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Updated concept designs have been released by Bass Coast Shire Council for the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre.

New Cultural Centre designs released

The long-awaited updated concept plans for the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre have been released.

The plans were originally due late last year, then promised by the end of May.

The illustrations in the updated plans differ significantly from the artist's impressions released in September last year, however the facilities included in the new building remain the same.

The new centre will provide a library, museum space, community kitchen, function rooms, grand hall, café, visitor information services, gallery, and a community enterprise space, as well as dressing rooms, storage and amenities.

Previously Council said design modifications would ensure the building would be council's most sustainable building.

The architects also looked at ways to reduce the sun glare on the western windows with many of the wall to ceiling glass windows on the initial drawings now covered with a lattice screen.



CEO Ali Wastie said the updated designs on the council's website "are reflective of the look and feel of the building".

Internally, the most noticeable change is the relocation of the café, which was originally situated near

the deck area opposite the library. It will now be located inside, near the theatre and gallery.

No additional information was provided with the updated concepts; however Bass Coast Shire Council

CEO Ali Wastie said the "renders in the updated design on the website are reflective of the look and feel of the building".

"As designs progress and specific materials are identified, the information on our website will be updated."

Ms Wastie said work on the detailed design continues with a view of going out to tender for construction in the coming months.

"During this time, we will continue to work with community groups and update the website," she said.

Design progress

In May, a council spokesperson said the delay in finalising the designs – which were originally due to be released in December 2020 – was due to a combination of Covid and ensuring the design was right.

"We want to get the spaces to be as flexible and work as hard as possible," he said.

"We're making sure we keep the functionality of the building and maximise the spaces. Every space is built for multiple use."

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Grip Fitness manager Jay Milford-Robertson said gym members were so desperate for exercise during lockdown they were offering him inducements.

Gym joy at re-opening

Gym junkies across Phillip Island were celebrating a return to cardio and weights over the past fortnight, following the easing of lockdown restrictions and the return of electricity following the storm outage.

Grip Fitness manager Jay Milford-Robertson said gym members were so desperate for exercise during lockdown they were offering him inducements.

"People were going crazy and saying they'd offer me coffees or meals to get some exercise," Jay said.

"People were desperate to do something for their mental and physical health."

He questioned why authorities lifted restric-

tions on restaurants, yet kept gyms closed.

"They remained closed at a time people need to keep physically and mentally healthy with strong immune systems," Jay said.

"It's frustrating."

Grip Fitness member Melody Notley is half-way through studying her personal training course, so when she got back to the gym she was elated.

"It's definitely difficult," Melody said.

"It really puts a strain on your mental health. It's hard to keep yourself motivated without a gym."

The Cowes 20-year-old said

after the longer lockdown last year, she learnt to do at-home gym classes.

"So this time I was more motivated to keep training. I just make stuff up that I've done over the years."

Melody said with the power outage she not only lost food in her fridge, but was also without work at Silverwater, which stayed closed beyond lockdown through to last Friday (June 18).

And thanks to the pandemic's impact on shifting population demographics, she has also found it difficult to renew her lease or find a new rental property on Phillip Island, so is planning to move away to Melbourne.



Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari (left) with former councillor Steve Fullarton (centre) and Pam Rothfield in 2020. At last week's council meeting the Mayor passed on his regards to Steve, saying he hoped he recovered quickly.

Fullarton still "fighting"

Bass Coast Shire's mayor has acknowledged former councillor Stephen Fullarton's fight for life after he was rescued from the surf following a stroke.

Mayor Brett Tessari last week said Steve still had "a bit of a fight" on his hands.

"On behalf of all councillors and staff we are passing on our best wishes to Steve," Cr Tessari said.

"You are not well and we hope you recover quickly, enough for us to engage in our little battle between Wonthaggi and Phillip Island."

"I hope to have that battle with you face-to-face soon."

The Advertiser earlier this month reported Dan Seale, who

is Newhaven College's property manager, saved Steve's life at Surf Beach.

Dan was about to surf Crazy Birds break when he noticed Steve, a well-known island identity, struggling to stay afloat in the surf.

Steve had suffered a stroke and was about 15 metres out in the white water when the 34-year-old swam out on his board to reach him.

Newhaven's Larson Henderson also helped Dan lift Steve out of the water, away from the rocks and up the beach.

He taken to Wonthaggi Hospital and then airlifted to the Alfred Hospital and is currently being treated at the Caulfield Rehabilitation Centre.

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Sanny, Wooli, Newhaven form new group

Newhaven, Cape Woolamai and San Remo residents are combining their forces in a new community association, to be launched at a public meeting on June 30.

The association will be called "3925" with its priorities discussed at the meeting next Wednesday, June 30, 7pm, at the San Remo Recreation Centre.

Bass Coast Shire's Cr Rochelle Halstead said she had been helping residents establish the association and meeting, which she hoped would "identify facilities lacking or projects they would like to see progress".

"San Remo has a Business Association and Newhaven has a residents' group, but with all three areas closely linked and growing fast, a residents' group is a way of bringing

the community together," Cr Halstead said.

"San Remo has been identified as a growth corridor and with the new secondary college opening next year, it will attract young families looking for lifestyle balance and an environment for their children to grow.

"With this will come the need for recreational and community facilities that are sadly lacking right now."

Cr Halstead said the San Remo Recreation Centre Committee, tennis club, and the shire had been negotiating with the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) - who own the recreation centre site - to take community ownership.

"I am hopeful of receiving support from DEWLP to allow council to manage this land

which will open up opportunities for things like a community shed, a community garden and extra tennis courts," Cr Halstead said.

"Ultimately, though, it is the community who should decide. Having a residents' association is another way of seeking their input.

"There is definitely a need in this area."

Cr Halstead said she would attend the June 30 meeting online, but the two other Westernport Ward councillors Bruce Kent and Clare Le Serve would be attending in person.

Representatives from Lions, Men's Shed, San Remo Recreation Committee, Newhaven Residents Association, Shetland Heights Road Committee and residents will also be attending.

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Olympic dream shattered

“Swimming is a brutal, ruthless sport,” said Michelle Gough.

She knows better than most, as she watched her son’s dream of qualifying for the Tokyo Olympics disappear.

Former Newhaven College student Bowen Gough was less than 0.4 of a second from his dream, when he touched the wall in the 200-metre Men’s Butterfly final at the Australian Swimming Trials in Adelaide last week.

Swimming a personal best and coming in under Olympic Qualifying Time was still not enough to secure him a spot on the team.

In a further blow, he was the only male athlete at the trials who got a qualifying time but missed the team selection.

It’s the only time in the history of Australian swimming that three swimmers have gone under the Olympic Qualifying Time in the Men’s 200 metre Butterfly.

And the swim put Bowen in the Australian record books as the fifth fastest ever in this event.

But it was still not enough to secure his dream of Olympic selection, a stark illustration of how tough professional swimming is.

Michelle couldn’t be in Adelaide for the event because of the border closures due to Covid.

“It’s been a very emotional week,” she said.

“I was sitting in a hotel in Horsham when the race was on.”

Her voice breaks when she talks of not being able to be there with her son.

“As a mother, it’s been a big challenge. They’re just little boys, in those big bodies.”

But she says already Bowen has turned his focus to the Commonwealth Games – “he’s very committed to making the team next year”,



Former Newhaven College student Bowen Gough was less than 0.4 of a second from his dream of swimming for Australia at the Tokyo Olympics when he touched the wall in the 200-metre Men’s Butterfly final at the Australian Swimming Trials in Adelaide last week.



Bowen won gold in the 200-metre Butterfly at the Australian Championships in April this year.

and has the World Short Course trial coming up in September.

“We’re so proud of him. He is the most determined person and so driven to achieve his goals.”

The goals he’s already achieved are impressive.

They include making the Australian Junior Team in Year 11, competing at the World Uni Games in 2019, then coming third in the US Open event several weeks later, competing in two World Cups, and winning gold in the Open 200-metre butterfly event at the Australian Championships in April.

He is also the captain of the Nunawading Club, which was last year crowned the Victorian Championship Club for the fifth year in a row.

Dedication

The story of the dedication required from both the swimmer and their family, to reach the elite level

is a familiar one.

As a teenager, Bowen trained in Cranbourne and Berwick at the Tiger Sharks, before moving to Nunawading, Victoria’s premier swim club, at the age of 16.

The family moved to Bass to cut down on travel time, as they juggled nine trips a week to Melbourne for training, getting up at 3.30am every day.

When he finished school and moved to Melbourne, the family still provided emotional and financial support.

“I think they do 30-40 hours training week, plus he has a part time job and goes to university,” Michelle explained.

“They can’t really have a normal life, but Bowen will still tell you he loves the sport.”

The lack of good aquatic facilities in the area creates an extra barrier for local swimmers like Bowen and

Nathan Foote (see separate story) pursuing a career at the elite level.

“They’ve grown up swimming down here and you can’t do proper turns at the Wonthaggi pool,” Michelle said.

“There are no proper blocks to dive off, so that stuff is not in their physiology.

“It’s made their journey so much harder, but it also makes them very determined.

“Bowen is one of the best in Australia, but he had no advantages in terms of a pool growing up.

“Imagine if we had a world-class 50-metre pool,” she said.

“The kids down here are so talented compared to their facilities.”

Michelle believes the shire needs to have one 50-metre competition pool and hopes the current aquatic consultation will see the Phillip Island finally get its own pool.

But what the area lacks in facili-

ties, it makes up for in spirit.

The Gough family has been very moved by the support for Bowen from the local community.

“Since the trials, he’s got the most support from his Newhaven College friends.

“Some of the messages have been so beautiful.”

And despite the disappointment of missing Olympic selection, Michelle said they could not be prouder of Bowen and all he’s achieved.

“You do get used to disappointment as a swimming mum, and things not going the way you hoped it might.


“He has had some great wins.

“But we’re most proud of the beautiful human being he is.”

Editor’s note: As we went to print, Bowen received confirmation he has been selected on the Australian University Team, which will compete in the World University Games in 2022.


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Budget finalised, winners and losers

Phillip Island Football Netball Club scored \$10,000 to install solar panels and the San Remo Bowls Club \$40,000 for renovations, following submissions to the 2021/22 Bass Coast Shire budget.

However, a request by the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre for \$240,000 to rehome their community garden as well as a portable building for Boomerang Bags was unsuccessful.

One councillor also voted against the budget saying the shire's projected borrowings in 2025 of \$42 million was considerably higher than other Gippsland shires.

The draft budget was open for public submissions in April and May with 18 received.

The submissions saw several changes to the final budget, which was passed at last week's council meeting, including new footpaths and seating in Corinella, although most were unsuccessful including PICAL.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said they were working "very closely with PICAL" to plan for a secondary site to accommodate their community garden, ahead of their imminent move from their current headquarters on Church Street.

"Community consultation to consider Blue Gum Reserve as the preferred location is currently underway, as is detailed cost investigations to complete the community garden project," Ms Wastie said.

"Understanding the costs required to complete this project is critical, prior to a budget being developed."

Borrowings criticism

Cr Les Larke was the only councillor to vote against the budget and he also lodged a submission critical that the shire was borrowing heavily

to pay for a record swathe of major projects.

The shire will take out \$10.25 million in loans to help pay for a \$35.8 million capital works program, with the remainder paid for using council cash and \$8 million in grants.

The cash splash brings total borrowings to \$28.5 million (from June 30, 2022), with the next three budgets borrowings forecast to increase annually to bring total borrowings by 2024/25 to \$42.1 million.

Cr Larke said the borrowing trajectory to 2025 was "significantly higher" than other Gippsland shires, and he disagreed with the shire's suggestions the capital works were inter-generational capital projects.

"My continuing concern is that council is not generating sufficient underlying operating surpluses to internally fund essential services and capital projects to a greater extent, which in turn drives the need for a higher borrowing program," Cr Larke said.

He said Bass Coast's borrowings of \$42 million by 2025, compared to projected 2025 borrowings for South Gippsland of \$8 million, Wellington (\$16 million), Latrobe (\$19 million) and Baw Baw (\$24 million).

Cr Larke said the shire should roll out budget reforms adding this failure had "led to my decision to vote against the 2022 budget".

Shire number crunchers said the borrowings were manageable.

"While the proposed 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, adding it was within the Victorian Auditor General's (VAGO) medium risk band.

Response

Cr Michael Whelan said it was a "challenging budget" because of the number of projects for shire staff to roll out.

"We have done well managing this within the 1.5 per cent rate cap," Cr Whelan said.

He said it was justified for future generations to pay back borrowings because the projects being built would be used by those same generations.

"We are within the state government guidelines," he added, referring to the level of borrowings.

"It's all very well to talk about other councils but they do well out of grants where we don't. When the census is taken here a large part of the population is elsewhere, (which is what government uses to decide grant allocations)."

Cr Ronnie Bauer said he was disappointed the budget didn't include provision for the extra collection of red bins over summer and peak periods.

Cr Rochelle Halstead agreed saying she was not supportive of increasing rates.

"But I just want to highlight the reliance council has on the state and federal governments for grants to deliver these projects and so far we've been successful there," she said.

Cr Bruce Kent said he supported the local law review because it would help solve "certain community problems".

Mayor Brett Tessari said the budget supported more than 100 services to the community.

"It was really pleasing to see that from the 18 budget submissions we received, we were able to assist some of those with funding in the 2021/22 Budget," he said.



Budget snapshot

Ratepayers will fork out an extra 1.5 per cent on their rates, in line with the state government's mandated cap of 1.5 per cent, with the average rates notice set to be \$1,573 (up from last year's \$1,544).

The budget states the average property price increase in Bass Coast was just over 11 per cent.

After last year copping a whopping 11 per cent increase (\$49) in the garbage charge, this year's hike will be \$4.43 or 0.9 per cent, bringing the total charge for each household to \$500.

The next three budgets will see an increase to the garbage charge of three per cent per year.

The \$35.8 million capital works budget sees the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre allocated \$12.2 million for the construction of a new centre, expected by the end of next year.

Other projects – most of which are already in various stages of planning – to receive funding include:

- Cowes East foreshore \$2.5 million to build a 330-metre long, eight-metre-wide rock wall between Coghlan Rd and Rose Avenue, as well as eight wooden groynes;
- \$1 million to the Rhyll boat ramp and jetty, part of a proposed \$4.5 million upgrade;
- Development of Bass Coast Tracks and Trails strategy \$120,000;
- Local Law review (\$50,000), which will include a short-term holiday rental accommodation (such as Airbnb) bylaw and code of conduct, as well as a re-writing of the rules around residential wind turbines, following the recent controversy of a turbine at Surf Beach;
- Development of a Housing Strategy (\$200,000), which will offer solutions – such as density limits and design rules – to the increasing tensions between population growth and development pressures, also protecting the environment.



The masterplan for the proposed aquatic centre and indoor sports courts on the corner of Phillip Island Road and Ventnor Road.

Wonny pool not “leaking its guts out”

Wonthaggi's pool is not leaking, Bass Coast Shire's CEO confirmed last week.

Following the release of two feasibility studies by the shire for two new pools in Cowes and Wonthaggi, there has been debate about whether the region will successfully lobby for the combined \$93 million pool budget.

The feasibility study proposes Phillip Island – whose residents have been lobbying for a pool for about three decades – should have a 25-metre x eight lane pool, learn-to-swim combined hydrotherapy area, 24-hour gym, and two indoor sports courts, at a cost of \$52 million.

