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Wednesday, June 28, 2023

SPECIAL WHALE FESTIVAL FEATURE

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Whales are back!

Phillip Island Whale Festival June 30 – July 2

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Whale Festival makes a splash!

This year's Island Whale Festival is packed with activities and events across the weekend with the Festival Hub located at St Philip's Church Hall and grounds in Cowes.

There will be talks and presentations held in the hall, and the marquee will be filled with activities and information stalls.

This year a fantastic array of local musicians will perform on the Wildlife Coast Cruises entertainment stage

Inside St Philip's Church Hall, the range of talks and presentations will include when whales walked and the Megalodon with a palaeontologist, caring for Victoria's wildlife, conservation projects, citizen science projects including Common Dolphins, Australian fur seals and Southern Right Whales, nature photography, marine career sessions and more.

Inside the marquee there's a range of interaclots of kids' activities including painting your own whale cookie, face painting, whale head bands, and colouring in.

There will be an Eco Arts Collaboration with For Our community artists Camille for all ages! Monet and Helen Matthews, who are creating an life Coast Cruises stage in interactive whale art piece the church grounds with



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and a whale crown.

A Silent Disco will take place on Friday afternoon, with sessions starting at 4pm, 5pm and 6pm. A fun, Future presenting local immersive dance session

New this year is the Wild-

performances from talented local artists including Maddy May, Nic Huigsloot, Dave Prideaux, Esta Christensen, Matthew Bentley, Garry & John, Dan Lunn and Paul 'Fonz' Patten. There will also be old fashioned games on the lawn.

Next door in the Ma-

sonic Hall will be a Virtual Hart, Carly Meade, Pau- Trail, featuring some of the Reality experience where you can 'snorkel' on the Southern Ocean Reef and a fun Recycled Plastics workshop throughout the weekend presented by the Southern Ocean Reef Environmental Link.

Traditional custodian and local artist Uncle Steve Parker will also be holding a beautiful Whale Blessing Ceremony on Saturday on the Cowes Foreshore.

Woolamai Beach Life Saving Club at Cape Woolamai will be the home of the Dolphin Research Institute and Two Bays Whale Project who will host Spot A Whale, talks and activities. This is one of the best spots on the island to look for whales with its high vantage points.

A Pop-Up Art show will take place at The Nobbies Centre featuring local artists, including Christine Farrell, Jacquie Chambers, Fahnle, Trish

line Grotto, Annette Marshall, and Karen Allen.

Enjoy some beautiful art while you look for whales over the festival weekend on Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 3pm.

Don't miss the only opportunity to see The Ocean Film Festival in Victoria this winter. The unique collection of seven short films from around the globe documents the beauty and power of the ocean. There will be three screenings at Newhaven College Black Box theatre - Saturday 2pm and 7pm and Sunday 2pm.

The festival gives everyone the opportunity to engage with a range of activities that will not only entertain but also allow you to appreciate the wildlife and natural habitats of Phillip Island and the Bass Coast region.

Take the time to explore the Phillip Island and Bass Coast Whale Discovery

finest land-based whale lookouts in the region.

Grab your warm clothing and a pair of binoculars, head out to one of the fantastic vantage points along the coast and marvel at the area's stunning landscapes along the way.

Those wanting to get closer to the marine giants can join one of the Wildlife Coast Cruises whale and dolphin boat tours that circumnavigate the island in search of whales. Book your cruise in early and head out to see the whales up close – a truly unforgettable experience!

Please remember to look after the coastal environment by watching out for wildlife on the roads and by keeping to the designated tracks.

Full program information is available at islandwhales.com.au and bookings are recommended to avoid disappointment.



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Events & Activities

visitors alike have the opportunity to Bass Coast region.

In 2023, experience a range of activi- engage with a range of activities that ties that celebrate the annual whale will not only entertain, but also allow you to appreciate the wildlife and nat-Local community members and ural habitats of Phillip Island and the

FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR INCLUDE:

- Ocean Film Festival
- Silent Disco
- Virtual Reality Experience
- Whale Blessing Ceremony on Cowes Beach
- Deep Listening Circle with local First Nations People
- Recycled Plastics Workshop
- Pop-Up Local Art Show at The Nobbies
- Festival Hub Stage with music and entertainment
- Face Painting

- Paint Your Own whale cookie activity
- Giant Whale interactive art piece with local artists Camille Monet and Helen Matthews, and a Whale Crown Creation Workshop with local artists
- Marine Career Sessions
- Spot A Whale activities and talks from the Dolphin Research Institute
- Sip and Paint a whale
- Beach Tours with Phillip Island Eco Tours
- Photography Workshop



Wildlife Coast Cruises give you the opportunity to get closer to the hundreds of whales that migrate waters of Phillip Island and Wilsons Promontory each year.

Go whale watching with Wildlife Coast Cruises

Every year the whale migration brings hundreds of whales through the waters of Phillip Island and Wilsons Promontory.

Wildlife Coast Cruises give you the opportunity to get closer to these whales out on the water.

It's been a strong start to the season so far with active whale behaviour, pods "mugging" the boat, tail slapping, plenty of blows and the occasional breach but there's also those whales that just want to keep their head down and continue travelling on their migration.

Whales frequenting the area are mainly Humpback whales with a smaller amount of endangered Southern Right whales and even pods of killer whales from time to time.

To find these whales, around Phillip Island in particular, Wildlife Coast Cruises relies on the help of the community via the Wildlife Whales App, Facebook and general contacts to help complement the captain and crew onboard in finding whales.

This works as a two-way street, with the app sending out live notifications about local whale sightings.

As well as watching whales, Wildlife Coast Cruises works to provide information that helps gain a better insight into the whale migration and whale behaviour, documenting information about all their sightings, with crew and volunteers taking fluke (whale tail) photos onboard

These unique tail shapes act like fingerprints and are used for identifying whales.

This information is then shared with various research institutes.

Up close

Wildlife Coast Cruises' Environmental it is nothing compared to a Blue Whale." Officer, Georgia Bissett has a degree in environmental science and wildlife conservation.

The intelligence and personality of whales is fascinating to her.

"You see them with their babies, com-

"Whales have memories, they remember boats. There are some whales that still remember whaling and they won't ever approach a boat. They each have their own personality."



Wildlife Coast Cruises' Environmental Officer, Georgia Bissett.

She hopes that everyone taking a cruise goes home with a deeper understanding and appreciation for these incredible creatures and their ocean home and the team shares whale facts with their whalewatching audience.

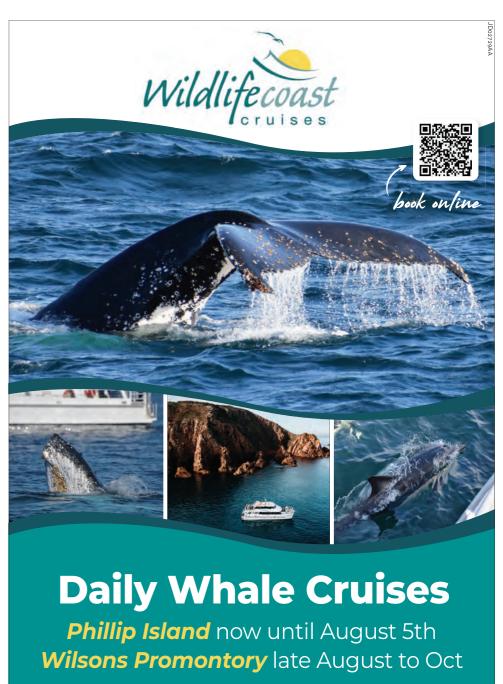
"For instance, Southern Rights were the most hunted species. The name comes from being the "right whale to hunt", because they're larger and heavier, and don't travel as fast," explained Georgia.

"Or the lungs of a whale are the size of a VW beetle car. We have a chart on the boat illustrating the size of whales. That Humpback beside the boat might look huge, but

She said she always looks forward to the whales returning, and there's no better time to head out onto the water than during the winter months, including the Whale Festival weekend.

So for a memorable whale experience at municating, interacting. It's pretty special. Phillip Island or further down the coast at Wilsons Promontory take a look online at Wildlife Coast Cruises for a range of cruises, remembering to book ahead as spots are limited.

www.wildlifecoastcruises.com.au



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Cultural connection

held a special connection with the whales for thousands of years and festival organisers said they are honoured to have them share their stories with Festival guests again this year.

'We invite everyone to join us as the Bunurong Land Council hold a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country to open the festival at 10.30am Friday June 30, at the Hub in Cowes."

The Cultural program continues on Saturday, July 1, with Uncle Steve Ulula Parker hosting a Whale Blessing Ceremony to wish the whales a safe passage on their migration past Millowl.

Join this free event on the Cowes Foreshore beach (left of the pier) at 10am.

Following this in the Hub marquee, For Our Future will host an Eco Arts Collaboration (proudly supported by the Phillip Island Conservation Society) with local community artists Camille Monet and Helen Matthews facilitating the decoration of a large-scale whale puppet with messages about the importance of caring for whales, the oceans and the Living World.

There will also be a workshop to create your own Whale Crown Creation out of recycled objects.

Uncle Steve will also be holding a Deep Listening Circle sharing stories, songs and dances of the Whale Dreaming, while Paul 'Fonz' Patten is performing on the Wildlife Coast Cruises stage - at 3pm on Saturday and Dimples at 5pm.



On Saturday Uncle Steve Ulula Parker is hosting a Whale Blessing Ceremony, as well as a Deep Listening Circle sharing stories, songs and dances of the Whale Dreaming.



Don't miss the Eco Arts collaboration with local artists Camille Monet and Helen Matthews. Decorate a large-scale whale puppet and learn about the importance of caring for whales and the ocean.



Trish Hart - Antarctic Penguins. Local artists share their oceaninspired works at a Pop-Up art exhibition at the Nobbies on Satur-

Pop into Pop-Up art at the Nobbies

View ocean-inspired artworks stract, painting, drawing, mosafrom some of Millowl's (Phillip Island) talented local artists at the Nobbies Centre over the whale festival weekend.

Browse their works as you take in the stunning views out to Seal Rocks and Bass Strait - you may even spot a whale too.

Artists at this year's show include Christine Farrell, Jacquie Chambers, Heather Fahnle, Trish Hart, Carly Meade, Pauline Grotto, Annette Marshall and Karen Allen. Each of these artists bring their own unique style through a range of mediums including abics, resin, watercolour and more.

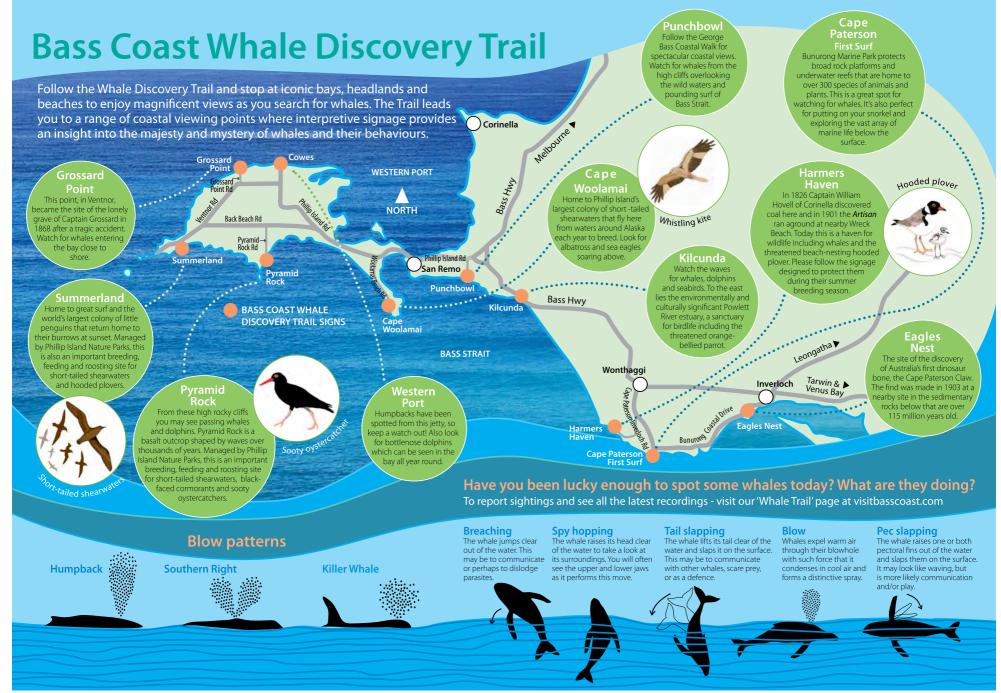
The show's theme of nature and wildlife will reflect Phillip Island and Bass Coast's local environment and beyond.

An art show not to be missed for nature enthusiasts and you may even find a special piece to take home.

When: Saturday July 1 and Sunday July 2, 10am-3pm

Cost: Free.

Where: Upstairs at the Nobbies Centre, 1320 Ventnor Road. Summerland



Everything you wanted to know about whales and more

Did you know the Humpback growing to its current estimate in whale population along the east coast of Australia - some which pass by Phillip Island – is increasing by about 10 per cent per year, or about 3000 calves?

And did you know there were less than an estimated 400 Humpback whales in the late 1960s?

Fun facts such as these will be just some of the information shared by the Dolphin Research Institute team during the Island Whale Festival.

From June 30 to July 2, the team will hold a variety of workshops and sessions at the Cape Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club including: whales of Victoria, whale tail identification, spot a whale, meet the team and careers discussion panel.

Institute researcher David Donnelly oversees the Two Bays Whale Project for Western Port and Port Phillip, as well as Killer Whales Australia, and as such they have a treasure trove of whale information.

"We have resources here that aren't available anywhere else and so we want to share that with the public," David said.

"Since the early 2000s we have been spotting whales and we've learnt a lot about them and their movements in that time.'

David said since the end of commercial whaling off eastern Australia in the 1960s, the Humpback population has been steadily

the high 30,000s, with observations off Phillip Island increasing since the mid-2000s.

"Now you can go to a cliff top on the south coast of the island and pretty much see a whale at this time of year provided you are willing to invest time."

He added that while Humpbacks were thriving, there were threats that could see their population at some point plateau, including climate change, over-fishing particularly krill, underwater noise and offshore developments.

"They appear to have adapted to offshore developments in the region, but they continue to face new challenges as more offshore activities are planned for Victoria."

Other whales

In contrast David said Southern Right whale numbers were still low, with less than 400 in the south-east of Australia, with the occasional few passing by Phillip Island each year.

Killer whale numbers in this region are estimated to be in the low-100s, with "at least one killer whale" pod known to visit the island, often in July.

"Minke whales are tricky to understand and we know very little about them. Blue whales are hard to understand but in peak season we estimate that greater than 50 blue whales may be using the waters of western Bass Strait, with



Dolphin Research Institute researcher David Donnelly will be at the Cape Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club during the Whale Festival answering every question you've ever had about

occasional sightings off Cape Schanck," he said.

There are two species of resident dolphins in Victoria, with at least 17 bottlenose dolphins known from Western Port, often seen around Newhaven and Rhyll.

Spotting, ID

David said the spot a whale session during the Island Whale Festival will offer tips on equipment and advice on scanning the ocean.

"We get a lot of questions from people on when or how to look.

"We can help people tune in construction of the desalination their senses to the ocean as telltale signs can be subtle. There is kilometres of ocean and you're looking for a 12-15 metre long animal so you've got to think about the scale.

The Dolphin Research Institute team will also explain whale tail identification, with Humpback's tails as unique as human finger-

around the globe and eastern Australia we can track whale movements, calving rates, ages, and put all the information into a global database.

"We have matched whales in this region to Humpbacks in Queensland, NSW, Tasmania and even Tonga.

David said whale spotting over time - identifying the reliable seasonal presence of Humpback whales - had helped establish whale watching tourism.

The team

Island Whale Festival goers will have a chance to meet the Dolphin Research Institute team, which includes researchers, educators and fundraising staff, as well as a host of volunteers.

"People generally have a lot of questions about vessels, their impact and approach distances, and also about offshore developments," David said, adding there had been no direct evidence the

plant had any impact on whales.

He said the Two Bays Whale project - started in 2015 - was a citizen scientist community whale monitoring program, inviting contributions of sightings to "help build the knowledge of whales", which was shared with government agencies to help manage the animals.

'This can include anything "By matching photos of flukes from interactions between boats and whales, to considerations around when commercial fishing operations may be putting whales at risk."

The festival will also include careers advice, with not all marine scientists following the academic path, and many starting out in citizen science.

David first started at the institute in 1995 and said the job allowed him to have an impact on the way humans "treat the ocean and its animals".

"The Humpback is the success story - probably the most successful recovery story on the globe.

"Southern Rights are recovering but not at the same rate, and dolphins in Port Phillip are thriving and in Western Port appear to be stable.

"I'm curious and like to learn as much as possible. The more I learn about whales and dolphins the more I realise how little I know."

Details: islandwhales.com.au/



Festival Hub *Whale Spotting & Cruises *Craft Activities *Ocean Film Screening *Talks & Presentations *Pop-Up Art Show *Live Music *Silent Disco *VR Experience







Immerse yourself in the Ocean Film Festival

This year, the Island Whale Festival also plays host to the Ocean Film Festival.

Started a decade ago, the Ocean Film Festival aims to inspire, educate and protect oceans around the world, and tours 14 countries each year spreading its message. Now it is coming to Phillip Island.

two-and-a-half-hour program showcases films by independent filmmakers from around the world, and this year's selection includes journeys across Bass Strait, along the Australian coastline, into the frozen Kamchatka Peninsula in Far East Russia, across the Arctic and, closer to home, the Mornington Peninsula.

The unique collection of seven short films documents the beauty and power of the ocean through captivating cinematography, complete with awe-inspiring scenes from above and below the water.

