 1 to Sunday July 3.

The Festival Hub will be at St Philip's Anglican Church in Cowes and is proudly presented by festival partners Destination Phillip Island, Wildlife Coast Cruises, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Dolphin Research Institute and supported by the state government and Bass Coast Shire.

Local community and visitors alike have the opportunity to engage with a range of activities that will not only entertain but also allow them to appreciate the wildlife and natural habitats of Phillip Island and the Bass Coast region.

During the festival, choose from fascinating science talks from experts and marine biologists, art and craft workshops, whale spotting, photography and more!

Hear from a range of experts in their field including Palaeontologist, Ben Francischelli; researcher Dave Donnelley from the Two Bays Whale Project; Mandy Robertson from the Dolphin Research Institute; marine biologist and researcher Dr Sue Mason; and Southern Wright whale researcher, Dr Kasey Stamation.

There are also workshops available with local photographers Dale from the Photo Rangers and Chris Farrell Nature Photographer.

Take the time to explore the Phillip Island and Bass Coast Whale Discovery Trail, fea-



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turing some of the finest whale lookouts in the region. Grab your warm clothing and a pair of binoculars, head out to one of the fantastic vantage points from Phillip Island, Bass Coast to Inverloch, and marvel at the area's stunning landscapes along the way.

Those wanting to get closer to the marine giants can join one of the Wildlife Coast Cruises whale and dolphin boat tours that circumnavigate the island in search of whales.

With lots of excited visitors please remember to look after the coastal environment by watching out for wildlife on the roads and by keeping to the designated tracks.

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The whales are here!

Visiting humpback whales have well and truly arrived off the Victorian coast during their northerly migration say researchers from the Dolphin Research Institute.

This coincides with the Dolphin Research Institute's launch of two significant documents: an update of the Victorian Humpback Whale Fluke Identification Catalogue and the Two Bays Whale Project Report for 2021. Both documents are freely available for download at www.dolphinresearch.org.au/sightings-info.

According to David Donnelly, the Institute's Research Officer and manager of the Two Bays Whale Project: "Citizen scientists are at the heart of both projects with passionate volunteers spending many freezing hours on cliff top vantage points and tour vessels during the whale season".

"The project achieved an important milestone recently, with the 1500th validated sighting recorded into our database, an achievement that simply would not have been possible if not for the contributions of citizen scientists," Donnelly elaborated.

"Using information from these sightings, we are now able to detect changes in the migratory behaviour of these animals as well as to inform



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Environmental Planning which ultimately provides additional protection for these animals. This is a satisfying outcome and a testament to the efforts of our dedicated citizen science community."

Project partner Wildlife Coast Cruises play an important role in this work, providing crucial information and imagery to the project which adds enormous value to the Institute's work.

The Dolphin Research Institute will present at the upcoming Island Whale Festival on Phillip Island, running four Spot-a-Whale sessions for the public on July 2 and 3. Times and details for these sessions and the whole

festival can be found at www.islandwhales.com.au.

The Dolphin Research Institute is calling on the community to help by reporting their sightings of whales and dolphins on the Institute's website.

Also respect whales if they are on the water, by obeying the Whale Distancing Rules (not approaching closer than 200m in your vessel or 300m on a Jet Ski).

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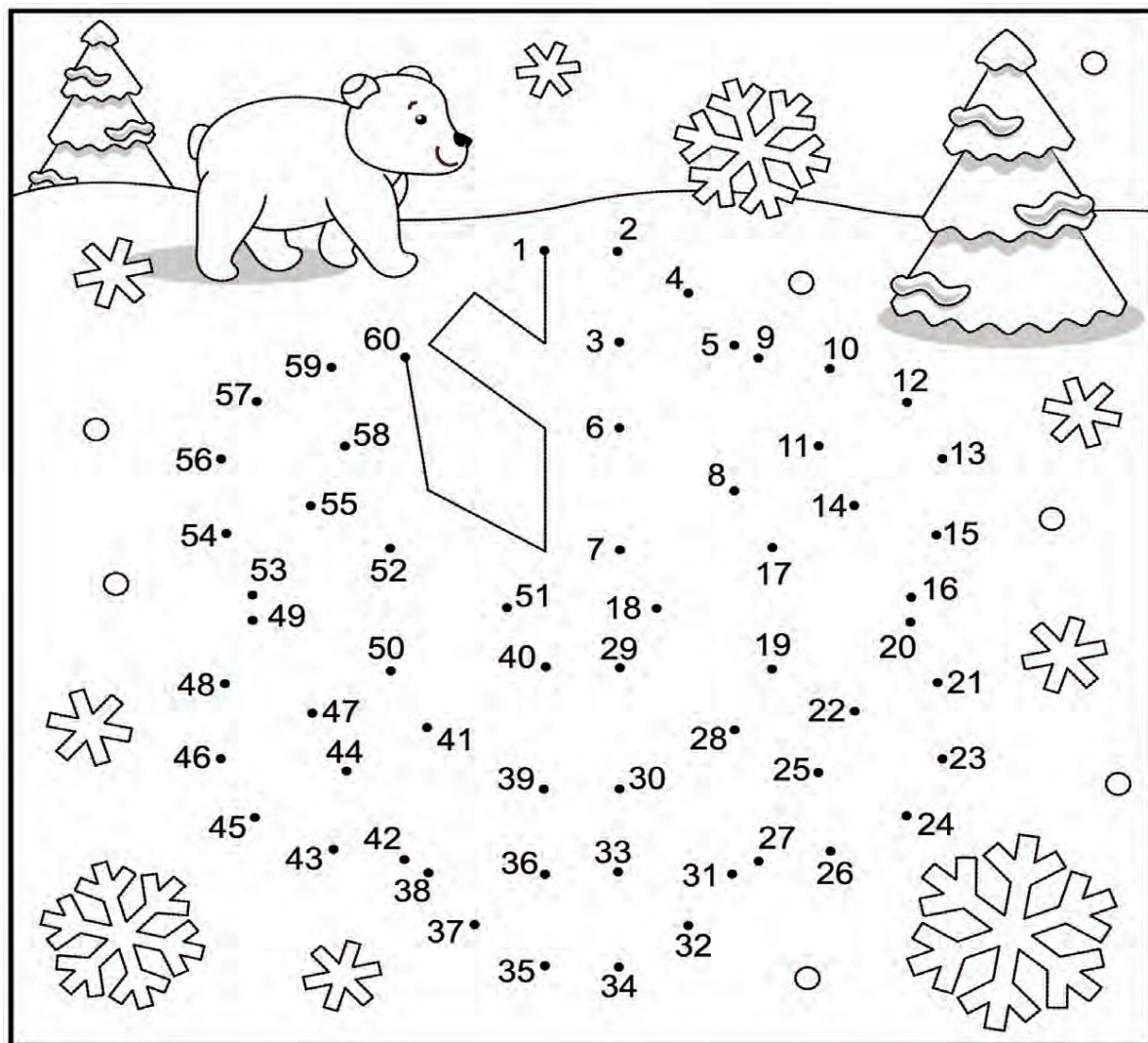


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Penguins go through an annual 'catastrophic moult', where they lose and regrow all their feathers in a short space of time.

There are 18 species of penguin, 10 of which are considered endangered.

All penguins are native to the southern hemisphere - they never share a habitat with polar bears.

The smallest penguin, the little penguin, weighs just 1.5kg and is only 30cm tall.

Emperor penguins are the only bird species to breed on sea ice.

The king of Norway knighted a penguin, Sir Nils Olav, who is mascot of his guard.



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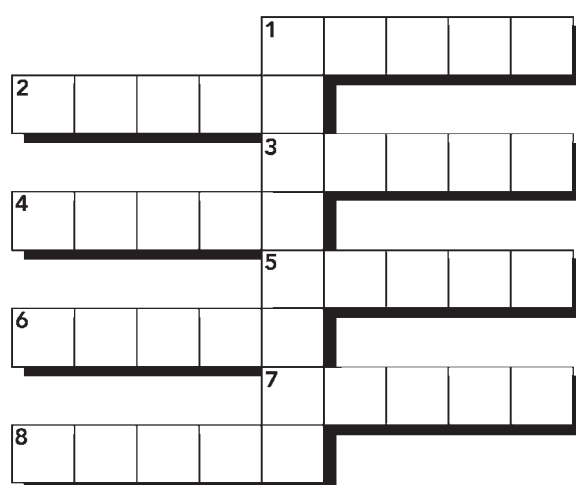
WINTER RIDDLE

In a one-storey Igloo in Canada, the bedrooms were yellow, the kitchen was blue, the living room was orange and the entry hall was red and the sitting room was purple. What colour were the stairs?



ANSWERS: They are no stairs, it's one story.

