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# Farewell Peter Dann, penguin defender

Dr Peter Dann, Phillip Island Nature Parks' longest serving staff member is now retiring after 42.5 years.

Dr Peter Dann is synonymous with penguins.

As one of Phillip Island's first penguin researchers in 1980, his renown in Nature Parks is almost equal to that of the feathered icons and their nightly parade.

Peter has been critical in ensuring the penguin's survival.

When he started 42 years ago the island's penguin population numbered about 8000 – 10,000. Today it totals more than 40,000 breeding birds.

"The greatest achievement of the last 40 years is the recovery of the little penguin population to be the largest little penguin population in the world," Peter says, adding it was a team effort.

The 68-year-old was one of the great minds who worked to remove foxes from the island.

"Phillip Island is now the largest (human) populated area in the

world that foxes have been removed from," he says.

Peter was instrumental in the state government buyback of 180 homes – as well as a motel, milk bar and shell museum – on the Summerland Peninsula to create penguin habitat and remove the threat of road kill.

"It is the only time it has been done in the world, that a town has been removed for conservation purposes.

"It couldn't just be a good idea, it had to be evidence-based and we had to make predictions when the parade would cease to have penguins. If nothing changed, I estimated the parade would have ceased to exist by 1997."

Peter was even there when the penguin parade was originally managed by the then Phillip Island Shire . . . it was the Phillip Island Shire that saw the need for penguin research . . . and the "tussle" that

was involved when the state government took over management of the penguin reserve.

So now, having clocked up more than 42 years of service, it will feel a little odd for penguins and parade staff alike when Peter finally hangs up his badge as research director. Although, technically, even though he's retiring he won't be slowing down.

"I still have four PhD students I'll continue to co-supervise. I have a backlog of (scientific) papers to be written.

"So many things will be difficult to hand over because of the level of complexity so I will always be available to the Nature Parks to join the dots.

"I also hope to write a book on the birds of Phillip Island, which I've been keeping notes on for 20 years."

"I'm one of those lucky people where my work is an important part of my life."

## Farewell

About 80 friends, family and staff attended a farewell for Peter earlier this month at the penguin parade centre, which was followed by a visit for all attendees to the parade.

Peter says he has seen the penguin parade well in excess of 1000 times and it never becomes boring.

"The impact on me has not been diminished. It still is just as engaging as ever," says the father-of-three and grandfather-of-two.

"It's always good to see them thriving, that is particularly rewarding. The fact they've done so well over the last few decades and are going about their lives and that staff are doing their best to manage them in the context of future difficulties is rewarding."

Peter departs at a critical time in the global environment.

He says 60 per cent of the world's 18 species of penguins are currently threatened.

"And we know why. It's because of predation by introduced species, commercial fisheries, pollution, habitat destruction and climate change."

Given he is at the coal face of seeing these impacts on wildlife, is he positive about the future?

"Until we address our population growth it's going to be difficult to reach the long-term targets that we need to with climate change."

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## Funds to help with Jordan's fight

A GoFundMe page has been set up to help Phillip Island surfer Jordan Van Der Heyden, who was diagnosed with lung cancer late last year.

Organised by his cousin Riley Guy, the funds will help Jordan and his partner Ebba cover the costs associated with travelling to Melbourne for treatment, medication and day to day living expenses.

Riley said since the diagnosis Jordan has been on "a rollercoaster of hospital admissions" including chemotherapy and radiation, and extended stays in hospital.

Ebba has been by his side throughout, and consequently, the couple have had no income since the diagnosis.

"Jordan is well supported by his family and friends but he needs more support if he is able to keep on fighting for his life," said Riley.

"By donating to this Gofundme you will be showing Jordan how much people do care and want to help."

So far, the fund has raised over \$18,000 of its \$25,000 goal.

You can donate at [www.gofund.me/121b0ccc](http://www.gofund.me/121b0ccc) or visit [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and search for Jordan Van Der Heyden.



A GoFundMe page has been set up to help local surfer Jordan Van Der Heyden, who was diagnosed with lung cancer late last year.



The 360-metre coastal walk runs between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road. It is due to be finished by September.

## Cowes east rock wall: eyesore or engineering feat

Community opinion is divided on the soon-to-be-finished rock wall in Cowes east, with some seeing it as a desperate erosion fix, while others describe it as "eco vandalism".

Set to be finished by September, the contractor has so far constructed the first part of the wall from west-east up to 1.6m high, with the second part east to west to be about 1.9m high.

Commentators took to Facebook to share their opinions with Martin Walker saying the "beautiful beach" had been "ruined" "by what can only be described as an act of eco vandalism".

"It is totally out of scale with the surrounds and is a complete eyesore," Martin said.

Sally wrote the wall needed to be "substantial otherwise the erosion would keep happening" and critics should "wait for the end result".

Susie said the construction team had been operating in "shocking" weather conditions and tides, adding "you would lose houses if this was not done", to which others agreed the neighbouring homeowners were lucky the works were being done.

"The erosion from Cowes down to the Nits is a serious

and long-running problem that requires a serious and long-running solution" commented Steve.

"There is no denying it is a drastic change, but if nothing is done many people in Cowes and Silverleaves will lose their properties. Give it a chance."

Sheree thought it was an impressive engineering feat "to be able to place the rocks as they are: flat face up and resembling paving" and Rod asked how could the engineers have done it better.

Joe said in building the wall the shire was "damned if you do anything and damned if you don't".

### Criticism

Others weren't so forgiving. Jane thought the wall was "enormous" in scale.

"If only we could have just had the revetment wall without the access track. Would have been far less imposing, but we wouldn't have got the funding without it," she wrote.

"So I guess funding comes before aesthetics."

Matthew agreed it was an eyesore.

"Surely there was a better way. Looks like a rock monster vomited," he said.

Rod questioned how many

truckloads of sand had been removed from Anderson Road boat ramp to the Cowes east beach.

"The damage is terrible and will produce problem with further erosion," Rod wrote.

Andrea said she understood "something had to be done" but "was this what they visualised".

Another resident wrote he was concerned the rock wall would push erosion "further down Silverleaves' coastline".

"In other places the rock walls look somewhat natural. This looks totally un-natural."

Jan said she agreed with the criticism and asked how residents would access the beach from the wall.

Leslie added homes should not be allowed to be built on land prone to flooding and tidal inundation.

The 360-metre coastal walk runs between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road.

Trucks hauling tonnes of rocks have been travelling through Gordon Street, Broughton Avenue, Perry Street and Rose Avenue.

Stage one last year saw the construction of eight timber groynes and the total project costs with the rock wall is \$3.35 million.

## Power pole maintenance works

AusNet crews were hard at work last week along Dunsmore Road and Steele Street in Cowes.

A spokesperson said the work was part of its regular maintenance schedule and involved the replacement of some poles and conductors.

"It is unrelated to the fault experienced on Phillip Island over the long weekend," the spokesperson said.

"Investigation is still underway as to the root cause of that fault and once complete, AusNet will prepare a plan to address the issue."



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# Surf Beach turbine shock

Surf Beach residents say the erection of a wind turbine in a residential street is a last-minute “desperate attempt” to stave off impending new laws.

In 2020 there was community outcry in Surf Beach after a Dixon Street resident was set to build a 10.5-metre-high turbine that required no permits.

One immediate neighbour even sold his property in anticipation of the turbine’s construction, with the erection up to now not eventuating.

In 2020 the shire said they were unable to intervene, saying only the state government could resolve the problem.

However, this month the shire released its draft Local Law 2022, including a new clause that bans residential wind turbines.

The draft was open for community feedback until June 16, with the final version set to be voted at council later this year.

Surf Beach residents said the turbine was erected last Thursday.

“We believe that the turbine has been completed in a desperate attempt to stave off the pending local law changes,” neighbour Chris said.

“This turbine is a complete eyesore, threatens the safety of the neighbourhood and will make as much noise as a motor mower seriously disturbing sleep patterns of the nearby neighbours.”

Neighbouring elderly pensioner Stan said he was concerned the turbine had not been erected correctly and posed a safety risk, adding that he held the shire responsible for any damage or injuries.

“As far as I know there has been no inspection of the turbine at all,” he said, adding the turbine was last week not yet turned on.

“I’m concerned about the noise so close to our bedroom, about eight metres away, and every time I walk



Residents said they had been advised by experts at Birdlife Australia the turbine “will seriously threaten” our native bird population, especially the fledgling shearwaters.

out I’m confronted by it. It’s visually intrusive.

“Where is the shire looking after my amenity?”

Stan said the turbine had caused him considerable stress over the past two years, with many sleepless nights.

He added that the owner of the turbine Rob McKittrick already had about 65 solar panels on the holiday home and a turbine was not required.

The Advertiser contacted Mr McKittrick for comment but at the time of going to print was yet to hear back. He has previously told the Advertiser he had followed all planning guidelines to build the turbine to specifications.

“I’ve spent a lot of money to investigate the rules and conform,” said

Rob.