Festival founder Jemima Robinson said she started the festival to inspire people to protect and respect the oceans.

"We have done this through sharing unique stories from independent filmmakers from around the globe," she said.

"Our aim is to continue to support independent filmmakers getting their work seen, highlight important ocean environmental causes and foster our audiences' love of the ocean."

The Ocean Film Festival will screen at the Newhaven College Black Box Theatre, 1770 Phillip Island Road, Rhyll.

Sessions

Saturday July 1: 2pm - 5pm and 7pm – 10pm

Sunday July 2: 2pm – 5pm Tickets are \$20 Adults, \$10 Concession.

Scan the QR code to book your tickets.

Featured Films

Gone With The Wing. The story of Australian Andrew Englisch erous Bass Strait on a Wing coastline.



The Ocean Film Festival showcases seven short films from around the world, aiming to inspire, educate and protect oceans. The films will screen at the Newhaven College Black Box Theatre on July 1 and 2. Photo: Jake Wilton.

and beautiful natural environ-

Corners of The Earth: Kamchatka. Follow filmmakers Spencer Frost and Guy Williment and surfers Letty Mortensen and Fraser Dovell as they journey to Kamchatka in the far east of as he sets out on a world first Russia in search of new waves attempt to cross the treach- along the frozen, unexplored

Foil. An epic journey in one of Bordered by the Pacific ture, these guys flew behind the world's most rugged, wild Ocean and the Sea of Okhotsk the iron curtain and found, to with more than 150 volcanoes (29 active) the Kamchatka Penas remote as it is unique.

the trip was almost over before it started. An hour before boarding their flight to Moscow, Russia invaded Ukraine.

At a time when the world was seeing the worst of human na-

their surprise, the best of it. Mi-8 helicopters, skidoos, froinsula in Far Eastern Russia is zen campsites, and frozen bank accounts, this surf trip quickly After two years of planning became far more than anyone could imagine.

Broken Breath. Italian free-diving champion, Mike Maric is at the top of his game when a fatal accident occurs that leaves his world shattered. On a journey

to find himself again, he discovers the power and importance of breathing. From his encounter with mammals of the ocean to self-discovery, this film follows the journey of how trauma can be an opportunity to find

Hypnotise. Celebrating the old and the new, 'Hypnotise' is set beneath the surface of the eastern Australian coastline demonstrating that new life can come be born out of the depths of tragedy and become something truly beautiful. After 34 years serving in the Australian Navy, the ex-HMAS Brisbane was scuttled off the coast of Queensland in 2005. Now, 17 years later, this epic 130 metre artificial reef is home to over 200 species of fish.

Whale Dreaming - From Southern Ocean Live. Warren Ngarrae Foster, a Djirringanj Elder of Yuin country shares how his people have connected to the whales and dolphins of the area for generations and consider them family. This is a visually stunning celebration of an ancient culture and an ancient breed of marine life.

In Search of a Frozen Ocean. Five hundred nautical miles from the North Pole, inside the Arctic Ocean's "Last Ice Area", a research team has set out to measure the world's largest and oldest sea ice floes. The route they take is one taken by native inuit tribes a thousand years ago and will allow them to access parts of ice that scientists have never before seen. What they discover is extraordinary.

Casey The Octopus - From Southern Ocean Live. Imagine going for your usual morning walk along the beach, except this morning you discover something extraordinary. This is the story of a Mornington Peninsula woman who stumbles across a decision that will either give or take life. A remarkable reminder of the connections that can be formed between humans and animals.

EVENTS AT

Celebrating the migration of our majestic creatures, through storytelling sessions and craft activities with your local library.



Whale Stories & Craft @ Corinella Comm. Centre

Family Yoga session @ San Remo Library Sat 1 July at 11.30AM Whale Stories & Craft @ St John's Church

Clay Whale Painting @ San Remo Library Mon 3 July at 10.30AM

Whale Haiku Writing Competition -

Competition opens on June 26 and runs until July 7 2023. Fun prizes on offer! Visit your local Bass Coast library for more information.



Have a whale of a time at the library

Myli - My Community will be joining in the Whale Festival fun! The Myli team will host Stories and Craft on Friday June 30 at St John's Uniting Church.

Come along anytime between 10am and 12pm to celebrate the migration of our majestic creatures, through storytelling sessions and craft activities. We'll supply all the crafty materials – all you need to do is bring your imagination and creative flair to celebrate the magnificent creatures of the sea!

The Whale Festival fun continues at San Remo Library on Saturday July 1 with an Ocean Lovers Family Yoga Session.

Embark on a journey of relaxation and mindfulness with yoga teacher Ianthe and connect with the ocean's calming spirit through movement and play. This activity is suitable for children of all ages and their families.

We'll finish off the Whale Festival fun on Monday July 3 with a Paint a Clay Whale event at San Remo Library. Undecorate your own unique clay whale to proudly display in your home. This activity is suitable for children aged 5-12.

to win a prize by showcas-



leash your creativity and The Myli team will host Stories and Craft on Friday June 30 at St John's Uniting Church, with more whale activities on July 1 and 2 at San Remo library. Celebrate the migration of these majestic creatures, through storytelling sessions and craft activities.

celebrating the wonder Bass Coast Myli mem- of whales or their migrabers will have the chance tion. Remember a haiku consists of three lines: five ries - Primary School, ing your creativity in our syllables in the first line, Secondary School and Coast library. We can't

five syllables in the last line.

We have three catego-

Simply submit a rhyme second line and ends with participate. You can submit your entries by email to sanremo@myli.org.au or drop off your completed entry form at any Bass Haiku Poem Competition. then seven syllables in the Open, so everyone can wait to be inspired by your Library on 5644 3320.

imaginative entries!

For more information about these events and programs, visit our website myli.org.au or call our friendly team at San Remo

Whale sounds

Come along and listen to some talented local artists at the Festival Hub performing on the Wildlife Coast Cruises stage, at St Philip's Church, 102 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

FRIDAY JUNE 30

11am - 12.45pm **GARRY & JOHN**

1.30pm - 2.15pm **DAVE PRIDEAUX**

2.45pm - 3.30pm MADDY MAY

SATURDAY JULY 1

10am - 10.45am ESTA CHRISTENSEN

11.15am – 12pm

MATTHEW BENTLEY 12.30pm - 1.15pm

DAVE PRIDEAUX 1.45pm - 2.30pm

NIC HUIGSLOOT

3pm - 3.45pm **PAUL PATTEN**

SUNDAY JULY 2

10.30am - 12.15pm **GARRY & JOHN**

12.45pm - 1.30pm **NIC HUIGSLOOT**

> 2pm – 2.45pm **DANN LUNN**

3pm - 3.45pm **ESTA CHRISTENSEN**

(in Marquee)

Southern Ocean Environmental Link

This year, the Masonic Hall behind the Festival Hub will be the home of the Southern Ocean Environmental Link, hosting two fun activities across the weekend.

There will be a free Virtual Reality experience where you can learn about the spectacular reefs around Australia's southern coastline while you explore Victoria's biodiverse Marine National Parks, 'snorkelling' with dol- getting wet. phins, seals and rock Start collecting all **Bookings:** www.t lobsters – all without your plastic milk lids booking.com/CIORE



and bring them along to a hands-on recycling workshop where you can use innovative new technology to recycle and transform them into a unique item for you to keep. Plastic will be available for use also.

Learn about the impact plastic has on our marine environment and hear about solutions to tackle plastic waste in your community.

Cost: \$5

A WHALE OF AN ALE HILLIP ISLAND

Celebrating some of the ocean's most majestic creatures. This year's release is a single hopped IPA Style beer, with a mix of stone fruits coming from the Mosaic hops combined with tropical fruit flavours leading to a fresh dry finish.

Available now from: Rusty Water Brewery Restaurant & Bar, Anchorage General Store, Cowes IGA, Phillip Island Bottle O and Foodworks Inverloch,



Island Time... Relax 4 Enjoy

Whale ale returns

For the fifth year in a row, Phillip Island Brewing Company has released its limited edition Whale of an Ale, just in time for the Island Whale Festival.

This special release brew celebrates some of the ocean's most majestic creatures. Its release coincides with the arrival in Phillip Island's coastal waters of Right whales making their way north.

This year's brew is a single hopped IPA Style beer, a fresh dry finish.



Humpback and Southern with a mix of stone fruits IGA, Phillip Island Bottle O coming from the Mosaic hops combined with tropical fruit flavours leading to

The limited release ale is available in selected outlets, so make sure you grab yourself a pack to

relax and enjoy after a busy day of whale spotting.

You'll find Whale of an Ale at Rusty Water Brewery Restaurant & Bar, Anchorage General Store, Cowes

and Foodworks Inverloch until stock sells out. www.phillipislandbrew-

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ISLAND WHALE

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The most common whale spotted off Phillip Island is the Humpback. Humpback whales have a cruising speed of 8km/h but can reach 23km/hr in short bursts. They are thought to dive to around 120 metres, and each dive usually lasts 20-15 minutes. Humpbacks are the most acrobatic of the great whales – and their migration route around Australia is close to land (generally within 20km of the coastline) and usually at a depth of less than 200 metres.





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Ali Wastie has resigned to take on a new position as CEO at the City of Greater Geelong. Her last day at Bass Coast will be July 28.

Less than a year into a new contract, Bass Coast CEO Ali Wastie has resigned to take on a new position as CEO at the City of Greater Geelong.

Her last day at Bass Coast will be July 28.

Ms Wastie signed a new contract in August 2022, which was due to run through until February 17, 2028.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan thanked Ms Wastie for her passion and inspiring leadership, particularly helping lead the region through the challenging pandemic and into strong recovery.

"Ali's strong leadership has helped transform Bass Coast into a fairer, more dynamic and exciting region and positioned the community for continued strong growth in the future," Cr Whelan said.

"It has been a privilege to work closely with Ali and I wish her well in her new role.'

Achievements

Ms Wastie said she was proud of the achievements council delivered for the community during her tenure and thanked the people of Bass Coast, council staff and Councillors for their strong support in helping lead one of Victoria's most progressive and dynamic councils.

A champion of gender equality both inside and outside the organ-

isation, she said council's work in that area was a highlight of her time at Bass Coast. This included the introduction of 16 weeks of paid parental leave regardless of gender and equal prize money to be offered for men and women by any sporting organisation using council grounds.

She also listed the Climate Change Action Plan and the new cultural centre being constructed in Cowes as highlights.

"But most of all, I am proud to lead our people who live our EPIIC values, who genuinely care for one another and practice shared leadership," Ms Wastie said.

"It has been an absolute privilege and honour to work with you all to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Controversy

During her four-year tenure, Ms Wastie has attracted both firm fans and fierce critics for her leadership

Criticisms included the increased CEO approval limit, which allowed her to spend up to \$1 million on shire projects without seeking councillor approval, such as the controversial parking sensor scheme rolled out last year.

Her appointment as the Chair of the Alpine Resorts Victoria Board in August 2022 also raised eyebrows.

"While it sounds wonderful for her to be chair of a new board, I'm wondering how she will juggle her responsibilities to ensure the people of Bass Coast receive value for their rate money," said Island Voice spokesperson Linda Marston at the time.

Concerns were raised about her salary, which was reported to be above the average for rural councils.

Under her leadership, there was less open communication with local media, including cutting advertising budgets in local newspapers, and being less responsive to media queries, with the council moving its focus to the digital arena.

The Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association (BCRRA) waged a relentless campaign over the past year, accusing the council and CEO of, among other things, a lack of transparency.

BCRRA particularly focused on Council's use of an Unreasonable Conduct by Customers policy, which it claims the CEO used to block its access to elected councillors.

described Ms Wastie's resignation as "unhelievable" saving it left councillors with "egg on their faces" just 10 months after renewing the CEO's contract.

"On the bright side, the CEO's surprise resignation now presents an its recruitment of a new CEO, after

demonstrate that they wish to stand at the head of the community, rather than at the back of the bureaucrats.

"They must now stand up for the community they claim to represent and ensure that the next CEO fully understands that the governance triangle places councillors above the CEO, not the other way around."

He also urged the councillor to appoint a suitable person who actually resides within our shire".

Geelong

Ms Wastie's move to Geelong won't be without its challenges, as the council there has been dogged by controversy.

After an inquiry, in 2016 the council was sacked and replaced by Administrators, in response to the findings of a Workplace Culture Review. The review was conducted at the request of the Local Government Minister and included allegations of serious bullying.

More recently, there have been claims of nepotism, with concerns Kevin Griffin, BCRRA Secretary raised in February 2023 about the recruitment of high-paid staff.

> The CEO role has one of the l est reported wages for a Victoria council at \$450-\$460,000.

In February, the ABC reported the city was under "investigation over opportunity for our councillors to the state's chief municipal inspector

raised concerns the transparency and integrity of the process might have been compromised".

At the time, the ABC said a government spokesperson provided a statement on the process, saying it was unable to comment on active investigations by the Chief Municipal Inspector, but confirmed municipal monitors were working with the City of Greater Geelong "to support the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer and good governance, and provide recommendations on any further action that may be needed.

Bass Coast Shire Council said it will start a search for a new Chief Executive Officer and will move quickly to appoint an interim leader and begin a formal recruitment process to find a permanent replacement.

Ms Wastie is only the third CEO appointed since Bass Coast Shire was formed in 1994. The first CEO Alan Bawden served 19 years (1995 - 2014), followed by Paul Buckley (2014 - 2019).







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Congratulations to our Local heroes

Phillip Island's Local Clothing has been named one of the 100 winners in the Australia Post Local Business Hero pro-

Australia Post said the winners were selected from over 4000 entries, and will each receive a package of business support, products and services to bolster existing eCommerce capabilities.

Local Clothing was established in November 2019 by graphic designer Mark and his wife Pharrah, as a way to give back to the community.

They began by selling t-shirts and each month partnered with a different community group, with 10 per cent of the sales going to the chosen group.

Mark and Pharrah said the support from the community has been incredible.

"They have welcomed us with open arms. We get more community support every day.

"The best part from starting this side passion project has been all the amazing people we have met and the connections we have made throughout the years," they said.

'When we started out we intended to just sell some tees but our product range has grown so much to include hoodies, trackies, hats, poncho towels,



Local Clothing was a winner in this year's Australia Post Local Business Hero program. Since starting in 2019, they've donated over \$15,000 to local community groups, including Bass Coast Community Foundation. Founder Mark seen here with BCCF's Phil Friedlos.

beanies, keyrings and stubby holders.

"We want to thank everyone for supporting us.

"Our main drive is to get that cheque as big as possible at the end of the month for the local groups that need the funds."

To date, Local Clothing has donated over \$15,000 to the The community groups supported include Woolamai Surf Beach Life Saving Club, CFA, National Surfing Reserve, Change For Sam, the Football Netball Club, Landcare, PICAL, Cowes Primary School, SES, Bass Coast Health, The Penguin Foundation, YES Youth Hub, Disabled Surfers Association, Newhav-

en Primary School, National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Wildlife Victoria, Bass Coast Community Foundation, Free 3D Hands, San Remo Primary School, Totally Renewable Phillip Island and Phillip Island Swim Club.

More at: local.clothing or auspost.com.au/localbusi-

Voting closed on **Cultural Centre name**

Centre in Cowes has closed.

A Bass Coast Shire Council spokesperson said it had received over 700 responses.

"Officers are currently in the process of collating the data to present to councillors.

"A report will be prepared and considered at a Council meeting in the next few months.

At the May council meetcouncillors unanimously to take the four names nominated by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC), the Registered Aboriginal Party for the area, to a community vote.

The four naming options were:

- 1. Barmewoon
- (only my strength)
- 2. Mogarmarlarly Murk (lead me)
- Berninneit (gather together)

4. Kummargee (rise up) There is still no confirmed date for the official opening of the new building, although the spokesperson for

Voting on the First Nations Council confirmed "the cennames for the new Cultural tre construction is on track and will be opened by the end of the year".

Critics

The decision to have a First Nations name for the new centre attracted criticism from some, including Island Voice, who said the process lacked transparency, and the community should not be "denied the right to suggest any name change"

Island Voice held its own poll of suggested titles via Facebook, which attracted 373 votes.

It said 34 per cent of respondents voted for Phillip Island Cultural Centre, with the next most popular choice Millowl/ Phillip Island Cultural Centre followed by Berninneit. It also called for the decision on the name to be put on hold until a Federal Court case challenge by the Boonwurrong Land and Sea Council against BLCAC as the traditional owners, is completed.

Council confirmed it was aware of the action in the Federal Court.

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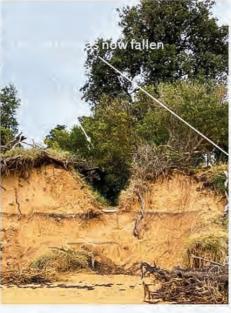
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The devastating erosion of Silverleaves foreshore continues.....







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Several Silverleaves residents highlighted concerns about coastal erosion east of the new rock wall following its construction last year, calling for funding in the budget to study and protect the coastline. One submitter included this photo in their submission, highlighting the extent of erosion east of the rock wall.

Our homes at serious risk, say Silverleaves residents

gent alarm, calling on Bass Coast Shire to be seriously threatened or worse in 10 years," fund solutions to accelerated beach erosion, with several warning their homes will be washed away within a decade.

Other residents say because of the pace of erosion it was unfeasible to renovate houses, and properties were "not attractive to purchase", so the shire should reduce current "ballooning" rate payments.

But their calls have so far fallen on deaf ears, with the shire's final 2023/24 budget not little value if there is no certainty regarding recommending funding for any coastal erosion solutions.