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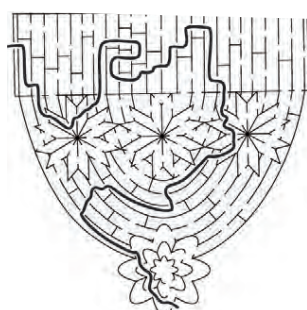
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- 4 Toss
- 5 Shoes
- 6 Winter jacket
- 7 Sweet treat
- 8 Relax

ANSWERS: Scarf, Lemon, Ocean, Throw, Boots, Parka, Lolly, Chill (SNOWBALL).

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Less connection and more pressure on PICAL

The popular Women Connect program at PICAL is one of the services which will relocate to Warley Avenue when PICAL moves later this year.

The program was established in 2017, and in the past has received funding from a range of sources, including the Adult Community and Further Education board, Australia Post and Bass Coast Shire Council.

In 2021, it was nominated for a Victorian Learn Local Award.

Despite its success, it appears the move to the new premises may be a bumpy one.

This month, PICAL President Jeff Floyd confirmed one-off grant funding covering the wages of a dedicated coordinator was not ongoing and a new model was being considered to run the program.

He posted an update on Facebook to clarify the situation.

"We recognise the strong community support for Women Connect and the valuable role that it plays," Jeff stated.

"We continue to run and support Women Connect as a free service. We offer free room access, computer/wi-fi access; on-hand assistance with career counselling and resumes; free work-wardrobe service; employability skills-training, coffee/tea."

However, he said PICAL was appealing to the community to provide additional financial support and a volunteer committee to help keep the program operating.

"PICAL is committed to Women Connect and will continue to support it and our other key services."

"We are also continuing to apply for grants to strengthen Women Connect but it is tough winning grant funding."

"If an organisation or members of the community wish to donate or raise funds for PICAL, on condition that these funds are dedicated to Women Connect, then we would be pleased to do this," Mr Floyd said.

"We have a wonderful and active



Funding is no longer available for a Women Connect program coordinator, a role previously held by Courtney Wallace (centre), seen here with volunteers Michelle Adams and Phylis Macklin in 2020.

Community Garden volunteer committee, and it is our wish to see a similar committee established for Women Connect.

"If you are not currently involved and would like to register as a volunteer with PICAL for Women Connect, please email Greg Thompson at manager@pical.org.au. We would love to have you involved."

Mr Floyd said the Women Connect Committee will be formed later this year when PICAL's move to Warley Avenue is finalised.

Women Connect operates two days each week: Mondays and Wednesdays 10am - 2pm.

Service review

Mr Floyd said the Committee of PICAL undertook a review of its priority services last year, during what he described as "a very challenging financial period for all community groups".

"We recognised that we were not in a position to expand our services further but needed to focus on our priorities."

"These priorities were agreed to include our core government

funded services (Centrelink, Adult Education), our Foodbank services. Women Connect and the Community Garden.

"We also agreed to continue to support and host Boomerang Bags - an independent organisation that does wonderful work for the community. We also provide accommodation for a wide range of other community activities run by local voluntary groups."

He said PICAL planned to relocate Centrelink, Adult Education, Women Connect, Foodbank and other community services to the new Warley Avenue location.

The Community Garden and Boomerang Bags would relocate to Blue Gum Reserve.

"PICAL is a charity, not a state government agency, and we greatly depend upon community support."

Outside its core government funded services, and specific programs with dedicated government funding, its support for other key services is focussed on providing space, insurance, equipment, administrative support, coordination and advice, Mr Floyd said.



Local singer-songwriter Mark Howard is launching his debut solo album this week, on Thursday June 23 at the Archies Creek Hotel.

Album launch for Phillip Island muso

Local singer-songwriter Mark Howard is launching his debut solo album this week, on Thursday June 23 at the Archies Creek Hotel.

As a full-time working musician, Mark's industry was the first to close down and the last to open back up during the global pandemic.

After the initial trauma Mark experienced through losing his livelihood, he discovered an opportunity for growth through creativity. His labour manifested itself into his debut solo album, "Passing Strangers". As a fiercely independent artist unable to work his normal vocation, Mark found essential work as a courier delivering vaccines throughout the Bass Coast and Gippsland to fund the recording.

The album was written at Mark's home base of Phillip Island and was recorded at Sunderland Studio. "Passing Strangers" launches Thursday, June 23 at Archies Creek Hotel. His songs weave seamlessly through blues, rock, folk and roots, and over the years, he has shared the stage with the likes of Tim Rogers, Billy Thorpe and Pete Murray, as well as performing in more than 45 countries.

Following the launch, Mark will go on a three month, 25 date tour of the east coast of Australia and New Zealand to promote the album.

Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets are available at www.caravanmusic.com.au/events/mark-howard-passing-strangers-album-launch and on the door.

New Rotary President

Well known Phillip Island identity, Peter Buitenhuis, has been elected President of Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo for the 2022-23 year.

The changeover of all leadership roles was marked at a special dinner held at the Newhaven Yacht Squadron on Monday evening.

Present at the dinner were Rotary District Governor, Bill Degnan from Traralgon, along with the Mayor of Bass Coast Shire, Michael Whelan, and Rotary members and guests.

Peter is no stranger to holding a leadership role, as he has been Commodore of Newhaven Yacht Squadron for several years.

The Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo has exciting plans for the coming year and welcomes the return of several programs that have been in limbo since the pandemic.

Peter is looking forward to the year ahead.

"We have a major project in the



Incoming President of the Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary Club, Peter Buitenhuis.

planning stage, something we feel essential for the Island and San Remo area."

Peter mentioned there would be a focus on youth and community in the coming year with lots more exciting events scheduled.

Celebrating NAIDOC Week

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network announces NAIDOC Week celebrations with two community events including the Annual Indigenous Art Exhibition and a Reconciliation Bridge Walk that was rescheduled from National Reconciliation Week.

NAIDOC Week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is celebrated by all Australians and is a great opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This year's NAIDOC Week runs from July 3 to 10 and the theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up! the inspiration for both the events.

The Annual Indigenous Art Exhibition at the Wonthaggi ArtSpace showcases and celebrates local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. The 2022 exhibition is hosted by the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Reconciliation Group from June 29 to August 14, seven days a week from 11am-3pm.

"During NAIDOC, we are proud to be supporting the wonderful Indigenous Art Exhibition at ArtSpace in Wonthaggi," said Patrice Mahoney OAM, Bass Coast Shire Council Aboriginal Development Officer.

"The exhibition is curated and run by Bass Coast South Gippsland Rec-



NAIDOC Week is a great opportunity to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and local events include an art exhibition and bridge walk.

conciliation Group who are Network members and is a wonderful showcase of the talent in Bass Coast."

The official opening of the Exhibition is on Sunday, July 3 from 1pm-3pm but you will need to register to attend for RSVP and catering. www.trybooking.com/CAEVM

The Exhibition opening will begin with a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country by the Bunurong, artists guest speakers and the visual arts exhibition will be open for viewing. You can also see the virtual exhibition by visiting: www.naidoc-art.com.au.

Bridge walk

The committee is excited to confirm that it has rescheduled the Reconciliation Bridge Walk to July 15. The Bridge Walk will start from 11am at the San Remo Foreshore

with a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony and then, from 11.30am, everyone will make their way from San Remo and across the bridge to the Grayden's Reserve, Newhaven, for a BBQ, flag raising, banner painting and yarnning.

"The Bridge Walk was postponed on two occasions over the past two years, but we are determined to make it happen," said Patrice.

"We've chosen a weekday for the event to enable school and broader community participation."

Both community events are a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, cultures and achievements and provide an opportunity for each of us to make change, support community this NAIDOC, simply Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network provides much needed support to make these events possible and is made up of members from Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.

For more information on NAIDOC Week activities, visit www.naidoc.org.au or www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation.

Need a laugh this winter?

Buckle up and jump on board the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow as it heads off on the ultimate road trip, home-delivering the freshest and funniest superstars from this year's Festival to neighbourhoods across Australia.

Wonthaggi is one of over 70 stops scheduled across the nation, with the roadshow coming to town on Wednesday, June 29 at 7.30pm.

The show at the Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre features Ben Lomas, Bronwyn Kuss, Claire Hooper, Lewis Garnham and Takashi Wakasugi. Tickets are between \$40 and \$50.

In its 24th year, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow aims to roll out the best stand up, sketch, and satire across venues in all corners of the nation.

For information and tickets, visit www.comedyfestival.com.au/roadshow



The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow delivers the laughs to Wonthaggi on June 29, at the Union Arts Centre.