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

Last month Cr Leticia Laing said while pools were “sorely needed” in both towns, Wonthaggi's was “leaking its guts out”.

Cowes resident Graham Jolly last week asked shire CEO Ali Wastie what the maintenance cost was from independent pool repair companies to stop the water leak in Wonthaggi's pool?

Ms Wastie said there were no on-

going leaks at the pool, “so there is no allocation or contracting of maintenance services for this specifically”.

Cr Laing last week apologised that she was mistaken about the condition of the pool.

“Since making my comments, I have been updated by council officers and the pool is not leaking,” Cr Laing said.

“This was confirmed by an external structural engineer a few years ago and council continues to monitor and maintain the facility in partnership with the YMCA.”

Consultation

Following the recent Covid-19 lockdown and power outages, the community consultation for Cowes on the pool has been delayed with new dates now locked in.

The shire has also extended the overall consultation period from June 27 to July 4.

The two new drop-in meeting dates at the Phillip Island Leisure Centre, 10-12 Church Street, Cowes, are:

- Wednesday, June 23, 9am to 1pm
- Saturday, June 26, 9am to 1pm

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Tools returned and fire alarm averted

The power tools stolen from PICAL on the long weekend have been recovered.

Cowes police located the thieves after responding to a complaint from a local motel and a PICAL spokesperson said most of the missing tools had been returned.

The thieves were visiting the area, arriving at the transit centre on Friday morning of the long weekend.

After visiting PICAL for a free hot meal and a food hamper, they scoped out the venue and planned the opportunistic burglary.

Fortunately they didn't get far.

When police were later called to a disturbance at a local motel they discovered the missing tools.

"PICAL would like to sincerely thank the police and also the many locals who offered to donate tools, to replace those stolen."

In more good news for PICAL, there was no cause for alarm when smoke was seen billowing from the premises on Monday afternoon.

Several vehicles from the local CFA attended, but discovered the fire was from a legal burn off, happening next to a kiln firing. The kiln is used as part of a PICAL pottery class.

Five days in the dark

The cost and impact of this month's storms continues to be counted and last week it was revealed that some residents of outer Melbourne face another three weeks without power.

While most properties on Phillip Island and surrounds had power restored within 24 – 48 hours, there were some who were not so lucky.

Several hundred homes remained without power for almost a week.

Sierra Dunton and her family in the Woolamai hills spent five days without power.

The loss of electricity also left the family of four without water, as their small property runs on tanks rather than mains water.

With two young children – River (7) and Ava (3) – Sierra said she and husband Andy Stewart turned the experience into an adventure for the kids.

"It was a bit like camping, with a roof over our heads," she said.

"We brought the camp stove in and set it up in the kitchen."

"We had lots of torches and put tea lights in jars, and the food from the fridge went into the esky."

"To be honest, the kids loved it. They loved the candles and thought they were staying up re-

ally late because it was so dark.

"River was in tears when the power came back on," she laughed.

"It was like magic land for him."

The biggest challenge was finding a way to keep going with her studies.

"I'm doing an online course, so I spent Friday and Saturday in the library at Wonthaggi, with the kids."

"It really made me appreciate the public assets we have. You could bring your computer, power it up, there was light, heating, all free and totally accessible."

She believes the past 18 months of dealing with Covid helped the family cope well with the power outage.

"I feel like we're much more resilient."

"There's been so much inconsistency in the last year, with plans being thrown into disarray."

"Maybe because of the pandemic we've accepted that we're not as much in control as we thought we were."

Still the experience got the family thinking about getting themselves off the grid.

"Every day the conversation was – we must get a backup. If the technology exists not to have to be reliant on a power company, why are we?"

"With climate change, it's silly to think this won't happen more often."

She's grateful they escaped any serious damage from the storms.

"Not having power for us was inconvenient and slightly uncomfortable, but really, it wasn't that big a deal."

"When we heard about the floods (in Traralgon) – that's a real disaster."

Overall, she believes the experience was a positive one for her family.

"At night we sat around the fire, toasted marshmallows and talked."

"We got in a natural rhythm for a few days. It got dark, the world shut down."

"There were no screens, no fridge buzzing. It was so quiet and beautiful."

"I actually felt better."

"Life can be boring unless we change it up now and then. It was wonderful to be forced into different ways of being."



The family read stories around the fire and toasted marshmallows.

Council Update



Central Kindergarten Registrations

Council is making kindergarten registration easier for local families, by introducing central registration. Central registration provides a single point of contact for families to register for their preferred kindergarten services within Bass Coast and to help them secure a place that meets their needs. Registrations for three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten are now open and can be completed online at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder. Hard copy registration forms are also available from Council offices, Bass Coast kindergartens and Maternal and Child Health services. The first round of registrations closes on Sunday, 1 August and offers will be made to families in September. You can still register for kindergarten after 1 August, but these registrations will be allocated after first round offers have been made.

Budget 2021/22

Council has prepared its 2021/22 Annual Budget for the financial year ending 30 June 2022. Council adopted the 2021/22 Annual Budget at its Meeting on Wednesday, 16 June 2021. The 2021/22 Annual Budget:

- Includes borrowings of \$21.987 million during the financial year.
- Projects that \$13.552 million of the amount borrowed by Council will be redeemed during the financial year
- Projects that as at 30 June 2022, the total amount of Council borrowings will be \$28.56 million
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Please get vaccinated, says councillor

Local councillor Ronnie Bauer has put his body where his mouth is – and bared his arm for the Covid vaccine.

On Monday, Cr Bauer visited the mass vaccination clinic at the Wonthaggi Town Hall to receive his first AstraZeneca shot.

“I encourage all people in the shire to get vaccinated, especially my fellow Islanders.

“It’s the only way we will beat the pandemic.”

Bass Coast Health has advised booking for the mass vaccination clinic can now be made online (portal.cvms.vic.gov.au), as well as through the state government hotline on 1800 675 398.

Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Louise Sparkes said staff were no longer taking bookings on site at the town hall, but can help people to book via the new online system if required.

The clinic is currently not accepting walk in appointments from the general public.

“Next week we will allow healthcare workers, aged care, disability workers and ambulance workers to walk in only,” Ms Sparkes said.

“All other groups or individuals will require a booking.”

For those keen to get the Pfizer vaccine, including the newly announced 50 – 59 age group, there will be a wait.

Ms Sparkes said the clinic was only giving second doses of the Pfizer vaccine this week, or honouring existing bookings for first doses.

She said the team was acting on advice from the public health unit that it was “prioritising bookings for the second dose of Pfizer, and



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both the first and second doses of AstraZeneca.”

“We will seek advice this week as to when we can take bookings for first Pfizer doses.”

Ms Sparkes said the current advice is anyone over 60 should have the AstraZeneca vaccine and the “benefits outweigh any risks”.

“Those who have had AstraZeneca as their first dose without any abnormal side-effects are recommended to have AstraZeneca as their second dose,” she said.

“You are unable to have differ-

ent vaccines for first and second doses currently.”

Ms Sparkes reminded the community of the importance of coming forward for testing if they had even slight symptoms of Covid.

Symptoms include fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, or loss of sense of smell or taste.

Local testing rates fell last week. There were 337 tests conducted across both the Wonthaggi and Cowes sites, with only 30 per cent of the tests coming from Cowes.

Covid compliance in the spotlight

The state government is cracking down on businesses not operating in line with Covid-Safe directives.

Last week, it reported seven businesses have been shut down for violations of the Chief Health Officer’s directions.

Over the past three months authorised officers have visited 22,000 businesses across the state to make sure they are doing the right thing – handing out 17 infringements totalling \$52,867 and issuing a further 275 written warnings, 598 improvement notices and 40 COVID-19 notices for non-compliance.

In the past week alone, there were 168 instances of QR code non-compliance observed by the officers.

The government said

officers will continue to visit businesses to ensure they understand their obligations and help them to become compliant.

“The Chief Health Officer’s directions are in place to keep us all safe and we expect businesses to be doing their part to follow the rules and help keep Victoria open,” Acting Minister for Police and Emergency Services Danny Pearson said.

“QR Code check-in data is so important for our contact tracers to get on top of outbreaks quickly and there is no excuse for failing to keep these details if you are required to do so.

“This is a warning to all businesses – if you flagrantly breach the rules, we will not hesitate to issue fines or even shut you down to

protect public safety.”

Covid safety breaches can be reported to the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398, WorkSafe’s advisory line on 1800 136 089 or the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

Community complaints made to the Police Assistance Line about businesses failing to comply with CHO directions will be followed up and the government has warned those businesses can expect a visit from Surveillance or Authorised Officers.

Customers are reminded to check-in at all retail, hospitality and public indoor venues.

For details of QR codes and check-in requirements, go to www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/QR-code-check-in

Take the test

Everyone in the community is encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 if you display even the mildest Covid symptoms, to help contain the spread of the virus.

These include: fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, or loss of sense of smell or taste.

Everyone who is test-

ed is required to self-isolate until test results are received. Waiting times for test results may take 1-2 days.

Cowes Drive Through Clinic, Transit Station:

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You can also book a test with Wonthaggi Respiratory Clinic. Bookings required, call: 0492 036 568.

People should phone their doctor or the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 if their symptoms get worse.

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It took longer than planned to set up the shop, but Sarah and Marty are so happy with the result and are excited about future plans for fresh juices and more.

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Lovers Walk plan rejected

A proposed residence to be built on Cowes' renowned Lovers Walk has not been supported by Bass Coast Shire councillors, who described it as an "incredible intrusion".

Shire planners recommended the planning permit for the Charmandene Court site, which received seven objections – be refused because it failed to minimise coastline impact and was at odds with neighbourhood character.

Cr David Rooks moved the motion to support the refusal, saying "I get upset for the community when these sorts of large buildings get designed" because there was lack of consideration.

"There are some large houses on that strip of land but this application has pushed the boundary too far," Cr

Rooks said, adding the setback of the proposed building from Lovers Walk was just one metre.

"It is a massive, bulky build on an urban block next to the beach.

"It will be an incredible intrusion to many people who use Lovers Walk and the beach and also the neighbours."

Cr Michael Whelan agreed.

He said while the planning permit noted there was "minimal vegetation on the site", this was only because the owners of the property removed all trees – including an historic Norfolk Island pine – 18 months ago.

"It was allowed at the time because of the spurious bushfire rules, which have now been changed for this area," Cr Whelan said.

"We should look for sensitive design along the coastline, especially

ones that are on a coast like this."

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

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

The owners in March took the shire to VCAT for their failure to decide on the permit within the prescribed statutory timeframe, with a VCAT hearing to determine their application set for August 10.

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

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



RIGHT: The owner removed every tree on this property without a permit, arguing they posed a bushfire risk. The felled trees included an historic Norfolk Island pine, which was more than a century old, planted when the land was home to an historic guesthouse.



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COUNCIL BRIEFS

Power outage

Mayor Brett Tessari has acknowledged the community's response to the power outage, which saw many homes across Bass Coast without electricity for more than a week.

"I'd like to acknowledge the past week we have all been through," Cr Tessari said.

"The power outage, the loss of phones, trees down, houses on fire, rooves blown off."

He thanked volunteers from the SES and CFA for their service, as well as shire staff who have cleaned up roads.

"The community groups and members who have stepped up to get through as best as we could. Once again Bass Coast as a community has stepped up."

Country university lease

The lease for the new Regional University Centre at 21-23 Baillieu Street East in Wonthaggi was approved by council.

The university, which opened earlier this year, was required to have its lease publicly advertised. After no submissions were received in May, council was last week able to grant the 20-year lease at a peppercorn rent of \$310 per annum.

In June 2020 the Federal Government announced Bass Coast was successful in securing funding to establish a new Regional University Centre in Wonthaggi.

Corruption policy

Councillors last week approved a new policy that seeks to avoid "corruption risk".

The final Support and Resources Policy was passed by council, which included changes to the use of personal vehicles, with no minimum distance required, and the use of pool cars for distances of more than 150km.

The policy also outlines that accommodation is now also available for councillors at the conclusion of a conference, event, workshop, or meeting, pending CEO approval.

Cr Leticia Laing supported the policy saying it aimed to "mitigate corruption risks and the costs of participating in this democratic process".

Newhaven sculpture

Newhaven residents have been assured a new public artwork by Geoffrey Bartlett will be original and unique. Resident Penny Manning questioned shire CEO Ali Wastie at last week's meeting, asking whether Mr Bartlett's proposed sculpture "Alpha" – which was selected by the community working group for Newhaven's public art commission – already existed and was known as "Dancer 4".

"The reputation of the artist is no reason to accept a rehashed, reduced price work," Penny said.

"Can the community be guaranteed that no part of the published image will appear in their "unique, original" work?"

Ms Wastie said Mr Bartlett explained to the working group "Alpha" was a sculptural variation of an existing work.

"This is common practice and a normal artistic process," Ms Wastie said, adding Mr Bartlett also explained key variations between the works, including scale and that it will be fabricated with his own hands.

Olympic hopeful

Cr Brett Tessari and Bruce Kent paid tribute to local Olympics' hopeful Bowen Gough at last week's shire meeting.

Bowen – who lives at Bass – competed at the Australian Swimming Trials in Adelaide, and missed out on final selection by just 0.4 second.

Authorised by the Australian Government, Canberra.

Foote on path to swimming glory

Last week, the 2021 Australian Swimming Trials in Adelaide saw swimmers from across the country compete for a spot in the Australian Olympic Team.

And standing on the blocks alongside Australia's best of the best in the pool was Phillip Island's Nathan Foote.

At 20 years old, the aspiring backstroker was up against the likes Australian champion Mitch Larkin, and managed to secure himself a place in the final (and a top 16 ranking) in both the 100-metre and 200-metre events, swimming a personal best (PB) in the process.

He also swam a PB in the Men's 100-metre freestyle, catapulting his ranking from 96 to 66.

An impressive achievement for the little boy who learned to swim in Trevor Ware's home pool in Cowes.

For his proud parents, Helen and David, the trials are another step in Nathan's quest to one day swim for Australia.

"For him to be 20 years old and to reach this level, it's massive," said Helen.

"It was a very successful meet. He couldn't have done better."

At six foot six tall, with a seven-foot arm span, his parents say Nathan's commitment to the sport is absolute.

After finishing school locally, he moved to Melbourne to train with former backstroke champion Ash Delaney at the Northcote club.

In January this year, he followed his coach to the St Andrews club at the Sunshine Coast.

"It shows his dedication and commitment, to completely move away from his family to be with his swimming family," said Helen.

Despite the miles between them, both Helen and David say they are firmly committed to helping Nathan realise his Olympic dream.

That includes helping pay his way



After joining the Northcote Swimming Club when he left school, in January this year, Nathan followed his coach Ash Delaney to the Sunshine Coast and now swims for St Andrews.



20-year-old Nathan Foote from Phillip Island competed in the Australian Swimming Trials in Adelaide last week.



Nathan made it to the finals in both the 100-metre and 200-metre backstroke events, swimming personal bests in the process.

swimmers.

"To get to this level from training in a 25-metre pool is astounding.

"He's competing against swimmers who live in warmer climates, with outdoor 50-metre pools to train in.