About seven foreshore residents made submissions to the shire's budget, calling for a \$60,000 coastal engineering study to understand the "ongoing severe erosion" and find

Submitters said last year's construction of the Cowes east rock wall and groynes, between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road, had "exacerbated the erosion", with one estimating about five metres of dune had been lost over Easter storms alone.

the submitter said, adding "council rates are calculated on the assumption the property has a survival rate' Another agreed, saying within a decade "I

will not have a home".

"It is not feasible to renovate or redevelop my 1950s fibro shack. The property is not attractive to purchase which affects its value.

'Surely council understands a property has its longevity.

"I trust council is addressing this matter with the Valuer-General."

A submitter said council rates had "ballooned recently on the premise the property alues along the shoreline are at a premium".

"If nothing is done to prevent/manage the erosion, our property values will decrease and not be in step with our current rates."

Submitters agreed erosion had accelerated east of the rock wall from Coghlan Road through to the Nature Parks land at the end of Silverleaves.

"Since buying the property in 2014 we have seen significant erosion occurring. This has been most severe where the rock revetment ends," one resident wrote.

"The sea has scalloped out a large area of land and trees are falling onto the beach. The sand cliffs are unstable and present a potential hazard to beach users

"In the last 12 months the erosion has accelerated. The timing of the acceleration appears to coincide with the building of the new rock wall.'

Submissions by the Cowes East Foreshore



Residents say because of the pace of erosion – edging closer to homes – it was unfeasible to renovate houses, and properties were "not attractive to purchase", so the shire should reduce current "ballooning" rate payments.

Preventative Action Group and Silverleaves Conservation Association called for the \$60,000 funding for "a relatively low-cost study" for measures to prevent "this beach from becoming the next urgent coastal hot spot in Bass Coast".

However, shire officers did not support the funding, saying a current study by Deakin and Melbourne universities on behalf of the Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action will monitor changes in the volume, topography and extent of beach sand movement.

Officers said funding was allocated in the budget for monitoring, bulldozing sand and restoring vegetation.

More budget news on page 4

More pain in back pocket with rate hike

Ratepayers will fork out about \$90 more on their rates bill – and "a small number could see higher increases based on their property - after Bass Coast Shire councillors at last week's meeting approved the final 2023/24 budget.

While councillors said the increase was within the state government's 3.5 per cent cap, with the garbage charge added in the rate hike is 5.6 per cent, with the average

rates interest 5.5.6 per cent, with the average rates notice to be \$1632.

The garbage charge increased by 12 per cent to \$550, despite last year the shire stating it would rise by three per cent.

Mayor Michael Whelan said waste management services had been impacted by "abnormal cost increases linked to the high inflation rate", as well as increased home occupancy rates, additional leachate generation due to wet weather and the rehabilitation of closed landfill sites.

This has resulted in a standard waste management charge increase of \$58.75," he said.

He said the rate cap was "significantly lower" than the inflation rate (June 2022 CPI of

"Council has been impacted by significant supply chain price rises for building and construction materials which impacts the cost of its infrastructure maintenance, and renewal

"Additionally, insurance premiums have increased markedly due to the major flood events of the past year."

Cr Ronnie Bauer said he supported this year's budget, in contrast to last year's budget which he opposed.

"I am happy to see what I was worried about last year, the cost of supply blowout and interest rate rises, has been taken into account and incorporated into this budget, Cr Bauer said.

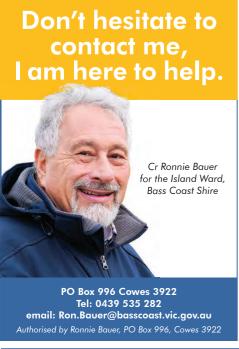
The budget includes:

• A capital works program of \$29.4 million, including \$16 million to improve road and path network, including Berrys Beach Road (\$1.1m), \$4 million on climate change actions, and \$13.4 million on leisure and a San Remo town plan;

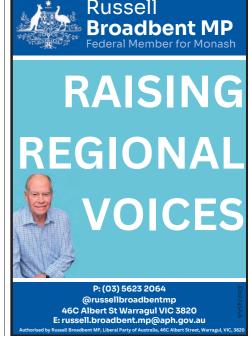
• The shire's debt is projected to be \$25.6 million in the next year. This will increase to \$30.5 million the following year, before falling to \$26.4 million by 26/27;

Updated fee costs, including hard waste at call collection fees increases from \$110 to \$127 and updated charges for the yet-tobe-finished Cowes Cultural and Community Centre; and

• A surplus of \$5.2 million with a small underlying deficit of \$0.4 million once the impact of grant revenue to fund capital works is removed.







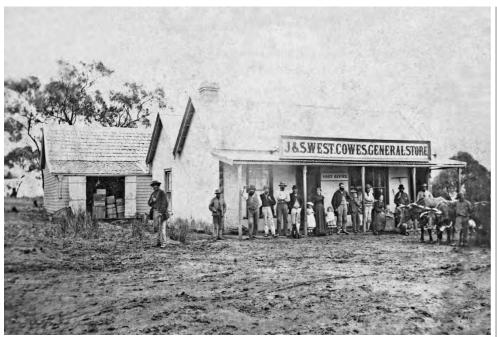


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The Phillip Island Historical Society were unlucky in their request for budget funding for signs to highlight significant historical sites, such as this historic relic in Thompson Avenue

No extra budget funding for community

budget – including for a Cape Woolamai pump track and roadkill solutions - no community group has been given terpretive signage would not funding in Bass Coast Shire's final 2023/24 budget.

Vicki Lloyd-Smith asked the shire to fund solutions to "help cut down the animal carnage" and "massive increase in carnage" on Phillip Island roads, especially funding wildlife volunteers.

Land developments have been on the rise for years both on and off the island, leaving less and less safe habitats for the wildlife," she wrote.

"It would be wonderful if there was an allowance for volunteers included in your budget."

Shire officers said they were waiting for the outcome report from the virtual wildlife fencing analysis, on the Cowes-Rhyll Road, which will inform future investment.

Former councillor and Phillip Island Historical Society secretary Pam Rothfield asked for funding for historical signage in Cowes, Rhyll, Ventnor and other locations on Phillip Island and in San

The signs would cost between \$2000 to \$4000 each and Pam proposed 20 per year.

She said tourists, including cruise ship visitors, had "continued to indicate a great interest in the local history", with the society creating

Even though there were more self-guided walking 17 public submissions to the tours for both Cowes and Rhyll in time for the next cruise ship season.

"The society believes inonly complement such tours but is essential in creating a long-lasting impression and crucial in order to create a good tourism experience," Pam said in her submission.

She said buildings and sites of historical significance such as St Philip's Church in Cowes – had been overlooked by tourism operators but it was "time for this to change".

However, shire officers did not recommend funding the signs, explaining it would be considered as part of the signage review that has been funded in the 2023/24 budget.

Smiths Beach

Following a request by Woolamai Beach Surf Lifesaving Club, Smiths Beach public toilets will be expanded to include storage.

Club vice president Brendan Smart made a budget submission requesting about \$20,000 for a storage shed at Smiths Beach, saying the club had been using the toilet block and nearby tower as storage for a disabled wheelchair and beach mats, while equipment for nippers programs was being carted to and from the beach.

Shire officers said the new storage would cost \$30,000 and they had applied for a

pending, so the storage shed will be included within the scope of works for the toilet block project," officers said.

Renewal of the toilet block has a \$433,000 allocation in the 2023/24 budget.

Cape Woolamai

Cape Woolamai resident and former independent candidate at the Federal election Deb Leonard made a budget submission saying the "only realistic location for a pump track" was Woolamai Park.

The 2023/24 draft budget includes a \$124,000 upgrade for Woolamai Park.

The shire has also created a pump/bmx/mtb reference group, which will contribute to a strategy and recommend locations for a track across the shire.

Deb said councillors could "kill two birds with one stone", by combining the upgrade of Woolamai Park with a new pump track, with more than 800 people signing a petition supporting a pump track at Cape Woolamai last

Deb said the shire could use the \$50,000 for the pump track strategy to establish a track at Woolamai Park. However shire officers did not recommend funding.

"Woolamai playgroup has been identified in 2023/24 for renewal. The Pump/BMX/ MTB strategy is funded in 2023/24 which will inform future funding outcomes for grant to pay for the works. Pump Track delivery a "The grant application is the shire," officers said. Pump Track delivery across

Collision closes off the island

Traffic on and off Phillip Island came to a stand still on Monday evening, after a serious accident just outside San Remo, near Punch Bowl Road.

Police said its understood two vehicles collided head on, on Phillip Island Road, around

One man was flown to hospital with serious injuries, while another man and woman were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries

A police spokesperson said the circumstances surrounding the crash are being investigated.

They've appealed for anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who has dashcam/ CCTV footage to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000, or file a confidential report online at www.crimestoppersvic.gov.au

Adding to the traffic chaos, there was another accident further along the highway at Bass around the same time.

Motorists reported experiencing delays of up to three hours.



Traffic banked up along the highway after the accident just outside San Remo, while no vehicles were able to leave the island for several hours as police investigated the crash scene. Photo: Yvonne de Koning.

BRIEFS



Police attended a crash site at Cape Woolamai on Sunday morning around 10.30am and found a dead wallaby and suspect the driver lost control when they swerved to try and avoid the animal.

Cape Woolamai crash

Police attended a crash site on Phillip Island Road between Cape Woolamai and Newhaven at 10.30am on Sunday, after the event. They found a dead wallaby and suspect the driver had attempted to swerve to miss the animal on the wet road. The crash took out several wooden posts as well as the Cape Woolamai township sign.

Theft, fire

A 50-year-old male with no fixed address on Monday appeared before the Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court charged with theft.

The charge followed the theft of a bottle of Malibu rum from the BWS on Thompson Avenue on Sunday at 2.15pm.

The theft was captured on CCTV and shortly after the man was arrested by Cowes police. The theft came after two reports of fires

in Thompson Avenue, outside La Porchetta restaurant and near the Tex-Mex Cantina, where the same male had lit a small fire in a bucket for "mood lighting".

Police said the man was exhibiting irregular behaviour.

Church burglary

There has been a series of thefts at St Augustine's Church in San Remo.

On April 14 cash was stolen from the church.

On June 18 cash was again stolen and filing cabinets damaged.

Police said it appeared a homeless person was using the facilities as a temporary accommodation.

Alcohol stolen

A man in his 30s with black dreadlocks was caught on CCTV camera stealing four bottles of alcohol from the Cowes Coles Liquor store on Sunday.

The man took the bottles and left without paying. He is described as having dark skin and wearing black clothing.

Police inquiries are continuing.

Wimbledon Heights break and enter

The residents of a Wimbledon Heights house were at home on June 19 when a thief broke into their house through an unlocked door and stole a mobile phone.

The phone was on the bench charging between 4.30pm and 6.15pm and was the only item stolen.

Seven ocean life jackets and a battery worth a combined \$1400 were stolen from a boat, parked on a trailer, in an Osbourne Avenue driveway.

The burglary occurred between June 10 to 15 in the boat, which was covered with a tarpaulin.

Construction robberies

A house under construction in Earlshall Drive San Remo had tools valued at \$2800

The tools were taken between May 14 and 28.

And in Pioneer Bay, a trailer full of timber was stolen from a building site between June 21 and 23. The value of the timber was \$6000.



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Water bills set for big price jump

average \$90 in 2023-24, on the back of last year's price hike, with bills set to increase in coming years in line with inflation.

Last October, Westernport Water predicted there would be no bill increases from 2024 to 2028 (excluding inflation), stating the average owneroccupier would pay \$1230 per year in 23-24.

However, in a surprise announcement, last week it was revealed a typical annual owner-occupier water and sewerage bill for 2023-24 will be \$1317 (including inflation), a 7.3 per cent increase from \$1227 in 2022-23 (when prices increased \$49 because of infla-

The Essential Services Commission (ESC) last week released its final decision on Westernport Water's five-year pricing plan.

The average tenant will pay a \$206 annual bill from July 1, compared to last year's bill of \$186. Compared to other water authorities around Victoria, Westernport Water has one of the higher, but not the highest increases (see separate story).

The ESC said the remaining four years to 2028 Westernport Water bills will increase with inflation. For many years, Westernport Water has one of Victoria's highest fixed water charges.

Westernport Water said this was because Phillip Island and San Remo had one of the highest ratios of visitors to residents of any destination in Australia – at peak times 120 visitors to every resident – and households use the least amount of water in Victoria.

However after some customers said this discriminated against water savers and there should be a user pays system, Westernport Water will now increase its variable water charge and reduce its fixed water services charge to "provide customers more bill control"

Hardship

Last year Westernport Water acknowledged financial stress meant some customers "may not open their bills because they feel overwhelmed".

ESC director of pricing Marcus Crudden said Westernport Water had initiatives to support customers experiencing financial difficulty, including increasing use of grants and assistance to customers to ac-



Water bills will rise by an average \$90 in 2023-24. Customers having trouble paying their water bills may be eligible for payment plans or assistance with applications for utility relief grants and other concessions.

"We encourage customers to contact Westernport Water if they are experiencing difficulty paying bills, to discuss what assistance or arrangements can be made," Mr Crud-

Customers who are experiencing difficulty with their water bills may be eligible for payment plans or assistance with applications for utility relief grants and other conces-

Last year Westernport Water released the draft five-year pricing plan, with submitters raising concerns about the sustainability of water extraction from waterways given climate change and increasing

Westernport Water has committed to: Provide high-quality

drinking water; reduce its environmental impact and adapt to climate change; resolve sewer blockages quickly; keep water interruptions to a minimum; be there when needed; and keep essential services af-

Last year customers were less satisfied with the quality of their drinking water (73 per cent in 2017 to 66 per cent in 2021), despite the Water Industry Operators Association of Australia awarding Westernport Water best tasting tap water in Victoria in 2021.

Over the five-year pricing period, the water authority will spend \$42 million in capital works, including water quality improvements, reducing carbon emissions, and re-

The 23ha land on the southeast corner of Bass Road and Statter Misson Road, Bass, will accommodate a future housing subdivision.

Future subdivision at Bass

Bass just got a little bigger with a 23-hect- residential opportunity. are property rezoned from farm to low density residential, for future subdivision.

Bass Coast Shire councillors at the June meeting approved the rezoning, despite receiving a petition with 104 signatures arguing the town should be saved from developers and farmland should not be "swallowed up by low density housing developments".

"Please help us in the fight to save our township of Bass from developers in losing our spectacular panoramic landscape around our historical township," the petition read.
"We need to protect it for our future genera-

tions to come.

In June 2022 the shire sought authorisation from the planning minister to rezone the land, which is in the Bass town boundary, with the amendment on public exhibition in December and January, receiving eight submissions, including six objections.

A two-day independent planning panel hearing was in April, with the panel recommending the rezoning approval because the land was marked as a short-term low density

The panel said there was a shire-wide lack of supply, and increased demand for low density residential lots, adding the land was free from environmental constraints except from flooding caused by poor drainage

An engineering report in the amendment proposed a subdivision of up to 50 lots ranging from about 4000sqm.

The land is located on the southeast corner of Bass Road and Statter Misson Road, Bass, with 49 impacted landowners and occupiers contacted during the process.

Cr Clare Le Serve explained a future subdivision would address objector concerns including flooding, land capacity, bushfire risk, minimum lot size and character.

She said the land was included in the Bass town boundary a decade ago and no residents had raised concerns during the state government Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project.

Cr Bruce Kent said the land would address a future shortage of development land in Bass













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annual owner occupier water and sewerage bill for 2023-24 will be (including inflation):

- Goulburn Valley: \$958, a 7.7 per cent increase from \$890 in 2022-23. It retains its water and sewerage tariff structure.
- South East Water: \$990, a 2.3 per cent increase from \$967 in 2022-23. Overall, prices will generally remain unchanged
- Barwon Water: \$1141, a 6.1 per cent increase from \$1076 in 2022-23. Overall, prices will fall by around 0.9 per cent (before infla-

- tion) per year, after 2023-24. East Gippsland: \$1331
- South Gippsland Water: \$1265, a 9.6 per cent increase from \$1154 in 2022-23. The tariff structure between will remain unchanged.
- Central Highlands: \$1298, a 5.4 per cent increase from \$1231 in 2022-23. Tariff for water and sewerage charges will remain unchanged for the period between 2023-28.
- Westernport Water: \$1317, a 7.3 per cent increase from \$1227 in 2022-23. Tariff structures will generally remain the same.
- 7.5 per cent increase from \$1238 in 2022-23. Water and sewerage prices will increase by 0.5 per cent each year (before inflation).
- Gippsland Water: \$1414, a 3.7 per cent increase from \$1363 in 2022-23. Overall, prices will decrease by 3.1 per cent in 2023-24 and by 0.15 per cent (before inflation) each year from 2024 to 2028.
- Coliban: \$1477, an 8 per cent increase from \$1367 in 2022-23. Overall tariffs will go up by 2.5 per cent each year (before inflation) for the last four years.



The townhouse development proposed for the old boys home site. As allowed under the 2010 permit, the recreation hall in the top north-east corner will be demolished for townhouses.



A small section of the north-east wing of the boys home will be removed to make way for this hotel entry, excluding the existing turret.

Newhaven's boys home new development plans released

Updated plans for Newhaven's old boys home development - including a 72-room hotel, 13 townhouses, restaurant, gym, and function centre - have been released for public com-

The \$15.6 million redevelopment plans for 1.4 hectares at 54-61 Forrest Avenue, which is zoned residential. are an amended version of a previous planning permit approved in 2010 by VCAT.

The new amended proposal does not seek to demolish any buildings beyond the originally approved demolition, but seeks to retain buildings including the southern dormitory and the cottage to the south, which were previously set for demolition.