At the Tony Rinaudo book launch at the Newhaven Yacht Club (from left) John Hendrie of PI World Vision Club, Joanne Sequeira, Asha Sequeira (Relationship Manager World Vision), Tony and Liz Rinaudo.

Successful book launch for World Vision

Tony Rinaudo, agronomist and Principal of World Vision's Climate Action and Resilience Team, fascinated his audience at the Newhaven Yacht Squadron on Friday last.

Presented by Phillip Island World Vision, Tony was at Phillip Island to launch his book "The Forest Underground – Hope for a planet in crisis".

He and his wife, Liz, told of their 17 years in Africa, where Tony realised a method to transform African drylands in Niger, Ghana and Mali.

His work with Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) has transformed the African drylands and has already regreened more than 18 million hectares in 27 countries,

reduced our carbon footprint and transformed millions of lives and livelihoods.

"Phillip Island World Vision Club is grateful to Newhaven Yacht Squadron for providing the venue, and to the generosity and skill of Ruth Partridge, our members and friends, who provided a lavish afternoon tea at the book launch," said President Lynne Kharanda.

"The pleasing outcome is that our Club is able to donate the proceeds toward FMNR through World Vision Australia, and we are very grateful for the support of attendees."

"The Forest Underground – Hope for a planet in crisis" by Tony Rinaudo can be purchased www.fmnrhub.com.au; and ISCAST.org/news/tfu.



Tony Rinaudo speaks at his book launch at the Newhaven Yacht Club, presented by Phillip Island World Vision Club.

Newhaven College announced new board

Three new members were elected to the Newhaven College board at last month's AGM, with three other long-serving members farewelled.

Greg Harrison, Kylie Holmes and Graham MacGregor were welcomed onto the board, each bringing their own skills, experience and expertise.

"All three are passionate about the school and its future," a College spokesperson said.

Greg, Kylie and Graham join David Jobe (Chair), Megan White (Deputy Chair), Simon Manning (Treasurer) and Rory McKenzie on the current Newhaven College Board.

Newhaven College also recognised and

thanked the work of the outgoing Board members Greg Price, Rod Patch and Elena Campbell-Walker for their efforts and generous service to the College over many years.

Greg Price, a well-known Phillip Island identity, was elected to the Newhaven College Board in 1998 making him a member of the Newhaven College Board for more than half of the history of the school, including ten years as Board Chair.

"Greg has been a passionate, generous and fair advocate for the school and a friend to many."

"The school sincerely thanks Greg for his extraordinary service and contribution to Newhaven College."



Graham MacGregor – new board member



Greg Harrison – new board member



Kylie Holmes – new board member



Elena Campbell-Walker – outgoing board member



Greg Price – outgoing board member was praised and thanked for his extraordinary service and contribution, after serving as Board chair for 10 years.



Rod Patch – outgoing board member

SHORT STACK

A QUICK ROUNDUP OF NEWS, VIEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Community history awards

Entries for the 2022 Victorian community history awards close on July 8.

The awards celebrate people involved in community history projects dedicated to telling local stories. Prizes range from \$1500 - \$5000.

prov.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-awards/community-history-awards

Nominate your senior of the year

Nominations for the Victorian Senior of the Year Awards are now open until July 29.

You can nominate residents aged 60 and above and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians aged 50 years and above. Categories cover multiculturalism, healthy living, veterans, ageing well and community contribution.

seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/awards

Grants for regional start-ups

Cash grants are now available through Victoria's startup agency LaunchVic to help more start-up activity in the regions.

Grants of up to \$300,000 are on offer for programs that promote startup entrepreneurship to regional Victorians, and local councils, business chambers and regionally based innovation hubs are encouraged to apply.

Expressions of Interest close July 21. launchvic.org.

Sporting club funding

Sporting club grants are available to help community sport clubs with purchasing new uniforms and equipment, training, and club development.

Clubs can apply for grants of up to \$1000 for new uniforms and equipment, up to \$5000 for training coaches, officials and volunteers, and up to \$5000 to better club operations.

sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding.

Road safety grants

Applications are open for the 2022 Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Local Government Grant Program, offering funding to local councils for projects that aim to reduce death and serious injury to pedestrians and cyclists.

Grants of up to \$30,000 for analysis projects, and up to \$100,000 for infrastructure projects are available.

Applications close July 27.

www.tac.vic.gov.au/lgagrants.

Australian of the Year

Public nominations for the 2023 Australian of the Year Awards are open until midnight July 31.

The Australian of the Year Awards rely on nominations from members of the public to find individuals who are contributing to our nation. There are four categories: Australian of the Year, Senior Australian (65+), Young Australian (16-30) and Local Hero.

Nominate at australianoftheyear.org.au by July 31.

Honouring our mental health heroes

Nominations are open for the Australian Mental Health Prize, which seeks to recognise the impor-

tant and ground-breaking work many Australians are doing for mental health, with expanded categories this year.

Nominators will answer three questions about the nominee's contribution to mental health and how it is making an impact. Entries close August 1.

Nominate at australianmentalhealthprize.org.au.

Music Works grants

Grants of between \$4000 and \$40,000 are available for activities including recording and releasing new music, presenting music events, marketing and business development under the state government's Music Works program.

To apply, visit creative.vic.gov.au/music-works.

More women in council

Applications are open for the Women Leading Locally program, designed to encourage more women to run for council.

The program aims to help develop leadership skills, provide participants with ongoing mentoring and equip them with the knowledge and skills needed to run a successful local government campaign.

Bass Coast is one of 30 municipalities where women were most under-represented. To kickstart the program, there will be a series of online and in-person seminars.

Women who are aboriginal, live with disability or identify as LGBTQI+ are encouraged to apply.

localgovernment.vic.gov.au.

Regional health panel

La Trobe University is seeking members for a new regional and rural health consumer panel.

The panel will help researchers understand the

health issues affecting rural and regional Australians, and panel members will help develop solutions for health and wellbeing challenges.

You can join by completing the online registration survey. Anyone aged 18 and over who lives in regional or rural Australia can be involved. There is no deadline to apply and no limit to the number of panel members.

For further information, visit www.latrobe.edu.au/news/announcements/2022/join-australias-first-rural-health-consumer-panel or email rural-panel@latrobe.edu.au.

Telstra Best of Business Awards

Nominations for the 2023 Telstra Best of Business Awards are open.

The Awards program celebrates the innovation and creativity of Australian small and medium-sized businesses.

There are seven award categories plus an overall national winner. Categories include: Accelerating Women, Building Communities, Championing Health, Embracing Innovation, Indigenous Excellence, Outstanding Growth and Promoting Sustainability.

www.telstrabestofbusinessawards.com.

Junior Landcare

2022 Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grants are now open.

Schools, kindergartens, childcare centres, scouts, girlguides, youth and junior landcare groups can apply for grants that provide up to \$5000 for projects focused on Victoria's biodiversity.

Grant applications close on Tuesday August 9.

juniorlandcare.org.au/grant/2022-victorian-junior-landcare-and-biodiversity-grants/

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Construction description

After several months since construction began, I am surprised and disappointed that there is still no billboard to inform visitors about the work activities at the new Cowes Cultural Centre site. This is an important oversight considering that most visitors would have no idea, as well as most non-resident property owners who do not read the local paper, or minutes of the monthly council meetings. So, I wonder how many thousands of people walk and drive past the construction site wondering what is going on!

A trivial attempt has been made to show something with a small image placed on the construction safety mesh screen (which is a poor choice of surface), but without any description. The image is of an elderly man sitting on a park bench with a non-descript wall in the far background, which could be a typical scene anywhere in the world. Surely a proper billboard with a few images and a brief description of the project would be fitting of our future \$29 million civic centre.

Lou Pecora, Surf Beach

Editor's note: Bass Coast Shire Council has advised a 2000mm x1000mm sign has been installed now with a project summary and links to a QR code that takes you to further information.

Four lanes to Cowes?

Whilst Bass Coast Shire has ditched the Car Ferry study, shouldn't the state government funding be put towards four car lanes between San Remo and Cowes?

Michael Quinn, San Remo

Trail proposal inconsistent

The proposed Cowes to Ventnor trail is inconsistent with the Council's revegetation of coastal reserves plan and policies of not cutting down trees, creating bio links and protecting native animal habitat. People can and do walk easily from Cowes to Ventnor along the beach. Cyclists and those on e-scooters can go along

the road network with lined safe bike paths. This saves the animals and their habitat, the indigenous trees and plants and saves Bass Coast ratepayers funds that will be required to build and maintain the track. Funds that can be allocated for other needy priority projects.

Trevor White, Cowes

Support for shared path

A shared path from Cowes to Ventnor, taking in the views of the north-facing beaches, has been talked about for some years. At the moment there are short sections that have been cleared between some houses and the shoreline, but there is no continuous path that links these cleared areas.