"Nathan was training in a 25-metre pool – and he was too tall to do a tumble turn. On top of that, every training session included an hour and half of travel."

Both Helen and David are grateful for the support from South Gippsland Bass club in helping Nathan achieve his dream.

They said the commitment and belief of coaches Brett Kerr and Frances Pilkington, then Dylan Muir, were fundamental to Nathan's success.

The latest Covid lockdown meant neither Helen nor David could travel to Adelaide for the trials, so they're looking forward to September, when Nathan is set to return to Melbourne for a major competition.

Their belief in their son's quest is absolute.

"Nathan is a special boy," said David.

"He's very level-headed and we're definitely always there for him."

From here, the focus will turn to qualifying for the Commonwealth Games and making it into future Olympic or Australian Squads.

"I know he'll do it," Helen said.

For now, there's a brief reprieve for Nathan.

"After each big swim meet, he takes two weeks off training," Helen explained.

"When he lived at home, during those weeks, he'd continue to eat the same way and it was nothing for him to put on six or seven kilos.

"But Brett (his coach) said it was good to put it on, as it could then be turned into muscle once training recommenced."

as he juggles a massive training schedule and university.

"They spend 30 – 40 hours a week in the pool, then time in the gym to build up muscles," explained Helen.

"Plus there's part-time uni, so there's not much time left for a job."

"Training is a full-time job, then they're trying to make ends meet, and eat well."

"All the families help and chip in, and every swimmer we watched this week (at the trials), they're all in the same boat."

Family commitment

Reaching this level takes commitment from both the swimmer and their family – one that spans

decades.

"He's the only child I didn't take to swimming lessons," laughed Helen.

"I took the three girls, but when we moved to Phillip Island, they didn't have mother/baby lessons."

But the youngster loved swimming and joined the Phillip Island Swimming Club with his sisters, where his dad coached alongside head coach Brett Kerr.

From there Nathan moved across to the South Gippsland Bass Club, as its affiliation with Swimming Australia provided a pathway to competition swimming.

Both parents remember the early mornings, driving to Wonthaggi or Leongatha for training.

"It was a huge deal, getting up at

4.30am nearly every morning," said David.

"It really highlights the ridiculousness of Phillip Island not having a pool. He was training eight to nine times a week."

Mum Helen said although the constant driving was "a drag", she treasured those times.

"Sometimes it was the only one-on-one time we had together."

"It became such a normal part of our lives."

Carpooling with other local families who also had children in the squad helped ease the load.

"There are many, many families that helped with this," said Helen.

Even so, the lack of local facilities had a big impact on the young



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New Cultural Centre designs released

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He said most of the design refinements relate to the internal operations of the building.

At the time, Council also said the overall design and the appearance of the building was in line with the concept designs already on public display.

However the large glass windows that featured prominently in the previous concept designs have been modified and bricks are the dominant feature of the building's façade in the new concept.

Last month, Council said the architects were working on requirements for the building fabric, to ensure it met the original scope to be council's most sustainable facility.

"Sustainability is at the forefront of the design and has been considered throughout the whole design process," the council spokesperson stressed.

They said the building has been designed to exceed the current Australian Building Code requirements for access and sustainability and includes solar panels, window glaz-

ing, with water captured from the roof being used for the toilets.

Detailed designs are needed before the building project can go to tender.

An EOI process for builders, looking at their capacity to deliver the project and the quality and capability of their work has been completed.

Four builders are shortlisted to submit a tender once the design has been finalised.

Previously council said it expected the tender process to take place in June or July.

Costs

The \$19 million project is at the centre of Council's Capital Works Project, outlined in the 2021/22 budget.

Funding for the project is from a variety of sources including Council reserves, a \$10 million low-interest loan from the state government, \$2.5 million from a Growing Suburbs grant and \$800,000 from the Living Libraries Fund.

In March, the council confirmed it has also applied for a \$5 million grant from the Federal Government's



The architects looked at ways to reduce the sun glare on the western windows with many of the wall to ceiling glass windows on the initial drawings now covered with a lattice screen.

Building Better Regions Fund.

Earlier this month, CEO Ali Wastie told the Advertiser the project budget was still on track.

"The Cowes Cultural and Community Centre Project Budget re-

mains at \$19 million.

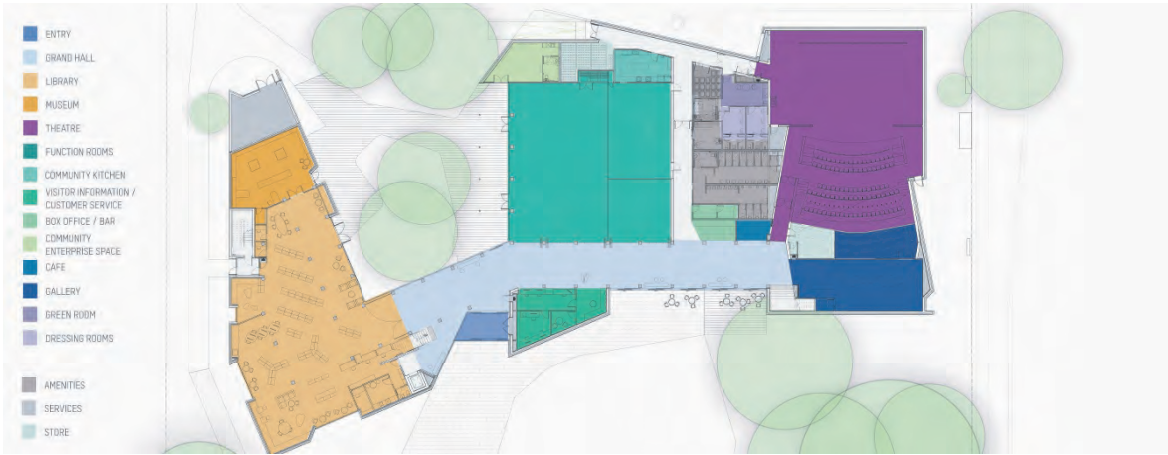
"We are closely monitoring the situation around the availability of construction materials as it has the potential for wide impacts on any building project. The configuration

and footprint of the building has changed slightly, however the functionality remains the same, including the 250-seat theatre.

The new centre is due to be open by Christmas 2022.



The illustrations in the updated plans differ significantly from this artist's impression released in September last year. Previously Council said design modifications included ensuring the building would be council's most sustainable building.

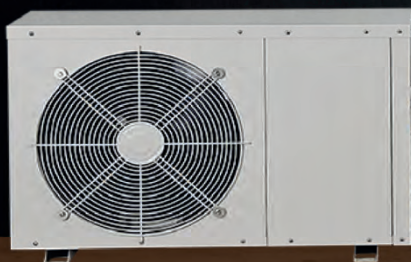


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Registrations for three-year-old and four-year-old kindergarten opened on Monday, 21 June and can be completed online via Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder.

Hard copy registration forms are also available from Council offices, Bass Coast kindergartens and Maternal and local Child Health services.

The first round of registrations closes on Sunday, August 1 and offers will be made to families in September. You can still register for kindergarten after August 1, but these registrations will be allocated after first round offers have been made.

In 2022, three-year-old children in Bass Coast Shire will have access to five hours a week in a funded kindergarten program. Funded kindergarten refers to the government subsidy that will reduce kindergarten fees. The five hours of kindergarten will

progressively scale up to reach a 15-hour-a-week program by 2029.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said, "The new central registration system will help us to plan for the anticipated increase in demand for kindergarten places in Bass Coast over coming years."

"It will also make it easier for families to access and register for the service they need, in a convenient and time saving way."

For more information on kindergarten or to register your child go to www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kinder, call 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 03 5671 2211, or email kinder@basscoast.vic.gov.au.



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Citizen scientists are helping track the whale population with their photos.

The Two Bays Whale project, established in 2015, is using photos of whale sightings to create a catalogue of Victorian whales.

Led by the Dolphin Research Institute in partnership with Wildlife Coast Cruises, it aims to accurately record sightings within Port Phillip, Western Port and adjacent waters, from Barwon Heads to Inverloch.

The image bank includes photos of fins, flukes (humpbacks), lateral jaw lines and callosities (southern right) to identify different whales.

Its work will add to the southern right whale catalogue (held by Mandy Watson) and humpback whale catalogue (held by David Donnelly, Dolphin Research Institute Research Officer).

A facebook page (www.facebook.com/twobaywhales) has been set up to report whale sightings and people can also call 0487 745 066.

If you are out on the water, please remember there are regulations in place governing how close vehicles can get to whales and dolphins.

Dolphins: 100 metres – boat, 300 metres – jet ski

Whales: 200 metres – boat, 300 metres – jet ski.



Wildlife Coast Cruises said whale watching season was off to a cracking start, with plenty of whales frequenting the area.



"Someone was having a whale of a time just past Kilcunda this afternoon," posted Maree Mooney, who took this photo on her Wildlife Coast Cruise.

Great teen holiday options at PICAL

The Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) is turning its attention to teenagers these school holidays.

A series of four three-hour workshops have been organised for 12- to 17-year-olds over the school holidays.

With winter now settled in, the workshops are a fantastic opportunity to enjoy creative and stimulating challenges indoors.

And they are free, thanks to funding from Bass Coast Shire Council.

PICAL's Operations Coordinator Jennifer Carroll said she hoped this would mean young people who might normally not be able to attend would have a chance to share some great experiences with their peers and friends.

"This program addresses feelings of disconnection, isolation, and loneliness often experienced by teenagers over school holidays when separated from their peers," she said.

"Each workshop will facilitate activities to encourage participation, build confidence, teach new skills or develop existing ones."

Get your hands dirty with Clay Play



and discover the joys of creating with clay (June 28, 10am - 1pm).

For those with an interest in gardening, the DIY Planter Box workshop (July 2, 10am - 1pm) will show how to make a planter box out of recycled pallets and simple hand tools.

For any budding stand-ups, the "So you think you're funny" workshop (July 7, 11am - 2.30pm) will explore all forms of comedy, including sketch, stand up and slapstick, and participants will get to create and deliver their own original scene.

The final workshop, "Creating Great Performances" (July 9, 11am - 2.30pm) focuses on using physical movement exercises and idea prompts to develop scenes and original performances.

PICAL hopes the workshops will help young people connect with their community, as well as building self-esteem and resilience.

While all workshops are free, bookings are essential, as class sizes are limited to 10.

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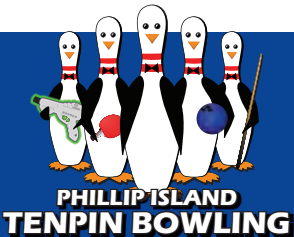


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Date: Friday 2 July | 10am - 1pm

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with Nik Velissaris

Learn how to perform comedy in all its forms: sketch, stand up & physical comedy/slapstick. Create your own original comedy scene & learn how to deliver it!

Date: Wednesday 7 July | 11am - 2:30pm

CREATING GREAT PERFORMANCES!

with Nik Velissaris

Use physical movement exercises & idea prompts to develop scenes & create an original performance!

Date: Friday 9 July | 11am - 2:30pm

The workshops have been funded with thanks to the Bass Coast Shire Council and are for local Bass Coast teens aged 12 -17yo. Workshop facilitators are experienced teachers with current WWCC. Max class size 10. For bookings please call reception PH 5952 1131 or online at: www.trybooking.com/eventlist/pical

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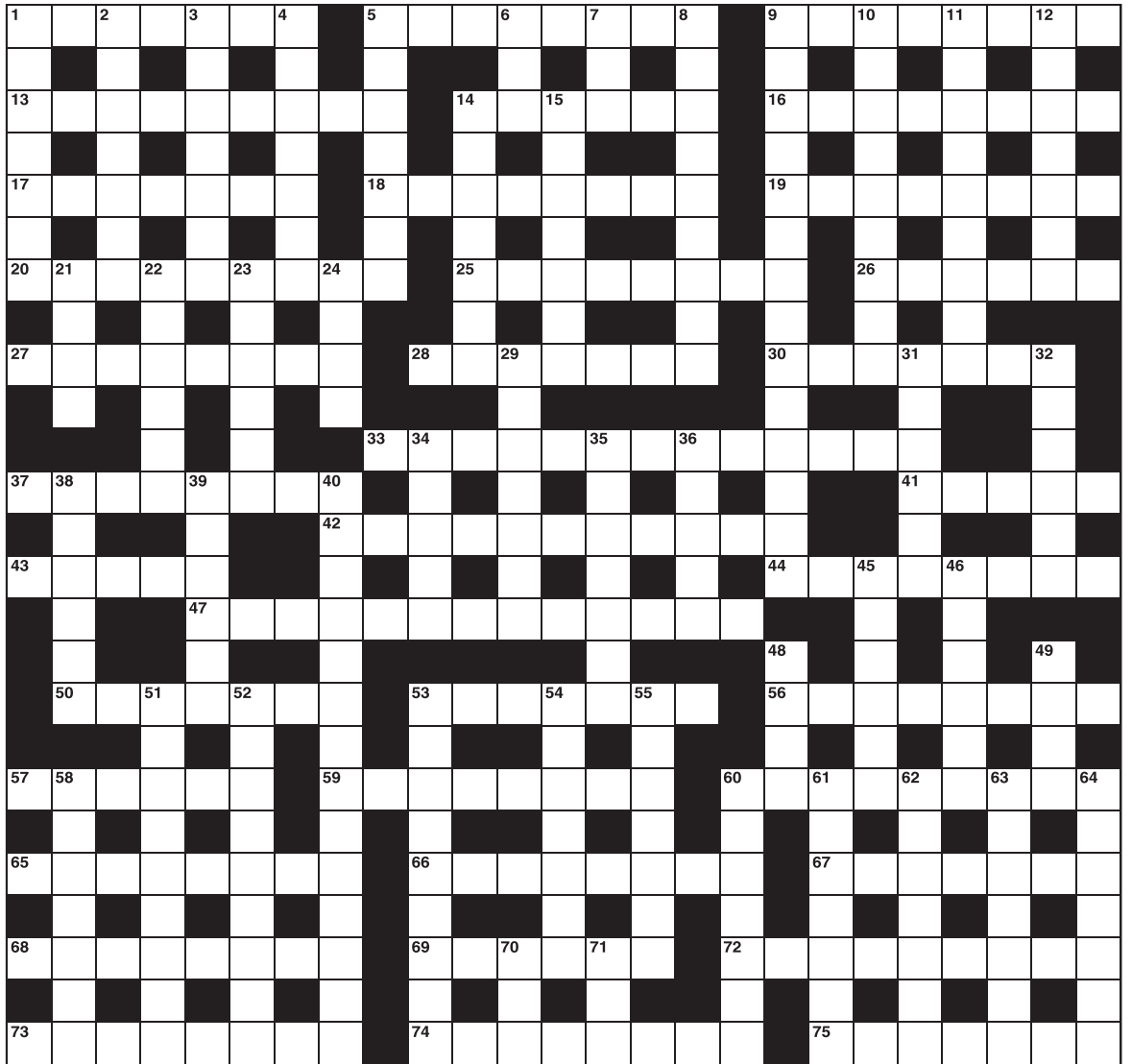
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15 Chronicle (7)
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24 Given on birthdays and anniversaries, for example (4)
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31 Hire (6)
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36 Happening (5)
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39 Strengthened (6)
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45 Monkey nut (6)
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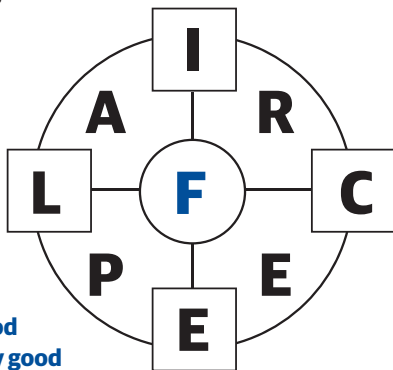
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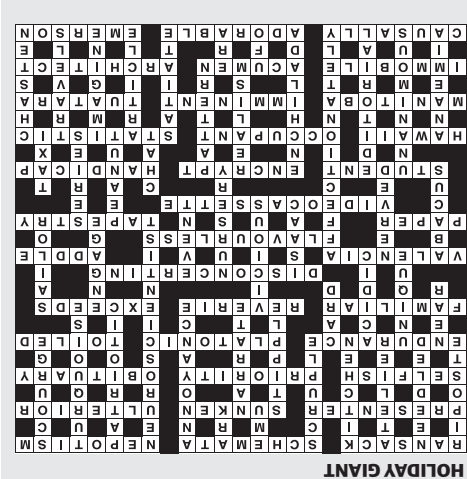
Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included, and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".