Under the 2010 permit only apartments were proposed in the main boys home building, but that will now be the residential hotel, with construction of hotel blocks to the north and south and an addition of a new southern wing.

Only guests will be allowed to use the gym and restaurant/café, to be located in the former chapel, which will be extended to include a kitchen and toilet.

To the north of the chapel, there will be a swimming pool and leisure area. The townhouse development will include 13 dwellings to the northeast (a decrease of the previously approved 16), with a maximum height of 10.6 metres

lots (reduced from the original 21), and four vacant lots (reduction from

According to the planning permit it has not yet been determined whether the proposal will include electronic gambling machines or pokies.

Documents included in the permit state Bass Coast Shire planners were concerned the proposal will have "a dominating effect on the coastal edge of Phillip Island" and "detrimentally affect the character of the neighbour-

The developer responded they had incorporated aspects of the surrounding streetscape and coastal elements of Newhaven to provide a considered and appropriate design.

The 2010 VCAT resolution, included: a 21-lot subdivision, 10 dwellings, part demolition and alteration of an existing heritage building, including conversion of the heritage building into six residential apartments with ancillary garages, and vegetation removal.

Parking, traffic

The development will include 111 car spaces: 26 for residential use, 80 for the residential hotel, five for residential visitors

The car parks will be in two areas, with seven parks accessed from Boys Home Road and 104 from Forrest Av-

"We can conclude that an adequate



As a nod to the old boys home's past, the entry to the hotel features an $\!\!\!$ off-centre cross.

number of spaces are provided to cater for the projected demand," the permit states, adding the residential car spaces are "to the satisfaction of council" and no parking rate "is provided for a residential hotel".

Given all restaurant patrons will be hotel guests, the developers said there was no need for additional car parking.

Developers have created a Green Travel Plan to manage car dependency and encourage sustainable transport.

A traffic report states the development is expected to generate 42 peak period trips and 346 daily vehicle movements.

"The level of traffic will fall within the environmental capacity for both Boys Home Road and Forest Avenue and is expected to be readily absorbed into the surrounding road network," the permit states.

"Should residents (east of the site) be concerned with additional vehicles moving past them due to the hotel, guests (when booking) can be encouraged to access the site via Boys Home Road.

'This would limit the traffic impact to mainly Boys Home Road (which is a higher order road compared to For-

The permit seeks to remove a large number of trees, which was permitted under the 2010 permit, with a vegetation assessment stating these trees

The amended development proposes to plant 73 new trees, 246 shrubs and more than 1100 flowers.

Heritage

The boys home has a heritage overlay in the planning scheme.

As part of the redevelopment, it is proposed to demolish the laundry, recreation hall, and bike shed, all of which were constructed at a later date.

The original buildings, including the chapel, principal's residence, dormitory, cottage and workshop, are all

to be retained and restored. The principal's residence will become a function space on both

ground and first floor. The existing buildings of the complex are to be restored in line with a

Heritage Management Plan. According to a heritage impact assessment, the building is "damaged and deteriorating", with the conservation of the complex "at risk".

"The proposed redevelopment and repurposing of the site and structures provides an opportunity to conserve the structures of heritage value from further damage and loss," the assess-

"Something will be built": Newhaven developer

The developer of Newhaven's old matic improvement. We are retain- original 1928 glory boys home has described the new amended planning permit as a "dramatic improvement" on the permit previously approved by VCAT.

Developer Brian Amatruda last week told the Advertiser if the amended permit was not approved, he would fall back to the 2010 permit approved by VCAT, which involved more demolition of heritage buildings, as well as a 21-lot subdivision, 10 dwellings and six apartments.

"We have a permit and are seeking amendments to improve the overall layout. Something will be built there. The question is whether it's this improved version or the older permit, which is still current," Brian said.

"I think this amendment is a dra-

ing nearly all the buildings and it is a much better-looking project.

"We are restoring what was going to be demolished in a boutique development.

"The older permit was a money grab, chopped up for housing, apartments and a car park."

He said the boys home was the "least controversial" current major Phillip Island project, and there was car parking "for every room in the development unlike other developments approved and or under consideration".

As reported previously, Brian has been restoring the building since he bought it more than two years ago. with ornate plaster work restoring rooms "back to and beyond their

Brian said the old boys home had been neglected and vandalised for so many years, and "it was only a matter of time before the building was burnt down and lost forever".

He said if and when the amended planning permit was approved, it would take 12 months to build.

Brian, who owns Omni Property Group, added the \$15.6 million construction budget was lower than most large developments because his building company has all the labour and equipment, with "no 10 per cent margin" on work.

In addition to the old boys home, Brian has also purchased the Ellis Arcade in Cowes and also owns the Hollywood Hotel on Church Street.

Newhaven no place for "hotels and casinos": residents

Newhaven residents say they are Shire Council regarding the pro-"shocked" by the "extreme changes" posed use of the property. to the old boys home planning permit.

last week issued a statement saying these activities until the final permit they were shocked not only by the extent of the proposed changes to the original permit issued by VCAT, "which had constraints to conserve the environment and ambience of the village".

"The real disappointment comes with the sudden announcement of those changes with little opportunity to respond," the statement said.

The association said owners of the property over the past decade had disregarded the VCAT conditions and continued to lop trees, establish substantial buildings, retain access that was denied by the active VCAT determination and take up residence in the existing hall.

"The Newhaven Residents Group have, over the last decade, requested explanations from the Bass Coast

"However, it seems both authorities Newhaven Residents Association and locals have been blindsided by is submitted with little opportunity for the stakeholders of Newhaven to

The association said the community had received "shoddy treatment" and the environment was in "decline", with wildlife abandoning the area.

"A community needs to decide its profile for the future and it appears this project, no matter how grand and high minded it may be, is paving over the very essence of what Newhaven is: a community within a nature park.

"Hotels and casinos are wonderful to visit, but not in Newhaven, where people live to enjoy peace and appreciation of nature.

"Residents have one slim opportunity to make a protest with the shire and they are encouraged to take that opportunity immediately."



Caption Diabetes Education clients Anthony Mardling and Lisa Hevern with Bass Coast Health Diabetes Educators Vivienne Prestidge and Claire Gatto during a group education session.

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Historic hospital plans return to Wonthaggi

Architectural plans for the first agreed to pay the \$350 asking price. permanent Wonthaggi Hospital dating from 1913 have returned home after a surprise find at a church sale in regional Victoria.

The meticulous hand-drawn plans were found at the Clunes Presbyterv Open Garden Garage Sale by a connection of Wonthaggi historian Sam Gatto

Recognising the plans' significance, Mr Gatto worked with Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child to buy the framed plans and transport them to Wonthaggi Hospital.

The plans were revealed to the public at a morning tea at the hospital on June 22 and are displayed proudly within the hospital, at Café 1910, near an original part of the

"The original drawings have come back home more than 100 years af-

ter they were drawn," Mr Gatto said. Ms Child was impressed by the craftmanship and history attached to the plans.

"To see the plans is so special. It really is an exciting piece," she said.

"The Wonthaggi Hospital has always been embedded in this community and to have this piece of history on display for all to appreciate will only strength that bond."

A friend of Sam's son Matteo, Lauren Reece, discovered the plans during the garage sale, held as part of the Clunes Booktown Festival in March this year.

Lauren was aware that Sam had written the history of the Wonthaggi hospital, "Accepting the Chal-

She phoned Matteo to ask him if Sam was interested in the framed plans. It was Sunday, and she was only there for the day, so time was of the essence.

Matteo rang Sam who in turn rang Ms Child, who immediately

Matteo asked Lauren to buy the plans and then looked after them until he could collect them. The painstaking process of safely returning the plans to Wonthaggi was almost complete.

The garage sale was held by Dr Kevin Lee, a specialist Physician and Endocrinologist, as well as a Medical

Researcher at Monash University.
The plans were drawn in 1913-14 and indicate a proposed price for the hospital of £5866, equivalent of around \$4.5 million in today's money.

Since governments were not in the business of building and financing hospitals at the time, the community had to bear the costs of equipping, furnishing and running the hospital.

The plans - at a scale of eight feet to an inch - include elevation drawings showing the mortuary, administrative block, wards and kitchen block. Of the first permanent hospital built in 1914, only a few sections remain, now contained within the Café and Pathology areas.

The government had promised to build the hospital in brick, but to the disappointment of many in the community back then, it decided on a wooden building.

This, according to Mr Gatto's historical account of the hospital, "Accepting the Challenge", was because "... a brick hospital would be roughly £2000 over the £8000 that the government had estimated". Early in 1914, work on the new, permanent hospital in Wonthaggi began and patients moved into the new building on August 8 that year.

The first temporary hospital in Wonthaggi ran from a tent in Graham Street, near the Miners' Dispensary. In 1911, the temporary hospital moved to the site of the present hospital, and was a mix of timber and canvas.



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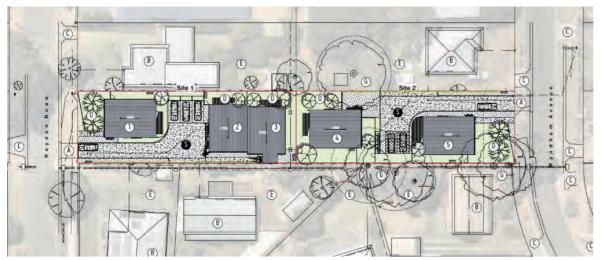
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The road reserve between Roydon Road and Wyndham Avenue is set to be developed by Community Housing Limited (CHL), a registered community housing organisation, into five dwellings, removing 12 trees.

Cowes social housing coming soon

Road and Wyndham Avenue in Cowes is a step closer to being developed for social housing after a unanimous vote by Bass Coast Shire councillors.

The shire owns the 97-metrelong, 1535sqm land between the two roads, which is an unused road reserve and has undergone a road closure process, with public consultation earlier this year.

The land will now be developed by Community Housing Limited (CHL), a not-for-profit community housing provider, into five x twobedroom dwellings later this year.

Five objections were lodged during consultation, as well as a petition, with objectors concerned about the loss of parkland and open space, including wildlife and vegetation.

Some objectors said CHL offered inadequate parking, and several were concerned social housing would impact on neighbouring property values.

This road reserve has been used for decades by the community, especially kids, and we fail to understand how Bass Coast Shire can just take it away with minimal community consultation or care for com-

munity needs," one objector wrote. Another said the consultation "was a token gesture" with no public or individual meetings, or door knocking and it was "when rather than if community housing would

Shire officers said these issues were "outside the scope of a road discontinuance".

of road discontinuance between Ivor Street and Back Lane Henry Street, North Wonthaggi, for public housing

Response

Cr Ronnie Bauer said officers' response - that objections were "outside the scope of a road discontinuance" - was not an acceptable response and "disingenuous"

"Be honest with our community. This land will not be used for open space or parkland," he said.

Cr Bauer added his vote had shifted, previously voicing concerns about social housing, he now supported it, but said the housing should be used for staff at the new community hospital.

"To objectors, I say you are the lucky ones. You own a house or have found a house to rent."

Cr Bruce Kent said while he had concerns, he voted in support of the land discontinuance.

"I have legitimate concerns for the community members who contacted me," Cr Kent said, adding that he hoped in the future there would be "better education" on the issue for the community.

Cr David Rooks said the shire's draft Affordable Housing Strategy had been out for community consultation until June 26, which stated the lack of private rental housing in Bass Coast had put more pressure on social housing, with a 5.3 per cent decrease in rental vacancy rates in the 12 months to June 2022

"There is a huge demand locally

ing," Cr Rooks said.

While social housing is the responsibility of state government, the strategy seeks to progress social housing in Bass Coast, with about 1186 applicants wanting to live in the shire, but only 374 houses available.

According to the strategy, there were 254 applications to live in Cowes, 617 in Wonthaggi and 315 in Inverloch.

According to CHL state manager Grant McNeill, following public exhibition of the plans in Cowes earlier this year, CHL is in the final stages of completing a consultation report.

"We will be able to release a summary of the feedback when a planning decision has been made. The next steps in relation to the project will be determined by the planning decision," Grant said.

The houses are scheduled to commence construction in late 2023 with completion expected to be in the fourth quarter of 2024."

The project will be delivered and funded through the state government's Big Housing Build, with the planning minister the responsible authority and not Bass Coast Shire.

The new homes will be allocated to people who have applied for housing through the Victorian Housing Register.

"CHL will enter into a 30-year lease with the council and will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the development for the duration of the lease," CHL states.

Residents query San Remo parking rules

raised concerns about the San Remo parking rules.

The residents highlighted a lack of long term parking along Marine Parade, which has pushed vehicles into surrounding streets.

They say people parking in San Remo to use the VLine or local buses are getting fined, as there are no long term zones available.

"They have to park somewhere up the road, on somebody's nature strip.'

Last year, San Remo traders lobbied to overturn new parking restrictions, which were rolled out at the end of 2021.

In a petition presented to council in May 2022, the traders at the eastern end of Marine Parade said the new restrictions were dangerous.

There was never a need for restrictions at this end of town and the noticeable change since the restrictions has been negative and actually creating far more congestion in the smaller side streets," the petition stated.

'The restrictions have created a problem in Back Beach Road, which didn't exist before, where one body corporate has placed a parking spots sign, stating that they are for customer use only."

The petition effectively asked the shire to reverse most of the parking changes in the eastern end: non-restricted parking be reinstated between Bergin Grove and Back Beach Road on the north side of Marine Parade; establish a two-hour restricted parking section on the south side between Wynne and Edgar roads; and one-hour parking in Back Beach Road be increased to two hours.

At the time, Shire officers said they had been documenting trader feedback and monitoring the area and would consider the petition in an upcoming review.

"If the outcome of the review supports further changes to the parking arrangements it is intended the changes are be im-

Residents of San Remo have plemented by December 2022," officers said.

However no changes have been made.

The head petitioner was informed in February 2023 that Council had reviewed the implementation of the parking restrictions in San Remo, and noted that there was a good balance of restricted and unrestricted parking available," a Council spokesperson said.

"Council also advised that it would continue to monitor parking, and look for opportunities to increase the number of accessible parking bays, loading zones (supported also by traders' feedback), parking for cars with trailers and bicycle parking to better meet the needs of our community and visitors.

"We are aware that San Remo is a growth area and we will continue to monitor the area to ensure that the balance of parking restrictions is appropriate.

We will use this information to identify any further changes in the future, and any changes identified will include consultation with the community prior to being implemented."

Last month, one resident complained she was fined for stopping for several minutes outside the San Remo post office boxes.

She said the No Standing sign had been moved further up Wynne Road, and was obscured behind a tree.

"It's now invisible from the corner turning into Wynne Road.'

Her request to Bass Coast Shire Council to have the fine overturned was denied.

She said every day she witnessed people stopping in front of the mailboxes to pick up their mail, as well as parcel delivery

"There is no Mail Zone sign, nor a Loading Zone sign in that

She described the situation at the post office as "untenable", saying it appeared the council was "indulging in subterfuge to

San Remo school upgrade plans underway

In the lead up to the November 2022 state election, the San Remo Primary School was overjoyed when Labor promised a \$5.3 million upgrade if re-elected.

With the government returned to power, school principal Karen Bowker said work is already well underway on plans for the upgrade.

In the current budget, money has been allocated to put together a masterplan, to plan the needed capital works and engage an architect for the school, Ms Bowker said.

The school currently has 185 students and only one custom built classroom, so an upgrade is long overdue, but it also needs to plan for future growth.

'The projection is that enrolments will be around 225, and we are planning for that many students," Ms Bowker said.

"We are currently doing an asset management plan, which looks at the learning we have happening, and also looks at future planning we'd like to see, and what we value in our school.

"All the stakeholders are involved - teachers, parents and students.'

Ms Bowker said the focus was not the buildings, but on what was being taught in the classrooms.

'It's all about learning; what is happening, what we want to happen and what we need to build to accommodate that."



Principal Karen Bowker outside the San Remo Primary School junior classrooms, the only purpose build building in the school. Work is already underway on plans for the \$5.3 million upgrade promised at the last election.

only permanent space in the school was the building which houses the junior classes constructed as part of Kevin Rudd's Building the Education Revolution program.

"It was purpose built to allow flexibility in learning, with room for

Ms Bowker said currently the big and small groups," explained Ms Bowker, adding this was an approach they wanted to continue with the new buildings.

"We would like to be able to extend our STEM program, but we find it really difficult with the current buildings," she said.

"Another area is in the arts. We have art and music rooms, but it is hard to find a space for performing

Ms Bowker said putting together a master plan was a great opportunity to rethink how the school can meet the needs of the community.

"The school opened in 1874 and moved to this site in 1948," Ms Bowker explained, noting that three of the original school buildings were moved to the new site.

"There is incredible history here and the school has served the community extremely well.

"Now is about making sure that it is going to meet the educational needs of the children in the future."

It would also be an opportunity to upgrade some outdoor facilities, including addressing drainage issues in the oval and repairing or replacing the cracked basketball court.

The asset management plan is due to be delivered to the education department by mid-July and will then go to the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) for approval.

"Three architects will get to pitch for the job, and the school will select one to work with," Ms Bowker said.

Hopefully by mid-2024 there will be action onsite.

"There is a lot of work happening now behind the scenes so we can hit the ground running next year.

"I'm very excited. The school community is really excited about it and the students are looking forward to "It will mean finally that the learn-

ing will be in classrooms purposebuilt for the subject," Ms Bowker said.

"We'll have 21st century learning in 21st century classrooms."



Lorenzo Lepiten, Georgia Mayer and Madeline Bailey during their work experience at

Students get out the classroom and into the workplace

and Patrick Spicer

This week, Year 10 students from across Bass Coast participated in Work Experience at different businesses across the community.