One of the underlying advantages of having a shared path is safety. At the moment, to travel anywhere from Cowes to Ventnor by walking or cycling, it is necessary to go on the road in parts, as there are few footpaths. This is not a safe option, particularly for families with young children, or for inexperienced cyclists. Even the roads lack linkages, leading to long detours to move from one area to another.

A shared path would arguably promote the use of active transport, not only for local residents, but also for tourists. At the moment, private motor vehicle is the dominant form of transport. Improvements to tracks and trails is needed in order for this to change.

The native vegetation along this coastal strip needs to be preserved as much as possible. However, there are some introduced species of plants (weeds) that are getting out of control in some of the areas where access is extremely difficult. Some examples are kikuyu grass, pittosporum, ivy and agapanthus. A shared path would improve access for volunteer groups to remove weeds, and give the native vegetation a better chance.

The Phillip Island Bicycle User Group has been advocating for better infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists for around seventeen years. We are excited to read that

the Bass Coast Shire Council plans to spend \$10 million over 10 years on tracks and trails. We enthusiastically support the proposed Cowes to Ventnor shared path, and support the High Priority ranking it has in the draft Tracks and Trails Strategy.

Don Turner, Phillip Island Bicycle User Group, San Remo

Fix the roads

Four years ago, local MP Jordan Crugnale announced a \$1.2 million skate park for San Remo prior to election. Perhaps being put off by the debacle that process become, it appears this time some local businesses are getting grants. The 'Hot Springs' got \$5.2million for a private venture on Friday June 17. Whilst broadly supportive of the project, how was this project determined by the state government to receive \$5.2 million when we still have dusty roads around our new High School? Here is a tip for the Labor member if she would like to improve her standing, fix the roads.

Nathan Murphy, San Remo

We need trees

Now that the Shire is engaging with more consultants, with one of them on Managing Urban Forest, what do consultants think about trees in big pots at the Transport Hub? There were more when in-street dining was in place, a few left, also with bedraggled and dead trees in pots.

Main deal with consultant Zoom session was about tall trees with large canopies. Aren't these being removed?

Trees are valuable, extremely. They catch rainfall and direct it down to soil made permeable by roots, stored and purified for later release. Below ground is said to be greater biomass than above, supporting enormous mass of critters, from microbiomes to insects, reptiles and mammals. Leaves in tree-tops support huge populations as well including microbes, herbivores and carnivores, along with reptiles, mammals and birds.

Until recently, all research into

trees was conducted from ground level. It's now recognised that there's so much more we don't know about complexity of this particular kind of nature. As incidence of dieback of trees occurs more regularly, there's very little investigation into causes, possibly insecticide or herbicide killing predator insects which keep population of herbivorous insects under control. Or climate, which can cause migration of some critters to cooler climate at risk of their preferred food not following. It takes many decades to establish, or re-establish, complexity of life forms in trees.

Humankind takes many things for granted. We do so at our peril. If the Shire is making policy about urban forest, surely it needs to make comprehensive review, delivering real forest, not trees in pots?

Bernie McComb, Cowes

Two beanies or one cap?

Councillor Brett Tessari while in attendance at council meeting on June 15 informed the meeting of his official endorsement as the National Party candidate at the coming state election. As a pledge and as the candidate, how much money will the National Party announce towards the creation of an Aquatic centre, 50 metre swimming pool for Cowes on Phillip Island?

Graham Jolly, Cape Woolamai

Limit activities on damaged foreshore.

The current effort to generate wildlife corridors will be obliterated by building a path, prioritising our activities over the dwindling foreshore. We need to adapt our impact to protect this fragile environment.

Let's consider solutions that could benefit all starting with a bike lane along Church Street to allow safe cycling passage. Add in a footpath – it is currently very difficult for prams and strollers as the footpath abruptly ends. Spending funds to improve existing and unfinished infrastructure would be a more logical use of rates.

Walking along the beach is a high-

light for many locals and tourists. The vegetation is showing fleeting signs of recovery and the wildlife is visibly making good use of these crossings.

A path to encourage foot traffic, cyclists and ebikes would have significant impact; land and tree clearing, increased traffic, noise and activity driving away wildlife. Resulting in desire tracks to the ocean, trampling endangered hooded plover nests and homes of echidnas and goannas. Too often we find stashes of litter, alcohol bottles and the like. When directed to the beach via end of street council paths, visitors from the campsites and surrounds will almost always clean up after themselves. Sadly in the privacy of the bushland this is not the case.

It is our responsibility to adapt our lifestyle for the continuous improvement of the island. Nature Parks and wildlife have long been a key visitor highlight. Let's have a strategic look at the necessity of bringing traffic, foot cycle or otherwise to a peaceful corridor that is only now starting to be restored.

Diana Thornley, Cowes

"It's Time"

Why doesn't the local RSL fly the aboriginal flag in recognition of the volunteer First Nations people who fought in the wars overseas which Australia was involved in, from the first world war and every other war we have been fighting in?

Isn't it time, particularly as NAID-OC week approaches, that our community acknowledges the aboriginal volunteers who were classed as fauna until 1967, and not recognised as humans, that our RSL should fly the aboriginal flag proudly?

Politicians and citizens recognise the sinful history of the past since white occupation of Australia. Give the aboriginal flag its rightful place beside the Australian flag at our Island RSL here and in every other RSL complex in every state and territory.

It is long overdue, now is the time. S.Park. Cowes

How to take care of Covid at home

Covid cases remain high in our community.

Since mid-May, local daily case numbers have sat between 550 and 440, with case numbers in Cowes (and the 3922 postcode) remaining steady at around 110.

Bass Coast Health says with the onset of winter, it is likely significant levels of the virus will remain present locally.

With that in mind, BCH new Director of Pharmacy Kym Bowring is offering tips for people with Covid to care for themselves at home when they have mild symptoms, such as a sore throat, cough or fever.

Anyone with more serious symptoms, including difficulty in breathing, should phone Triple Zero and request an ambulance.

"If your symptoms are mild, you are best to rest, stay hydrated and eat healthy food," Kym said.

"If you have vomiting or diarrhoea, drink oral rehydration fluids such as Gastrolyte or Hydralyte.

"Paracetamol or ibuprofen can be taken for mild headache, aches and a sore throat, but if you're unsure if these medications are safe for you to have, check with your doctor or

pharmacist first."

Covid patients can continue to take their regular medicines. A pharmacist may be able to offer telephone advice, as well as support for Covid patients to access over the counter medicines and their regular medicines via home delivery while they have COVID-19.

"For people at risk of developing severe disease, oral medications targeted at COVID-19 are now available on the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)," Kym said.

"These treatments should be administered as soon as possible after symptom onset to achieve the best outcome, usually within the first five days of symptoms appearing. Your doctor will be able to advise if these medications are an appropriate option for you.

"The benefit of these medicines is that they reduce the risk of someone with mild disease progressing towards more serious disease."

BCH's Pharmacy team has implemented medication guidelines – including staff training – to assist with the selection of appropriate treatment options for Covid patients treated at Wonthaggi Hospital and



Bass Coast Health's new Director of Pharmacy Kym Bowring (left) with Pharmacy Technician Natalie Jones and Intern Pharmacist Jess Evans. Kym has compiled some tips for caring for yourself at home after a Covid diagnosis.

as part of the Hospital In The Home – Covid Home Monitoring Program.

Kym became Director of Pharmacy role earlier this year, taking over from Joanne Rolland who served more than 20 years in the role.

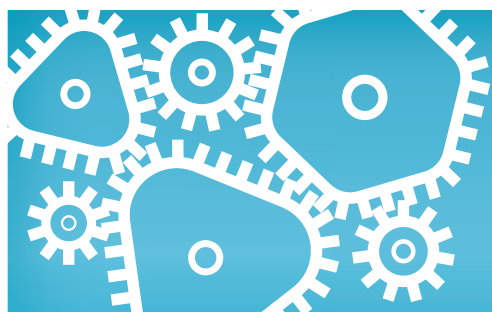
Kym has been with BCH's Pharmacy team for four years and

previously worked in community pharmacy.

"I'm looking forward to the completion of the hospital expansion project and growing our pharmacy team to meet the needs of a growing health service," she said.

Throughout her directorship, Joanne led the department through

accreditations, implemented the National Inpatient Medication Chart and expanded services, including the training of staff to deliver more services to the ITCU and haematology departments, and Partnered Pharmacists Medication Charting. She also helped to implement the intern pharmacy program.