20 words: **Good**
31 words: **Very good**
42 words: **Excellent**

SOLUTIONS

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trail, free, leaf, leather, lie, life,
lifer, pelf, piffer, preface, reef,
relief, rifle, rifle, rifle

9-LETTER WORD

QUICK QUIZ

- What is the shortest day of the year called?
- What is the name of Ned Stark's (pictured) ancestral home in the HBO TV show Game of Thrones?
- What type of fruit is the Winter Banana?



- Which country hosted the first Winter Olympics in 1924?
- Australia's lowest recorded temperature of -23°C was recorded in 1994 in which state?
- A popular brand of outdoor cold-weather gear is The North what?

- True or false: no country in the Southern Hemisphere has ever hosted the Winter Olympics?
- What dangerous medical condition develops when your body temperature drops below 35°C?
- Which winter sport evolved from skateboarding

- and surfing?
- What substance is placed on roads to prevent dangerous ice forming?

ANSWERS: 1. Winter solstice 2. Winterfell 3. Apple 4. France 5. New South Wales 6. Face 7. True 8. Hypothermia 9. Snowboarding 10. Salt



Year 10 students, Charley Donohue and Eden Goldsbury helping prepare meals to give to people in need, through the Uniting Church program, as part of Year 10 Food Technology.

Students help those in need

Newhaven College Year 10 Food Technology students and staff have been working in partnership with Reverend Ian Turnnidge and the Uniting Church in Cowes to help others in need.

Ian ('Rev') had been supplying the local community in need during COVID-19 preparing 60-70 meals a week in the kitchen of the church. Even with the easing of restrictions, he found the need had not lessened.

Year 10 Food Technology teachers, Chris Appleby and Carmel Roberts wanted to help and coordinated excursions to the church with their classes.

The recipes needed to take into account the demographics of the people eating the meals. Were they single, elderly, or families?

Did they have dietary requirements?

The recipes also needed to be cooked on a single stovetop or

oven, to be frozen in takeaway containers and microwaveable.

Students and staff approached this as a design brief.

Chris and Carmel wanted students to upskill/improve their skills and repertoires in Food Technology, and think about The Australian Dietary Guidelines, supplying economical, nutritious meals for those in our community most in need.

They also needed to conform to health regulations, wearing

hairnets, gloves and aprons, with frequent hand washing.

Happily, it has been a huge success, with students and staff learning skills such as time management, delegating and working as a team.

Our community has benefited from some amazing meals, and the students have all benefited from thinking about others' situations.

We are truly "all in this together".

Petition challenges shire's Shearwater barrier

Cowes resident Madeleine Pitt has started a petition to protest a decision by Bass Coast Shire to install a garden bed and twisted rope barrier in the Shearwater Estate.

Madeleine said the council "has now completely blocked passageway to recreational cyclists being able to ride across the public thoroughfare adjacent to Shelly Court and Shoalhaven Road".

She's created an online petition "for anyone who objects to the heavy-handed actions of the Shire in this situation".

The petition can be accessed at <http://chn9.it/mnNHxD7r>

Last month Bass Coast CEO Ali Wastie told the Advertiser council officers had met with residents on site to discuss the issue.

"Due to safety concerns, we will continue our installation of a garden bed and install some thick twisted rope barriers in between the existing timber bollards to discourage pedestrians, cyclists and other motorised vehicles from moving across the grassed area and encourage users to use the footpath and approved crossing points," she said.

"We believe the maritime style rope barrier will be in keeping with the estate and Cowes in general. We will also trim the shrubs next to the path to improve sight lines in this area."

However Madeleine described the solution as a "barricaded anachronism"

"We need an intelligent solution that reflects the needs of all residents," she said.



Madeleine Pitt has created an online petition in response to the "heavy-handed actions of the Shire", after the installation of a twisted rope barrier in the Shearwater Estate.

Senior Citizens return

The Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club is planning a grand reopening on July 2.

The club's doors at 6 Lions Court will open before mid-day, for a 12pm start, for local seniors to enjoy a succulent roast dinner and delicious dessert.

As always, there will be some fabulous prizes on offer through the lunchtime raffle – just \$1 for two tickets.

The club is looking forward to getting members back together.

"It's been a tough year and a half and we miss you all great-

ly," said Secretary Liza Lee.

"If you're new to the island, come and meet some new friends and have a few laughs."

A courtesy bus is available for pick ups from around Cowes and can be booked at the same time you book for lunch.

Lunch is \$15 per person and bookings can be made on 5900 2921, or by calling Lisa on 0431 867 058.

Come and join the fun! Friday, July 2, 12pm at 6 Lions Court, Cowes.

www.facebook.com/Phillip-islandclub/

Bass Valley students are landcarers

Bass Valley Primary School has received a \$1000 grant through the Junior Landcare program.

Sponsored by Woolworths, the money will help further develop the school's sustainability centre.

"The students can gather and grow seeds to grow fruit, vegetables and learn about the plant cycle," the school's proposal said.

The school already has Environmental Leaders and a garden club on Wednesdays at lunchtime and de-

livers weekly lessons in the sustainability centre.

Landcare Australia CEO, Dr Shane Norrish said: "The Junior Landcare Program recognises the vital role young Australians play in caring for the land, their environment and other natural resources. Through this major grants program, Woolworths shares Junior Landcare's commitment to helping develop Bass Coast Shire students' skills and knowledge

to become the landcarers of the future."

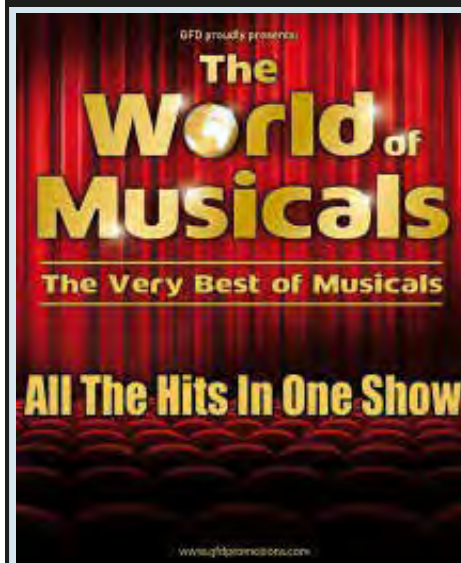
The Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants program is funded with contributions from the full price sale of the Woolworths Bag for Good which was launched in 2018 when Woolworths went single-use plastic bag free.

For more information on this year's recipients and to view the complete map of schools, please visit www.juniorlandcare.org.au/woolworths-grants/map.

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Queen's Birthday honour for former islander

Former Phillip Islander Leanne Barnes was awarded the Public Service Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours List.

This latest award joins her Order of Australia Medal (OAM) presented in 2019.

The Public Service Medal was presented to Leanne for "outstanding public service to local government", noting her expertise and commitment in leading her community in the Bega Valley, particularly in its response and recovery from "12 natural disasters since 2013, most notably the 2019-2020 bushfires".

Leanne has been with the Bega Valley Shire Council for 19.5 years and was first appointed general manager in August 2013.

Her award citation noted that during the 2019-2020 bushfires, "she guided the set-up of evacuation and recovery centres, and the creation of local recovery committees, while always being available to support a traumatised and devastated community".

"Throughout all the natural disasters that have faced the Bega Valley over the past eight years, she has developed a reputation of delivering projects to the highest quality and in turn earned the respect of her peers.

"She has been able to source information, secure assistance, and advocate for local solutions to support decision making dur-



Former Phillip Islander, Leanne Barnes was awarded the Public Service Medal, for outstanding public service to local government in NSW, in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours list.

ing the height of a crisis, but also in the recovery phase."

Leanne was also praised for her work with other local councils and state agencies and attracted over \$157 million in grant funding to support her community."

Island life

In 2019, years of dedication and international lobbying for women in sport saw Leanne awarded

the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for her service to water polo.

Leanne is well known locally as a state representative and national team water polo player in the late 1970s, who progressed through state and national coaching and managing roles, to director of Water Polo Australia as well as chairwoman of the organisation's gender equity committee from 2004-2010.

In the 1990s on Phillip Island, she was also a founding member of the Phillip Island Aquatic Fund committee and worked hard in those early days towards achieving an aquatic centre on Phillip Island, before leaving the area and pursuing a career in local government in NSW.

Leanne and husband Dennis are parents of Amy, who will also be remembered by Phillip Islanders, and the daughter of islanders Joan and Tony Barnes.

In the five years following the birth of Amy, in the 1990s, Leanne undertook multiple overseas trips to lobby International Olympic Committee delegates, pushing against brick walls to get the women's sport recognised as worthy of inclusion. Then at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, as the Australian women's water polo team entered the Olympic pool for their gold medal match, she stood poolside with John Howard on one side of her and Dennis and Amy also in the stands.

While on Phillip Island she was: Vice-President, Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Project, 2000-2001; Member, Local Priority Policing, Community Safety Committee Bass Coast 1997-2000.; Member, Bass Coast Municipal Fire Prevention Committee, 1997-2000.; Chair, Bass Coast Stay and Play Safe Committee, 1997-2000; Member, Economic Development Board, 1996-1999.

Life savers share in Queens's Birthday honours

Six members of Life Saving Victoria were honoured in the Queen's Birthday 2021 Honours List, including Dinah Boswell from the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Life Saving Victoria CEO Catherine Greaves said that the increasing number of people being recognised from the lifesaving community demonstrates their vital role in emergency services and community engagement.

"We are incredibly proud of Anne, Janet, Alan, Alistair, Dinah and Kimberley and I would like to offer my congratulations on behalf of LSV for this outstanding achievement," Ms Greaves said.

"Each have been acknowledged for ensuring that Life Saving Victoria and their respective clubs remain at the forefront of training, education, leadership, gender equality, diversity and inclusion initiatives and of course state-of-the-art lifesaving operations.

"I would like to thank each of them for their continued service and remarkable achievements, not only in receiving these accolades, but in maintaining so many years of dedicated service to the Victorian community and a commitment to keeping peo-



Dinah Boswell, received an Emergency Services medal (ESM), for her 45 years of volunteer service to Life Saving Victoria and the South Melbourne, Mentone and Woolamai Surf Life Saving clubs.

ple safe around water."

Dinah Boswell, who received an Emergency Services medal (ESM) has dedicated 45 years of volunteer service to Life Saving Victoria, across the South Melbourne, Mentone and Woolamai Surf Life Saving clubs.

She continues to actively patrol and has been involved in a significant number of rescues and preventive actions.

An early leader for gender equality, as a mentor and role model Dinah has led and sup-

ported women in lifesaving to attain their leadership aspirations and assume senior roles at state and at club level.

She continues her volunteer service with her commitment to her club and members, and to her state, in roles where she provides training and assessment in lifesaving awards.

Other recipients were Anne Gardiner (AM), Janet Jones (OAM), Alan Joyce (OAM), James McCooke (OAM) and Kim Gee (ESM).

LSV also acknowledged Wonthaggi Life Saving Club members George and Joan Scott who both received an Order of Australia Medal for their dedication and service to the Wonthaggi community.

Individuals are appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service in a particular locality or field of activity or to a particular group. The Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) is awarded for service worthy of recognition.

The Emergency Services Medal (ESM) recognises distinguished service by members of emergency services across Australia, and people who are involved in emergency management, training or education.

The Mikado cancelled

St. John's Uniting Church extends a sincere apology to everyone who planned to attend our Singularity concert performance of The Mikado last Sunday.

We are sorry that it didn't run and sorry that we had no way of notifying those who intended to come.

When The Advertiser was published last week we knew travel restrictions would be lifted. We did not know until the fine print of the regulations were published on the Thursday that density limits for our church had returned to one per four square metres. With a choir of 25 that meant that, at most, our audience could only be 25.

It was a heartbreaking decision to make, but this simply made the event untenable. We hope you will understand. We will make every effort to rebook this wonderful piece of musical mayhem.

Unjust dust disgust: Surf Beach

Surf Beach residents say they are suffering worse road dust problems now compared to 15 years ago, following the removal of suppressant seal earlier this month.

Despite a community outcry Bass Coast Shire removed the suppressant, with Surf Beach next on the shire's list to roll out permanent bitumen upgrades, and residents expected to be soon invited to be part of special charge payment scheme.

Resident Lou Pecora at last week's council meeting asked why the shire applied a class three blend of rock and clay to Batman Street and The Esplanade, following the removal of the suppressant.

"Why has class two crushed rock - which is traditionally used for roads - been replaced with a class three to four "blend", which has a higher clay content and will make the dust problem worse than when the dust suppressant seal was first applied 15 years ago," Lou asked.

"What is the annual cost savings to council in using this blended class three to four crushed rock?"

Shire CEO Ali Wastie replied a class three "shire blend was used and had been "specifically tailored" by the shire "to ensure optimal performance".

"Given the unbound nature of a class two crushed rock and its performance history on council's unsealed network this material type is not suitable for this application," Ms Wastie said.

"Cost savings was not a consideration over differing rock material types for these works."

Maria Pecora asked whether the shire would erect more speed limit signs to stop dust blowing over houses.

"With the removal of dust suppressant at Batman Street and The Esplanade at Surf Beach, only one 20km speed sign has been erected to support "speed means dust" signs over a length of 1.5km," Maria said.

"Why haven't more 20km signs been erected at least at each end of the roadworks.

"What speed calming devices will council install to ensure speeding is contained?"

Ms Wastie said while the 20km sign was already existing, the shire had installed three additional "speed means dust" signs following the removal of the suppressant.

"The signs are intended to increase awareness of the driving environment and slow vehicles. Council will monitor the area following the works to determine the effectiveness of the new signage," Ms Wastie said.

Airfield plans flop

Plans for a new airfield and plane hangar in Bass were rejected by Bass Coast Shire councillors last week.

The \$45,000 development was proposed for a 40ha property at 79 Netherwood Lane in Bass, which received 31 objections, as well as a 52-signature petition.

Objectors argued the proposal would devalue property prices, scare livestock and pose a threat to native animals. Under the proposal, the airfield would have been restricted to a maximum of 20 flights per day but would not be a commercial business, restricted to recreational aircraft, with a 550-metre-long airstrip and 240m2 hanger.