We took the chance to interview some Bass Coast College students about the experience and find out if it has changed their minds on their profession or their future careers.

The students we interviewed had all chosen occupations that involved working with children, so we chatted to them all about the ups and downs of childcare.

We took a trip down memory lane, visiting Cowes Primary School where we sat down with Lorenzo Lepiten, Georgia

Mayer and Madeline Bailey. Georgia and Madeline observed what they described as the "perilous role" of teaching preps. Experiencing her old primary school in an authoritative role made Georgia reevaluate her attitude towards

"It made me realise how patient teachers have to be," she

Georgia and Madi said working with children through the week showed how unpredictable kids can be and the skillset teachers use to manage erratic behaviour.

With children's short attention spans, all three touched upon how hard it is to keep children listening and under control.

Lorenzo decided to try his hand helping out in the STEM class as a teacher's aide, due to his interest in the subject.

As a keen STEM student himself, Lorenzo wanted to encourage younger students to get involved.

All the work experience students finished the week with a newfound appreciation for teaching and a lot more pa-

While they all have multiple career options in mind, Georgia and Madi may consider a job in education.

Lorenzo said even though Cowes Primary wasn't his first choice for work experience placement, he got a lot out of the experience.

"I learned to approach difficult kids with kindness and relatability," he said, a skill he believes will be important in future careers

Early learning

Charlotte Dullewe spent her time at the new Island Kids Early Learning centre where she was able to work with young children rotating through toddlers to four-yearold kinder.

"I like the idea of working into it.

with kids, and wanted to see if I'd enjoy it," she said.

"It was easier than I imagined ... more like play than

Although the job did come with its obstacles.

"The challenging part is when multiple kids fight at once ... and you have to attend to all of them."

Charlotte is still keeping her options open for after school, however she now knows she may follow a career in childcare in the future.

Lana Brusamarello spent her week working with an occupational therapist (paediatrics), as she is interested in science and paediatrics.

She spent her time travelling to different places and observing children and their mannerisms. She enjoyed the freedom of the role and getting to work with children of all ages.

You can work and teach as much as you want as long as you have the research and studies to back it up," she explained.

However she did find maintaining a professional outlook at all times challenging.

'You can't ever just play a game with them; you must analyse all the little things."

She said the week taught her a lot about her chosen profession and everything that goes



Charlotte Dullewe at the Island Kids Early learning Centre, where she spent her work experience week.



Lana Brusamarello spent her week working with an occupational therapist (paediatrics).

Down in the dunes

to protect Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club will start in July.

Phillip Island Nature Parks said a significant sand relocation and dune stabilisation operation around the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club will start next month, in an effort to protect the clubhouse from ongoing sand inundation.

The works will help protect the sensitive

coastal environment, stabilise and revegetate the sand dune system, and improve access to the beach, clubhouse and public toilets.

Sand from the southern and western sides of the clubhouse will be moved to encourage dune regeneration in the area. Significant planting will then occur to further stabilise the dunes.

Woolamai Beach SLSC President Jason Close said the Club, Life Saving Victoria, the former Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and Phillip Island Nature Parks had long been working on solutions to alleviate the sand inundation issues around the club.

Access around the Woolamai Beach car park may be restricted at times during the works, however signage, barricades and contractors will be on site to guide users of the area.

Visitors will still be able to access the beach via the timber ramp from the car park.

"Large machinery will be used to access the beach and dune system to complete the works, which are necessary to maintain the future of the clubhouse, life saving services and the surrounding dune environment," Mr Close said.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Projects and Planning Manager Jarvis Weston said the works would not only protect the clubhouse but also enhance the surrounding environment, and the timing of the works would consider seasonal issues and vulnerable fauna in the area.

"We will time the works around key wildlife dates, weather and seasonal factors to give the revegetation project the best chance of success," Mr Weston said.

"Importantly, the works will be scheduled to avoid any impact on the breeding season of the threatened hooded plover shorebirds, which nest along the high tide line and in sand dunes during spring and summer, making their eggs and chicks particularly susceptible to being stepped on because they are difficult to see.

Given the magnitude of the works and possible threats to fauna, we encourage the community to stick to the designated tracks and stay out of the sand dunes during this time."

Keeping the carpark, access and surf club building clear of sand is an ongoing job that requires significant investment each year from the Nature Parks, the Surf Club and Council.

Maintenance includes sand removal, cleaning, waste removal, and maintaining toilets, roads, beach access and walking tracks.

Photos taken when the clubhouse was opened in 2002 show that new dunes have emerged in the past 21 years.

Back in 2016, a master plan for Cape Woola-



Back in 2019, club member Murray Adams raised concerns about the level of sand inundation saying the encroaching dunes were covering the clubhouse foundations and at the current rate it could be engulfed within five years.

mai was developed, in consultation with community groups and the public. The plan covered a 10-year period and included the new toilets, carpark and beach entry already constructed

The proposed changes at Cape Woolamai inolve measures to address the sand inundation.

The concept plan included ensuring access routes and steps are angled rather than perpendicular to the beach and increasing the vegetation on the dunes in front of the car park area.

Other changes include upgrades to the car park, storm water soaks and installing public toilets and shower areas.

In 2019, club members voiced their concerns about the increasing sand inundation, saying sand regularly covered walkways, blocked the disabled access to the toilets and the clubhouse, and the clubhouse drains.

Many blamed the marram grass planted to stabilise the coast, saying it created the dunes which are now engulfing the clubhouse.

At the time, a Nature Parks spokesperson told the Advertiser that the "sand dune's growth is due to the location of the clubhouse in the primary dune'

'Remedial revegetation works have been unsuccessful to date due to continual access by the public in fenced areas causing erosion. This is an ongoing project that the Nature Parks is working on in conjunction with Woolamai Surf Club to resolve, in line with the Master Plan.

The current work received \$157,500 funding from the Federal Department of Industry, Science and Resources and is expected to be com-

Newhaven College seeks new Head of Middle School

Middle School at Newhaven College consists of students in Years 5 to 8 representing the distinct period of human growth, young adoles-

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Every child's academic and personal growth is guided by the Middle School community, with a specific teacher supporting each child's development as they progress through each year level. Newhaven College's organisational structures and processes are such that knowing each child individually is an interconnected component of the role of all teachers in Middle School.

There are many opportunities for students to participate in activities that occur outside the classroom, within year levels and across the wider school community. All students are encouraged to become involved, as these activities assist students in creating communities



Current Newhaven College Head of Middle School Geoff White with Year 8 Middle School Captains Aidan Smyth and Mia Thompson.

within the College, build pride in the school and strengthen the school spirit.

Newhaven College's current Head of Middle School, Geoff White, has decided to focus on teaching from next year, so the College is seeking a new Head of Middle School starting in 2024.

The Head of Middle School, along with a team of staff, is responsible for the day to day running of the academic, pastoral and co-curricular program. Reporting directly to the Principal, the Head of Middle School is part of the College's Leadership Team.

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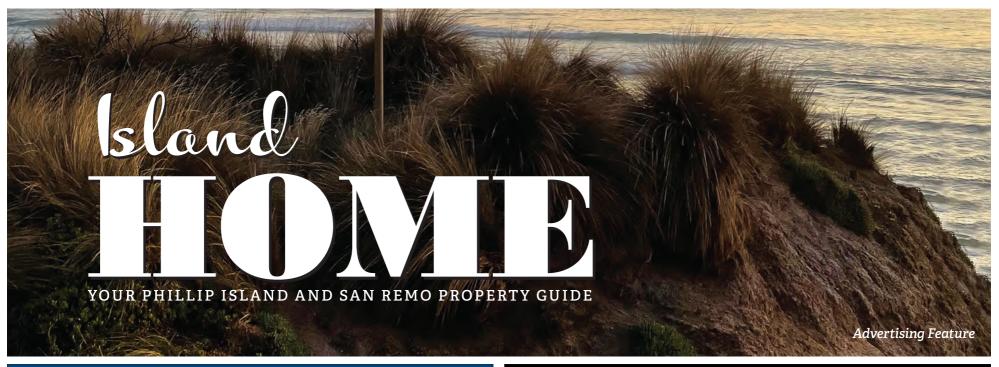
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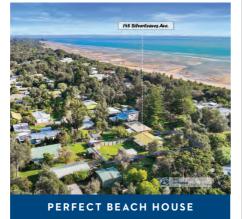


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A local artist showcase

island inspired art space to help artists to show and sell their art.

Its most recent exhibition Salt Water on June 24 featured the work of 14 local artists.

Art displayed at the gallery is made by artists influenced by the island, showcasing the unique Island culture through art.

Part of its collection is celebrated artist DAK (David Alexander Kopelman's) art.

"Many eccentric art makers have called the Island home including DAK," said gallery owner Bronwyn van der Hevden.

"Whether you are local, have a holiday home here or are influenced by your travel here, we are interested in showing your art.

"You can rent wall space for \$15 per metre per week or be a part of a free group exhibi-

Located in Thompson Avenue, Cowes, Pyramid Rock Gallery also holds art classes every Thursday and Saturday at 4pm to help artists create their own masterpieces.

"Be inspired by the art filled gallery. Bring along any art you are working on or if you're a beginner learn to paint in a relaxed environment," encouraged Bronwyn.

Artist studios are available for rent at affordable rates. All gallery spaces are available to rent to hold solo or group shows with a large outdoor sculpture garden for celebrations and event hire.

Art prize

Pyramid Rock Gallery will be holding a summer art competition - the DAK Arts Prize. Entry fee is \$50. First prize \$500, second prize \$200 and third \$100. All levels of artists are encouraged to apply. Details at www.pyramidrockgallery.com.au

"If anyone in the community needs help to maintain or sell any piece of DAK's art, we have a group of professionals to help you to maintain the life of your sculpture," Bronwyn said.

"We can help you promote, sell or auction DAK's work.

"Any commission from the sale of his art will help us create the DAK Arts Prize competition and will enable us to give larger art prizes in the future.'

Any current art of DAK was and is displayed for free.



The Salt Water exhibition drew a large crowd to the launch on Saturday June 24 at Pyramid Rock Gallery, showcasing



Chris Farrell with her Cape Creations artwork entitled 'Harmony' and 'Oceanus', part of the Salt Water exhibition.



Sharnee Taylor with two of her artworks in the exhibition -'My Island Home' and 'Reflections'.



placed at the gallery by DAK Todd Collins' art 'Naked Island' is made from resin, mixed media and acrylic.





Lara Olsen and Nic Frances Gilley want to create a wildlife wetland on their property, and were given a hand with planting on the weekend by Landcare volunteers, who also erected an experimental fence to protect the plans from wildlife.

Tree trial rolled out

A hardy band of about a Lara Olsen and Nic Frances dozen Landcare volunteers Gilley, are planning to plant battled stormy weather to plant trees and erect a new experimental fence at Forrest Caves on Sunday.

The property's owners, out the property into a wildlife wetland.

The wire fence trial is being rolled out across the is- in recent years, making new following Landcare

from wallabies, possums, Cape Barren geese and purple hens, which have been wiping out new vegetation growth difficult to establish.

Calling all contemporary artists

It's that time of year again! Building on the success of the previous four summer exhibitions, Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space (PICES) is now preparing for its fifth Pop Up Exhibition.

Four different weekly exhibitions will be held in Cowes from January 3 to 29, 2024.

The exhibitions will feature a broad spectrum of visual arts that include paintings, drawings, ceramics, collage, original limited edition artist prints, photographs, textiles, installations, and video/film.

Expressions of Interest to exhibit will be open from July



PICES is calling for Expressions of Interest to exhibit as part of its fifth Pop Up Exhibition, which will be held in Cowes from January 3 to 29, 2024.

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PICES is looking forward to another exciting and success-

ful exhibition in January 2024.





Jeff Floyd has started the new Phillip Island Classic Car Owners club, One of the local cars that appeared at the inaugural meeting of the after buying his 1959 Austin Healey convertible earlier this year.



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Jeff Floyd is known to many Phillip Islanders for his walking and cycling guides, which and there are women enthusiasts as well. give an insight into the best tracks and trails around the island.

Given this hobby, it's not surprising few residents know he's also a keen classic car enthusiast.

On the back of his guidebooks, Jeff seems to have caught the transport bug, now starting a classic car club for Phillip Islanders, with a Facebook page launched this month and open to locals who own a vintage vehicle.

"It was while I was walking around the island I kept seeing classic cars and so I thought I'd put it out there to see if anyone was keen to get together, have a social chat and do some runs," Jeff says.

Thinking he'd get maybe a dozen or so, he was surprised that within a couple of weeks there are more than 100 members who have joined Phillip Island Classic Car Owners, and still more coming on board.

"I even had one guy from the US wanting to join, but I've made it so it's more for the island."

Last weekend the classic car club got together for their first drive, a casual run meeting in Cowes and driving out to the Nobbies. Member cars are eclectic: muscle cars, Jag-

uars, Mustang, Toyota Supra, Torana, Citroen 2CV, Comaro, early Holdens and Ford GTs. "There is debate about what is a classic car,

but generally before 1915 is veteran, 1915-1930 is vintage and 1930 to 1990 is classic."

"What surprised me is you don't see this many that often. Every so often they pop up somewhere, especially during events at the circuit, but every day you don't see them, but they're there.

"People who have large collections don't shout about it for security reasons, and being on the island they're kept in sheds to avoid the salt."

Jeff's first classic car was bought out of necessity when he was a university student in the 1970s and he could only afford a Standard

"I bought it because I was broke, but it started my love of classics.

He has since owned - and sold - Jags, Triumph, Toyota MR2, a Stag, with a bent for UK sports cars.

Earlier this year he purchased his latest love: a 1959 Austin Healey convertible.

"It was made in Britain but was exported to California in 1959 and about eight years ago a guy in South Australia bought it and converted it to right hand drive, taking four years to restore it.

"I grew up in an era when cars had leather seats and you had the wind in your hair. I like the simplicity of UK sports cars, very basic and beautiful.

Jeff has dabbled in restoration - "never a

Jeff says members come from all age groups full nut and bolt overhaul" - but basic mechanical work, not daring to try upholstery.

The Austin Healey can travel at 100 miles per hour but "I stick to the speed limits", taking the car for day drives around the coast and also joining other car club events.

"There's a lot of aggression on Australian roads, but driving this car you get a lot of interest, a smile and a wave.

"My last car was a Triumph and one day I parked it at the Nobbies and two Japanese tourists asked if they could have their photo taken in the car, but then there was a queue of tourists wanting to do the same and I was there for half an hour.

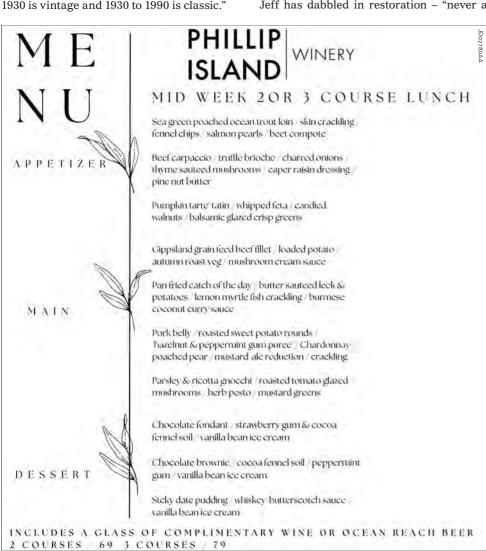
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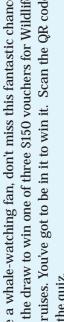
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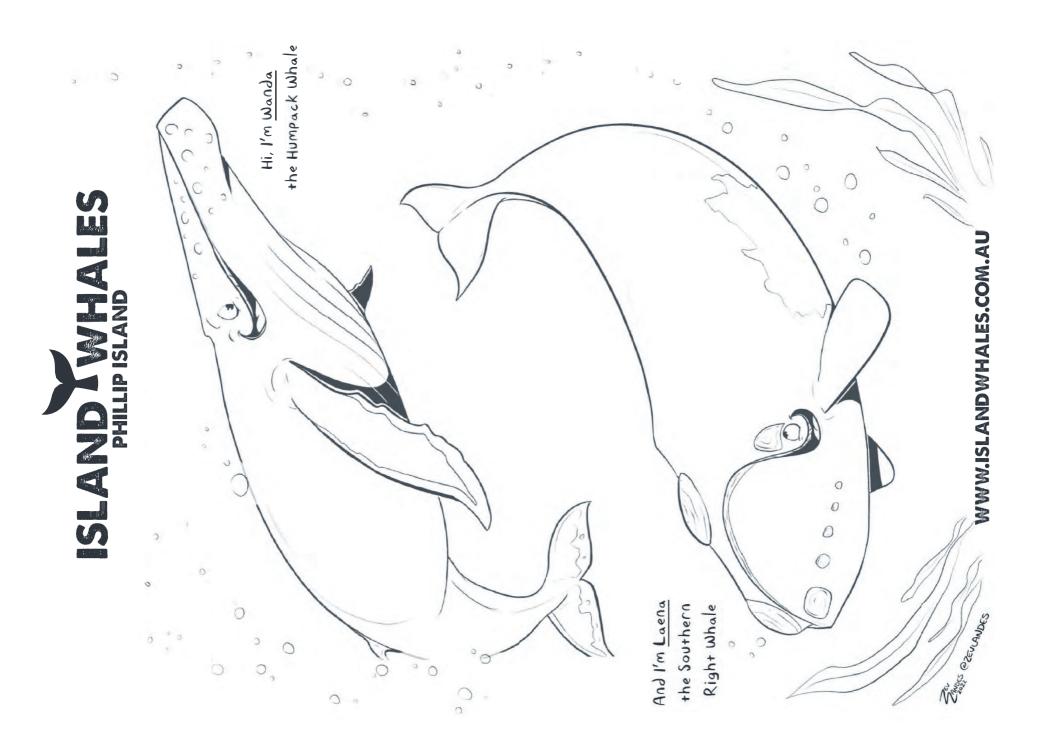


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Winter warmers at The Westernport

The change of season sees a change of direcdishes." The cooling temperature has definitely tion in the Westernport kitchen this week.