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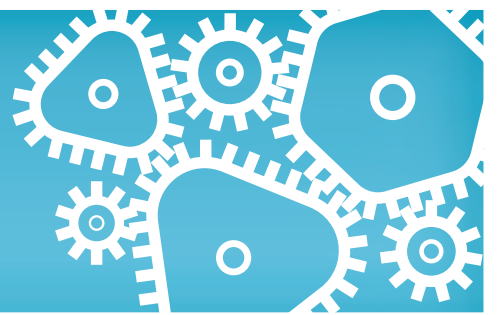
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U13s Casey Phillip Island netballers played their grand final on Saturday and did an amazing job. The match was a nail bitter right to the end, unfortunately not the result the team wanted, going down by just one point. It is great to see how far the girls have come this season and they are excited for the spring netball season.



A grade had a competitive match against Korumburra; unfortunately Burra was too strong on the day and the final score was Korumburra 62 to Phillip Island 55.

Hard fought matches against Burra netballers

B Grade

Suns out guns out, what a day for winter sport!

With the late ground change from Burra to Phillip Island, the Island girls were looking forward to playing on home soil again, especially on such a glorious day!

We knew the day was going to be a good one with half the crew kick starting their day making the infamous and mouth-watering salad rolls with the best in the business.

With official duties over it was time to unveil the new pump-up playlist.

A highlight of the day was definitely seeing super coach Madstar rap out her favourite tune.

In what were very hot conditions on court, both teams were running hard, fighting for everything and sweating up a storm.

With our mighty leader out, it was great to see Kylie and Lily accurate with their shots, hold strong, work the ball well around the ring and work well as a team to help the girls take away a strong win.

There were so many fantastic passages of play that showed great teamwork from one end to the other.

Well done ladies, a super team effort.

Final scores: PI 57 def Korumburra 33.

Best on awards: Kylie Hammond, Lily Huther and Jarah White.

U17s

The Under 17s girls took the court knowing they were in for a hard-fought game against Korumburra, and they had to bring their A game.

The first quarter proved just that; Korumburra got off to a quick start, then the Island managed to bring the score back to be one goal down at quarter time.

Second quarter Korumburra stepped their defence and attack up a notch and unfortunately Phillip Island seemed to do the opposite and Korumburra were just too good on the day.

Final scores ended up being 46 to 31.

The team will now reset and work out how to bring their A game for next week against Bunyip.

U15s

It was a sunny, yet crisp winter morning at the Phillip Island Football Netball Club, with anticipation in the air, as the top two sides were to meet for the first time.

With Phillip Island undefeated, Korumburra would be their biggest challenge thus far, and you could sense that tensions were running high.

It was a strong first half from both sides, with Korumburra shooters being incredibly accurate, and really making Isabella Santorini (GK) and

Sophia Hungerford (GD) work hard in the defensive ring.

Maya Huther (C) was working incredibly hard on a strong Korumburra centre, doing her best to compose the team when there was a turnover.

At half time the scores were 16-12 Korumburra's way.

With a few changes made on the Phillip Island bench, the girls came out hungry and determined.

Our shooters, Meika White (GA) and Grace Morris (GS), kept a cool head under pressure, and managed to make use of turnovers coming from the great pressure and incredible intercepts from teammates up the court.

The feeding and ball placement into the ring from alternate WA players, Abbey Clarke and Hazel Burke, were amazing.

There was great defensive pressure throughout the game and down the court from Matilda Feehan (WD).

The final scores were 27-29, with Korumburra taking the win.

There are some great learnings for the girls to take away and overall, it was a great game to watch, with high intensity from both sides, and a nail-biting finish.

Special mention to Aisha Hibbert for stepping into GS in the final quarter and being strong and accurate in the ring.

Best on awards go to: Meika White and Isabella Santorini.

Mid-week bowls results

The gods of weather appear to be on our side.

Once again the brave turned up at Lang Lang in the rain with great hopes of getting a few ends of bowls in for the day.

And once again the weather suddenly turned just as we were calling the teams.

And what a day, no rain and not too cold to enjoy our friends' company, lots of friendly sledging and a lot of laughter.

We managed 26 ends over two games in perfect winter weather (the rain started again five minutes after we finished playing).

Our elder statesman Bill had a bit of

a moment with some excellent donations to the RCH tin.

Many thanks to Bill for his generosity, I am certain these are planned donations from some of our best players.

This week's winners on 35 points: Tony Heppleston (S), Frank d'Unienville (3) and Peter Thorley (L).

Runners Up on 32 points: Ken Barnes (S), Peter McWilliams and Lindsay Russell (3) and Michael Saunders (L).

Best One Game with 18 points: John Nicholson (S), Phil Wright (3), Peter Taylor (L).

Many thanks to all our brave members who have turned up in the past two weeks when it looked doubtful

that we would even get a game in.

Thank you to Colin from Lang Lang Bowls club who set up the green, looked after the bar, helped in the kitchen and also jumped in to sub when one of our bowlers had to leave at lunch time.

Thank you also to Laurie who cleared up the green and helped in the kitchen.

Next week we will be at Corinella at 10am for a 10.30am start.

For more information contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974. Everyone is welcome.

See you on the green.

Also, just a reminder that Corinella hosts this Saturdays match at 12pm for a 12.30pm start.

A few of our members also play the Saturday matches so it is worth mentioning.



Coach Leigh Woolford handball the ball to Tim Van Brummelen, with Joel Goodall looking on in the Veterans game on Sunday. Photo courtesy of John Stapleton from Stapo Photos.

Panther's hunt down the Bulldogs

After a great win against Neerim South and playing their third home game, the Bulldogs Veterans faced off against the top of the ladder Devon Meadows – these boys are serious arriving on their own full-sized bus.

The local legends had an inauspicious start, losing tall timber Rodney "Rocket" McKenzie and Stephen "The Phantom" Harvey to sickness prior to the bounce, but in true club fashion the boys shrugged it off and quickly got two goals on the board.

In a seesawing first half there was great play on both sides, with the Phillip Island midfield brigade getting plenty of wrinkled hands on the footy and giving plenty of opportunities to the forwards.

Benny Hallas was everywhere, if he didn't have the footy (which wasn't often, finished with three goals) he was mirthlessly tackling and smothering any attempts from Devon to go forward.

Todd "Hoover" Cleeland was cleaning up everything along the back flank and Gareth "Gravan" Kennedy was putting in some great

support for a man in just his second game ever!

One point the difference at half time.

The second half was a great contest, with Devon Meadows forwards taking some great marks, and started to draw away.

Damien "Damo" Lee took control down back with some daring runs, unfortunately the umpire had to remind him he needed to bounce the thing every once in a while.

Daniel Bettles was using his shoulder as a battering ram and constantly kept the footy down forward while Lee "Neubs" Neubauer and Dale "Chicken" Larkin finished the day with two goals apiece.

Scores:

Devon Meadows: 2.1, 5.4, 8.8, 9.12.66.

Phillip Island: 2.2, 5.3, 6.4, 7.6.48.

Goals: Ben Hallas 3, Lee Neubauer 2, Dale Larkin 2.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Ben Hallas, Tim Van Brummelen, Nicholas Russo, Nathan Hollings, Damien Lee, Gareth Kennedy.

Phillip Island golf results

Tuesday June 14, Men's Stableford

Winner Sam Orr (17) with 38 points on countback to Geoff Daff (15).

NTP: 5TH Barry Melven, 7th Pete Gray, 10th Peter Cartwright and 17th Peter Cartwright.

Nine Hole Stableford winner was John Rodakis (36) with 20 points from Peter Lawrence (40) on 19 points, countback from Clive Hill (29).

Wednesday June 15, Ladies Stroke

Nett winner with 74 nett was Di Gray (25), runner up on countback was Judy Henry (25), from Kaye Beaton (23) and Best Gross Score was Debra Orr.

NTP: 5th Judy Henry, 7th Kaye Beaton, 10th Lorraine Hammon and 17th Debra Orr.

Nine-hole competition winner was Kym Cooper (37) with 18 points from Michelle Barker (41) on 17 points.

Thursday June 16, Open Stableford

Dave Miers (20) was the winner with 39 points from Paul Wagner (8) with 38 points.

NTP: 5th Jeff Sellenger, 7th Dan McConnon, 10th Peter Cartwright and 17th Phil Cooksey.

Nine-hole competition winner was John Rodakis (36) with 14 points on countback to Harold Jackson (33).

Saturday June 17, 2 Person Ambrose

Men's winners with 63.5 nett were Isaac Batty (+1) and Heath Kolac (23). Runners up were Matt Brown (10) and Luke Zoanetti (7) with 64.75 nett.

Ladies' winners were Sue Brown (23) and Vicki Ramage (32) with

68.75 nett, runners up were Lesley Meadowcroft (15) and Lorraine Hammon (19) with 70.5 nett.