Rob runs a Melbourne company that specialises in the design, manufacture and installation of safety guarding and control systems for industrial machinery, offering risk assessment and electrical contracting services.

## Shire response

Last Friday Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie released a statement saying she understood and shared “the community’s concerns about the turbine”.

However she did not commit to any specific enforcement action, including possible retrospective action based on the new local law.

“Council acknowledges that infrastructure of this height is not the desired aesthetic intended for our

coastal townships,” Ms Wastie said.

“We can only enforce current laws/legislation. As council’s new Local Law has not yet been adopted, any laws/rules within it are not yet in effect and Local Laws regulations cannot be applied retrospectively.

“Construction of the wind turbine did not require planning approval. Council exhausted all available planning avenues including writing to the Minister for Planning to intervene.

“Now it has been erected, if it is found the turbine breaches any compliance requirement or council’s Local Law, (such as height, noise, commercial in nature, used for advertising purpose, etc) – then council will pursue all enforcement options available to ensure the breach is fully rectified.”

The clause in the new draft Local Law states that “unless permitted under the planning scheme or other legislation, an owner or occupier of private property must not, without a permit, erect or install, or cause or allow to be erected or installed, a wind turbine or similar device, other than a wind energy facility, on any land less than 5000 square metres in a built-up area”.

## Birds

Residents said they had been advised by experts at Birdlife Australia the turbine “will seriously threaten” our native bird population, especially the fledgling shearwaters.

In 2020 BirdLife Australia Coastal Birds Project Officer Dr Daniel Lees wrote to the shire planning team objecting to the turbine.

“This proposed wind turbine will have extremely detrimental consequences to the colony, both as adult birds return each night to feed their chicks and especially as the naïve fledgling chicks practice flying and leave the colony,” Dr Lees said.

“Although we appreciate the property owner is making an effort to transfer to green energy, in such close proximity to a seabird colony, in this case the construction of a wind turbine, is inappropriate and we oppose its construction and operation.”

Immediate neighbour Anthony sold his property in anticipation of the turbine’s construction.

“We sold because of the turbine and had to put a clause into the sale of contract about it being built,” Anthony said, adding the shire had “completely fobbed us off”.

He said the noise would be like “a lawnmower at midnight”.

Residents said they supported renewable energy, but not on the scale of the proposed turbine so close to homes.

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# Not happy campers: new accommodation too costly

There is a shortfall of accommodation in Bass Coast to meet demand, especially the free camping market, according to a new Bass Coast Shire review.

However, while the review found more than 130 camp sites and 1100 rooms will be needed by 2032, it stopped short of making any concrete recommendations because of the considerable costs involved.

At last December's meeting, councillors voted for officers to complete a Strategic Review of Camping in the shire, with Cr Rochelle Halstead highlighting potential missed opportunities in the free camping market.

The review, released at the June council meeting and written by consultants Urban Enterprise, found gaps in the accommodation market including: serviced apartments, luxury hotels and resorts, commercial campground/holiday parks and experiential accommodation targeting families, couples and the international market.

"The Bass Coast region is currently not tapping into the significant revenue derived from self-contained RV travellers," the review finds, saying caravan travellers spend about \$100 per day per traveller.

"This projected need could be met by the establishment of two contemporary tourist parks, with high-quality cabins, located in a natural setting."

## Doubts

The review found while there would be future need, it was "unclear whether there is a need for council to directly offer these accommodation types or advocate for the creation of new commercial establishments".

"The review has also been unable to determine whether the significant and ongoing investment required to establish and implement low cost and free camping would generate enough economic benefit to be something that council should pursue."

The review concluded a caravan and camping market not appropriately managed – especially free camping – would have environmental impacts and potential to impact commercial operators.



These two motorhomes camped illegally at Oswin Roberts Reserve on the weekend. A review of camping in the shire said free camping not appropriately managed would have environmental impacts and potential to impact commercial operators.

If managed by council it would cost ratepayers significant money "that could be used elsewhere" and so it recommended the shire's upcoming Economic Development Strategy explore the issue further.

"It is vital that commercial establishments remain viable and continue to have a positive economic impact on the community," it states.

"The natural environment of Bass Coast is subjected to increasing levels of recreation and tourism which must be sensitively managed."

## Dump point

The review states to attract free campers, a free public dump point in Bass Coast would be required, where self-contained travellers dispose of their waste, grey and black water.

While several dump points exist across the shire they are reserved for paying guests.

The review concludes the Newhaven Tourist Information Centre should not be considered as it is not a drive through site.

Alternatively a free dump point "might be suitable" on the Bass Highway in Grantville, at a rough cost of about \$70,000.

The review says Wonthaggi would be best suited to be an official RV Friendly Town.

In April and May the shire ran an online survey, seeking feedback from stakeholders on the caravan and camping options, with 284 submissions received.

## Response

Cr Halstead said she was disappointed council was not moving forward "more promptly", saying she hoped the Economic Development

Strategy would support council adopting a plan to encourage "self contained visitors to the Bass Coast and the economic benefit it will bring".

Cr Bruce Kent agreed saying you had to be a caravanner to understand the importance of camping facilities.

"I'm also unhappy initially with these findings," he said.

"Free camping is not free. There's always a price to it ... it's not in competition with local caravan parks. It complements them."

Cr Brett Tessari said he struggled with the concept of "free" camping, saying commercial operators faced numerous costs and it would be unfair to have a camping area with token payment nearby.

## A snapshot of our accommodation market

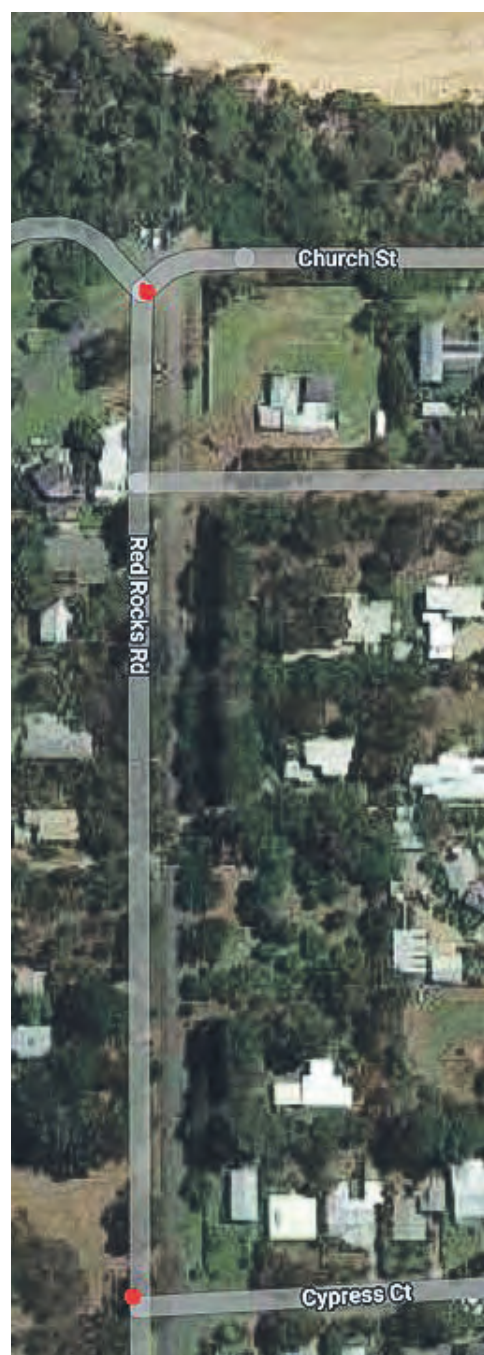
- There are about 102 commercial accommodation providers in Bass Coast, offering 1387 rooms and 3927 bed spaces.

- In addition, there are more than 2000 private, short-term rentals (such as AirBnB and Stayz) listings across the shire.

- There are 18 commercial campground and holiday park establishments across the shire, seven of which are on Crown Land. There are no designated free or low-cost caravan and camping sites outside of commercial establishments within Bass Coast.

- Across the shire, camping on council land or in a public place or on private land is prohibited without a permit. Council has the authority to declare any land within the municipal district to be a 'Camping Area'.

- There are more than 750,000 recreational vehicles such as caravans and motorhomes registered on Australian roads. Data released by TRA reveals that nationwide in 2019, there were over seven million trips made to commercial caravan and camping sites, accounting for over 36 million accommodation nights, with a spend of \$6.5 billion.



Bass Coast Shire Council has advised work has been scheduled for a pathway from Cypress Court to the foreshore, linking the existing footpath along Red Rocks Road to the foreshore path and beach access. Photo: Google Maps.

## Red Rocks pathway to begin

Bass Coast Shire Council has advised work has been scheduled for a pathway from Cypress Court to the foreshore.

The work will link the existing footpath along Red Rocks Road to the foreshore path and beach access.

Constructing the 1.5 metre concrete path will require service adjustments for water, power and telecommunications, as well as the storm-water pit lids.

Council has advised there will also be minor vegetation trimming and removal.