Shire planners recommended the plans be refused because the developer failed to show how the proposal would not create an unacceptable risk to the landscape and character of the surrounding area.

Councillors agreed and unanimously rejected the plans. Cr Bruce Kent said the developer should seek the advice of a planner and consider whether they resubmitted the application.

He said the plans were not a high standard and failed to cover many issues, including fuel, safety and parking requirements, as well as toilet facilities. "It just is not a complete package," Cr Kent said. Cr Rochelle Halstead agreed, saying the plans also failed to examine environmental impacts. One objector said they were concerned the plans would devalue surrounding properties, adding they were concerned the airfield would soon become commercial. "Who wants to live near or next to an airport," they wrote. Several objectors detailed their concerns for wildlife, particularly birds in the nearby internationally recognised Ramsar area of Western Port Bay. One objector, a farmer, said the plans offered no guarantee "to ensure the aircraft will not send our stock through electric fences". The airfield would have no employees and the maximum number of patrons would be capped at 20. According to the plans, the flight path would generally follow the Bass Highway and then turn to land directly onto the airfield or follow the beach, depending on conditions.

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1. Fill out council's pool survey on their web site at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/aquatics
2. Attend one of the upcoming community consultation sessions on Wednesday, June 23, 9am to 1pm; or Saturday, June 26, 9am to 1pm. And push the point that you would like a Phillip Island aquatic centre to be built now.
3. Provide a written submission on your views and send it to council at aquatics@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

The pool consultation period has been extended from June 27 to July 4.

The two new drop-in sessions will be held at the Phillip Island Leisure Centre, 10-12 Church Street.

The Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund (PIACF Inc) agree with Council's decision to proceed with funding applications for two aquatic centres, one on Phillip Island and one in Wonthaggi, but if it comes to a choice, then we believe Phillip Island should have priority, on the basis that Wonthaggi already has a functioning pool with a ten year life expectancy.

I would like to outline just how successful Phillip Island has been with its development of young swimmers.

We have seen two talented swimmers recently who started on Phillip Island with the Phillip Island Swimming Club, then having to chase their dream to pools in Melbourne.

After competing in this year's trials for the up-

coming Olympic Games in Tokyo. Both competed in this year's trials for the upcoming Olympic Games in Tokyo.

And who could forget Amanda Drennan, our local Paralympian who came home with a Bronze medal.

Phillip Island has a wealth of talented and committed young people, but our sporting infrastructure fails them.

It is to this endeavour we need an Aquatic Centre and have worked toward this end for the last 30 years. I implore the Bass Coast Shire Council to remember that half of the rate revenue it raises comes from Phillip Island and San Remo ratepayers.

I urge everyone on Phillip Island to have their say.

PETER MCMAHON: PIAC INC

Wonder dog recruit sniffing out wild weeds

Melbourne Water's Waterways and Catchment Operations team has welcomed a new furry recruit with a talent for sniffing out a troublesome weed which grows in tricky to reach and hard to spot places.

Raasay is a young border collie with a scented skillset – trained to smell *Spartina anglica* – an invasive grass that grows in tidal estuaries. The weed collects sediment, choking creeks and destroying natural mudflat habitat.

Melbourne Water's Project Manager Adrian Vinnell says Raasay has successfully completed her preliminary on the job training at the Cardinia inlets and the Bass Estuary near Philip Island and has already proved herself a great asset.

"On day one Raasay gave a strong signal and led her handler to a hidden and previously undetected patch of *Spartina*. Ground crew could then immediately target the weeds which are often hard to find even on foot or by helicopter as they grow in marshes and amongst other flora.

"Having Raasay as part of our team has safety benefits as well. Her nose knows where to go so our crews don't have to be as

close to waterways while they look for the weeds and they are able to cover more ground in the same time," Mr Vinnell said.

Raasay completed her 12 weeks scent coaching at the Skylos Ecology base near Ballarat. Handler Tracy Lyten said Melbourne Water shipped frozen samples of *Spartina* to their site to help with the training.

"It was really beneficial having the samples. We were able to teach Raasay the odour prior to her initial field training. This gave her the best possible start to her career as a *Spartina* detection dog."

For now – Raasay's work with Melbourne Water will continue to focus in the Cardinia Inlets near Koo Wee Rup and the Bass Estuary, with plans to use her *Spartina* detection abilities across a wider area of Westernport.

Adrian Vinnell says while Melbourne Water is still in the early stages of the canine training and deployment project – Raasay is fitting right in.

"This is a terrific partnership and hopefully Raasay will continue with us long term – proving a significant help to our work in eradicating *Spartina* throughout the catchment."



Raasay, a young border collie being trained to smell *Spartina*, an invasive weed that grows in tidal estuaries, with her handler Tracy Lyten.

Committee members called for

Bass Coast Shire Council is establishing its inaugural Australian First Peoples Advisory Committee (AFPAC).

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari, said expressions of interest (EOI) to join the Committee as Community Representatives are now open.

"If you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and are keen to contribute to reconciliation at the local level, whether you are already actively involved in this space, or looking to be involved in positive community change, we would love to hear from you," Cr Tessari said.

Community Representatives will be selected based on their demonstrated commitment to reconciliation and/or a desire to make positive community change. Applicants need to demonstrate a strong connection to the Bass Coast region and be over 18 years of age.

There are up to six community representative positions available on the AFPAC.

Visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation to complete an EOI application form.

Representatives from council and partner agencies will also be

on the Committee, ensuring a direct link between the community and the local services it accesses across Bass Coast.

"Council is strongly committed to the ongoing process of reconciliation and building on established relationships with our local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community," Cr Tessari said.

"This committee will provide an important and respectful platform for ongoing engagement between the community and council, across a broad range of issues.

"It will support reconciliation and advocate for greater access to culturally appropriate services by raising awareness of community issues, history and culture," Cr Tessari concluded.

Once established, the AFPAC will meet four times a year. For more information, please visit our website www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation.

For more information, contact Council's Aboriginal Development Officer Patrice Mahoney OAM on patrice.mahoney@basscoast.vic.gov.au or 0438 688 859.

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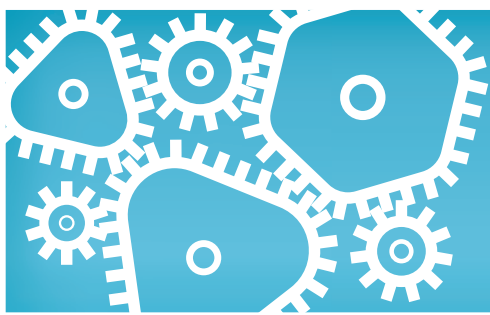


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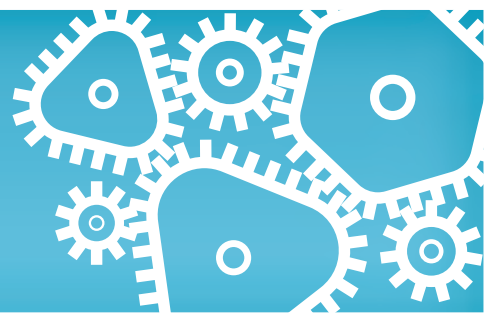
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Answer from Council.

"A failure to adjust rates in line with the 1.5 per cent rate cap will have an adverse impact on Council's operating financial performance given the need to fund the Enterprise Agreement salary increment and an increase in contract expenditure tied to movements in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), currently 1.1 per cent – March 2021 quarter. There will be a significant impact on Council's forward financial plan as the multiplier effect of not passing on the rate cap increase will result in \$14.5 million less revenue over the 10 year life of the plan. This will impact funding for future capital works and/or operational services."

Investments above \$50m per quarter this year that has provided an income return of \$248,182 for 10 months of the year combined with an increase in new rateable properties (905) and moving 41 projects valued at \$23 million into next year's budget could have given council a positive surplus next year. As for the \$14.5 million less funds over 10 years, \$1,450 million for next year, well it's not council's money. It's less money ratepayers, 33,020 would have had to pay in their next rates notice.

Graham Jolly, Cape Woolamai

Which centre is feasible?

The nine sitting Bass Coast councillors are asked to make a decision on accepting the proposal on the Bass Coast Aquatic Leisure Centre Redevelopment Feasibility Study, which will have a great impact on the total Bass Coast community. The question is, are the nine councillors up to the task.

The proposal consists of two elements a replacement pool for Wonthaggi and a new pool on Phillip Island.

As Wonthaggi already has an operating pool, which was reviewed by JWC Engineers consultants in March 2018 who state it has a lifespan of another 10 years, it seems logical that if one centre is to be built, then Phillip Island should be the preferred site for the next pool in the Bass Coast shire. But logic is not part of the Bass Coast Council or its councillors.

Listening and viewing the virtual council meeting of May 19 in regards item H3 on the council agenda, the Bass Coast Aquatic Leisure Centre, I concur in principle with the majority of the councillors' comments. But I note Cr Laing, in her final comments said, "the Wonthaggi pool is leaking its guts out" and Cr L Larke said Bass Coast could only support one aquatic centre.

I would like to correct Cr Laing that the Wonthaggi pool is not leaking its guts out. I refer her to council question time on June 16 when Mr G Jolly asked a question – was the Wonthaggi pool leaking. The response from the CEO. No.

Each councillor should ask themselves the following questions.

- Which area do I represent?
- What do my constituency want?
- Can we at present commit our ratepayers to a \$100 million project for two new aquatic leisure centres, neither being a 50-metre pool that could hold swimming competition.

Phillip Island has produced many excellent swimmers. It has been difficult to allow our champions the ability to train for their chosen endeavour without travelling great distances to train in appropriate centres.

John Trigt, Surf Beach

Calm after the storm

What an interesting week. Such major failure of electricity grid power, enough to make Minister Angus Taylor apoplectic, again, blaming renewable power, solar and wind. But isn't he long overdue to invest in making the grid safe from extreme weather? Not just that, but planning for increased demand coming from the transition to electric vehicles. There's always somewhere in a big Australia where there's plenty

of power. What we need is new efficient long distance HVDC (high voltage DC) transmission lines to transfer power, when and where it's needed. How much longer will he delay?

Some people believe in big electricity while others don't. The alternative is an "island grid". The technology is nothing new. There are many already in small, remote, off-grid inland communities in Australia. These days they're community solar and wind farms with storage, which might be batteries or PHES (pumped hydro energy storage). Hydro option is interesting. ANU is conducted a big terrain study to establish more than 3000 PHES sites. It's very efficient, off the shelf, long term reliable, better than batteries and shovel ready, yesterday.

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And will BCSC now live up to its promised funding for new and bigger Community Garden at Settlement Road? Objective is much more than permaculture food and venue for education and socialising.

So, an island grid for PI?

Bernie McComb, Cowes

Wasting our rates

The Sculpture in Newhaven has clearly become a contentious work.

With interest I read the article about the proposed sculpture which included a picture of how it would look when it was finished. While I am not opposed to modern art, try as I may I could not see what Mr Bartlett was suggesting – "a sculpture, quote "paying homage" to the first boat built in Newhaven". I decided to Google the artist, hopefully gaining a better understanding of his work. To my absolute astonishment I came across a photo of

"Dancer 4", a private commission in Flinders.

To my eye this sculpture, down to the last bolt, looks the same as "Alpha".

The cynical side of me suggests the client no longer wanted "Dancer 4", thus giving Mr Bartlett the perfect opportunity for the sculpture to be born again as "Alpha"! That of course is the beauty of abstract sculpture, the interpretation can be flexible. "Dancer 4/Alpha" for me looks like a Mediaeval Halo on Viking Helmet.

Putting a statue of any description at this spot seems a bit superfluous. What is wrong with just appreciating the view across the water to French Island and Corinella? Then there is the marina filled with yachts of varying sizes, their masts furled with sails, ready to unfold to catch the wind. The gentle motion as they bob up and down is calming and peaceful.

Please can I implore you to consider more carefully before wasting our rates unnecessarily. Also why can't local artists be used for such projects? An abundance of talented people in all areas of art live in the Bass Coast/West Gippsland area, far more meaningful.

I am thinking of the sculpture at San Remo, also the brilliant "Pelicani" made from RECYCLED material.

Lois Wenham, Rhyll

More spin from Council

Council's response to question time at last week's meeting when asked: Why has Class 2 crushed rock which traditionally has been used as a wearing coarse on unsealed roads, been replaced with a much lower grade material with a higher clay content to rehabilitated Batman Ave and The Esplanade at Surf Beach.

The new material creates a lot more mud after rain and consequently a lot more dust when dry and is commonly used for commercial site works, pipe bedding and backfilling. And: What is the annual cost savings to council in using this blended Class 3- 4 crushed rock?

Council's answer: "It is a special blend specifically tailored for optimum performance in a range of areas, whereas Class 2 is not suitable

for this application and ... that cost savings is not a consideration".

Our interpretation is: Irrespective of council being the only one using this material as a wearing coarse, it will do whatever it takes to save money. Since Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay is next on the Urban Roads and Drainage Program (UR&DP), the community will have to tolerate the removal of the dust seal and accept the reduction of amenities, even if it means more dust and mud than before the seal was applied 15 years ago, when Class 2 material was used. As well as the initial cost saving of about five per cent, the high clay blended material will also provide savings in maintenance cost because it's easier to work with when re-grading and applying additional top layers. This is a great win for the council and its ratepayers, but unfortunately, the community of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay will have to be the losers for the next four to six years until the UR&DP is completed. The community should be grateful they have had a dust suppressant seal for so long at no cost to them.

I know of no council in recent times to deliberately adopt policies to reduce amenities and expose their citizens to a health hazard unquestionably linked to road dust.

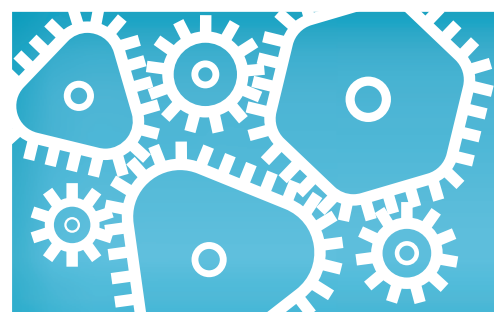
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Contentious policy concerns ease

The Bass Coast Shire councillor who raised concerns about a controversial policy – that seeks to control badly behaved shire customers – says his fears have been allayed.

However a long term adversary of the shire last week said he still had concerns the policy was being used to “silence the citizens of Bass Coast from legitimate questions”.

In March five councillors voted in support of a motion for shire officers to develop an “unreasonable customer conduct policy (UCC)” to provide a framework to manage badly behaved community members.

Cr Michael Whelan moved the UCC motion, saying councillors and staff had been subject to rude and aggressive behaviour by customers.

At the time Cr Bruce Kent voted against the motion, while Cr Rochelle Halstead said it was a tough vote, as she had received emails from the community concerned about attempts to stifle freedom of expression.

Cr Ron Bauer said the issue walked a “fine line” between staff safety and civil liberties, adding he would only vote in support of the motion if the fi-

nal policy was scrutinised by a lawyer as well as councillors.

“If these two provisos are not met I am foreshadowing that I will oppose the policy,” Cr Bauer said.