The venue has recently seen a changing of the guard both in the kitchen and in the management team, and the results are speaking for

Head Chef Kurt Sabron brings a wealth of knowledge to a kitchen going from strength to strength.

'We've gathered a great kitchen crew over the past few months from all backgrounds. both personally and professionally," said Kurt.

"And everyone is having input into the new menu, which makes for some exciting new

given the team an opportunity to showcase its winter flavours. Think slow-cooked Gippsland lamb shanks, a hearty Sunday roast, or a Beef Bourguignon, served with Thorpdale potato mash and a rich pinot jus.

"This menu is all about local produce and comfort food - slow-cooked meats, Indian and Asian curries, pies and stews, maybe matched with a local red wine - this is what excites us about winter," says Kurt.

Josh Bradshaw, part of the Westernport management team said the change of seasons was a chance to showcase a range of local beer and wine.

"There's so many great producers in the region now, from Ocean Reach and their seasonal dark beers, to Sailors Grave in Orbost and everything in between - Phillip Island Winery, Purple Hen, Rusty Water, Dirty 3 Wines, Gippsland Wine Co, The Gurdies, the list goes on - we really are spoilt for choice," said Josh.

So get on down to the Westernport.

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The change of season sees a change of direction in the Westernport Kitchen, with head chef Kurt Sabron (right) and team member Nikhil overseeing a new menu filled with delicious winter flavours.



These school holidays, on July 6 and 7, creative young environmentalists can help paint a fence mural and yarning sticks and create mosaic art at the new Yarning Circle at the

Holiday fun with public art project

next generation of conservationists through a public art project, inspiring young people to join vital environmental protection efforts.

Members of the community are being urged to connect with professional artists, youth artists, and youth wildlife ambassadors to help create community mosaic artworks at the new Yarning Circle cultural space at the Koala Conservation Reserve.

The mosaic art will be created on large pavers, which will be laid in the Yarning Circle to educate visitors about the plants and animals of woodland environments.

The project is being led by three Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists – Lenna Scholtmeyer, Arieta Fergie, and Rhylee Duell and they are painting a fence mural and 'yarning sticks' and making mosaic tiles for a fireplace as part of the project.

Planting of native species by the community will also be undertaken.

Two drop-in sessions will be hosted at the Koala Conservation Reserve visitor centre these school holidays on Thursday, July 6 and Friday, July 7 to engage creative young environmentalists. Sessions will run from 10am to 2pm.

The public art project is in line with Nature Parks' commitment to foster better connections with young people, threatened species and the environment - inspiring them to volunteer in nature, create change and a legacy.
As part of Parks Victoria's Volunteering In-

novation Fund, Phillip Island Nature Parks has received a \$27,000 grant for its Building a Brighter Future youth wildlife ambassador program to better connect young volunteers with leading conservation work.

Torres Strait Islander artist Arieta Fergie, 15, to come," she said

Phillip Island Nature Parks is engaging the said she was enjoying being a part of the Yarning Circle art project because it was unlike any other art projects she had worked on

"I really enjoy the small community we've made with Rhylee and Lenna and the adults involved in the project," she said.

"I'm thankful for the mentoring they are giving me and the opportunity to be involved in an art project that's different to what I've done before.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Visitor Experience Manager Kate Adams said engaging young people would open opportunities for youth to learn about local wildlife, conservation efforts and the island's habitat through artbased activities.

"This fun, engaging public art project will provide opportunities for young people to learn more about Phillip Island Nature Parks and the important conservation work we undertake, as well as connecting them with like-minded peers," Ms Adams said.

"The designs for the mosaic pavers will be Aboriginal symbols in colours that represent woodland plant species, which we hope will prompt important conversations about conser-

Phillip Island Nature Parks has appointed youth wildlife ambassadors who will take part in a range of volunteer opportunities across its programs, including the protection of Hooded Plover shorebirds, Eastern Barred Bandicoots, and revegetation projects.

'While our current band of dedicated staff and volunteers do an incredible job, we recognise the importance of fostering community understanding and creating young champions for conservation to continue this work for years

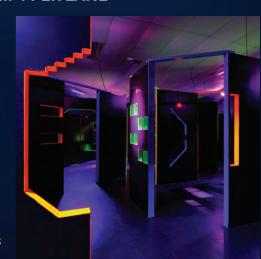


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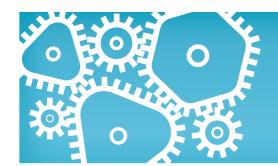
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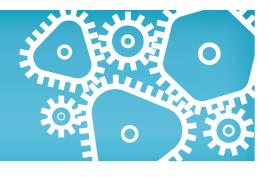
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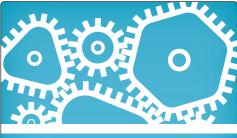
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The land affected by the application is located at: 54-61 Forrest Avenue, Newhaven VIC 3925 The application is to amend a permit number: 100626 - 1

This application seeks to amend the endorsed plans of planning permit 100626 to allow an alternative development proposal comprising: • A 72 room residential hotel incorporating an

- ancillary restaurant, provision for functions and amenity facilities such as pools and a gym for occupants. • The residential hotel includes extensions to
- the Old Boys Home heritage buildings to create the proposed leisure area and additional
- 13 medium density terrace style dwellings are proposed to be constructed and are concentrated on the northeast of the site.
- Car parking located against the southern boundary of the site.
- · Four vacant lots are proposed.

The application also seeks to amend the preamble and conditions of planning permit

- Altering the preamble of the permit to change what the permit allows and include 'residential hotel.'
- Deleting all requirements under condition one.
- Amending condition 5 to reflect amended removal and retention (delete condition 5)

- Deletion of condition 10
- Deletion of condition 11

The applicant for the amendment to the permit is: Omni Property Group

The application reference number is: 100626 - 1

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application by visiting Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov. au/planningads

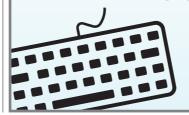
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- Good verbal and written communication skills along with well-developed computer skills
- Starting Location Leongatha, Victoria
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Parking questions

It seems the parking controls for Cowes will be an ongoing issue for residents with preferential treatment given to developers. But the two things I haven't

seen raised in the newspaper or at Council meetings, not that the council engages with the community anyway, is that the local community on Phillip Island, should not be paying for parking.

If you want to charge for a newly introduced scheme, then charge the visitors who come to the island. Either mail out a laminated card we can put on our dashboards which allows us to park for free, or reduce our rates.

The other thing which concerns me is this; what kind of vehicle detection sensors are being imposed to alert the BCSC of people having parked longer than they should?

The Smart Parking's unassuming yet highly innovative in-ground sensors monitor individual parking spaces and relay occupancy status to the SmartSpot gateways, but how does the sensor under the car know there is a disabled sticker on someone's dashboard which allows them double the normal parking time?

Anne Schade, Cowes

Kitty Miller questions

How did this Planning Permit application ever make it to the advertising stage? We have studied all the advertised material on the Council website and cannot find any drawings that actually show the arrangement of the proposed Units, Cabins and Eco Tents in the context of the site.

reviewing the proposed spot levels shown on the plans it appears the Eco Tents and board walks will be built at 2.5m above the water level and the pool deck will be 2.9m above the lake water level. How can councillors make an assessment of the proposal without viewing elevations of the building element in the context of the site? Our suspicion is that these 2D and 3D drawings would have revealed just how inappropriate the built development would appear when completed and before all the vegetation is estab-lished. But why did the Shire Planning Department not request these drawings and 3Dimages?

Compared to the highly detailed and comprehensive Planning Permit drawings that were submitted to Council for the Vietnam Vets Boys Home Road development, the advertised drawings for Kitty Millers Retreat, in our opinion, read as a preliminary design proposal only and do not comply with Council's own guidelines and requirements for Planning Permit application documentation.

There have been a huge number of objections already lodged with Council. We stated in our objection to Council that this application is inappropriate and will turn out to be a waste of time by all concerned including councillors and objectors.

Terence Nott, Architect and Brigitte Nott, Cowes

Still not listening

Bass Coast Council's policy is to conduct deliberative engagement. Deliberative engagement places greater emphasis on involving people in decision-making. It affords participants more opportunity and time to discuss and consider an issue in greater detail, which helps community members to reach a more measured, informed view.

Further, council states "Council commits to open and effective community engagement. We value and acknowledge the skills, views, and expertise of the Bass Coast community. We want to ensure that all our engagement opportunities lead to better decisions and services for Bass Coast."

Fine words indeed. But all too often the statement amounts to nothing more than fine words.

disquiet Community around topics such as the bungled process for naming Cowes cultural centre, and the bungling of Inverloch's shared path, show that council is not living up to its words. Those two important projects demonstrate how Bass Coast Shire Council is failing to set itself as a good example of governance for the Bass Coast community.

Many community members do not regard community engagement and transparency to be hallmarks of the current council.

It is a council dominated by the mayor and the CEO. The mayor has made his disdain for public questioning of council abundantly clear, and the CEO uses inaccurate assertions to deem customers as unreasonable.

This council talks the talk, but it fails to walk the talk.

One would have thought that, following the recent debacle around the botched proposal for a regional skate park on San Remo's foreshore, councillors would have learned much about the need for proper community engagement. Yet they have

They did not listen then. They're not listening still. Perhaps they never will.

Kevin Griffin, Secretary Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association

Council disrespect

BCSC have a specific program to assist ratepayers in the event of financial hardship however, all is not what it seems.

A recent question regarding potential access to the program confirmed Council is not the least bit interested Museum and recently for the in providing support for rateayers who own a holiday home or investment property.

As far as Council is concerned ratepayers whose primary residence is elsewhere have other options to source funding if needed.

This is despite the fact those individuals pay full rates annually while in addition, saving the Council tens of thousands of dollars overall by only having waste removed likely 10 to 15 weeks a year.

Council would do well to remember Phillip Island was initially built on the holiday home economy and is still underpinned by that same

The structure of this sohardship called support program is totally discriminatory and again shows the complete disrespect the Council has towards ratepayers and the community.

Little wonder residents of Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach are fighting so hard to stop the potential Special Rate Charge Scheme which will be an enormous financial impost on every property owner, with no support from a Council that really couldn't

We can only hope that the departure of the CEO will bring a breath of fresh air and a fresh approach by Council. But I'm not holding my breath.

Rob Chandler, Surf Beach

Drainage safety issue

On December 12 2022, I contacted local MP Jordan Crugnale and through her, Melissa Horne, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, regarding numerous drainage maintenance issues on Phillip Island Road at Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach.

It is pathetic that it took more than six months of continual requesting information. On June 19, I eventually received a non-committal reply from the Minister and Ms Crugnale. The reply states that drainage works are in the planning stage of the proposed Special Charge Scheme.

Ratepayers are expected to pay the majority of costs for the road and drainage works on a regional road. The scheme is not proposed for construction for some years and according to Bass Coast Shire will take four to five years to complete. What about drainage and safety now? Are commuters along Phillip Island Road expected to put up with this safety issue for years to come?

I further requested information as to why road safety measures along Phillip Island Road identified in the 2014 Sunderland Bay Surf Beach Traffic Management Plan, listed as primarily too many intersecting side streets and lack of right turning traffic lanes had not been implemented.

Horne stated Bass Ms Coast Shire Council advised that in accordance with community feedback, intersection upgrades with Phillip Island Road have not been incorporated into the current area being considered for a Special Charge Scheme. This is incorrect. There was community feedback regarding safety for turning traffic along Phillip Island Road, with majority support for provision of a right turning lane at Dunvegan Crescent.

To my knowledge, no ratepayers have any knowledge of the existence of the 2014 Sunderland Bay Surf Beach Traffic Management Plan. This plan has not been referred to when making decisions regarding the Special Charge Scheme.

Philip Davy, Surf Beach

Editor's note: When the Sunderland Bay Surf Beach Traffic Management Plan was released in 2014 there was period of consultation with residents and ratepayers. The plan is available on the council's website.



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Rose, Izabella, Nyharlia and Hayley each making their promise and officially joining the growing Phil-



Matilda, Grace, Hazel, Anastasia and Laila were awarded the Junior BP (Baden Powell) Award, after

Awards for local Girl Guides

The Phillip Island Girl Guides recently hosted a promise and awards

The promise ceremony saw four new girls welcomed into the unit with a fun Harry Potter themed ceremony. Rose, Izabella, Nyharlia and Hayley each made their promise and officially joining the growing unit.

After the promise ceremony, the special award ceremony began.

In Girl Guides there are some major awards; the Junior BP (Baden Powell) Award, the BP Award and the Queens Guide.

In the club's 11-year history only three girls have earned their Junior BP and BP Award so this year's award presentation was a very special event

The Junior BP Award is made up of a series of 12 challenges and activities and takes at least 18 months to complete.

The five girls who were awarded their Junior BP have been working on this award since 2020 and ran many unit meetings, including on-line during Covid and have all developed their leadership skills throughout this time. Congratulations to Matilda, Grace, Hazel, Anastasia and Laila on their fantastic achieve-

The BP Award is a series of 18 challenges and takes a minimum of



Charlotte is only the fourth girl in the Phillip Island unit to achieve $the\ prestigious\ BP\ Award.$

18 months to complete.

Charlotte is only the fourth girl in the Phillip Island unit to achieve this prestigious award.

She completed activities like a virtual unit sleepover on Zoom during Covid, where girls connected to cook, make face masks and do a talent show. Charlotte also ran many unit meetings and attended a leader camp where she didn't know anyone and had to make new friends.

Charlotte will now begin working towards her Queens Guide Award and if she completes it, she will make history by being the only Phillip Island Guide to ever earn this award.

The final award for the evening



Sandra Hadrian was recognised for her five years of volunteering with the unit.

was in recognition of the voluntary service of the unit leader Sandra Hadrian, who has now volunteered for five years with the unit.

Without selfless volunteers, Phillip Island Girl Guides would not be possible and the unit is grateful to Sandra for her years of service.

If any girls are interested in joining Girl Guides, they meet Thursday 5pm - 6.30pm at the Scout Hall Dunsmore Road, Cowes.

Girls are welcome to come and try $two\,weeks\,before\,committing\,to\,join.$ Anvone interested in volunteering

at Phillip Island Girl Guides can contact District Manager Chris Oliver on chris.oliver@guidesvic.org.au



TS Constructions won the award for "Commercial Buildings \$3-\$6 million' at the MBV (Master Builders Victoria) Regional Awards for its work

Our Lady Star of the Sea shines at Award Ceremony

It was no surprise to the Our Lady running track, reflection areas, art-Star of the Sea school community that TS Constructions won the award for "Commercial Buildings \$3-\$6 million' at the MBV (Master Builders Victoria) Regional Awards.

"We are so proud of our magnificent school with its many interesting aspects and varied learning spaces, said Principal Cathy Blackford.

The design of the building and grounds allows for inside and outside learning, an inside and an outside kitchen, a multifunctional library space, undercover spaces, storage sheds, a synthetic oval and

work from local artists as well as magnificent playground areas.

'Sustainability was also a priority for the school and as part of the build we were able to add solar panels and water tanks.

"The workmanship, professionalism, and ease with which TS Constructions worked with the school were commendable," Mrs Blackwood said.

'This is stage one and two of our Master Plan and we look forward to working with them as we continue to bring the Master Plan to life."

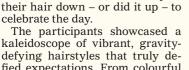
A crazy hairy day

witnessed an explosion of creativthe Junior School Council led an on display was awe-inspiring. incredible Crazy Hair Day event.

Held on June 20th, this day not styles of students but also raised remarkable organisation dedicated to supporting students in need.

The Crazy Hair Day was a testament to the incredible imaginatheir hair down - or did it up - to celebrate the day.

fied expectations. From colourful community engagement.





A sports theme, or perhaps a nod to the Tom Hank's film, Lily went head-to-head with Wilson for her Crazy Hair design.

Cowes Primary School recently extensions to towering sculptures adorned with ribbons and accesity and enthusiasm as students in sories, the staff said the creativity

The funds raised on Crazy Hair Day will support State Schools Reonly showcased the unique hair- lief in their mission to ensure that all students have equal access to funds for State Schools Relief, a the resources they need to thrive academically. By providing essential items such as uniforms, shoes, and stationery, the organisation helps to level the playing field for tions of the students, who really let their hair down – or did it up – to cial hardship.

Crazy Hair Day was not just a celebration of extraordinary hairstyles; it was a celebration of the power of student leadership and



No crying over spilt milk for Rose (left) while Will channelled his inner troll doll.



It was cupcakes and balloons for Frankie and Rose on Crazy Hair Day at Cowes Primary



Talk about bubbling over! Zoe's Fanta inspired hair do.



Students and supporters rallied outside the NAB branch in Wonthaggi, calling for the bank to stop any loans to Whitehaven Coal to expand its

Rally to stop fossil fuel funding

Forty local people rallied and haggi. marched through Wonthaggi on banks to stop funding fossil fuels.

The rally was led by students from erations. Newhaven College, Bass Coast College and the Village School, who spoke out at each branch about the uncertain future they face if fossil fuels are mined and burnt, continuing to pollute our heating planet.

The Big 4 banks cannot continue allowing the expansion of the destructive fossil fuel industry," Joey Thompson, Newhaven College student said.

"This is a direct attack on our future as young people, and so we are rising and rebelling, and we will come back, again and again, week after week, to demand an end to these climate crimes.