Some residents will have restricted access to their properties when the concrete for the path is poured.

No date has been confirmed for the start of works, but you can keep updated on the project at [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/redrockspath](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/redrockspath).

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



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Long-term Nature Parks staff gathered to farewell their colleague: Susan Spicer, Martin Collins, Roz Jessop, Leanne Renwick, and Sally O'Neill.



Nature Parks' CEO Catherine Basterfield (left), Dr Peter Dann and his daughter Chloe. More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au)

# Farewell Peter Dann, penguin defender

From page 1

Peter lives on a 15-acre property on the Bass River with his partner Moragh Mackay, where their home is solar-powered. They grow trees for offsetting carbon emissions and for firewood, as well as growing their own vegetables. The home is double glazed, they drive a hybrid car and invest in ethical superannuation.

"And I vote for people who have a plan and interest in climate change."

Peter says in the short to medium term on Phillip Island researchers have been working to ensure penguin survival in a hotter, drier climate more susceptible to bushfire.

"When penguins moult after breeding heat can particularly have a dramatic effect. A few years ago we lost several hundred to heat stress.

"We are mapping temperatures and humidity of the Summerland Peninsula 30cm above the ground and seeing where and how we can change that temperature by using local vegetation as shade and discouraging birds going to some areas that will just be too hot.

"We're also experimenting with artificial burrow designs to keep temperatures down.

"All these things reduce the fire risk on the penguins, which don't have an appropriate response to fire."

On top of this, he adds, researchers highlight the climate emergency by publishing papers on the effects of climate change on wildlife.

"I have great faith we can solve these problems.

"Because all these problems are made by humans we know how to fix them. The trick is to get people to have the will to make the changes and ensure governments are not controlled by vested interests.

"It is frustrating when good policy is not enacted because of selfish, vested interests.

"But rather than get frustrated it's better to focus on positive change."

## History

Peter grew up in Melbourne and he told the audience at his farewell that he first visited the penguin parade as a four-year-old.



Aside from penguins, Peter has also worked with fellow Nature Parks researchers on seals (with Seal Rocks the biggest colony of Australian fur seals), short-tailed shearwaters, and hooded plovers.

"It was not the beginning of a love affair. My mother tells me I made a lot of noise and didn't pay any attention."

He studied zoology at Melbourne University, followed by honours and a PhD, focused on migratory waders at Rhyll: birds that breed in the northern hemisphere and migrate to Phillip Island in the northern winter.

It was following his PhD he saw an ad in the paper in 1980 for a three-year contract to work out population trends of penguins on Phillip Island, working alongside the voluntary citizen science Penguin Advisory Committee, a group that continues to exist today, advising Nature Parks' board.

"The first three years didn't go very well for something that turned out so well.

"There was a tussle between the (then managers) Phillip Island shire and the state government about who should look after the penguins.

"There was concern about the future of the penguins because their numbers were declining and there was no direction, no budget, and a lot of arguments.

"At the end of three years I was

despondent. I had other options offered but in the end I didn't walk away and I'm glad I didn't because it was the best decision of my working life."

Peter says at the time it was believed tourism was causing the decline.

So aside from work around foxes and the Summerland Peninsula buy-back, he says the research team also investigated the impact of tourism on penguins, comparing populations at the parade against another secluded group on a different beach a couple of kilometres away.

"We found there was no issue with visitors."

Better still, he says, tourism has ensured long-term research funding to enable the health and viability of the penguin population, with the visitor dollar translating to "per hectare one of the best resourced" Victorian wildlife research sites.

"Our achievements have been more than the norm because of that."

## Endangered species

Peter says the removal of foxes had now led to the next chapter: protection of more threatened species, including the eastern barred bandicoot – which had been released into the wild at Churchill

Island and Summerlands – with further threatened species set to be released on Phillip Island.

"One of the projects I hope to be heavily involved in is nesting boxes for powerful owls."

Aside from penguins, Peter has also worked with fellow Nature Parks researchers on seals (with Seal Rocks the biggest colony of Australian fur seals), short-tailed, and hooded plovers.

He says when the Nature Parks took responsibility for not just the penguin parade but Crown land around the island, including Cape Woolamai through to Churchill Island, it meant staff also managed threatened plant species such as mangroves, moonah and crimson berry.

When he's not researching penguins, Peter is an avid Collingwood fan and bird watcher, apparently holding the record for the most birds counted at the MCG.

"I'm not sure if anyone is competing with me or even cares."

"I was at a cricket test match in the early 2000s and counted 14 species. That's the obsessive side of bird watching coming out."

At the farewell Peter told various stories from his four decades including when lightning hit the penguin parade commentary box, "melting the wiring and blowing the fuses".

"There was a massive bang and the box was full of an acrid smell.

"I thought someone had shot me. About five people were taken to Wonthaggi hospital including a person with a camcorder who had frozen muscles."

He also paid tribute to his colleagues, saying they seemed "more passionate and with a greater sense of purpose" than other organisations' employees.

"Over 42 years it has been exciting and rewarding because of the nature of the work and the beauty of Phillip Island and the people I've worked with.

"I feel like the achievements are a collective effort of a large number of people.

"It's easy to leave the penguins knowing they are in good hands."

## Tributes flow to Peter Dann

Colleagues paid tribute to Nature Parks research director Dr Peter Dann at his farewell, describing him as an internationally respected bird expert and a "bloody good bloke".

Nature Parks' chair Kevin Love told the audience of family, friends and staff it was a "testament" to Peter's work that Phillip Island's penguin population now tallied about 40,000, from a low of about 8000 in 1980.

His daughter Chloe Dann, who works on Churchill Island as a farm assistant, revealed little-known snippets about her dad, including outside work "there's a high chance he'll be wearing a shirt with a bird on it".

Chloe said by the time she was 16 she had travelled to 15 countries thanks to her father's global research work.

Chloe even narrated the story that in her childhood there were often dead penguins in the freezer, for research work, and when her grandmother decided to defrost a roast chicken for dinner, it later turned out to be the wrong kind of bird.

Chloe said her father taught her several key life lessons.

"Always do what is right even if no one else is on your side.

"Always help and protect those who are vulnerable, it may be people or species or an individual animal.

"Always show kindness and empathy. I've never heard dad say a bad thing about anyone."

CEO Catherine Basterfield said in the 13 years she had known Peter she was struck by his "humble and modest nature".

"It lulls you into a false sense of security he's one of the team," Catherine said, adding that in reality he was "an extraordinary individual".

"He established the research program and helped build it into effective conservation-based research ... and continued to create new ways for habitat to thrive.

"While he may be very humble, we are reminded how privileged we are to work alongside such a human being ... Thank you is not enough."

Over his 42 years with Nature Parks, Peter worked on other penguin species in New Zealand and South Africa and at the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, UK, as well as Heard Island in the Australian Antarctic Division.

Peter has published more than 200 papers and book chapters and edited a book on penguin ecology and management.

His main research interests are population regulation, demography, climate change, ecology of islands and the conservation of threatened species.

He is an adjunct Professor at Victoria University, an honorary fellow of Birdlife Australia and Melbourne University, a past board member and founding member of the World Seabird Union and past chair of the Australasian Seabird Group.

He has co-supervised about 50 PhD, masters and honours students.

## Council Update



### Lynnes Road Speed Limit Review

Bass Coast Shire Council is reviewing the speed limit on a section of Lynnes Road in Wattle Bank.

The section under consideration is from Inverloch-Kongwak Road for a distance of three kilometres towards Wonthaggi and passes through the Wattle Bank hamlet.

This review proposes to reduce the speed limit from 100 kilometres per hour to 80 km/h. Council is seeking feedback from the Wattle Bank community and other road users on this proposed speed limit change before making an application to Regional Roads Victoria.

To provide your feedback on this speed limit review, please visit [www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/lynnesspeed](http://www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/lynnesspeed) or contact Council's Traffic and Lighting Officer on the numbers below.

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The new retail and residential building will be built at 77 Chapel Street, Cowes, on the corner of Genesta Street, near Aldi.

## New shops given green light in Cowes

Cowes commercial area will get a little bigger with a planning permit approved for a \$1.8 million, three-storey retail shop with eight units.

The permit is for 77 Chapel Street, Cowes, on the corner of Genesta Street, which is currently home to a residential house and is zoned commercial.

Bass Coast Shire councillors approved the permit, which has a reduction in four car parking spaces required for the retail shop, with 11 spaces provided.

Cr Ronnie Bauer sought to move a motion to refuse the planning permit, but had no support from other councillors.

There were 10 objections with submissions opposing the development because it would be out of character with Cowes, and an over-development with no landscaping.

However planning officers noted the building – set to be 10.4 metres – was under the 11m limit, with overlooking and overshadowing limited

to the southern end and 1 Genesta Street.

Cr David Rooks said he supported the development.

“It’s the right building in the right place,” Cr Rooks said.

“I’d be disappointed if we knocked it back.”