Last month shire CEO Ali Wastie confirmed the “decision has been acted upon and the operational policy is available on the website”.

Following last week’s council meeting – and his return to council following a stroke in April – Cr Ron Bauer said he was satisfied his concerns had been addressed.

“As you are aware I insisted on written advice from the lawyer in regards to this policy,” Cr Bauer told the Advertiser.

“Ms Wastie went one better and gave the councillors an in-person briefing by a lawyer from Maddocks Lawyers. I sent eight questions in advance of the briefing which I wanted answered.

“The answers were candid and did allay my angst on the UCC to a great extent.”

Criticism

However long-term adversary of the shire, Inverloch resident Kevin

Griffin, accused shire management of “creeping authoritarianism” and subverting councillors.

Last week Mr Griffin asked Ms Wastie why “without any substantiation” shire officers “deemed me to be an unreasonable customer and have invoked the CEO’s brand new UCC policy against me and have threatened me with sanction.

“How many other citizens of Bass Coast have had this draconian authoritarian policy used against them so far?” Kevin asked.

“Is it the CEO’s intention that she will continue to allow her staff to use her new UCC policy ... in an effort to silence the citizens of Bass Coast from legitimate questions?”

Ms Wastie responded the UCC did not prevent people from asking questions or providing feedback.

“It is a lawfully prepared policy that protects the health, safety and wellbeing of officers, councillors and contractors,” she said.

She said they would not publicly discuss matters relating to individuals and officers would contact Mr Griffin to discuss his concerns.

Grantville on track for more retail shops

Grantville is set to get a lot bigger after Bass Coast Shire councillors approved the first step in the creation of new shops, a service station, residential area and car parking.

Councillors at the June meeting passed a development plan for 1517-1529 Bass Highway and 6-8 Grantville-Glen Alvie Road, which will include two fast food restaurants, retail space, service station, 11 new residential lots, 52 car spaces, and a service road.

This development abuts another development plan at 1531 and 1545 Bass Highway, which was endorsed at last December’s council meeting, and will include a new supermarket, shopping zone, service station, medical centre, pharmacy and residential area, with 160 parking spaces and about 17 new residential lots.

Councillors last week unanimously supported the proposed development plan for 1.5 hectares at 1517-1529 Bass Highway, which shows the location and general footprint of the infrastructure, with a more detailed design to come.

The plan received 11 submis-

sions, with 10 giving “unconditional support” to the proposal. One objector raised concerns the plan would negatively impact property values in the Grantville Rise estate, as well as the disruption, noise and additional pollution from construction.

Cr Rochelle Halstead said the plan was “a long time coming”.

“It’s terrific to see the community excited about the development and keen to see it move forward and progress,” Cr Halstead said, adding she understood the developer had agreed to conditions on the proposal required by shire planners.

“It’s exciting for Grantville.” Cr Clare Le Serve welcomed the development plan, explaining at this stage it showed the general footprint for the land.

“The detail will be worked out as it progresses,” Cr Le Serve said.

The development plan for the land at 1531 and 1545 Bass Highway last year received 10 submissions, with eight in support and two raising concerns with the proposal, including traffic at the Bass Highway intersection.

Luncheon a sell out World Vision

Tony Rinaud, who has helped to transform millions of hectares of dry land in African countries over the past 25 years, was described by those in attendance at the Phillip Island World Vision fundraising lunch at the Cowes Bowling Club on Sunday as “inspirational”.

A Natural Resources Management Specialist and agronomist who has worked for World Vision for many years, Tony has made a positive impact on food security, and environmental sustainability and resilience for thousands of vulnerable communities around the world.

His long list of achievements in developing and promoting agricultural-forestry-pastoral systems in degraded and barren landscapes has won him many international awards.

Tony’s work began over 25 years ago, when, with the help of the local farmers in Niger, on the African continent, he began

implementing a conservation farming system known as Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR).

The approach has been so successful that it has since been applied in at least 24 other African countries.

So popular was the privilege of hearing from Tony about his work that the event was a sell-out.

A delectable lunch of perfect winter fare, prepared and served by World Vision members was much appreciated and enjoyed by the capacity crowd in attendance.

Luncheon Co-ordinator Nance Gooderham described the event as a great financial success for the Club.

“His speech was inspirational,” said Nance.

“We were so fortunate to be able to have Tony here with us.”

All funds raised go toward the work of the organisation in third world countries.



Margaret Smith, Pam Spencer, Val Gillard and Ruth Routley enjoying the Phillip Island World Vision fundraising luncheon.



Members of Phillip Island Vision Australia hosted a full house at the Island Bowls Club on Sunday afternoon, for their annual fundraising luncheon. The hardworking members of Vision Australia on Phillip Island, take a short break during preparation for the event.

They are (front row): Margaret Smith, Ruth Partridge, Val Gillard, Thelma Born and Edith Fletcher. Middle: Lynne Kharanda (President) Bev Watson, Charles Watson, Krishna Methven, Ruth Routley and Barbara Thompson. Back: Lorrie Read, Tony Rinaudo (guest speaker), Liz Rinaudo, Nance Gooderham, Tony Andrews and Linda Andrews.



Liz Rinaudo was delighted with the beautiful corsage she is wearing, which was created by World Vision member Barbara Thompson.



Guest speaker Tony Rinaudo and wife Liz, with Bev and Charles Watson, both World Vision committee members, at Sunday’s fundraising luncheon at the Bowls Club.

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Does anyone have a photo of the picture of the shark that hung over the bar.

Photos would be scanned and returned immediately.

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Anne Oswin: 0409 216 033

Notice is hereby given of the annual general meeting of the Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Association.

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Around the Bay

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE



Olivia's favourite strokes are butterfly and freestyle and she dreams of one day representing Australia at the Olympic games.

State selection for San Remo swimmer

Young Olivia Holmes was glued to the television during the 2021 Australia Swimming Trials.

She was watching local swimmers Bowen Gough and Nathan Foote compete, and hopes to follow in their footsteps to pursue a dream of representing Australia.

That dream is off to a good start.

Olivia is part of the South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club and the eleven-year-old has been selected for Team Vic to take part in a national competition in August, alongside Inverloch's Zac Sherar.

Team Vic is part of School Sport Australia, established to offer gifted and talented students aged 10 to 19, the opportunity to participate in higher levels of competition against students from across Australia.

Her favourite strokes are freestyle and butterfly and mum Hayley said Olivia wants to one day go to the Olympics.

"She realises how hard that is."

For now, she's focused on training for the upcoming National meet and that means travelling to Wonthaggi four times a week, with three morning sessions from 6am to 8am, and one from 6.15pm – 8.30pm.

"The early mornings suit us better," Hayley said.

"I try and go to the gym while she's at the pool. There are two other families from San Remo that also swim so we take it in turns to do the trips."

Olivia is currently classified at a "state development" level, but when she moves to national, weekly training sessions will increase to seven.

"As they start getting more competitive, the club starts expecting more," said Hayley.

And that could mean more travel as well, with Olivia encouraged to train at Leongatha where the pool has starting blocks.

Her current training regime is a lifetime away from her start in the pool, taking lesson in Jo Hosking's Infinity Swim in Surf Beach.

"A few of the mother's group had put their kids in, so we went along as it was something to do," Hayley said.

"I didn't think she'd continue on with it as she has."

Olivia joined the YMCA squad in



Olivia is a member of the South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club and trains four times a week in Wonthaggi.

Wonthaggi when she was about eight. "From there, she was asked to trial for the (South Gippsland Bass) swim club and she's been with them since she was nine."

For all her success in the pool, securing a spot on Team Vic is definitely a highlight and the family is crossing its fingers Covid won't derail the national meet scheduled for August.

Facilities needed

For Hayley the long-awaited aquatic centre on Phillip Island can't come soon enough.

"Being in the club and going to comps in Sale, Warragul and Traralgon, we see the other competition pools.

"They're 50-metres, have blocks and touch pads."

Although a 50-metre pool would be the ultimate, even a 25-metre competition pool with blocks and touch pads "would be great", Hayley said.

"We've only got a 25-metre pool (in Wonthaggi), and our kids are obviously still competitive."

"But when they get older, they race in 50-metre pools. If they're used to training in 25-metre pools, then race in 50-metres, it's obvious to the coaches."

She'd also like to see a hydro-therapy pool at the Phillip Island centre. "I'm a nurse and I have patients that would really benefit from it."

Well, what a few weeks we have been having.

Tuna and Kingfish – For some reason, the new normal now involves customers catching Tuna and Kingfish in the middle of June!

I said a few reports ago "the best is yet to come" and it turns out I was right. Actual customers ventured out the front over the last week, and since the storm has passed the water clarity has improved.

Not everyone is catching Tuna and Kingfish, the majority are seeing them but the lucky few have actually landed them.

We have had reports over the last week of a couple Tuna being caught, majority of them towards Inverloch and some off Kilcunda.

Not surprisingly they are down deep. The majority of the reports are of schools hiding below the whales that have moved in.

There is a lot of traffic on the water lately, whale watchers alike, but there were two customers lucky enough to snag a Kingfish!

Again, it seems those land-based customers have out fished those in the boats, in both catch numbers and species count (customer v customer).

The whiting is still going strong, land-based and boat based, with most of the reports coming from the nice sandy banks.

Offshore flatties are also strong, good sized and fat, both in close and at that 30m mark.

Salmon from the beaches have also decided to turn up in good schools with a lot of larger fish amongst them. There has been a few nice 3kg plus ones coming from Kilcunda.

The flavour of the month seems to be the metal slugs in the pink and blue colour around that 20g mark.

Gummy sharks have been more prominent this week with plenty of nice ones up the top of the bay toward Corinella. Nothing huge but still a few kilos worth of flake for the freezer.

No real reports of any offshore Gummy's yet, with the majority still

being the larger Schoolies. These buggers have a toothy grin so run a heavy leader or some wire.

We can always tell when a new product is being promoted or populated online. It seems to get in a league of its own and the customers one after another begin to ask for it.

Normally, we brush it off, realise something is being pushed somewhere but this time is different. What is the go with the squid?

There are too many people coming in asking for this to not have been displayed, written or shown somewhere and that's heavy weighted squid floats.

No, I'm not talking about the everyday weighted squid floats that have a small amount of weight, I'm talking very heavy.

We don't stock these so people are buying two or three ounce sinkers to put on them.

I'm not a scientist but isn't the purpose of something that's called a float simply supposed to float?

The way people are using them they are sitting well below the surface.

The advancements in squid jig designs give them motion, so it's not that. The slight weighted floats sit perfectly on the surface, so it's not that. And there are float stoppers that set height, so what's left?

Some insight would be appreciated.

Apologies for the lack of reports over the last few weeks, there has been little to no use writing about the lockdown we were in or the fact there was just simply no fish being reported for a while.

We would rather give you the facts without the typical fisherman exaggerations.

We have spent the last couple of months updating the shop, moving it around, bringing in new lines so that our customers can have a better shopping experience whilst they are visiting us in-store.

So, thank you for your patience during this time, and don't be afraid to ask for help if you cannot find anything throughout the shop.

Midweek bowls results



Midweek bowlers were happy to be back on the green and last week's winners were Rob Jeffries (L), Bill Williams (2), Phil Wright (3) and Peter McWilliams (S).

South West Gippsland midweek bowls winners were Peter McWilliams, Phil Wright, Bill Williams and Rob Jeffries.

Runners up were John Nicholson, Greg Wood and Peter Thorley.

One Game winners were Vern Elliott, Gwen Jeffries, Pauline McWilliams and Elaine Williams.

Midweek bowls was played at San Remo after a two-week break while Covid restrictions were again in place.

Twenty-one bowlers were able to play. Our members from Lang Lang were still in lockdown – hopefully we will see them soon.

Nevertheless, we were all pleased to meet up again and the usual happy banter could be heard across the green.

Along with our members singing and dancing to the music, the green was in excellent condition thanks to our green keeper Sean McWilliams.

The weather was kind to us, not a drop of rain but a little chilly.

As usual some high scores were recorded, 35 for the winners, 34 for the

runners up and 18 for the one game winners.

We also had numerous wrong bias however, the culprits want to remain anonymous.

Thank you to our member who brought items for the free raffle table, we had lovely fresh produce this week.

Thanks to Peter Thorley and Peter McWilliams for tending the bar. Thanks also to Sean McWilliams who comes to do the cards and organise the games, although he does not play at the moment as he is too busy looking after his pup Simba.

Thank you to the helpers in the kitchen Sue, Gwen and Greg.

Next week we will play at Tarwin Lower, 10.30am at the club for 11am start. BYO lunch, two games of twelve ends.

To register or for more information, please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

Everyone welcome, please come and join us, you won't be disappointed.

See You on the Green.

Netballers back on the court

Under 11s

Great to be back on the courts! It was a tough game against Tooradin-Dalmore.

The girls did some great defending, with Georgia Niven and Stellah Tilley earning the awards.

Even though the girls were determined, unfortunately they didn't get the win.

Hopefully, we have better luck next week.

Under 13s

Finally, we were back to play netball and the girls couldn't have been more excited.

They were even slightly nervous since having a break from playing competitively.

The first quarter started slowly for the Island girls, as Tooradin controlled the game and had very accurate shooters.

After a talk at quarter time, about demanding the ball and a few changes to the side, the girls went back on court fired up and ready for the challenge.

Aisha Hibbert (GA) and Pepper Burke (WD) were playing such a strong and competitive game and it was amazing to watch.

By half time we were down by four, but we were very much still in the game.

There were a few more changes made to the side and some requests made by the coach to players, surrounding leading and defensive pressure. The third quarter was again, amazing to watch.

We had Olivia Holmes (GD) and Matilda Feehan (GK) working so hard in defensive and taking so many intercepts!

Our team captain Abbey Clarke (C) had a great way of slowing down and composing the team, which is crucial in these close games.

We had Mia Hughes (GS) leading out of the ring and allowing our GA (Aisha Hibbert) to make a fast drive into the ring, both girls were accurate with their goals.

We had little Piper O'Brien (WA) trying hard and leading to the ball all day, even using her voice on the court and demanding the ball from her teammates.

Fourth quarter comes and the score has slightly increased in Tooradin's favour, but the girls went back out there and continued to challenge them.

Jya Donohue was put in WD, a position she has not played in a game before, and she smashed it!

Hands over everything and really making some good passing decisions to her teammates.

Overall, we came away with a loss to Tooradin, however we could not be prouder of the girls.

Best on: Olivia Holmes, Piper O'Brien and Aisha Hibbert.

Under 15s

Despite the break in the season, the Phillip Island 15s West Gippsland netball team did not disappoint as they kicked off their return in great form.

Isa Cousins and Hazel Burke swapped each quarter to share the responsibility of WA, feeding the ball well into goal.

Isla also took on WD and showed her outstanding versatility once again.

Maya Huther was solid as usual in Centre for the full game, while Lily Mewett and Meika White once again showed their exceptional skills in goals as GA and GS respectively.

Ruby Anderson and Isabella Santorini did a stellar job alternating in GK, while Sienna McFarlane, Sophia Hungerford and Paige Riley kept the pressure on the visitors in defence.



U11 netball players enjoyed being back on court after the recent COVID lockdown.

The game started super close with only a three-goal lead after the first quarter, however in the third quarter the Island girls took off with a 12-goal lead, where the opposition only managed a goal. In the fourth, the girls were comfortably taking control of the game and the win.