"We will continue to advocate for climate justice, until we are taken seriously by these big corporations like

NAB and Whitehaven. The rally began at NAB in Wont-

Whitehaven Coal, a Queensland-Tuesday June 20, calling for the based coal company, needs a loan of \$4.4 billion to expand their coal op-

> A national campaign "Move Beyond Coal" is calling for NAB to stop any loans to Whitehaven Coal. An announcement about whether the

loan is approved is expected any day. Indigo Aurora, a student at Newhaven College, said it was "uplifting to fight for such a crucial movement with so many passionate people from all walks of life".

"People have been fighting for the climate for decades, and we're not going to stop now."

The march continued around the streets of Wonthaggi, to ANZ and Westpac banks, with songs and chants echoing through the wintry

After the rally, the protestors said a number of local people made it clear they plan to change their bank accounts to an ethical alternative.

Situation vacant: Any takers Ten pin results

After 17 years manning the Chapel Street gate on home match days for the Phillip Island Football and Netball Club (PIFNC) on Saturdays, Rod Spottiswood has announced he is finally "hanging up his boots" – and is on the lookout for his replacement.

Rod enjoys the job, selling entrance tickets and catching up with the island's footy families, young players and visitors on alternate winter Saturdays down at the Cowes Rec Reserve, but ill health has taken its toll over the last 12 months, and he is no longer able to continue.

Rod first volunteered his services as the Chapel Street gate keeper 17 years ago, when he noticed then PIFNC president Noel Burrell doing the job.

"It occurred to me that Noel already had plenty to do on Saturdays, running the entire club, and that I could step up and take a bit of the load off him.

'With my kids enjoying footy and netball on Saturdays, I thought that was the least I could do," Rod said.

Rod's kids have long moved through the football and netball players' ranks, but he remained on the job because he enjoyed it.

He starts the day at 9.30am and finishes at 3pm. The Club sends morning tea and lunch across to him as the day wears on, and the workload is simple.

In the early days, cash was the ticket currency but these days the vast majority of spectators simply swipe their credit cards, which makes life very easy and simple.

"I am no technophobe," says Rod, "so don't be daunted from using the card machine if you are interested in the job. It is a very simple operation."

He is offering on-the-job training this Saturday for anyone who might like to take over from him. With just another two home games scheduled for the remainder of 2023, his replacement will have plenty of good practice in time for next year.

About nine home games are played



After 17 years selling tickets at the Phillip Island footy club gate, PIFNC volunteer Rod Spottiswood is passing on the baton. He is appealing for anyone who would like to take on this role to call him, and he will provide onsite training at this Saturday's home game.

over the footy/netball competition season, with the final series played at other grounds.

Rod said the gate shelter is quite a comfortable place to spend a few hours on a Saturday - but in inclement weather he takes refuge in his reserved car park beside the ticket shed, and runs the gate from there.

He takes a benevolent approach to the occasional spectator who has suddenly found themselves minus their wallet or membership card.

"I have heard every excuse in the book, but it all sorts itself out in the end." He also performs another important community service from his vantage point at the gate.

On more than one occasion he has had to intercept an adventurous toddler heading out toward Chapel Street, with no mum or dad in sight. His pocketknife also came in handy when he rescued another child who managed to impale himself one day in the barb wire fence behind the shed.

"It's all fun" he says.

If you would like to contribute to the community, and join the hundred or so PIFNC volunteers who help out in a variety of capacities each week at the footy ground, Rod would love to hear from you.

With just three games left this year, now is a good time for anyone interested to put their hand up, and Rod will teach you the ropes this Saturday. Male or female, it does not matter, says Rod.

"It's easy to help out and I have found the role very rewarding.'

Speaking on Monday, PIFNC president Chris Ross thanked Rod for his outstanding contribution to the Club

as gate keeper over 17 years.
"We are forever grateful. We are looking forward to meeting Rod's replacement, just as soon as he has found one, and welcoming him or her into our team of volunteers.

Rod can be contacted on 0400 488

Finals: 2s Company 1st on 26pts King Pins, 2nd on 25.5pts Palms and 3rd on 20.5pts Pinheads.

Top scores for the season were: Raff Merante 225 and Jenny-Anne 175.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 193.5pts Knackers, 2nd on 163.5pts Just Bowl Already and 3rd on 162pts

Top scores for the season were: Steve R Clarke 223 and Chloe Else 203.

Business league: Once again, the top four teams from each early and late business league battled it out in a knockout round to see who was crowned winner for this season.

In the last round S&R Clarke and 201 and Strike it Lucky 157.

head in a nail-biting finale.

Last season's champions S&R Clarke's crown was taken with Woo-

ly Rollers getting the win. Congratulations Johnny Lia, Kerri and Troy Monk.

Business finalists: The Redundants, Old Timers, Happy Hour, City Lights, Sassy Gronks and 3 Stooges.

This season's high score was Charlie Gritzalis 207.

Phantom: 1st on 20pts Barks, 2nd on 18pts Strike it Lucky and 3rd on 17pts Towball.

Season high scores were: Towball

Dart League results

In round 12 of Darts, the Riverboys idly escalating. and That's All emerged victorious with impressive performances, while the Newbies secured a resounding 5-2 win against the Clangers.

Let's extend our congratulations to Anders Geier for his outstanding achievement of throwing a 180 last week! As the finals draw near, the intensity of the competition among teams vying for coveted spots is rap-

The heat is on as they fiercely battle for a chance to secure their berths in the finals.

New players are always welcome. If you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female, please contact Scott Lethbridge 0407 543 154 or scott@glpc.

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Position	Team	Points
1	THE VIKINGS	18
2	RIVERBOYS	16
3	THAT'S ALL	15
4	THE CLANGERS	13
5	STORM	8
6	JOE'S HORNETS	8
7	NEWBIES	6
Round 12	19/06/2023	Scores
	RIVERBOYS v JOE'S HORNETS	6/1
	THAT'S ALL v STORM	6/1
	NEWBIES v THE CLANGERS	5/2
	THE VIKINGS	BYE



Year 6 students – Rufus Hollole, Kody Lewis and Miller Micallef. More photos at pisra.com.au



The Wright brothers – Flynn (Year 4), Oscar (Year 2) and Hugo



Ethan Tilley – Year 8.

Newhaven College's Mountain Biking Team back for 2023

With high hopes and months of practice behind them, the Newhaven College Mountain Biking Team arrived at the grounds of Dromana College on June 18, ready to take on their opponents in Round 1 of the 2023 Alpinestars Victorian Schools MTB Series.

The 3.2km urban style course took riders through a combination of paved pathways between the school buildings, parkland and around the sports oval at facilities.

short of securing a podium finish, their unwavering spirit and relentless efforts were evident in every aspect of their endeavours.

Newhaven College MTB Team Coordinator Eve Hollole expressed her immense pride in the team's performance, emphasising the values of resilience and perseverance that they demonstrated.

'While we didn't secure a place on the podium this time, the resil-Dromana College's purpose-built ience and humour our team displayed throughout the competi-

Although this time the team fell tion is testament to their character and the team's indomitable spirit," she said.

> Year 4 student Ethan Lynch proved his mettle, conquering the challenging, muddy terrain with his skilful manoeuvring and was firmly on track for third place in the U11 boys. However, just 20 metres away from the finish line, exhilaration turned into heartbreak in a split second when he went down on his derailleur bringing his incredible journey to an abrupt end.

ment, Ethan displayed remarkable courage and resilience.

Ethan's brother, Year two student Austin Lynch also missed out on placing, coming in a respectable fourth place in the U9 boys.

Newhaven College's commitment to excellence in MTB extends beyond the pursuit of trophies.

"Our goal is to develop wellrounded individuals who not only excel in the sport but also embody values such as teamwork, sports-

Despite the pain and disappoint- manship, and determination," Eve

"Mountain biking provides a platform for personal growth and self-discovery, and these are values we strive to instil in all of our riders."

With such promising and passionate young riders at the helm, the future of mountain biking in the Bass Coast looks bright and Newhaven College is set to continue making waves to highlight the benefits of the sport, one pedal at a time.



David Saric Gary Storer and Mark Hone were the winners of the Winter 2 Bowl Nominated Triples played on Tuesday.



Winners of Social bowls at Cowes this week were Eric Wild, Derel MacDonald and Tony

Phillip Island Bowls results

Winter 2 Bowl Nominated Triples

Phillip Island Bowls Club held the sixth round of the Winter 2 Bowl Nominated Triples on Tuesday.

Light rain falling in the first game made bowling uncomfortable but then the sun came out and made bowling a lot more pleasant.

Best last game George Pargeter, Scotty Miller and John Paterno.

Runners up for the day Alan Beddows, John Batty and Ken Gill. Congratulations to our winners Mark Hone, Gary Storer and David Saric.

Social bowls

With a perfect day for bowling our social bowlers were presented with a cloudy day with bursts of sunshine. Runners up for the day Michael Frost, Alan

Baughurst and Bruce Puncher.

Congratulations to our winners Derek Mac-Donald, Tony Steward and Eric Wild.

OBrien 500

Fourth round of the OBrien 500 was held with both greens in use.

The first game was held in perfect bowling conditions with sunshine and a slight breeze which our bowlers enjoyed.

In the second game after eight ends the lon and Dave Lawrence.



Winners of Obrien 500 bowls were Dave Lawrence and Dave Hanlon.

heavens opened and we had rain and hail, so all bowlers retreated to the club rooms to wait for the match committee to work out the results for the day.

Best last game John Hall and Inge Royce. Runners up for the day Jim Murry and Lindsay Meredith.

Congratulations to our winners Dave Han-



A Grade players Kristy and Ella on the run in Saturday's game.

An intense encounter: Stars and the Island battle it out

Phillip Island: 36 def by Garfield: 54.

B Grade

Another tough battle on the court. B Grade gave it their all against Garfield, but unfortunately, fell short in the end.

They started the game strong, showing their determination and skill

The defence line, consisting of Ruby, Sophia, and Isla, put up an incredible fight, making it difficult for Garfield to score.

Their relentless effort and teamwork were truly commendable.

Kate Williams (WD) played a pivotal role in keeping her opponent out of the game. Well done, Kate.

In the goal third, our team showcased excellent rotations, creating scoring opportunities and keeping the pressure on Garfield's defence.

us this time, our offensive strategy was strong, and we'll keep working hard to improve. Phillip Island: 44 def by Garfield: 62.

C Grade

Phillip Island: 28 def by Garfield: 38.

D Grade

Phillip Island: 9 def by Gar-field: 7. field: 47.

solid netball.

At the end of the first quarter Phillip Island had a 10-goal lead.

Defence players were extremely strong for the Island, resulting in no goals being scored by the opposition during the second and third quarters. Strong passes from centre court and accurate goals from Phillip Island girls also helped to heavily extend their lead.

Garfield came out in the last quarter with determination, but Phillip Island were the stronger side with final scores

Best on: Maya Huther and Tilly McKenna.

Phillip Island: 54 def Gar-



 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{Even though victory eluded} \ \ \mbox{B Grade netballers had a great match against Garfield.}$ More photos at pisra.com.au

Phillip Island: 55 def Garfield: 1.

U13

Phillip Island: 37 def Gar-

An icy Saturday morning A chilly winter morning at saw us venture down to Gar-Garfield saw the Island girls field in what was going to be start strong and play some another tight game considering the ladder positions of both teams.

Unfortunately, Ella was a late out due to sickness, but Claire was able to fill the void coming across from the LDNA team for the day.

Milla was named captain for the day and showed great leadership and a calm head when the game was tight and needed it.

The first quarter the girls flew out of the gates with plenty of ball coming into the circle, but just couldn't capitalise on the opportunity.

On the other end, the defence was strong, but when the Garfield goalers had their chance, they didn't miss.

Second quarter the girls had a couple of changes, one being Ellie that went into GS and started nailing them from everywhere. Olive continued her great season so far contributing to goals and linking up well through the middle of the court.

The second half was a battle going goal for goal, with our girls still getting plenty of it in good spots but just not being able to put Garfield away. Evie and Marley were doing a great job deep in defence repelling a lot of attacks, but Garfield had their eye in when shooting goals and kept them in it for the day.

The end score of 20-17 proved how close the competition is and what a great game it was from both sides.

Awards went to Marley for a great game in defence and to Claire who filled in for the day and was a key part of the girls getting another win on the board!

We enter the mid-season break on a little streak and can't wait for the next game against the undefeated Tooradin team. Go Island.

Phillip Island: 20 def Garfield: 17.

2023 LDNA Winter competition

Saturdays Under 15s netball comp saw Phillip Island take on IK Blue Whales.

dominance getting the first two goals of the game

Fast turnovers in the mid court with our speedy centre, Pepper, saw our goal shooter Scarlet get the first goal for Phillip Island. Heading into the second quarter the girls

were down by four points but maintained focus to try and get in the lead.

A change of Tilly going into WA helped the ball get into the goal ring swiftly.

A couple of quick goals by Izzy still saw Island trailing by three points at half time. Quarter three proved difficult with lots of U11

turnovers and intercepts from IK. Despite Island putting pressure onto the opposition and Makenzie deflecting the ball as it

came to the outer circle, their lead drew out to six points. The fourth quarter put Island's defenders to the test and despite the best efforts of Anna in get moving. GD and Tahlia in GK, the opposition cemented

their win with a final score of 19 to 11. Best on court Pepper Burke and Mia Caile.

Phillip Island: 11 def by IK Blue Whales: 19.

U13 Phillip Island Vs Town White on Saturday

was an epic game to watch from start to finish. With three players down we had the pleasure of welcoming Olive to fill in. Olive completely owned and dominated her WD position for all

Not far down the court Olive's older sister Georgie was tearing it up in the Center position, her speed and smart positioning saw her opponent unable to keep up.

Scarlette in GD and Sera in GK had a tough battle on their hands thanks to the height of the Town White shooters, nevertheless both girls stepped up, fought hard and intercepted some

great passes which saw fewer chances for Town White to score.

Ava's smart thinking and her precision pass-The first quarter the opposition showed their es to the shooters while on top of the ring didn't go unnoticed.

> With our highest scoring game to date, special mention must go to Frankie in GA and India in GS the dynamic duo saw a whopping 35 goals shot between them.

The Phillip Island girls were all fantastic at sticking strongly on their players until the final

The exceptional teamwork the girls displayed paid off in the end, winning by 14 goals.

Awards to Scarlette and India. Phillip Island: 35 def Town White: 21.

There were mostly clear skies at the Leongatha Netball Courts, with not much wind which was a relief from the previous few weeks.

The girls were feeling the effects of the end of semester and a big first half of the season, starting slowly and needing encouragement to

The girls went into half time with the scores two all, but it wasn't through lack of opportunity and Mt Eccles being accurate and making the most of their minimal opportunities.

At half time we spoke about working hard for each other and spreading out away from the ball carrier.

The girls responded amazingly scoring five goals to none in the second half. Special mention to all the defenders who lim-

ited the ball getting into the ring of Mt Eccles. The effort and teamwork paid off when opportunities started to fall our way.

Final scores were 7-2, Phillip Island's way. Best on court went to Rylee Dunk who ran all day in centre and lead by example, and April Fraser who was always in the right place at the right time to intercept.

Phillip Island: 7 def Mt Eccles: 2.

Breakers good run comes to an end

The Breakers good run came to an end this week when they faced an experienced Seaford lineup.

Kicking with the wind in the first quarter the Breakers were first to get on the board with Jenna Russo kicking a nice goal on the run.

Unfortunately for the home side a second goal after the siren wasn't counted.

Aided by the wind, Seaford did most of the attacking in the second quarter.

The Breakers' defence held strong for most of the quarter with the visitors capitalising on a set shot straight in front late in the quarter.

The match got scrappier in the second half with Stacey Poke and Sophie Bolding working hard at the stoppages but neither team was able to clear the ball out of the pack.

With Seaford dropping numbers back the ball spent a long time in the rail trail pocket with the Breakers unable to find a clear avenue to score.

The last quarter was much of the same

A long torp from the pocket gave Seaford the advantage. Despite Chelsea Connell and Jenna Russo doing their best to push the ball forward the Breakers couldn't clear the congestion.

Final Score: Seaford 2.5-17 def garane.



Stacey Poke takes a strong mark in defence in the Breakers match against Seaford on the weekend.

Breakers 1.3-9.

Goals: J Russo.

Best: S. Poke, K. O'Neill, J. Russo, C. Connell, S. Bolding and T. An-

The Breakers travel to SkyBus Stadium next Sunday 3pm to take on Frankston.

The match follows the Frankston v Collingwood VFL match.

U16s player Yianni Caffieri smoothly kicks to his teammate.

Bulldogs outshine Stars in scrappy contest

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Scores: Phillip Island: 3.3.21, 7.7.49, 13.14.92, 16.17.113. Garfield: 1.1.7, 2.5.17, 3.5.23, 4.6.30.

Goals: Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen – 4, Max Blake – 3, Daniel Bourke, Kai Mackenzie – 2. Garfield: Angus Emery, Mark Griffiths, Jahmain Harrison, Lachie Spinks – 1. Best Players: Phillip Island: Mark Griffin, Hayden Bruce, Cameron Pedersen, Jack Taylor, Billy Taylor, Max Blake. Garfield: Joel Batson, Jack Barnes, Jack Tenace-Greenall, Finn Hower, Christopher Diston, Zac Souta.

Reserves

Six changes in the Seniors meant the ranks of the Reserves were further depleted for the clash against eighth placed Garfield.

With four of their own injuries, numerous Senior players missing and tough match for the Under 18 reducing the numbers available, the Bulldogs called on the services of Dads army to take on the Stars.