He said it was important to give developers confidence and approve proposals that fell within planning guidelines.

Cr Clare Le Serve said it was a “stylish building that fits the objectives of the visitor economy strategy, with more accommodation in the heart of Cowes”.

However Cr Bauer described the development as “overkill” in the Chapel Street location.

“As a stand alone tick tick tick ... but it will overpower the two-storey building next door,” Cr Bauer said.

“It’s on the edge of Cowes, abutting a residential zone, which makes it a monolith ... residents will be directly impacted.”

### Parking squeeze

Parking in Cowes is reaching a tipping point, with the shire about to introduce timed parking sensors in Cowes in a bid to ease congestion pressures.

Nearby 77 Chapel Street, the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre’s new headquarters will be built at 16 Warley Avenue, which last year amended its plans to cater to the parking squeeze.

Initially PICAL was set to use 58 surrounding public car parks based on 154 people using the service, but after listening to objectors lessened the parking requirements.

Last year a proposed five-storey, \$12 million hotel nearby on Thompson Avenue was refused by Bass Coast Shire councillors, in part because it sought to cut 46 car parks – a waiver on half the legally-required parking. The developers have now taken the proposal to VCAT.



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## How to nail your tax return

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) has released a tax time toolkit to help small businesses nail their income tax returns.

It has also flagged what it will be focussing on for small business tax returns for 2021-22:

- Deductions that are private in nature and not related to business income, as well as over-claiming of business expenses (especially for taxpayers running a home-based business)
- Omission of business income, for example income from the sharing economy or new business ventures
- Record keeping – including insufficient or non-existent records that are needed to substantiate claims.

The ATO’s small business tax time toolkit includes guides on home-based business expenses, vehicle and travel expenses, claiming deductions for the cost of digital expenses, using business money and assets for personal use and pausing or permanently closing your business.

“We know most small businesses do their best to meet their tax obligations and get it right,” ATO Assistant Commissioner Andrew Watson said.

“The majority lodge their tax returns through a registered tax professional, but we know that some (particularly sole traders) like to ‘DIY’.

“So if you’re going to give it a go yourself, we recommend you take a look at our guides, to help you nail it.”

Mr Watson said he appreciated it had been a tough couple of years for small business owners and encouraged them to contact a registered tax professional or the ATO if they need help with their return.

“If you’re feeling overwhelmed or getting behind with your tax, let us know as early as possible so we can work with you to find a solution.

“No matter what your situation is, it’s never too late to ask for help. Tax time is also a great time to discuss ATO debts with your registered tax professional or the ATO – and set up a payment plan if you need one.”

Small businesses who lodge their own tax returns must lodge by October 31.

Returns lodged by a registered tax agent have more time to prepare and lodge. Find the toolkit at: [www.ato.gov.au/Tax-professionals/Prepare-and-lodge/In-detail/Tax-time-toolkits/](http://www.ato.gov.au/Tax-professionals/Prepare-and-lodge/In-detail/Tax-time-toolkits/)



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Simon and Alex Bismore of Ocean Reach Brewing in Cowes, with the trophy for the Journey Home Black IPA from the Australian International Beer Awards.



Ocean Reach won a gold medal for their Pale and silver medals for their IPA, Porter and The Ninch Hazy TIPA.

# Prestigious beer trophy presented to local brewery

Ocean Reach Brewing in Cowes took home a trophy for their Journey Home Black IPA at the prestigious Australian International Beer Awards last month.

Journey Home made it in the best amber/dark ale category, competing against the best beers in the world.

Ocean Reach also won a gold medal for their Pale, and their IPA, Porter and The Ninch Hazy TIPA received a silver medal.

This is the second time the family-owned business has entered the prestigious competition, with this year being its most successful yet.

“We are thrilled to make the Journey Home to Phillip Island with a trophy along with gold and silver medals. It really confirms that all the hard work is paying off and our products are reaching that gold standard,” said owner Alex Bismire.

Journey Home Black IPA is a col-

laboration beer with Hops to Home, brewed and distributed nationwide to their April craft beer club.

“This Black IPA is inky in colour, with the drinkability of a nice hoppy West Coast IPA,” said Ocean Reach’s head brewer and owner, Simon Bismire.

“Journey Home embodies bright citrus and earthy notes both in aromas and flavours yet there’s subtle chocolate and coffee notes thanks to the roasted wheat malt.”

Journey Home also made its way to some venues and bottle shops throughout Phillip Island.

“We’re continuously seeking ways to improve our methods and strive to deliver the absolute best in craft beer experiences,” said Simon.

This year celebrating 29 years, the Australian International Beer Awards conducted by Melbourne Royal, are the world’s largest annual beer competition judging both

packaged and draught beer.

Around 60 industry experts assessed more than 2600 entries across five days in May, with beers received from Australia and around the world.

Customers looking to purchase the award-winning products are encouraged to visit the team at Ocean Reach Taphouse located at 47 Thompson Avenue, Cowes or online at [shop.oceanreach.beer](http://shop.oceanreach.beer).

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A bird's eye view of the construction site of the new Cowes Cultural Centre, prior to the start of the concrete pour.

## If it doesn't rain, they pour!

With a break in the wet weather, construction crews at the new Cowes Cultural Centre have cracked on, with the entire concrete slab in stage 1 (the theatre area) now poured.

In the amenities section of the building, ground insulation was completed in preparation for concrete, which is also now completed.

The preparation for strip footings below

the stage in the theatre has been finished.

According to the project update page, the steel for the theatre area will be ready for fabrication shortly, while there is ongoing work on the electrical ground services.

GLT (glue laminated timber) columns are also expected to arrive on site this month.

Keep updated on the project progress at [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowesccc](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowesccc).



Construction crews have taken advantage of the break in the rain, with the entire concrete slab in the theatre area (stage 1) now poured.



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## COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Social housing queried

Residents have questioned the progress of the proposed social housing development in Cowes.

Earlier this year the shire confirmed Wyndham Avenue and Roydon Road would progress to the next stage of social housing development, after the shire was last year nominated to receive \$25 million worth of grants under the state government's Big Housing Build.

Under the build, registered community housing organisations (CHOs) apply for the grants. The land is then made available for free or at a discount by the shire for the homes to be built.

At council question time Stacey Dagg asked what was the progress of construction for the urgent housing?

CEO Ali Wastie explained council was not responsible for the allocation of funding to construct social housing.

"Nor are we responsible for the actual construction work. The \$25 million pool of funding sits with Homes Victoria who are responsible for approving initial proposals," Ms Wastie said.

Under the grant conditions, community consultation was to be held in March and April, but that has now been delayed.

Construction of homes was set to start by June 2023 and be finished by June 2025.

### CEO performance

The performance review of the shire CEO is confidential and will not be released to the public, council question time has been told.

Len Van Der Nuij asked that given the CEO is employed by ratepayers why were the results of her review not made public.

"Why weren't members of our resident groups invited to participate in this review as I

find it rather insulting the CEO only seems to be answerable to council officers and not the ratepayers who pay her wages," Leon said.

Deputy mayor Leticia Laing responded the CEO was employed by council and her performance review was considered confidential information under the Local Government Act.

Cr Laing said the CEP Employment and Remuneration Policy addressed performance monitoring and the CEO Employment Matters Committee, "with an independent chair", oversaw issues related to CEO employment.

"Council fully supports the CEO," Cr Laing added.

### Councillor expenses questioned

Conference expenses totaling more than \$20,000 for two councillors – and paid for by ratepayers – have been questioned by the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association.

Association member Graham Jolly said the councillor expenses report in May showed \$20,540 for conference and training.

"Would council please provide broader details for Cr Tessari and Cr Laing by naming the courses and the actual attendance locations," Mr Jolly said.

CEO Ali Wastie said Cr Tessari participated in the Australian Institute of Company Directors Course in Melbourne.

"Cr Laing is undertaking an in person and virtual coaching program for councillors, has completed the Municipal Association of Victoria Understanding Council Finances course and has completed Saltwater Media Training in Wonthaggi," Ms Wastie said.

"She also attended the virtual Rainbow Local Government Conference."

### Bass subdivision

A 23-hectare farm at Bass will be rezoned from farming to low density, with the owners seeking to rezone it into a 52-lot housing subdivision.

However councillors last week – on the advice of planning officers – voted only to support the rezoning and not a planning permit for subdivision.

"While the information provided sufficiently demonstrates rezoning the land has strategic justification and is consistent with the state and local policy, it fails to provide sufficient detail to support the planning permit application," officers said.

The farm is within the settlement boundary of Bass, included in the farming zone and not affected by any overlays.

It has two road frontages. The first (to the north of the site) fronts Bass Road and the second (to the west) fronts Statter Mission Road.

### Kilcunda hall

The Kilcunda Community Association have successfully been given a 20-year lease of the hamlet's community hall.

While council usually approves leases of about five years, they made an exception to the Kilcunda Community Hall, which is on Crown land with council appointed as the committee of management.