Congratulations to the team and coach Anna.

Final Score: Phillip Island 32 v Tooradin-Dalmore 18.

Best on: Lily Mewett and Isla Cousins.

Under 17s

Excitement level was high with the U17s super pumped to be back on the court.

With Tooradin equal on the ladder the girls knew they had to be up and about this game.

The island girls came out strongly, with a very fast style of play.

Mid court Zoe, Jarrah and Am worked hard and the defensive pressure from Lexi and Sophie was making it tough for Tooradin to score.

With a strong lead in the first quarter the girls knew the opposition were strong and could easily creep back into the game so they wanted to continue their high intensity and keep the pressure on.

Ella had her eye in and working well with Mak in the goals. Zoe continued to be strong in Centre.

By the third term you could see the girl's fitness really starting to wear the opposition down.

Fresh legs in mid court and defence with Lily intercepting many of Tooradin's attacking attempts and Ahlee sticking close to her player, kept the girls strong lead intact and they came away with a great win.

Super proud of the way the girls go about it.

A great mix of fun and competitiveness. Keep it up girls.

Best on: Lexi Walton and Ella Duggan.

C Grade

We had great sunny conditions for our first game back and we were facing a tough competitor who sat three above us on the ladder.

With a fast hard first quarter and some amazing contests we were up by one at the first break.

With Pete's great supply of fruits and lollies throughout the game we managed to stay consistent, and we were down by one at half and three-quarter time.

Then came inspirational words from our amazing coach who reminded us of what we have all been working towards all year for.

To play our game and play as a team.

The pressure was immense, and the crowd created a great final-like atmosphere, and we all worked hard.

Every single player dug deep and did their part.

It was goal for goal, and it came down to the last few seconds when both defenders were out of play and Tooradin had a penalty shot which they fortunately missed.

So, we won by one.

It was hard to pick awards this week with everyone shining but Brooke Blundy and Sunday Brisbane were exceptional.

B Grade

With both Tooradin and Island going into the game undefeated, it meant extreme nerves for the B grade girls.

Both teams went into the game with the same mindset, and that was to be the only team undefeated.

The B grade girls have determination and drive and gave it their

all for the full four quarters.

The game was fast, high intensity, and very physical.

Mads, Amber and Felso worked extremely hard to get the ball into the goal ring.

Tooradin had height at both ends and were very physical, which meant Cassie, Robbo, Chaz and Abs had the tricky job of getting the turn overs to get us in the lead at half time.

The Island defence worked hard and obtained a number of intercepts, which were rewarded into goals by Islands goalers.

Felso and Babes had a physical game and had to work hard to score goals, but with Amber, Mads and Nell feeding in so accurately and with smart movement, teamwork and determination, the girls managed to come away with a win 43-37 and remain undefeated for the season.

Well done B Grade!

A Grade

After a few weeks off due to Covid restrictions, the sun was shining for our game against Tooradin-Dalmore.

The girls came out to a flying start with some good quality netball.

The intensity, composure and quick ball speed were rewarded with an eleven-goal lead after the first quarter.

However, after the break we were unable to keep up the intensity and the experience of Tooradin shone through, closing the gap and taking over the lead.

The second half was full of some brilliant passages of play in both attack and defence from both sides, showing the immense potential for growth as the season continues.

Tooradin-Dalmore came away with the win.

Best on: Christie Edwards and Lucy Monahan.

Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, June 15 – Men's 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Steve Regnier H/c (15) with 45 points from Vincent Phelan H/c (20) with 41 points.

Men's 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was John Rodakis H/c (36) with 21 points on a countback from Len Fenton H/c (17) also with 21 points.

Wednesday, June 16 – Ladies 18 Hole Monthly Medal – Stroke – proudly sponsored by EMG Consulting.

A Grade winner: Jo Disher (19) with 75 nett.

B Grade winner: Ros Reid (26) 79 nett.

C Grade and monthly medal winner: Charlene Duthie (34) with 73 nett.

Putting won by Lorraine Hammon – 30 putts. NTP: 7th Di Ray, 10th Helen Coghlan, 12th Second shot for B and C Kaye Beaton, 17th Cheryl White.

Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Jackie Juster H/c (44) with 13 points from Sherrill Brunsden H/c (45) with 7 points.

Thursday, June 17 – Men's and Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Ian Huther H/c (29) with 38 points from Rob Haydon H/c (9) with 37 points on a countback from Sean O'Brien H/c (8) also with 37 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Ron Hateley H/c (33) with 22 points from Bob Pascoe H/c (13) with 20 points.

Saturday June 18 – Men's 18 Hole Monthly Medal – Stroke sponsored by Phillip Island Service Centre.

A Grade winner and Monthly Medal winner – Paul Russo (9) with 70 nett.

A Grade runner up – Matt Brown (9) with 71 nett.

B Grade winner – Craig O'Neill (13) with 73 nett.

B Grade runner up – Rick Colling (13) with 73 nett.

C Grade winner – Geoff Daff (19) with 73 nett.

C Grade runner up – Adam Wagner (32) with 73 nett.

NTP: 5th Steve Waters, 7th Andrew Hewett, 10th Stewart Hamilton and 17th Andrew Hewett.

Ladies 18 Hole Stroke: Winner was Rhonda Boyd H/c (19) with 78 nett on a countback from Lorraine Hammon H/c (17) also with 78 nett.

NTP: 7th Marg Frith.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Jan Daff H/c (35) with 19 points on a countback from Phil Foster H/c (18) also with 19 points. Next week's game – Stableford.

Clay target shoot results

Westernport Field and Game held their monthly shoot on the weekend with 88 shooters attending.

Congratulations to Ben Studham for shooting a straight 50!

High Gun was Ben Studham with a score of 71.

Grade winners:

AA Grade: 1st – Doug McLeod (68), 2nd – Brian Sartori (67), 3rd – Andrew Leech (66).

A Grade: 1st – Alan White (66), 2nd – John Passarin (65), 3rd – Bill Stewart (59).

B Grade: 1st – Rod Martin (60), 2nd – Daniel Fritsch (58), 3rd – Scott King (56).

C Grade: 1st – Brian Witkowski (50), 2nd – John McDougall (45), 3rd – Sarah Fritsch (43).

Ladies: 1st – Anna Wratten (57), 2nd – Sheree Chaplin (50), 3rd – Kathryn Cecho (45).

Veterans: 1st – Len Box (64), 2nd – Rob Sturzaker (64), 3rd – Marton Holmes (55).

Juniors: 1st – Will Witkowski (49), 2nd – Sarah King (20).

Our next shoot will be held on Sunday July 18, consisting of 75 targets with nominations commencing at 9am.

Self-nominations will be available through MCMS before the event.

The Club is also holding a working bee this Saturday, June 26 from 10am and all member's welcome.

Clay target shooting is suitable for all genders, ages and fitness levels with juniors shooting for free.

Euchre results

This week's RSL Euchre results:

Men's winner: Grant Wadeson – 6 wins.

Women's winner: Marg Cahill – 7 wins.

Encouragement award: Sandy Slaney – 1 win.

All systems go again!

Next meeting is June 24, dinner tables booked for 6pm as usual.

Contact Bob Hee on 0418 173 388 for further details. Everyone welcome.



The soccer teams were thrilled to be back on the soccer ground after the Covid shutdown.

Full round of soccer

It was the first full round back after the Covid shutdown and the first weekend for the season where Phillip Island hosted almost a full fixture of games.

Saturday was our turn to host the mini roos with the U6s, U8s and U10s from Inverloch, Wonthaggi and Phillip Island playing on a crisp winter's morning.

With over 100 children playing soccer in the mini roos hub it shows the growing popularity of soccer in the Bass Coast.

The fantastic weather continued on Sunday with games being played by both U12s teams, U14s, U17s, the senior women and the reserves, with the seniors having a bye.

U12 Blue

The sun was shining on the pitch at Newhaven as U12 took on Drouin.

Drouin got off to a quick lead with the use of some fast passes and direct shots. For the first time this season the team went into half time down by three goals.

The team came out fired up in the second half stepping up the intensity and with some fantastic teamwork Jasper Saunders was able to hit the back of the net and got the breakers a much-needed goal.

The team encouraged each other and with a booming kick by Maddie Leed a second goal was scored.

The Breakers had the momentum and with some great defensive pressure saw the team slot another goal from Aidan Smyth tying the game up. The team continued to run and chase down any loose balls and Zac Semmens was able to reward the team's defensive efforts with another goal.

The team now hit the front for the first time in the game and played some of their best passages of play.

Jye Larcombe stopped everything



Mini Roos loving their soccer!

that came his way in the second half and Jasper who ran all game was rewarded with his second goal of the game off the back of some terrific teamwork and passing.

Final score: Phillip Island 5 to Drouin 3

U12 White

Phillip Island 2 v Wonthaggi 5.

Even though we didn't get the win, it was a great team effort from our team this week.

Some amazing plays from our backline, mids and forwards.

An outstanding game from Archie in goals and Hamish Farman who scored our two goals.

Under 14s

With the weather absolutely perfect this week, the U14s were glad to be back on the pitch at home against Drouin.

Despite having most of the ball and numerous shots on goal, it was a credit to Drouin's fantastic keeping and defence and only Angus Dempsey was able to find the back of the net.

The defence had their work cut out for them with some fast ball work from Drouin.

Lewis McLaren in keeper was able to stop countless goals from Drouin.

The end of the first half ended in a

one all draw.

The start of the second half started with the same intensity as the first half with goals hard to come by again.

Bailey Leed was able to score to bring the score back to even however Drouin were quick to reply.

Angus managed to score his second goal of the day to even the score once again.

Drouin managed to sneak two more goals before the end of the game.

Final score: Drouin 5 to Phillip Island 3.

Players of the match: Angus Dempsey and Lewis McLaren.

Senior Women Wonthaggi vs Phillip Island

Both teams were looking forward to getting back into the game after several bye's and the Covid lockdown. Phillip Island came out firing, with a perfect cross to Kelly Wall who scored after just 13 minutes.

Wonthaggi continued to press hard, particularly around the centre and their backline put up a strong defence against our speedy front-line, with Bella McCulloch, Taylah Cook and Cailen Lone leading the offence perfectly.

After several good stoppages from the Wonthaggi Keeper, the women scored three more goals by the time the whistle blew for half time.

The second half started well, with a quick goal being scored by Phillip Island, although Wonthaggi replied soon after, putting themselves on the scoreboard after skilfully weaving past Phillip Island's strong backline.

Despite this, the defence didn't give up; they continued to put a foot on the ball and press the opposition, which created plenty of scoring opportunities down the pitch.

In the last 10 minutes, Wonthaggi scored again, leaving the score tallying at 8-2. Nonetheless, it was a great first game back especially on such a warm day. Well done Phillip Island on a well fought win.

Reserves

The reserves played against Wonthaggi and came away with a 3-1 win after the scores were tied at 1-1 at half time.

The game was hard fought, and it remained even on the score line until the last ten minutes.

Goal scorers were Callum Go-lightly with two penalty goals and Frank Licciardi.

Welcome to winter bowls

After all the miserable weather we have been experiencing, it was great to be back on the greens playing competition lawn bowls once again.

This week marked the start of the weekly winter triples competition, played each Tuesday for 12 weeks.

We play 12 ends of three

games, and it was great to be bowling on a warmer, dry day.

The early ends were a little rusty, but it did not take the players long to get back into form.

We had a good turnout of players keen to play.

However, after the three games concluded there was a tie

between two teams, both with three wins.

On a count back the team that prevailed was Rohan Walker, Andrew Hewitt and Pat Ryan.

Thanks to the sponsors Harvey Norman and Bass Coast Mechanical and we look forward to the games over the next eleven weeks.



Weekly winter triples competition bowls winners: Rohan Walker, Andrew Hewitt and Pat Ryan.



Margaret Sand weighs up her options.



Laura Priestly is first to the ball.



Courtney Fletcher is chaired off by Grace Matser and Chelsea.

Breakers back on top

The Breakers made the most of the wind in the first quarter getting on the board early.

With Grace Matser winning the ruck contests the Breakers did most of the attacking in the first quarter with two goals apiece to Ella Cargill and Kelly O'Neill really setting up the game.

Warragul lifted their intensity in the second quarter and with some hard tackling and the advantage of the wind, the play was a lot more spread in the second quarter. However, the Breakers backline held up and didn't allow the home side to benefit on the scoreboard.

The third quarter was again dominated by the Breakers.

Sophie Bolding and Stacey Poke were busy through the centre with Jess Bolding finding plenty of space out on the wing.

The forwards including Kate Caughey were presenting well and were rewarded with plenty of opportunities but couldn't convert, while Warragul were able to score their only goal for the match.

The Breakers pushed through the last quarter with a reduced bench due to some injuries and tired legs after a few weeks off.

Ella Cargill slotted through her fourth goal to seal the match.

Coach Bianca Helmuth-Pask

praised the consistent team effort and noted that every player on the ground contributed to the win.

She was particularly impressed with the improvement shown by new players such as Margaret Sand and Jen Pomphrey who contested well all game.

Despite Warragul pushing extra players into defence for much of the game, the Breakers backline remained disciplined – keeping their structure and letting very little through their half back line.

At full-back Oona Shepherd stopped anything that did sneak through.

Congratulations to Courtney Fletcher who played her 50th game.

At just 18 this makes her one of the more experienced players in the team.

She has had no trouble stepping up to the women's competition this year with her trademark hard at the ball, run and carry style proving a valuable asset across half-back.

Breakers 6.9-45 def Warragul 1.3-9.

Goals: Cargill 4 and O'Neill 2.

Best: Cargill, Connell, O'Neill, Poke, S Bolding and T Angarane.

Next week the Breakers travel to Pearcedale Saturday 26, 11am in what should be a good contest after a close result first time around.



The team celebrate Courtney Fletcher's 50th game.

Phillip Island youth girls looking strong

The Island girls got away to a big lead early in the game.

Strong clearance work from the centre by Ahlee Penry, Lexi Walton, Isla (Cuz) Cousins and Nikki (Jo Jo) Williams saw the forward line spoilt for opportunities.

Poppy Marshall didn't take long to take advantage and slotted her first goal within the first few minutes.

Jorja (Jorga) Newman, Mia Boost, Sunday Brisbane, Stevie Hower and Kara Nasilasilas were all working beautifully in the forward line and were hungry for

goals. Jorja, Stevie and Poppy finished the quarter with another goal each.

The second quarter saw the Island girls shuffle the team around and the Korumburra girls stepped up their pressure.

However, the Island defence held strong and were able to fend off a number of attacks.

The third quarter saw the game open up and the Island girls managed to spread the ball into space and looked dangerous every time they had possession.

Maya Huther continued her strong form and Imogen (Immy) Bradford came into the game providing a great target and link player on the wing.

Mia Boost took a number of strong marks in attack and went back and slotted through a beautiful goal from a set shot.

Lexi Walton had a number of chances up forward and provided a great assist for Jorja Newman who scored her second goal.

Poppy Marshall wracked up another, while the highlight of the

quarter was Kara Nasilasilas scoring her first goal in footy, breaking through the pack and kicking an amazing goal on the run.

The final quarter was again dominated by the girls with Imogen Bradford really getting going and slotting two goals in the quarter.