In stepped Todd Cleeland, Rob Linford, Kevin Taylor, Luke Glossop, Daniel McGinley and Jeremy Van Stripj to fill the void - adding to the experience of Dean Blake and the recently recalled Daniel Larsson.

The Bulldogs started well, with Jett McMillan stepping into the ruck role, and coach Nicolaci elusive in the mid-field. Kirby Fuller was a welcome addition to the backline - back from several weeks on the sidelines - and he held the defence together as the Stars attacked. Harry Anderson was elusive again in the forward line, and the Bulldogs led by 30-16 at the main break.

Tyce Kleverkamp stepped up in the third, as well as young gun Darcy Saw and assistant coach Kev Taylor. Nevertheless, the Stars matched the Bulldogs with a bunch of their younger kids performing admirably and keeping them in the game with a 13-point margin at the final change.

To the credit of the Stars, they continued to press in the last.

Coming home hard, they managed to penetrate the tight defence of the Bulldogs despite the continuing efforts of Todd Cleeland and Kirby Fuller.

Robbie Linford showed he is still capable of winning the hard ball again and again, and in a desperate final 15 minutes the Bulldogs were able to hold on for a one-point win.

Entering the bye round sitting a solid fourth on the ladder, and with

an expected influx of returning players against Tooradin, there is plenty to look forward to for the Bulldogs. **Scores:** Phillip Island: 3.5.23, 4.6.30, 7.7.49, 8.8.56. Garfield: 1.1.7, 2.4.16, 5.6.36, 8.7.55.

Goals: Phillip Island: Harry Anderson, Dylan Susic, Kevin Taylor – 2, Dean Blake, Luke Glossop – 1. Garfield: Liam Reid - 4, Tyler Constantine - 2, Jack Salan, Riley Youssef - 1. **Best Players:**

Phillip Island: Todd Cleeland, Kirby Fuller, Darcy Saw, James Nicolaci, Jett McMillan, Kevin Taylor.

Garfield: Liam Reid, Riley Youssef. Tyler Constantine, Matthew Bow, Jason Pisa, Oliver Whibley.

Under 18s

Scores: Phillip Island: 2.1.13, 3.2.20, 6.4.40, 8.5.53. Garfield: 3.0.18, 6.1.37, 8.2.50, 9.5.59.

Goals: Phillip Island: James Lewis - 3, Jack Johnston – 2, Alexander Barbati, Noah Muller, Zac Walker – 1. Garfield: Jake VanDenBerghe - 3, Ben Tenace-Greenall, Theo Zaccari – 2.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Zac Walker, Beau Davies, Darcy Thompson, James Lewis, Brayden Kleverkamp, Noah Muller. Garfield: Ben Tenace-Greenall, Kain O'Dwyer, Archer Burgmann, Jake VanDenBerghe, Theo Zaccari.

Under 16s

The U16s Phillip Island Bulldogs played away against Garfield on Saturday, for round 11.

In a fantastic display of sportsmanship, Max Taylor, Čade Wragg, Archie Ross and Will Peppard volunteered to round up the numbers for Garfield as they were short and played a great game with them well done.

Once again, the Bulldogs came home with a convincing win.

The team was credited with holding their positions, communicating well and working through their rotations seamlessly.

Scores: Phillip Island: 4.4.28, 8.5.53, 14.8.92, 18.14.122. Garfield: 0.0.0, 1.1.7, 1.1.7, 1.1.7.

Goals: Phillip Island: Jasper Cashman, Joel Robinson, Noah Williams - 3, Max Kelsey - 2. Garfield: N/A

Best Players: Phillip Island: Noah Williams, William Hill, Joel Rob inson, Jasper Cashman, Benjamin Chihotski, Oliver Duggan.

Garfield: Joseph Zaccari, Diesel Ashe, Taijien Koesemans, Joseph Hardiman, Maarten Braaksma, Sasson Alden-Brown

Youth girls victorious

Sunday, June 25, the Phillip Island Youth Girls AFLW team played Churchill at home. Unfortunately, the junior teams

had a bye but there still managed to be a few observers. Our fearless leader, Captain Joria (Jorga) Newman played her

50th game and Tierlin Hamley played her first Youth Girls match, coming up from under 14s. Conditions were absolutely atrocious, unlike anything seen all

The girls started off slowly, but mid-way through the first quarter found their kicking feet and start-

They shared the scoring around the team, with ten girls kicking goals and some even multiples.

Phillip Island were able to mercy (60 points ahead) Churchill early in the third quarter, but the score's

kept coming.
They finished the game 103 points to 0.

Congratulations to Jorja and the girls on a strong performance and thanks to Dale Gude for coaching. Goal Kickers: Monica (3), Bella, Gisele, Lilli (2), Tess, Qiarshi,

Mackenzie, Summer C, Summer J, Best: Jade, Bella, Monica, Lily



Captain of the Youthgirls team Jorja Newman who played her 50th game on Sunday, with coach Dale Gude.

Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, June 20

season.

Men's 18 Hole Stroke Monthly Medal

A Grade winner: Dan McConnon (6) with Nett 70 from Luke Kelly (9)

B Grade winner: Glenn Botterill (20) with 75 Nett c/b from Warren Hahnel (21).

C Grade winner and Mid-week Monthly Medal winner: Nigel Firth (23) with Nett 68 from Chris Vanderhayden (25) Nett 72.

BDL to Nett 75.

NTP: 5th Alex Bowden, 7th David Nicoll, 10th Mark Dickson and 17th Mike Fitzmaurice.

Men's 9 Hole Stableford

Winner: David Gladman (16) with 19 points from Rob Pascoe (14) 18 BDL to 13 points c/b.

Ladies, lune 21. Ladies Stableford

A Grade winner: Helen Coghlan Open 9 Hole Stableford (17) with 39 points.

B grade winner: Liz O'Neill (31) with 36 points.

C Grade winner: Michelle Pardoe (36) with 38 points.

BDL to 31 points c/b.

(Elbow), Jorja, Macca.

NTP: 7th Robyn Docker, 10th Liz O'Neill and 17th Emma Hall.

9 Hole competition winner was Lynore Mercer (33) with 18 points from Lyn Ward (33) 17 points c/b. BDL to 14 points c/b.

Thursday, June 22

Open Par

A Grade winner: Heath Grace (13) with +2 from Christian Lloyd (12) -1 c/b. B Grade winner: Fred Panozzo (16) with -1.

C Grade winner: Barry Melven (31) with 0 c/b from John Savas (25). BDL to -2 c/b.

NTP: 5th Ron Davies, 7th Heath Grace, 10th John Leheny and 17th Phil Cooksey.

Winner was Steve Rieger (26)

with 20 points from Reg Browne (35) 18 Points c/b from Ron Hateley. BDL to 15 points c/b.

Saturday, June 24

Men's Stableford

A Grade winner: Neville Thurgood (6) with 38 points from Lawrence Ferrara (9) 36 points.

B Grade winner: Chris Sanderson (17) with 38 points c/b from Paul Ledwith (15).

C Grade winner: Andrew Rundle (39) with 37 points from Mike Fitzmaurice (20) 36 points c/b.

BDL to 32 points c/b.

NTP: 5th Travis Johnson, 7th Dan McConnon, 10th Stewart Hamilton and 17th Owen Trumper.

Ladies winners

Jan Daff (31) won with 39 points from Ada Anglin (13) 34 points. BDL to 31 points c/b.

O'Neill, 10th Shannon Turmper and 17th Lesley Meadowcroft.

9 Hole Open Stableford winner was Patrick Owens (21) with 17 points c/b from Basil Moloney (15). BDL to 15 c/b.

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U14s coach Frank with the team who played against Drouin in freezing cold conditions!



Four of our Breakers footballers, Lara, Tiki, Ailish and Michaela were part of the team that were runners-up in the Go Girls Cup in Wonthaggi.

Breakers soccer repo

Saturday morning the Break-ers hosted the South Western/Bass but not well enough to score. As always great defence Coast hub, with our Mini Roos once again out on the pitch having a great time running around with mates.

Later that day 20 of our young female footballers headed over to Wonthaggi for the Go Girls Cup which saw our very own Lara, Tiki, Ailish and Michaela being a part of the team that was runners up.

It was a fantastic showcase of our talented young girls, and the Breakers committee are excited to be in the process of planning more opportunities to encourage more girls to join soccer (stay tuned).

U12A

U12s played in cold and very windy conditions against the top team on the 12B ladder, the Drouin

With a few players out due to sickness, and fierce winds Callum gave the team a strong word that they needed to be 'on' from the minute they stepped onto the ground.

First quarter wind was going in Island's favour and the ball spent most of the time in Island's half.

Toby kicked the first goal which just skimmed over the Keeper's hands.

Levi caught and stopped the next Drouin goal.

As always great defence in the backline from Nash, Zac and Tahlia and Jackson and Kavish who redirected the ball in Island's favour on a number of occasions.

Midline was Seb, Leo, Hunter and Toby who all did their job in continuing to move the ball down the

Another great save by Levi for the Breakers as goalie and Drouin are still goalless at half time.

In the second half the directive from coach Callum was to get to the ball first and keep the ball low and on the ground to avoid the wind.

A goal to Drouin levelled the score one all.

A few shots on goal from both teams but no scores either way saw the game finish a draw.

Callum commended the team for continuing to push in tough conditions and never giving up.

The weekend's U14s game was not only a battle between the Breakers and the Drouin Dragons but also Mother Nature!

Strong, freezing winds had a big impact on the game but despite the weather, both teams put in a quality performance.

Lots of chances at goal unfor-The Dragons were playing well tunately in the first half didn't



U12A player of the match went to Kalyan who did a great job in the forward line

quite make it through for us but the team went back out with clear heads again despite the wind being against us in the second half.

Even though our players could barely feel their hands they had great speed chasing up the ball and maintaining the pressure on Drouin in yet another nail biter finish.

At the final whistle scores were

Goals from Jarvis McDonald, Jasper Saunders and Hamish Farnam.

The under 17s Phillip Island Breakers hosted Drouin Dragons on Sunday.

With a strong Northerly wind Captain Cadel Tsioulakis won the toss, and chose to kick with the wind to the Southern end of the pitch.

From the first whistle it was evident the Phillip Island Breakers were the dominant team.

Throughout the first half we had multiple shots on goal, some shots off target some saved by the Drouin keeper, however Nate Anderson, Josh Vojkovic, Anthony Petropoulos and Xavier Godena put the Breakers four goals up at half time

each scoring goals.
Second half – Drouin now with the wind advantage.

The Breakers went from a 3-5-2 to a 5-3-2 this worked well as Drouin found it extremely hard to penetrate our strong Defence.

Anthony Petropoulos scored his second goal and Jad Ellaz also joined the team sheet with a goal.

Drouin were awarded a penalty and were lucky to find the back of the net with a great diving attempt to save the goal from Justin Tran.

Dylan Gregory copped a ball to his nose (for the second week running), he came off briefly and when returning to the pitch scored not one, but two goals past the keeper.

The U17s are playing so well as a team, passing the ball to feet and sharing the ball around unselfishly.

Special mention to Solo Scarlett for his solid performance in defence, Angus Dempsey for his performance in defence then moving to the midfield in the second half. He had the ball on a string and assisted a couple of goals.

Adam Dean also put in a great performance in Defence. As a whole from the Keeper through to our strik-

ers it was a solid day played by all. Final scores Phillip Island 8 -Drouin 1.

Goal scorers - Anthony Petropoulos 2, Dylan Gregory 2, Josh Vojkovic, Xavier Godena, Nate Anderson and Jad Ellaz 1 goal.

This win puts the team five points ahead on top of the ladder.

Next Sunday the Breakers are off to Leongatha to take on the Knights! Go Breakers.

Other results for this weekend

U12B Red defeated Drouin 6 - 1 Reserves defeated Drouin 5 -Women's drew with Drouin 3 - 3 Seniors defeated Drouin 4 - 1

tion were very close with Bron Sund

and John Farr on 56.85 per cent, Caroline Shaw and Anne Hodgson on 56.12 per cent. and Lorrie read

Game on at Koo Wee Rup Bowls Club

A cold morning greeted the 36 players who arrived at Koo Wee Rup, to once again fight it out for team(s) of the week.

David set up the greens and raised the flags. Pauline and John greeted everyone and collected the fees, while Peter prepared the teams.

When we got out on the green, we were all pleasantly surprised as coats and jumpers were discarded, and the sun started to beat down on us all.

The bowling was all quality with very few errant bowls, which says quite a bit about the excellent condition of the green. As usual some great friendly banter and lots of laughter heard around the greens. However,



Winners of Midweek bowls played at Koo Wee Rup were Ken Harding (S), Laurie Bell (3), Kevin Kitchin (L) and Bill Williams (2).

not everyone can be the winner.

This week's winners on 36 points were: Ken Harding (S), Laurie Bell (3), Bill Williams (2) and Kevin

Kitchin (L).

Runners up on 32 points were: Tony Heppleston (3), Robyn Coulson (3), Gwen Jeffrey (2) and Elaine Williams (L).

Best one Game on 24 points were: Michael Dady (S), Frank D'Unienville (3) and Peter Thorley (L).

It was great to see Elaine return following her fall almost a year ago - also great to see her in the winner's circle on her first game back.

A big thank you to David in the bar as well as for cleaning up after the game with Luke, Helen and Laurie.

Next week we will be meeting at Lang Lang at 10am, we look forward to seeing everyone there.

Bridge results

Monday, June 19 was the second round of the winter pairs.

Winners on the day were Lorrie read and Neville Chapman on 58.33 per cent.

In second place were Moya Crowley and Michael Dooley on 57.41 per

Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson finished third on 56.02 per cent.

Place getters in the final competi-

and Neville Chapman 55.56 per On Monday June 21, Caroline Shaw and Leng Haggith had another good day at the tables taking first

place on 63.54 per cent. Diane Coleman and Shirley

Weaver teamed up to come second on 58.33 per cent and Paul Waylen and Karen Klym finished third on 52.08 per cent.

Euchre results

Ladies' winner: Phyllis Staples -6 wins. Men's winner: Bob Hee - 8 wins.

Encouragement award: Ian Brown. Please Contact Bob Hee for any further information on 0418 173 388.



Bryce Hindhaugh takes a great leap against Garfield on Saturday in the Seniors match. More photos at pisra.com.au

Bulldogs outshine Stars in scrappy contest

A visit to the 'MCG' of the West Gippsland FNC on Saturday didn't disappoint.

The ground at Garfield was its usual magnificent self, completely defying all the recent rain, revealing a surface that was just

A great day of country football beckoned, despite the significant differences between the teams on the relative ladders.

The Garfield FNC were also working hard to raise awareness and funding for Breast Cancer Australia, with special attire for the netballers and pink socks for the footballers.

A great cause that the Bulldogs were more than happy to support wherever possible.

Seniors

Bulldogs this week.

Experienced defenders Damien Holmes and Jason Tomada were joined by Tarquin McMillan in the backline, whilst Cameron Brown and Jack Papas returning to the forward line, the latter after an unfortunate vehicle accident saw Noah Bee-Hickman a late withdrawal.

Jack Opitz returned to the Seniors as well.

Still fielding eight players under 21, the youthfulness of the Bulldogs was offset by the Garfield Stars with many young players making up their improving list.

the occasion to heart, offering our Pink matchday footballs for the Breast Cancer support day an offer whole-heartedly accepted by Garfield after the rejection



Reserves had a great one-point win, Kirby Fuller in action.

Many changes again for the of said balls by another unnamed club earlier in the year.

In perfect conditions at the start, the game was to be competitive all day, with the young Stars pushing the Bulldogs in all

With the pink ball flying, it looked as though the Bulldogs were finding the ball slippery and difficult to handle, the opposite of the Stars who seemed far more assured with their ball movement.

After an early arm wrestle, the Bulldogs were able to gain more forward presence and penetration. With Max Blake dominant The Bulldogs took the spirit of and Jack (twinkle toes) Taylor quarter time with a 21-7 lead.

The ruck rotations of Pedersen. Bourke and Jai Jordan took over

in the second, feeding the midfield being led by Hayden Bruce and causing a lot of problems for the Garfield defence.

Goals early in the second to Pedersen and Jai (after a wonderful interception from a Garfield kick-out) were the highlights until Max Blake stepped up with a strong mark and goal from 50.

The Stars wouldn't give in and found a goal with a strong mark their consistency with a single from Lachie Spinks and things tightened.

Then some more Taylor magic – the Bulldogs entered the half time break 49-17 up.

After something of a lecture WGFNC ladder. dancing through the forward from coach Pedersen on ground line and goaling, the Bulldogs hit at half time, the Bulldogs started ing up for an all-important 2 v even more slowly, with Lachie 3 clash at the Kennel against Spinks stepping up for his second, Tooradin in two weeks' time! and a difference of just 26 points.

Suddenly something clicked for the Bulldogs.

Max Blake hit the goals and then back man turned forward Mark (Griffo) Griffin took a couple of great marks - the first of which was kicked like a back-man, but then a beautiful goal conversion following soon

Ben Taylor showed that dancing feet ran in the Taylors line, resulting in a goal.

Cam Pedersen dominating, Bryce Hindhaugh stepped in, and Daniel Bourke put the final nail in the third quarter coffin for the Stars.

A 92-23 lead at three quarter time seemed fair.

The last stanza opened with a typical Victorian winter weather blast.

The wind dropped, rain came in, sun came back, and the wind picked up again - all in a matter of five minutes.

The apparently slightly slippery pink ball became a piece of soap, with ball-handling dropping away.

The Bulldogs managed to kick a couple more goals, whilst the Stars were able to maintain goal, thereby scoring a goal in every quarter.

With a final margin of 83 this time from Billy Taylor - and points, the Bulldogs will now enter the bye this week jumping into second plac

The break will be about gear-

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