Cr Bruce Kent said the association was different to other community groups because they had pumped "tens of thousands if not hundreds of thousands of dollars" into the hall.

"I wouldn't want outside groups to read into this decision," he added, emphasising the unique role of the association.

No objections were received to the 20-year lease.

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# Newhaven College's thriving music program

Newhaven College's unique tradition of nurturing the musical soul of each student has been celebrated during Term 2 with musical productions, concerts and performances.

The College believes stars of the future are on campus right now, learning their artistry while sharing their talents with other students, parents and the whole community.

With ongoing tuition from the College's formidable music teachers and tutors, Newhaven College music students are supported to reach their highest potential. Each student is encouraged to discover their unique expression of music while developing confidence, ease, excellence and enjoyment each step of the way.

Term 2 started off with a bang with four exceptional performances of "Shrek - The Musical" starring some of the most talented singers in our region, plus live music played by the College Orchestra. The packed audiences of family, friends, fellow students and the local community gave the show rave reviews.

In the last few weeks of term, music continued to permeate through all three sub-schools at Newhaven College.

During Middle School assembly, fellow students were treated to a stunning performance of "March Forward" by Kordelia Kosena on the cello. Plus, The Ice Breakers five-piece band performed "Good in Goodbye" by Madison Beer. The musicians, Riley Lawrence (drums), Finn McLean (keyboards), River Henderson (guitar) and the vocals of Jemilla Prideaux and Madison Manallack were world class and to be applauded!

On the evening of June 14, The Westernport Hotel in San Remo became an underage rock venue allowing Newhaven College's VET Music second year students to perform covers and original songs.

For some students this was their first time performing in a venue outside the College. It really was a special evening with all students rising to the occasion and performing wonderfully.

School Principal Tony Corr said the skills and attitudes that are cultivated and brought out in these young people through the College's Music program was a beautiful thing to see on stage and was applauded by the au-



Rylee Dunk and Jim Haynes delighted the parent audience at the Year 3/4 strings concert with their violin performances last week.

dience that night.

He praised all those involved.

"VET Music Concert at the Westernport Hotel was a wonderful night of diverse bands – from jazz, contemporary and rock – doing unique interpretations of existing numbers as well as original pieces. It was great to have parents and friends back in full attendance and enjoying the talent on display."

Last week the Year 5 and 6 students presented a showcase of their semester's work in the Band Program.

Matt Goss, Director of Music, recognises that at-home rehearsals may not reflect how well the band can play when they perform together.

"Some dedicated work results in their playing really starting to blossom," he said.

The College is looking forward to the Spring Concert coming up on September 10.

Tuesday lunchtime played host to the 1st Year VCE VET Music class ensemble performance and event management units.

To wrap up a magical term of music, the Junior School parents were treated to a strings performance last Tuesday afternoon by the Year 3 and 4 students who experience weekly violin and cello tuition as part of their music curriculum.



Vocalist Madison Manallack performing at the 5/6 strings concert recently.

The College has been particularly excited to be able to invite parents along as supportive and appreciative audiences again. More opportunities will arise for parents to attend productions on campus with the Performing Arts Wing due to open in Term 3.

"Newhaven College music offers every student wonderful opportunities to play, practice and perform in a brand new state of the art music facility," Principal Tony Corr said. "With a range of ensembles, bands and choirs across the College, Newhaven's vibrant music program inspires a love of music in students of all ages and abilities."

In light of this, new Music Scholarships for 2023 have been announced.

Newhaven College is looking to award Music Scholarships to talented, passionate and dedicated students of music who demonstrate strong musical potential. The offer is for students entering Newhaven College at Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 in 2023.

The recommended minimum standard will vary depending on the instrument. Music Scholarships include individual tuition and academic tuition fee reductions for the duration of the student's enrolment at Newhaven College, subject to satisfactory progress.

Music Scholarship application information



School captain Orlando Kane-Gillard on guitar during the recent VCE VET Music second year performance at The Westernport Hotel on 14 June.

and forms can be found on Newhaven College's website, under Enrolments/ Scholarships. All enquiries regarding Scholarships should be directed to Mrs Belinda Manning at the College on 5956 7505 or by email [belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au](mailto:belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au).

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## Pothole concerns? Find a lawyer

There have been a "small number" of insurance claims against Bass Coast Shire for incidents on roads and footpaths.

However, according to the shire's insurer each insurance claim was defended and all cases resolved over the past four years.

Councillors in the June meeting approved the shire's Road Management Plan (RMP), which was out for public consultation earlier this year and received three submissions.

The RMP states all councils are "experiencing a sharp increase in no-win-no-fee type claims" and numerous requests about potential public-liability incidents.

"Council's RMP specifies our minimum service levels to ensure public safety with an established routine maintenance inspection and works ... looking for issues before they become hazards."

According to the report, Bass Coast has provided higher levels of service to its community than other similar councils, and "customer satisfaction is also higher in comparison".

Cr Clare Le Serve said potholes were in the top most reported issues to councillors.

"I have not been inundated with as many calls as in the past," she said, "and it's important we keep on top of it."

Cr Rochelle Halstead said she recently damaged her car in a "massive" pothole near Koo Wee Rup.

"I travel back and forth on that highway for work. It was dark, raining and our speed was reduced given the conditions. However hitting the pothole at about 80km hour, it made a huge bang, jolted the car and it wasn't until we reached Grantville that we noticed something wasn't right," she said.

"But Regional Roads Victoria won't reimburse you unless you fork out something like \$700 and a new tyre doesn't cost that."

### Assets

Meanwhile councillors also passed the Asset Plan, which detailed the shire's \$728 million worth of infrastructure across transport, buildings, open space and stormwater drainage, which costs \$11.6 million per annum to maintain.

"The percentage of council's infrastructure assets in poor condition based on the national assessment framework is 0.9 per cent, which is significantly lower than the national average of eight per cent," the plan states.



The potholes on Dunsmore Road in Cowes clearly demonstrate poor maintenance. But a new report states the shire provides better road service compared to other similar councils.

The Asset Plan was out for community feedback in May and received seven responses including the importance of considering the environment and climate change in future planning and requests for new infrastructure.

The plan states challenges to maintaining infrastructure include the rate cap and population growth.

Cr Halstead agreed saying rate caps on the surface were great – seen to "keep over-zealous councils in line".

"But in fact it has all been designed to create a greater reliance on the state government where councils have no choice but to go cap in hand," she said.

"Councils need to 'toe the line' with the real fear of being told no funding for you! This is the harsh reality. In the meantime our beaches are eroding, our facilities are deteriorating and our community needs are greater than ever."



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To accommodate our growing design business, we have been able to expand into our new studio in The Concourse, Cowes. Brinnie T Design is now solely dedicated to bringing you the very best in style and function, transforming houses into homes that reflect their owners' unique personalities.

As we live in a regional location, selections for your renovations or home projects have meant that whilst we all try to support local business, quite often, you would need to shop online or plan a day trip into the city visiting multiple locations.

Brinnie T Design works closely with Southcoast Furnishings and Flooring Xtra, Elegance Tiles, Lightique, Reece and Haymes Paint Shop as well as many other regional and city businesses and together we are creating a regional design hub where products and services will be showcased for everyone's local convenience. On display, we have fabrics and wallpapers, vanities, basins, taps, handles and tiles. We have custom furniture, lighting and artwork.

As designing for diversity is so close to our hearts, we also showcase a range of accessible design fixtures and features which give dignity to additional supports that may be needed in a bathroom or other areas of home. Jo also continues her research in designing for Autism, Alzheimer's and other disabilities.



Jo from Brinnie T Designs is thrilled to announce her new studio in The Concourse, Cowes, with opening celebrations planned for September 17. Save the date!

Making our new studio come to fruition has been a huge joy to all involved and we would like to celebrate this adventure with our local community. To thank all those involved, and to give you the opportunity to experience firsthand all that we have to offer, save the date: September 17.

Follow us on socials to receive updates on how to book for open-

ing night. Places will be limited to allow for catering. There will be goodie bags on entry, door prizes, grazing table and more.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

*Jo x*

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## Covid kicks on – local case numbers still high

Testing remains vital to containing the spread of Covid, says Bass Coast Health.

With incidences of Covid and influenza remaining high in our community, people are still being urged to get tested for Covid should they have symptoms.

An average of 110 PCR tests a week have been conducted at Wonthaggi Hospital since May.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) is encouraging more people to get tested, especially given there were 221 Covid cases in Bass Coast Shire as of June 26, with 99 of those on Phillip Island and San Remo.

There have been over 1100 new Covid cases recorded in the shire in June, with an average of 45 new cases each day.

BCH CEO Jan Child said while she understands the community is well and truly over the pandemic, she urged people to not be complacent about the risk Covid – and other illnesses – still pose, especially given the prevalence and severity of influenza locally.

“Winter is a high-risk time for the transmission of viruses because people are more likely to be indoors and therefore in close contact with each other,” she said.

“Testing helps us to

identify Covid cases early and therefore limit the spread in the community. That's why it's vital that you get tested as soon as you show symptoms.”