Men's NTP: 5th Neville Thurgood, 7th Isaac Batty, 10th Mark Dykes and 17th Ray Pobjoy.

Mark Dykes had a hole in one on the 10th Hole.

Ladies NTP: 5th Vicki Ramage, 7th Debra Orr, 10th Vicki Ramage and 17th Roz Reid.

Nine-hole winner was Patrick Owens.



Phillip Island golf clubs oldest playing member Clive Hill celebrated his 95th birthday during the week.

Euchre results

Ladies Winner: Marg Cahill 7 wins. Men's Winner: Harry Bow-

man 7 wins.

Encouragement Award:

Granny Wadeson. Please contact Bob Hee for any further information: 0418 173 388.

SPORT

Big win for Island girls

The Island girls were feeling confident after a strong win against Moe in the previous round.

But injuries and other changes in the ruck department left the Island girls with a smaller line up than usual.

Stepping up in the role of ruck was captain Poppy Marshall.

Leading from the front Poppy took control of the middle almost immediately and was well supported by Lexi Walton, Bella Gude and Mackenzie Wain.

The Island girls moved the ball forward and were able to put plenty of pressure on the Dalyston defenders.

It wasn't long before Maya Huther capitalised with a goal.

The girls then grew in confidence.

Zoe Carr and Qiarshi Adams were unstoppable on the wings, while Monica Bartels and Bella Gude played their best games of the season.

As the game continued the Island continued to develop their handball game and were really looking for each other and demonstrated some amazing link up play.

Gisele Smith and Zoe Carr were relentless with their tackling and Jade Ricardo, Cara Moschetti and Sarah Eldridge made sure nothing got past them in defence.

Highlights of the day were Lily O'Loughlin playing her first game for the Island and slotting her first goal and Sienna Steiner into the

ruck for the first time, with instant success.

Goals continued to rain with Lexi Walton, Mackenzie Wain and Jade Ricardo getting a rare opportunity to play up forward and making the most of it slotting numerous goals between them.

Mia Boost was enjoying the great delivery to the forwards as was Lily (Elbow) Bow who both snapped a lazy two goals, following some strong marking.

Millie Marshall, Alaska Dixon, and Kara Nasilasila also demonstrated their experience in whatever position they were thrown.

Miki Leary, Summer Crozier and Macy Stubbs continue to show great progress and are getting their hands on the ball regularly.

Well done to all the girls on a great team game.

Thanks to Andy Walton for umpiring at short notice and boundary umpires Ziggy Wagner and Jesse Moschetti.

Final Score: Phillip Island 16.13.109 def Dalyston 0.0.1.

Best: Lexi Walton, Jade Ricardo, Bella Gude, Zoe Carr, Poppy Marshall, Monica Bartels, Lily (Elbow) Bow, Cara Moschetti, Lily O'Loughlin.

Goals: Jade Ricardo 3, Mia Boost 2, Mackenzie (Macca) Wain 2, Lily (Elbow) Bow 2, Lexi Walton, Poppy Marshall, Milly Marshall, Alaska Dixon, Lily O'Loughlin, Maya Huther, Bella Gude.



Taylah controls the ball assisted by fellow teammates in Youthgirls footy match.



It was an arm wrestle for Gisele Smith against Dalyston.



A great mark by Jade Ricardo In the match played against Dalyston.



Lexi Walton was named in the Best Players this week against Korumburra.

Senior soccer tops the ladder

Men's Seniors

The men played away at Leongatha and after all the rain, and several games played earlier on the pitch before, it ended up muddy and slippery.

Knowing that the pitch wasn't going to suit the Breakers passing game, it was a matter of rolling up the sleeves and getting stuck in and try and win all the 50 /50 tackles and chances.

Leongatha started the best and just after 10 minutes they took the lead for 1-0.

The rest of the half was pretty even with the island defence holding Gatha out with Stuart Bathgate and Jarrah Standish winning lots of tackles along with goalkeeper Tommy pulling off some remarkable saves.

Half time score 1-0 down and the talk was the midfield needed to get control of the game if the Island were to come home with the three points.

Cameron Boulton and Marco Chiampo did that running in the game and feeding the ball to Callum Chisolm and Solo Scarlett out wide to push towards goal.

It was all the Breakers who were pushing for the goals and with only eight minutes left the pressure paid off. After a hand ball in the box the Islanders were awarded a penalty, up stepped Gareth Ellison to put the ball into the net to even the score 1-1.

The Breakers then kept pressing for the win and after a clearance from Gatha the ball fell to Rhyley who hit a zoyard shot and the ball went under the keeper to make the score 2-1.

With four minutes left the Breakers held solid with Nathan Cleeland running the ball away from the Leongatha goal, Jacob held their forward tight nearing the end to stop Gatha scoring, and the Breakers held on for a 2-1 win to put them one win clear of the rest on top of the ladder.

With this game being the halfway point of the fixture, the games are now mirrored. With a good run of home games, the Island meet Leongatha at home. The home ground should suit the Breakers better with their passing game.

This Sunday the Phillip Island Breakers Soccer Club welcome you all to come and support your local soccer team, entry is free, and the canteen will be open for hot food and drinks.

Games start from 9am with the Seniors Women starting from 1pm and Senior Men at 3pm.

Men's Reserves

With slippery conditions on the pitch the reserves showed off their great ball movement and passing, dominating with the ball and keeping possession.

After about 17 shots from Phillip Islands forwards with about five going straight to the keeper and the rest over the net, it was Frank Licciardi that struck one into the net half time 1-0.

The second half was pretty much the same as the first with another 15 or more shots going either to the keeper or over the net.

With a groin injury to Nathaniel Cassels and a calf injury to Geoff Russell, both players sat the second half out.

The Breakers stood tall with no more subs, young Jack Middleton played his best game listening to instructions from teammates, and beating any attacking pressure applied by Gatha down the right wing.

A nice ball was played out to Angus in the 18-yard box, and he put it past the keeper putting the Breakers up 2-0. The score was to remain the same through to the final whistle.

Ladies Seniors

It was a top of the table clash going into the match with Island second and the undefeated Gatha on the top of the table.

Displaying great defence, the Island indicated early that they were up for this challenge.

A crucial game play was when Finley played a good long ball on the deck down the right wing to space where Kelly ran on, kept the ball in play. She beat her defender and then from near the corner flag, hit a superb cross, low and hard inside the box where Abi met the ball, took a touch, then quickly placed the ball into the back of the net from the six-yard line.

This resulted in 2-0 to the Island at



U14s Harvey Jacobs awarded the Woolamai Pizza player of the match for his run and never give up attitude.

about the 20 and was undoubtedly the Island's team goal of the season thus far.

After a very high energy and hotly contested first half, both teams were very fatigued in the second half, and it was a real slog to see who could hold each other out for another 45 minutes of play.

With the game's result at stake, the Island had to battle hard deep in defence and the spectators gasped when Leongatha struck towards goal and well positioned Island keeper Alyssa made a clutch save, and then did so again.

Somehow, and totally exhausted deep in the match, the Island ladies refused to be beaten and managed to hold out Leongatha from scoring for the entire second half.

A fantastic and spirited team effort to do so and a great win for the Island ladies who should all be very proud of their efforts individually and collectively.

Next week (Sunday June 26 1pm kick-off), it's the same clash of Island v Gatha at home at Newhaven Park in what is sure to be another fantastic contest and game.

Would highly recommend any sports fan to get down to the game for some quality entertainment and to support the Island ladies.



The Under 17 soccer girls lost to Leongatha 9-3, however they played an amazing game as a team.

Full time score: Island defeated Gatha 3-2 Goals: Jess-2, Abi-1.

Best: Pauleen, Finley, Kelly, Jess. To read the full report go to www.pisra.com.au

U17s

The day started off with the under 17s kicking off at 9am. With only nine players available, Jad Ella Ellaz stepped up from the under 14s to help.

The Breakers started off well scoring the first goal with a lovely pass from Xavier Godena to Jacob Liatos who found the back off the net.

Phillip Islands Keeper Liam Fuery was solid stopping many shots, while Cadel Tisoulakis, Bailey Leed and Jack Middleton, played well in defence throughout the game.

Half time score Phillip Island 1 Leongatha Knights 3.

Xavier Godena copped a few solid knocks putting his body on the line in the first half and went in goals for the second half. This allowed Liam Fuery to come out from goals and have a run. The play was evenly matched throughout the game even though we were one player short with no subs.

We had our chances to score however just couldn't finish off the hard work from the defence and midfield

play.

Final scores Phillip Island 1 to Leongatha 6.

Best on Ground was Oscar Healey for his defensive sweeping, Jad Ellaz for his great run up forward and through the midfield. Xavier Godena was solid on the field and in goals the second half, Liam Fuery was strong in goals first half, and Jacob Liatos for his run and carry throughout the entire game. Bailey Leed also didn't give up and was unlucky not to score a goal with his huge run from defence to the 18 yard box.