Sarah Eldridge in her first game back for a while also hit the scoreboard as did Isla Cousins with a great running goal.

Best on ground for the day was last minute fill in runner Cath Huther who put in a magnificent perfor-

mance in her first game as runner, while Meika White was solid in her debut as boundary umpire.

Thankyou ladies for your help.

Final Score: Phillip Island 12.3.75 Def Korumburra 0.0.0.

Goal Kickers: Poppy Marshall 3, Imogen Bradford 2, Jorja (Jorga) Newman 2, Mia Boost, Sunday Brisbane, Isla Cousins, Sarah Eldridge and Kara Nasilasilas.

Best: Sunday Brisbane, Nikki Williams, Imogen Bradford, Jorja Newman, Lexi Walton, Mia Boost and Poppy Marshall.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 23 JUN	THU 24 JUN	FRI 25 JUN	SAT 26 JUN	SUN 27 JUN	MON 28 JUN	TUE 29 JUN
LOW 3:24 am 0.62 m	LOW 4:31 am 0.52 m	LOW 5:40 am 0.43 m	HIGH 12:36 am 2.65 m	HIGH 1:41 am 2.70 m	HIGH 2:42 am 2.74 m	HIGH 3:39 am 2.75 m
HIGH 10:50 am 2.83 m	HIGH 12:01 pm 2.98 m	HIGH 1:09 pm 3.12 m	LOW 6:45 am 0.36 m	LOW 7:45 am 0.33 m	LOW 8:41 am 0.35 m	LOW 9:32 am 0.43 m
LOW 4:07 pm 1.37 m	LOW 5:26 pm 1.39 m	LOW 6:40 pm 1.34 m	HIGH 2:11 pm 3.22 m	HIGH 3:07 pm 3.26 m	HIGH 3:59 pm 3.25 m	HIGH 4:45 pm 3.21 m
HIGH 10:17 pm 2.63 m	HIGH 11:28 pm 2.62 m		LOW 7:45 pm 1.24 m	LOW 8:42 pm 1.14 m	LOW 9:33 pm 1.04 m	LOW 10:22 pm 0.96 m

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U10s Red and Blue teams enjoyed a competitive game against each other on Sunday. For more Junior footy photos, go to pisra.com.au.

Wins all round for red

U14s

A beautiful sunny day welcomed the U14 Phillip Island Bulldogs Reds to their home game against Korumburra-Bena on Sunday.

The team worked seamlessly together, laying strong tackles and unrelenting defensive pressure. They showed direction throughout the game, by looking for options into the forward line.

Testament to the team effort was the shared scoring among nine goal kickers, cruising the Reds to yet another great win – 62 to 0.

Goal kickers: Bailey Anderson, Billy Caldwell, Toby Davies, Jake Hughes, Finn O'Brien, Charlie O'Garey, Will Peppard, Cooper Walton and Heath Womersley.

Best mentions: Isaac Savona, Heath Womersley, Max Kelsey and Jack Larsson.

U12s

It was a beautiful day for footy when PI Red took on Korumburra, the top team. We knew we were in for a tough match up.

The first quarter showed our mid's working their hardest with Duke and Sam O showing their teamwork.

Bryce tackled his way to the ball with clearances from Jesse M.

Duke kicked our first goal of the game, and we went into quarter time leading 8-1.

Felix was great up back, de-



Chase Edwards takes the tackle with Isaac Savona ready to swoop.

fending all over the 50.

Lewie was able to escape with the ball from the pack to work our way back into our forward, rewarded with a beautiful goal by Flynn.

We led 16-7 at half time.

We started off the third quarter with some clean clearances from the centre resulting in a goal from Joe. It was proving to be our toughest, most physical game yet with bone crunching tackles from the likes of Jack and Caleb.

Three quarter time saw the score sit at 22-7

The boys were tired by the fourth quarter and most of it was spent in the opponents forward 50.

Our defence had to use all their extra strength to keep them from scoring.

Korumburra's forwards were tough and kept on coming.

We were able to get the ball clear and move it smoothly down ground where Sam O finished off with a goal.

Final score was 29-8.

Well done to the boys who fought really hard for this win and Korumburra for being such tough opponents.

U10s

Both Phillip Island under 10s team were scheduled with a bye, so to make up for lost game time

(cheers covid) the blue and red teams organised a scratch match.

All the pups arrived at the ground with the sun streaming down on a perfect winter's morning for footy.

Even though this game was scheduled as a scratch match, the competitive nature in these two teams with bragging rights between mates was certainly to play for.

The two captains for the day, Zac Basterfield for red and Dexter Goodall for the blue, led their teams out to great delight to see the scoreboard lit up for their game.

It was a great tussle the whole game with lots of hard ball gets, great marks, hitting up targets and set shots for goal.

The boys' hunt for the ball and pressure from both sides was great with one of the best games to watch all season.

The future of the club is certainly looking bright with these pups coming through especially with the team of brothers in red of Will and Kane Patton, Archie and Sonny Williams and the blue twin brothers Roy and Harvey Patterson.

Shout out to young Jake Hughes who field umpired for the first time and did a fantastic job with great guidance from Dan Larrson. Keep up the hard work at training as it is certainly showing pups – Woof!

Bulldogs check in for win

From page 32

Noah BH marked at centre half forward, but the missed set shot saw TD rebound and score a major at the other end – sending them to the first break 25-8 the better.

The island did all the early attacking in the second quarter in an attempt to claw their way back into contention.

It took 13 minutes for a goal to be scored but unfortunately it was TD who broke through as they extended their margin to 32 – 9.

A centre break via Noah BH and Connor Thompson resulted in a poster when only a goal would do.

Half time saw the dogs scratching their heads 38 – 11 down.

Tooradin again hit the board first in the third quarter and extended their margin to 34 points.

Blake Christopher was playing a handy game and snapped a goal at the eight-minute mark, but the boys were still 32 points down.

Connor again got on the end of a fast centre break and scored a major to give the dogs a sniff with a 45 – 23 score line.

The dogs were doing all the attacking with Max Mattock and the midfield applying the blowtorch

but to no avail.

Tooradin were up to the task though and withstood the pressure. The opposition rebounded with a couple of late goals and went into the final change leading 64 – 23.

It was probably going to take a combined earthquake/tsunami to get out of this from that point.

The final quarter was a dour struggle with only six behinds score for the term and they were all Tooradin's way.

The failure of the predicted earthquake to arrive saw Tooradin comfortable winners. After a month of no play the two's just seemed scratchy and could find no rhythm.

This one is probably best just being wiped from the memory and as they say in footy – there's always next week.

I'm pretty sure that old chestnut was a pre-covid comment, but fingers crossed.

Final Scores: Tooradin-Dalmore: 4.1.25, 6.2.38, 10.4.64, 10.10.70.

Phillip Island: 1.2.8, 1.5.11, 3.5.23, 3.5.23.

Goals: Thompson 1, Christopher 1 and Fuller 1.

Best: Fuller, McRae, James, Thompson, Nicolaci and Cleeland.



Luke James and Brodie Brain keep the ball under control in the Reserves match.

THIS WEEKEND DRAWS

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION Round 12, Saturday June 26

Phillip Island v Inverloch-Kongwak

SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION Round 9, Sunday June 27

Phillip Island Blue v Korumburra-Bena
Leongatha Green v Phillip Island Red

YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION Round 7, Sunday June 27

Phillip Island v Drouin

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIOR FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Phillip Island	7	1	263.90	28
Inverloch-Kongwak	7	1	170.19	28
Nar Nar Goon	6	2	105.84	24
Tooradin-Dalmore	5	3	152.35	20
Cora Lynn	5	2	105.59	20
Garfield	4	3	109.72	16
Bunyip	4	4	80.22	16
Warragul Industrials	3	5	111.37	12
Kilcunda Bass	2	6	70.35	8
Korumburra-Bena	1	6	55.71	4
Dalyston	1	6	48.67	4
Koo Wee Rup	1	7	44.53	4

RESERVES FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Bunyip	7	1	425.81	28
Tooradin-Dalmore	7	1	410.33	28
Inverloch-Kongwak	6	2	209.82	24
Phillip Island	5	3	120.47	20
Warragul Industrials	5	3	115.25	20
Koo Wee Rup	5	3	100.76	20
Cora Lynn	4	4	157.23	16
Nar Nar Goon	4	4	88.55	16
Kilcunda Bass	3	5	76.05	12
Korumburra-Bena	1	7	33.63	4
Garfield	1	7	31.08	4
Dalyston	0	8	20.83	0

THIRDS FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	% WON
Garfield	7	0	489	100.00
Nar Nar Goon	5	2	475	71.43
I-Kongwak	4	2	511	66.67
Phillip Island	4	2	568	66.67
Korumburra-Bena	4	2	352	66.67
Cora Lynn	4	4	428	50.00
Koo Wee Rup	2	5	384	28.57
Bunyip	2	5	237	28.57
Kilcunda Bass	1	5	103	16.67
Dalyston	0	6	83	0.00
Warragul Indus	0	0	0	0.00
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	0	0	0.00

FOURTHS FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	% WON
Tooradin-Dalmore	6	0	862	100.00
Cora Lynn	7	1	604	87.50
Garfield	6	1	483	85.71
Phillip Island	4	2	346	66.67
Kilcunda Bass	4	3	364	57.14
Inverloch-Kongwak	4	3	418	57.14
Nar Nar Goon	3	5	235	37.50
Bunyip	2	5	186	28.57
Korumburra-Bena	2	5	170	28.57
Koo Wee Rup	1	7	165	12.50
Dalyston	0	7	95	0.00
Warragul Indus	0	0	0	0.00

NETBALL

A-GRADE	Pts	%	C-GRADE	Pts	%
Dalyston	32	176.54	I-Kongwak	30	176.88
Bunyip	26	192.83	Bunyip	28	148.83
Kor-Bena	24	166.24	Dalyston	28	129.46
Tooradin-Dal	24	127.02	Warragul Indus	20	141.41
Warragul Indus	18	130.85	Cora Lynn	20	129.65
Nar Nar Goon	16	78.81	Koo Wee Rup	16	123.84
Koo Wee Rup	16	74.41	Nar Nar Goon	16	121.70
Phillip Island	12	97.22	Tooradin-Dal	14	124.09
Cora Lynn	12	86.62	Phillip Island	12	122.01
I-Kongwak	12	70.25	Kor-Bena	8	95.04
Garfield	0	43.82	Garfield	0	29.64
Kilcunda Bass	0	0.00	Kilcunda Bass	0	23.84
B-GRADE	Pts	%	17 & UNDER	Pts	%
Phillip Island	32	213.00	Kor-Bena	30	186.63
Tooradin-Dal	28	135.52	Koo Wee Rup	28	262.31
I-Kongwak	28	127.53	I-Kongwak	28	243.48
Bunyip	20	117.72	Phillip Island	28	240.74
Warragul Indus	20	107.67	Warragul Indus	20	155.98
Cora Lynn	18	98.77	Cora Lynn	20	148.15
Kor-Bena	16	111.60	Tooradin-Dal	14	74.91
Koo Wee Rup	14	105.31	Dalyston	12	104.63
Dalyston	8	87.46	Bunyip	8	66.54
Garfield	8	79.21	Nar Nar Goon	4	75.98
Kilcunda Bass	0	56.20	Kilcunda Bass	0	33.16
Nar Nar Goon	0	45.80	Garfield	0	6.28



Orlando Kane-Gillard played a strong senior's game against Tooradin-Dalmore in a close game at Cowes. To view more photos from Saturdays games, go to pisra.com.au

Bulldogs check in for win

Seniors

Saturday saw the return of community sport with some ifs and buts like QR Codes and crowd limit of 1000 people, but hey – as long as we get back on the park and the season resumes, small price to pay.

Lucky the game wasn't in Tassie.

About as good weather as you could ever expect to get mid-winter and the revised draw manufactured a mouth-watering clash with fellow contender Tooradin-Dalmore (for simplicity we'll go with TD and save the local paper a bit of ink).

A month is an extraordinary length of time to have between rounds and our Number 50 decided it was the day to produce the new hair-cut reveal to the judges. Categorical fail.

Back to the drawing board Chad.

The first term was even and a typical arm wrestle between two contenders sizing each other up.

The Island missed a few opportunities in front of goal with 1.5 for the quarter.

Amazing considering all the behinds kicked in the final quarter of the reserves had the diehards checking the accuracy of the sagging windsock.

It was rumoured Kevin Sheedy might have tied it down.

A couple of quick TD goals saw the visitors go to the first change with a slender lead.

The second quarter saw the Islanders roll up the sleeves and try and shake off the winter siesta.

The P's – J1 and J2 were getting busy, and Cam Pedersen was settling into a Jurassic battle with John Ironmongers' body double.

The Island were labouring their way to a comfy lead mid-term.

A nice centre clearance to J2 on to Blake for a major followed by Brodie Anderson giving off the



Jamie Youle marks and played another impressive game.

Pedersen for a bomb on or about the 50-metre mark was very promising but TD responded with three quick goals in red time to again have their noses in front at the break.

Scores 41-37 at half time.

After a tight opening to the third quarter, TD scored a goal from the boundary and there was a feeling through the 900 odd strength crowd that the Island had better start getting busy.

After a bit more end to end Bruce pencilled in a goal and then Tarquin McMillan and Levi Robinson strayed forward from the defensive pack, which was a surprise because it has been said that the Island defence is so

tight you need a QR code to cross the centre line, but the combine missed the target and only came up with a behind.

The marking of both teams was a highlight and Pederson kicked another to put the dog's ahead mid quarter.

A bit of a struggle late in the quarter with some missed targets and end to end with TD.

On the bench, no-one seemed to know who was playing 5 or 6, let alone 4 who had moved from his X.

Try and work that one out.

The crowd was getting a little restless, but the boys shook off the confusion and finished the quarter strongly with a goal to

Kai MacKenzie and then J2 who was on the end of an evil pass from the doctor.

Finally, the dogs went to a change leading, in front 63-52 at three quarter time.

A classic bit of Billy Taylor composure early in the last, to give off to Pedro and then on to Joe Blake for a goal.

Dr Evil landed massive tackle on a massive body – bigger than his but TD were not to be defied and kept coming.

Less than a kick in it midway through the last.

J2 helicoptered a pass to Pedersen for his third and the dogs were getting the upper hand.

One off the ground to Blake and then Youle gets one late and the dogs run away with a comfy win – in the end – and the 993 strong crowd QR their way out of the main gates and hop, skip and jump home wondering who the hell we're playing next week.

Crazy season that's for sure.

Phillip Island: 1.5.11, 5.7.37, 9.9.63, 14.12.96.

Tooradin-Dalmore: 2.3.15, 6.5.41, 7.10.52, 9.11.65.

Goals: Pedersen 3, Kane-Gillard 2, Patullo 2, Blake 2, Bruce 2, MacKenzie, N. Anderson and Youle 1 each.

Best: Pederson, Duyker, Tomada, Patullo, Youle and Pearce.

Reserves

The mood was set early with a Tooradin-Dalmore goal less than two minutes in and the Island were off to a nervous start.

Another couple of unanswered goals to the opposition and midway through the quarter saw the dogs down 18- nil.

The work-rate lifted somewhat with some clever work from Connor Thompson and Kirby Fuller marking strongly and converting to put the dogs on the board.

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