Covid testing in Cowes is currently available Monday, Wednesday and Friday between 12.30pm – 3.30pm at the Health Hub in Church Street. Testing is available six days a week at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Covid symptoms include a runny nose, sore throat and a cough, as well as muscle and joint pain.

The full range of Covid symptoms can be found at [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/symptoms-and-risks).

With the symptoms of Covid and influenza similar, a Covid test is the best way of determining which virus you have.

A Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) at home is particularly accurate if taken while you are symptomatic. If you have a negative RAT and continue to show symptoms, or have a positive RAT and no symptoms, BCH recommends getting a PCR test at Wonthaggi Hospital, the Phillip Island Health Hub or Wonthaggi Medical Group to rule out the possibility of a false negative test.

People can also re-

quest for a PCR test to indicate which virus they have, should they test negative to Covid. This result will be delivered to your GP and you will need to see your GP to obtain the test result.

Covid PCR tests and distribution of RATs are now being provided by Monash Health Pathology at Wonthaggi Hospital, 9am-1pm, Monday-Saturday (closed Sundays), and Phillip Island Health Hub, 12.30pm-3.30pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

PCR tests are also available at Wonthaggi Medical Group's Respiratory Clinic. Book online: [www.wonthaggi-medical.com.au](http://www.wonthaggi-medical.com.au) and go to 'Covid-19 Respiratory Clinic'.

“Please ensure your Covid vaccination is up-to-date, and you have had your flu vaccination. Vaccination will give you the best possible protection against falling ill to these viruses,” Ms Child said.

“Also, please continue to follow the public health advice of wearing masks indoors and when in crowds, sanitise your hands often and stay at home if you are unwell. These measures will not only help to contain the spread of Covid but also influenza and other viruses.”

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Emily Lecouteur has developed her character, Chloe Camille, from scratch and created a number of scenes in the upcoming live show "Fancy Fox's Escapades", July 16 at the Wonthaggi Union Theatre.



Students from Marrina Mouse's Theatre House performing in "Fancy Fox's Escapades. Front: Imogen Allen, Ayla Williams and Chloe Scott. Back: Airlie Holmes, Mia Tillotson, Mia Bowtell and Sophie Bowen.

# A fancy fox and a flight of imagination

Have you ever wanted to go to New York? Well now you can!

A quirky little fox, that is just a little bit fancy, is coming to the Wonthaggi Theatre on July 16.

Fancy Fox was derived through the imagination of Sophie Bowen, during lockdown one year ago. Belinda Phillips, Director of Marrina Mouse's Theatre House, produced and worked with Sophie to publish her book Fancy Fox's City Escapades.

"At the beginning of the year, we decided to bring Sophie's character alive by creating Marrina Mouse's Theatre House's first musical theatre production for the season.

"New York is such an amazing melting pot of characters, we de-

cided it would be the perfect production to welcome inclusion for all that come to Marrina Mouse's Theatre House," Belinda says.

"It is important we showcase a production where all students can feel welcome and provide a platform where they can come alive through character.

"The production provides a wonderful opportunity for characters in the story to really come alive through dance and storytelling," Belinda says.

All students in the Monday night theatrical workshop discussed and devised an outline to the production and got to work.

Mia Bowtell, who plays Flora Fox,

was appointed dance captain and has introduced beautiful ballet and dance scenes.

Ayla William plays Cammie Monroe, and her talent was noticed in choreography, so she has choreographed three of the dance scenes.

Emily Lecouteur has developed her character, Chloe Camille, from scratch and created a number of scenes.

Nicholas Talevski plays George Fox, the debonair Broadway Producer who will wow you with his variety actor skills and charm.

"Nicholas has embodied his character and every class he attends in full costume and props. His complete focus for his performance can be seen and felt in every scene,"

says Belinda.

"If you don't walk away at the end of the show falling in love with New York, you definitely will with George Fox."

Belinda says all the students have been "an integral part" of making these wonderful characters come alive. Students performing in the production range from as young as 18 months old.

"I am very proud to see an original Australian production to be created in Phillip Island through a young vibrant creative team," she says.

"I am very proud of Sophie to have created Fancy Fox, and I believe this little Fox can, and will head to Broadway in the future.

"I have to stop sometimes because I think, how lucky are we? How lucky are we, that today we can all be in a theatre together, and to see a character that was born in lockdown, now be shared together."

If you would like to see the production of Fancy Fox's Escapades, head to Wonthaggi Theatre to purchase tickets. [www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au/liveshows](http://www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au/liveshows).

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# The wonders of whale watching

Going on a whale watching cruise might be a holiday adventure for most of us, but to the crew of Wildlife Coast Cruises, whale watching is serious business.

For Jess Tong and Georgia Bissett, the chance to get up close to some of the ocean's most mysterious and majestic creatures, is the ultimate job.

Twenty-one-year-old Jess Tong started working on the boats straight out of school and admits she's a little obsessed.

"I started off mildly interested, but I'm obsessed now. I am so lucky I get to work with them – it's the best decision I ever made."

Cheerfully admitting she could talk for hours about whales, Jess said working on the boats has given her a practical side to balance the theory of her university degree.

She's hoping to do her Honours on whales, using the data collected from every whale sighting on the boats as part of her research.

"Wildlife Coast Cruises record every whale we see; where they are, and the conditions."

She can fire off endless whale facts for you, particularly on her favourites – the Orcas.

"Orcas are in my top three

favourite animals, they're so intelligent," Jess confides.

"The pods are ruled by matriarchs that can live 80 to 100 years."

She counts herself lucky to have seen Orcas around Phillip Island four times, as they are not the most common whale to visit these waters.

Whale watchers are more likely to spot a Southern Right or Humpback and Jess said the number of whale sightings is increasing.

"The population is rising quickly and the whales are returning to their ancestral habitats. Humpbacks have just been taken off the endangered species list, but there's still so much we don't know about them, about their feeding habits and behaviour."

## Education

Currently employed as Wildlife Coast Cruises' Environmental Officer, Georgia Bissett has a degree in environmental science and wildlife conservation.

Georgia is responsible for putting together educational material for schools, crafting environmental messages and initiatives – from recycling bins on the boats through to sourcing the most environmentally friendly suppliers.

Four days a week she's out on the boat, with one- or



Georgia Bissett and Jess Tong from Wildlife Coast Cruises says the chance to get up close to some of the ocean's most mysterious creatures is the ultimate job.

two-days land-based, doing reports and paperwork, collating whale sighting data and collaborating with the Dolphin Research Institute and Deakin University.

She said the unpredictability of whale spotting is part of the allure.

"You never know what is coming next, you could go out and see Orcas or spot a pod of dolphins. I remember the first time I saw a whale, just staring and staring, then seeing a blow. Everyone on

the boat was mesmerised."

The intelligence and personality of whales is fascinating to her.

"You see them with their babies, communicating, interacting. It's pretty special. 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."

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 whale-watching 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 it is nothing compared to a Blue Whale."

She said she always looks forward to the whales returning.

"During the whale season, there's something new happening every day. One trip, we put a microphone in the water to listen to the whales. You could hear the whale songs."

"The whole boat went quiet and a lot of people got teary. That was probably one of the most special moments for me. It was clear as day, they sounded so close."

Jess agrees that many people are moved to tears by the experience.

"Being in the wild and seeing them there is a once in a lifetime experience for most people," Jess said.

She's hoping winter will bring plenty of calm but cold days – ideal for whale spotting.

"One of our captains told me there's three things you need to be a good whale spotter. Patience, determination and pure luck."

Read the full interview with Jess and Georgie in the Autumn edition of *The Island*, available in local stores or at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au).

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# Something for everyone at your library

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Myli – My Community Library have a line-up of a vast range of events, so there really is something for everyone. Let's take a look at what's on.

At San Remo library, on Thursday June 30, come along to make some Marvellous Mini Beast creations using air-dry clay.

Myli will be joining in the festivities for the Phillip Island Whale Festival on Saturday July 2 with a fun craft activity.

At San Remo library on Wednesday July 6, explore the diversity of Life in the Rockpool

and make your own diorama. This event is best suited to upper primary-aged children.

Join Myli at Phillip Island (St John's Uniting Church) for Whale Festival-themed stories and craft on Friday July 1.

And on Tuesday July 5, dragon lovers will enjoy our Dragon Egg Conjuraction session! Delve into dragon lore, exercise your imagination and make your very own dragon egg. What beast of yore will hatch from yours?!

Please note that the Phillip Island events are hosted at St John's Uniting Church, located on Chapel Street, Cowes.

Damo Music for Kids will make a guest ap-

pearance at Inverloch library on Thursday July 7 for a special StoryTime session. He loves to sing, dance and read silly stories.

The Waterline library team in Grantville will have a whale of a time at the Whale Festival craft session on Saturday July 2.

There's also loads on at the Wonthaggi library with the full program of events to be announced soon. Bookings are open for Damo Music for Kids (Thursday July 7).