Girls U17, U14 and U12A

The Under 17 Girls lost to Leongatha 9-3, however they played an amazing game as a team.

Under 14's played well however they were beaten by a more determined Leongatha team, final scores 4-1 with Jad Ellaz scoring the goal for the Breakers.

Coach Frank Licciardi said, "the team played well they just need to work on their communication".

Harvey Jacobs was awarded the Woolamai Pizza player of the match for his run and never give up attitude.

12A team fought out the game and were defeated 2-0.

Skate and art with

Skating, video and art collided at the Cowes Skatepark on the weekend, with the Millowl Project.

Young skaters worked with indigenous artist Steve Parker and film maker Pip Humphrys to create a new mural and skate videos.

The project is an initiative be-

tween Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Skate Parks/FreeZA and the Yes Youth Hub.

Steve Parker is leading the project, and hopes to educate the local skating community about the skatepark's importance as a community gathering place, and a place to create culture.

Working together, Steve and young skaters created a new mural on the adjacent toilet block wall, while Pip Humphrys shared tips on how to create great skate videos.

As well as the mural painting, there was a welcome to country, a BBQ and plenty of fun throughout the day.



Blayde Rogan from Sunset Strip in the air as Pip Humphrys films on at the Millowl skate and culture event.

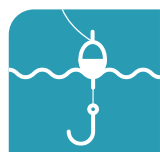


Videographer Pip Humphrys captured one of the skaters during the Millowl Project Skate - Art - Film - Culture event.

Millowl Project



Skaters in the making, five-year-old Eddie Dewar from Sunset Strip with Max Dunham (also five) from San Remo. More photos at pisra.com.au.



Team photo in the morning with coach Caiden Gill.

SGB, short on numbers but not on results

A small but determined South Gippsland squad swam at the Traralgon Short Course meet on Sunday June 19.

The aim for many on the day was to secure times for the Victorian Country Short Course Meet in Ballarat the last weekend in July.

Coach Caiden Gill was really pleased with how many had qualified for events in Ballarat.

"There has also been some great personal bests on the day.

"I've been really blown away seeing some of the kids knock five, six or seven seconds off their personal bests they set only a few months ago, some got their times, some are coming increasingly closer."

After two years of cancelled Short Course Racing, it was also the first chance for several of the younger swimmers to race in this format, where the pool is shortened to just 25m.

Many of the competitors have not raced since March and so it was a chance to put into practise all that they have been working on over the past few months.

Despite there being only 15 SGB competitors due to event capacity being reached early by the bookings from city clubs, the club was still well placed within the result in the races they were in, with nine of the 15 competitors taking out a top five place in at least one event.

The event was popular with many clubs from Melbourne, with over 400 swimmers competing in the event. At least 75 per cent of them came from outside the region, again further highlighting the need for better aquatic facilities in the South Gippsland Bass region. The club would love to host events as big as



Eden Roberts, Josie Richer and Amy Hodgson catch up with how Bec Barclay's swim went.

this, that are such a great benefit to the tourism sector of the region.

Over the next few weeks, the SGB squad will continue their short course season at meets in Sale, Morwell and Warragul.

Top 5 results

Bec Barclay: 5th Girls 11yrs 100m Backstroke.

Georgia Courtney: 5th Girls 13yrs 100m Backstroke, 3rd Girls 13yrs 50m Backstroke and 4th Girls 13yrs 100m Breaststroke.

Amy Hodgson: 5th Girls 9yrs 50m Butterfly.

Olivia Holmes: 1st Girls 12yrs 100m Backstroke, 1st Girls 12yrs 100m IM and 1st Girls 12yrs 100m freestyle.

Sophie McKenzie: 1st 16 and over 100m Breaststroke.

Josie Richer: 2nd Girls 9yrs 50m

Backstroke, 3rd Girls 9yrs 100m Breaststroke and 4th Girls 9yrs 50m Freestyle.

Eden Roberts: 5th Girls 10yrs 50m Breaststroke.

Miah Roberts: 1st Girls 12yrs 50m Backstroke, 4th Girls 12yrs 100m IM and 2nd Girls 12yrs 100m Butterfly.

Jedda Tagell: 4th Girls 10yrs 50m Butterfly, 4th Girls 10yrs 100m IM, 3rd Girls 10yrs 50m Breaststroke and 4th Girls 10yrs 50m Freestyle.

Cormac Flynn: 3rd Boys 12yrs 100m IM and 5th Boys 12yrs 100m Freestyle.

Owen Jones: 4th Boys 200m Breaststroke.

Mostyn Lumsden: 4th Boys 15yrs 50m Freestyle, 2nd Boys 15yrs 50m Backstroke and 4th Boys 200m Butterfly.



Coach Caiden gives feedback to Eden Roberts post-race.

This weekend is our big sale and one not to be missed.

We desperately need to make space on the walls for the new products that are on their way for the up-coming season so there will be plenty of bargains to be had.

All stock in the shop except bait will be a minimum of 30 per cent off and there is plenty of clearance stock that will be 50 per cent off.

There are no lay-bys or phone sales and it's first in best dressed.

The sale starts Saturday and not before - that way it is fair for all.

The weather also looks perfect for a sale on Saturday with showers and strong winds forecast.

Maybe you need a new whiting or snapper set up or just want to fill up the tackle box.

Perhaps you have been thinking of setting up a quality rod and reel for the tuna season? With the 30 per cent saving you could not only get a new set up but fill the tackle box with all the lures you need.

The sale starts Saturday 8am to 5pm then Sunday 9am to 4pm.

Finally after a few weeks of very wet, cold and windy weather we had an almost perfect weekend for fishing in the boat or standing on the beach.

The problem of course is many have packed up all their gear away for the winter and probably spent the weekend on the couch.

When you have kids that play sport there are plenty of things to do during the winter already but I guarantee they will still have plenty of energy for a quick fish as well.

Fishing during the wintertime and the shorter days is never a whole day exercise and usually just a couple of hours will be enough.

That's always reflected in the reports and this week has been no different with the only exception is those in boats who headed offshore with the tuna gear.

Surf has finally settled and although there is plenty of weed you can fish around it during the tide with the ends of the tide changes being the best.

We had reports from most beaches despite there being hardly anybody fishing.

All reported small salmon with only a couple over 1kg and the best of the reports this week from the beaches at Inverloch where there were bigger fish and better numbers.

Because the weed is making it difficult to fish at times, we are finding most are using or at least taking lures with them.

Calamari from the jetties at San Remo, Newhaven and Cowes and a few from the beaches at Woolamai and Ventnor.

There were a few that braved the

weather and fished before the weekend with mixed success.

Almost every report of calamari from the jetties came from the last and the first of the tide changes and not a lot from the middle of the tide. For that you needed to be on one of the beaches.

Some had success on the artificial jigs but the baited jigs, as they usually are, were better.

The weed was a bit of a problem and more so with the artificial than with the baited jigs.

We had a handful of whiting reports with not a lot in numbers despite the conditions with tide and wind being the best for some time.

The sizes however of those caught was very good and worth only catching a handful.

Most who managed to fish for whiting while the weather wasn't the best fished close to the boat ramps which seemed to continue across the weekend.

The reports came from Boys Home channel, around the top light in the Newhaven channel, Cowes boat ramp and Corinella.

We were told of a few from in Dickies Bay and the bank between Rhyll and Newhaven but didn't actually speak to those anglers.

A handful of boats headed offshore looking for the tuna and barrels especially after the Facebook post from during the week of the one caught at Cape Schanck.

When I wrote this report, I hadn't had any other capture reports just a couple of sightings of bait fish with good size arches under it out from the western entrance.

For those wanting to have a fish offshore there should be plenty of flathead around not far outside the bay and if the weather allows head down to the reef/broken ground areas around Kilcunda where you should find a gummy or snapper.

If you can't deal with catching draughtboards or seven gills as well as the odd ray or two, then simply don't head out this time of the year.

You just can't get away without catching a few in the colder waters and you need to work around them.

If you get to a situation where you just can't stop catching them and have had enough, while you are thinking about where to go next do a bit of mapping for the up-coming season.

Check out some areas you normally don't fish and see what's there.

Look for some holes, structure or sand/weed areas, mark them on your gps and check them out when the fishing starts to improve.

You might find a spot that will work for you and one you might just have to yourself.

Phillip Island bowls

Winter Triples

Overcast and cold here on the island on Tuesday but it still saw 24 members take to the green for the winter triple.

Winners were Alan Beddowes, Ken Gill and Serge Castel. Runners up were Wayne Barr, Chris Fricke and the birthday girl Julie Pora.

Well done everyone.

Revised start times as of next week is 9am for 9:30am start.

S 2-4-2 Audika Competition

Well the sun came out briefly for



Winners of the Audika Competition Jimmy Kirk and Marlene Pucher.

the weekend which saw a great turn out for the 2-4-2.

The winners for this week were Jimmy Kirk and Marlene Pucher.



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TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 22 JUN	THU 23 JUN	FRI 24 JUN	SAT 25 JUN	SUN 26 JUN	MON 27 JUN	TUE 28 JUN
LOW 12:14 am 0.84 m	LOW 1:00 am 0.81 m	LOW 1:46 am 0.79 m	LOW 2:33 am 0.79 m	LOW 3:24 am 0.78 m	LOW 4:17 am 0.77 m	LOW 5:11 am 0.75 m
HIGH 6:45 am 2.70 m	HIGH 7:45 am 2.65 m	HIGH 8:44 am 2.63 m	HIGH 9:44 am 2.64 m	HIGH 10:44 am 2.68 m	HIGH 11:41 am 2.75 m	HIGH 12:35 pm 2.84 m
LOW 12:18 pm 0.83 m	LOW 1:08 pm 1.02 m	LOW 2:00 pm 1.20 m	LOW 2:57 pm 1.34 m	LOW 4:00 pm 1.43 m	LOW 5:04 pm 1.46 m	LOW 6:07 pm 1.45 m
HIGH 7:09 pm 2.94 m	HIGH 7:48 pm 2.81 m	HIGH 8:30 pm 2.69 m	HIGH 9:15 pm 2.59 m	HIGH 10:05 pm 2.50 m	HIGH 11:00 pm 2.44 m	HIGH 11:55 pm 2.43 m

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Bulldogs brings Giants down to size

After an eventful week, the Bulldogs finished up back at the Kennel this week due to the poor state of the ground at Korumburra, with the game transferred to our home ground.

A welcome relief for our footy operations team – home jumpers at last!

Better still, perfect winter conditions with sunny skies, light winds and a drying ground promised to provide much better conditions than had been experienced over the last couple of weeks.

Hopefully some good quality and competitive winter football beckoned.

Seniors

Unfortunately, the 'competitive' part of the expectation didn't eventuate, with the Korumburra-Bena Giants really struggling in 2022.

This game was to be one of their less competitive efforts for the year – with the Bulldogs running riot particularly in the second half to ultimately run out winners by 167 points.

First-gamer Will Taylor-Eagles was presented with 'Whales' No 31 prior to the game, with dad Gerald proudly presenting the honoured jumper.

He was to have a day to remember, which included a couple of perfect goal-sneak goals.

Also joining Will as first game for the season was favourite son Max Walton – taking a break from Gippsland Power and Box Hill Hawks duties.

Leading the charge for the Bulldogs was Jack (Bison) Taylor, who had a day out in the forward line.

Bison dominated the game from start to finish, kicking goals consistently across the entire game, ultimately with a total of eight goals straight and 30 possessions in an outstanding effort.

The forwards and onballers also contributed, with a total of 14 individual goal kickers across the team contributing to a total of 28 majors for the day.

The first half from the Bulldogs was not considered one of the best from the team, despite a lead of 10 goals at half time.

Highlights included first goal for Will Taylor-Eagles, and an outstanding opportunity for Al (Big-G) Officer to score his first goal for the year.

The Giants were battling hard against the odds, led by Paul Fermanis all over the ground (including two goals), and Matthew Lello withstanding the constant Bulldog barrage in defence.

One of the lighter moments in the first half was seeing Brendan Kimber manned up by a kid still eligible for the Under 18s from the opposition, which had all pondering whether this kid was even born when Kimber first played a senior game!

Lots of things to work on, with more effective run-on game and a need to better hit targets for players in the 'right spot' a key directive from the coaching panel at half time.

The second half from the Bulldogs was significantly better,



Will Taylor played a ripper first game for seniors and was presented with 'Whales' No 31 jumper prior to the game.



Great pack mark by Brady Ross in the U18s match. More photos at pisra.com.au

kicking 17 goals to one, with a lift across the entire field.

Highlights included Tarquin McMillan kicking his first senior goal for the Bulldogs drifting forward from defence, one from Max Walton in his first game for the season and beautiful forward play from Will Taylor-Eagles who could easily have scored six.

Cam Pedersen was his usual outstanding self, with great contributions from Harry O'Brien, Jory Patullo and speedster Orlando (Noosh) Kane-Gillard in particular.

The defence tightened beautifully in the second half led by Damien Holmes and the aforementioned Big G Officer.

All in all, it was a strong win for the Bulldogs, against a clearly under-manned outfit from the Burra.

The competition heats up next week for the Bulldogs with a visit to the Warrigal Industrials (Dusties) home ground, and a return to those 'away' jumpers.

Let's hope the weather holds!

Scores:
Phillip Island: 6.3.39, 11.7.73, 19.12.126, 28.19.187.

Korumburra-Bena: 0.1.1, 2.1.13, 2.2.14, 3.2.20.

Goals:
Phillip Island: Jack Taylor 8, Zak Vernon, Billy Taylor 3, Brendan Kimber, Eli Richards, Orlando Kane-Gillard, Will Taylor-Eagles 2, Kai Mackenzie, Tarquin McMillan, Cameron Pedersen, Harry O'Brien, Jesse Patullo, Max Walton.

Korumburra-Bena: Paul Fermanis 2, Chris Kirk-Williams 1.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Max Walton, Jack Taylor, Cameron Pedersen, Jory Patullo, Harry O'Brien, Brendan Kimber.

Korumburra-Bena: Paul Fermanis, Matthew Lello, Nicholas Besley, Darcy Hargrave, Alister Bradley, Matt Kennewell.

Reserves

The pre-match was 'highlighted' with a minor drama around the rules for player numbers.

The Burra had only 16 players on their list, and after some confusion, it was decided that 16 players on, and the rest on the bench was the go.

Like playing in the old VFA for anyone old enough to remember those days!

It presented some challenges for the coaching group keeping track of the extended bench.

The match would be decided in the midfield, and it was Phillip Island who jumped out of the gates early, kicking 10 goals in the first term.

Luke James was dominant in the ruck and Cooper Logan and Coby Olarenschaw were racking up possessions through the middle of the ground.

Up forward it was Aaron Edwards and Liam Dayson providing plenty of spark and energy at ground level.

Defensively, the Bulldogs were on top for the duration of the day,

repelling every forward entry by the Burra.

Arie Cook continued to lead from the front for the back six, continuing a great season in defence.

It was a strong finish for the Island who delivered a full four quarter team performance and finished with thirteen individual goal scorers.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 10.4.64, 16.7.103, 24.10.154, 29.14.188.

Korumburra-Bena: 0.0.0, 0.1.1, 0.1.1, 0.2.2.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Luke James, Tarquin McMillan, Will Taylor-Eagles, Lucas Chihotski, Aaron Edwards, Liam Dayson.

Korumburra-Bena: Paul Carmody, Campbell Knight 2, Jamie Hallpike.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Luke James, Coby Olarenschaw, Liam Dayson, Aaron Edwards, Arie Cook, Cooper Logan.

Korumburra-Bena: Jed Harris, Matthew Hancock, Austin Gurnett, Peter Kyle.

Under 18s

With our normal Under 18s correspondent having a break from footy for the week, and stand-in team manager Warren filling in for our covid-stricken team manager Simone, it was all hands-on deck to get the team on the ground and firing.

No such impact on the players though.

Right from the outset of this game, the Bulldogs took control against the Burra, who were strongly competitive in the first, but were to be ultimately unable to withstand the high-quality play of the Bulldogs as the game progressed.

After the relatively tight first quarter, the Bulldogs on-ball brigade took over after quarter time.

Led by Ben Taylor and Jack Pappas – who were putting on display to all why they had played a number of senior games this season – and ably supported by Tully Dickie and Brady Ross, the Bulldogs piled on eight goals in the second and the game was effectively over.

Hunter Clarke was having one of his best games for the year, and Tom Niven was as smooth as silk as usual.

Brodie Gude was having his best game of the year as well, and the Bulldogs extended their lead to just under 100 points at three quarter time.

Could the Burra fight back and reduce the margin in the last?

Not to be, with the Bulldogs kicking away with a further seven goals to one in the last.

Jack Pappas finished with six, with Henry Peppard kicking his first for the Bulldogs 'senior' club being a highlight.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 4.3.27, 12.9.81, 15.15.105, 22.21.153.

Korumburra-Bena: 1.2.8, 2.2.14, 2.2.14, 3.3.21.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Jack Pappas 6,

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