Myli – My Community Library are also hosting more events in South Gippsland and Baw Baw Shire. To find out more about what's on at your local library these school holidays visit us in branch, online at [myli.org.au](http://myli.org.au) or call 1800 HI MYLI (1800 44 6954) for event details and bookings.



Five year old Logan Watters holding the whale tail he decorated for Alex Scott in Cowes.

## Fabulous flukes!

Local businesses get colourful with whale tail displays, celebrating the return of the whales and the start of the Whale Festival.



A sweet tail is on display at the Jolly Lolly Trolley.

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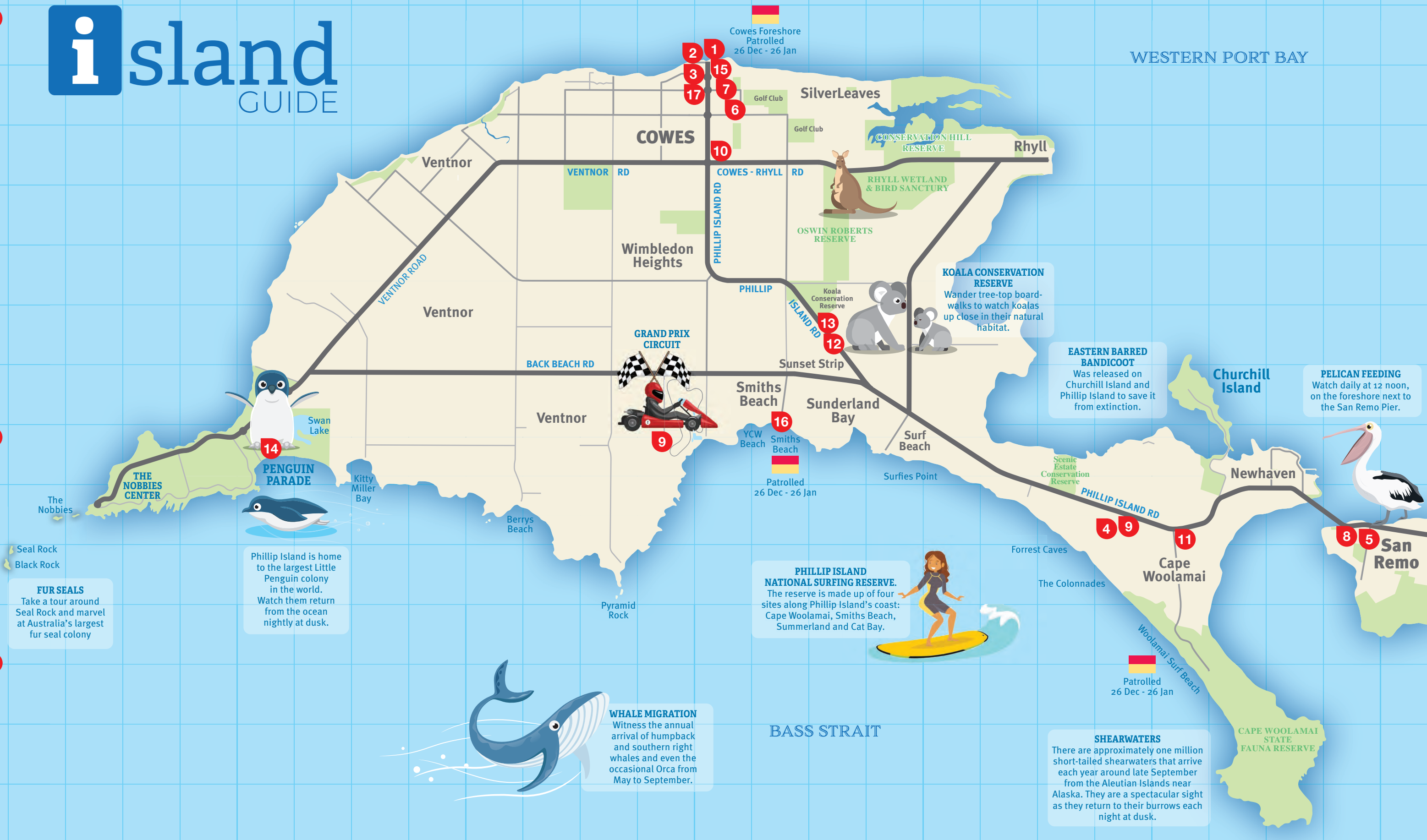


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### See more and save – 4 Parks Pass

The 4 Parks Pass is perfect for school holidays and includes booked entry to the Penguin Parade, plus open-dated entry to the Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island, and the Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies. Entry to these three attractions is valid for up to six months from date of booking, so you can take your time to explore Phillip Island at your leisure.

### Nightly tours, Penguin Parade

Nature Parks have just launched nightly tours for the popular Guided Ranger Tour and the fully eco-accredited Ultimate Adventure Tour.

The Guided Ranger Tour takes you on an informative journey through the penguin colony while the Ultimate Adventure Tour offers you a unique opportunity to venture out to a secluded beach away from the Penguin Parade.

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Every day at noon, the local pelicans line up on the beach to receive a snack of fresh fish from the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op. Val Swallow has been handing out the lunchtime snacks since the 1980s.

## Pelican time in San Remo

San Remo pelican feeding is a long-held tradition which is fun, free and educational.

Every day at noon, the local pelicans line up on the beach to receive a snack of fresh fish from the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op, who also provide an informative talk on the pelican and the marine environment.

For instance, did you know the Australian Pelican is unique in that its body is almost entirely white, and it has the longest bill in the bird world?

When extended its bill can hold up to 13 litres and when it comes to feeding, the pelicans have been known to work together to drive fish into a con-

centrated ball, so the whole flock can enjoy the feast.

At the midday feeding, you'll also get a few tips on sustainability and the environmental issues affecting these incredible birds.

Afterwards, you can enjoy your own fresh fish snack with a serve of fish and chips (direct off the boats) from the Fisherman's Co-op. You can take in the view from inside the Co-op, or dine alfresco on the lawn or beach. You can also pre-order your meal online.

Extend your seafood experience and pop in and purchase sustainable fresh seafood from the Co-op's own fleet of fish and lobster vessels.



Pelican feeding at San Remo is a tradition which has been delighting visitors for decades. The Co-op's Val Swallow, feeding the birds in the late 1980s.

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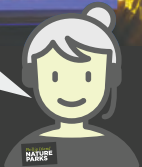
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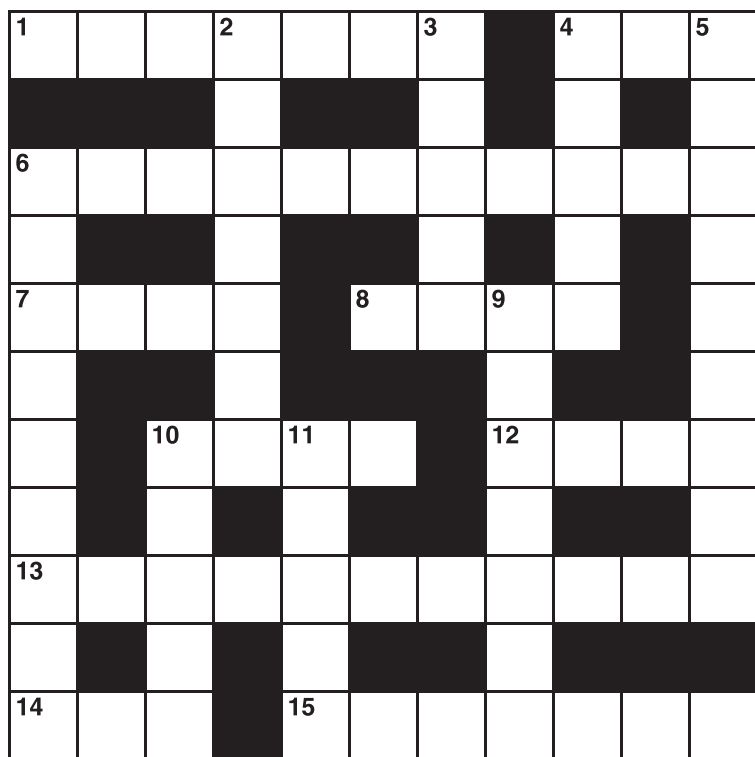
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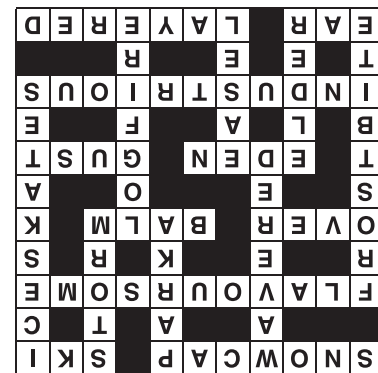
### ACROSS

- 1** Mountain top (7)  
**4** Winter sporting footwear (3)  
**6** Having full and pleasant taste (11)  
**7** Finished (4)  
**8** For your lips when they become chapped (4)  
**10** Paradise (4)  
**12** Sudden wind blast (4)  
**13** Hardworking (11)  
**14** Hearing organ (3)  
**15** Wearing a shirt, jumper, jacket and coat, — up (7)

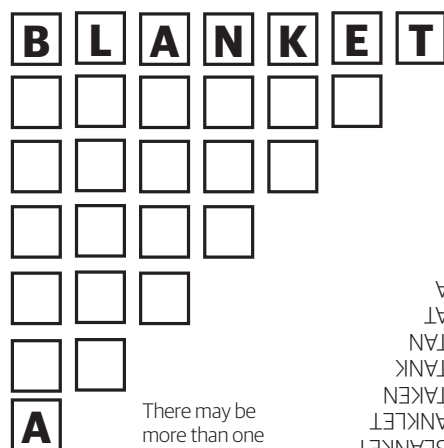
### DOWN

- 2** Swayed to and fro (7)  
**3** Cold-weather jacket (5)  
**4** Extreme weather event (5)  
**5** Bladed shoes (3,6)  
**6** Extreme cold injury (9)  
**9** Wood heater (3,4)  
**10** Older person (5)  
**11** Canvas support (5)

SOLUTION



## DROPDOWN



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ANSWERS:

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## WINTER JOKES

**Q. How do mountains stay warm?**

A. They put on their snowcaps.

**Q. What do you call it when a snowman throws a temper tantrum?**

A: A meltdown.

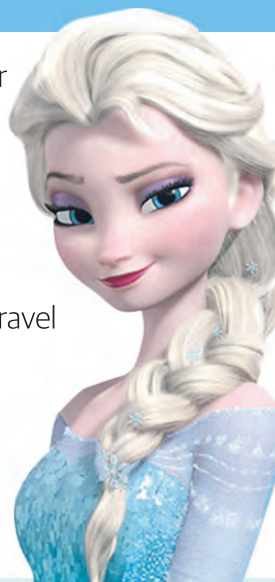
**Q. What can you catch with your eyes closed?**

A. A cold.

## JUNIOR QUIZ

- What is the term used for when animals sleep during the winter?
- In the film *Frozen*, Elsa (pictured) is based on which fairytale character?
- How many sides does a snowflake have?
- Which months in Australia mark the beginning and end of winter respectively?
- What is the medical term called for when the body temperature drops due to exposure to cold weather?
- In England, does Christmas occur in autumn or winter?

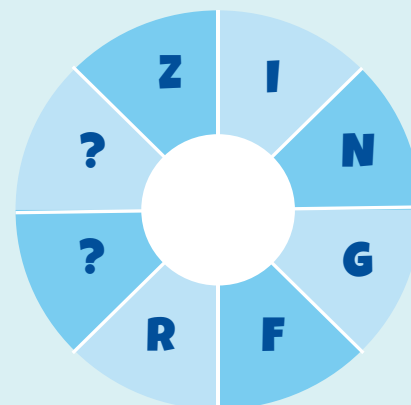
- Who is the mythical character known as the personification of ice and snow?
- What is the shortest day of the year called?
- In the film *The Chronicles of Narnia*, how do the children travel to Narnia?
- How often do the Winter Olympic Games occur?



ANSWERS: 1. Hibernation 2. The Snow Queen 3. Six 4. June and August 5. Hypothermia 6. Winter 7. Jack Frost 8. The winter solstice 9. Through a wardrobe 10. Every four years

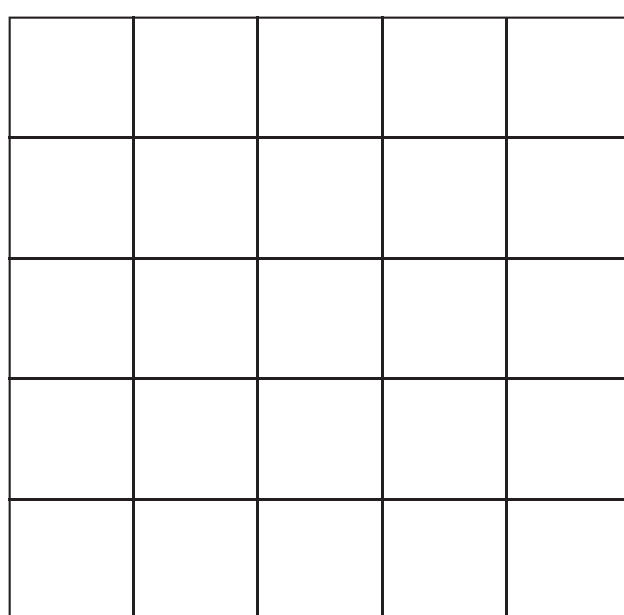
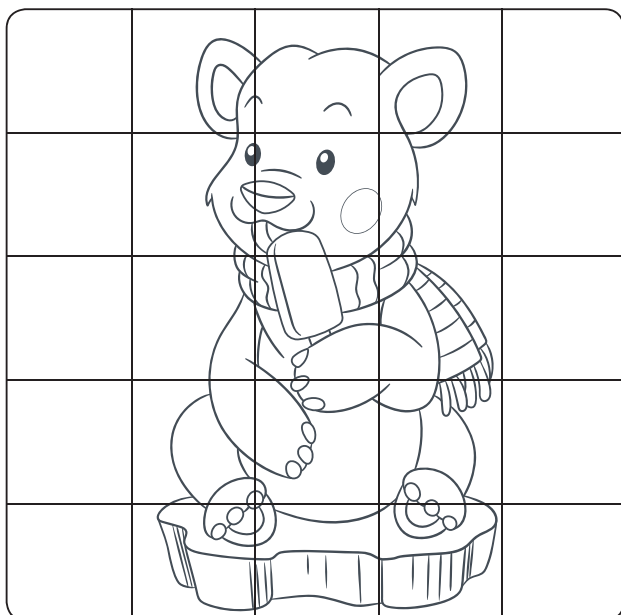
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Can you work out what the missing letter is that spells an 8-letter word? It could read either clockwise or anti-clockwise.



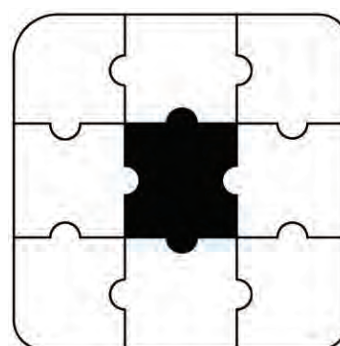
ANSWERS: E (FREEZING)

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## EDGEWORD

Place each of the tiles of letters into the blank jigsaw below to create four six-letter words going across and down.



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# THE PULSE

Events, entertainment and community news



Crew working on the ABC TV documentary Southern Ocean Live, getting ready to broadcast from the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre last Tuesday.



The small live audience included Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield (front row, fourth from left), as well as Nature Parks staff and island residents, alongside wildlife scientist Vanessa Pirotta and Professor Gretta Pecl from the University of Tasmania (front right).

## Lights, cameras and action from Penguin Parade

The Penguin Parade was a-buzz with a film crew and cameras, as it hosted the live broadcast of ABC TV's Southern Ocean Live.

Screening on winter solstice last Tuesday, the program showcased the incredible creatures, big and small, from the Southern Ocean, including the island's little penguins.

Hosts Hamish McDonald and Dr Ann Jones crossed live to a range of special guests, in front of a small but thrilled audience of local wildlife lovers.

Out amongst the penguins, Dr Ann talked with Nature Parks Paula Wasiak, while the program also included underwater crosses to marine scientists Sheree Maris, Lucas Handley and Dr Dean Miller, at locations along the coast.

The show's producer Karina

Holden said having the local audience on site added to the atmosphere of the event, for the presenters and the crew.

With numbers restricted to 30 guests, just a handful of residents including the Advertiser, were invited to be part of the audience.

Phillip Island Nature Parks staff, including CEO Catherine Basterfield and marine scientist Dr Rebecca McIntosh were in the audience alongside locals such as Dogga Luke, Christine Monk, Sally O'Neill, Patrice Mahoney OAM and Paul Patten.

The show was produced by the team that brought us Reef Live from the Great Barrier Reef, and the underwater live crosses used in both shows are world-firsts.

Audience members all had RAT test before joining the crew on the

floor of the Penguin Parade visitor centre for the big event, but no one was complaining.

There were plenty of laughs and gasps during the show and a huge round of applause when the broadcast was over.

Footage of killer whales hunting a blue whale, a whale megapod feeding off Bermagui, an abalone diver's encounter with Great White Sharks and the spider crabs of Port Phillip were audience favourites.

And there were plenty of chuckles during Paula and Dr Ann's discussions of penguin flipper slapping!

"I feel so privileged to be part of it," said one audience member. "It was just fantastic."

At the end of the night, after checking under our cars to make

sure there were no sleepy penguins taking shelter, everyone headed home.

Turns out the wonders of nature were not just on screen. Leaving the parade, several wallabies kept a close watch from the roadside, and our headlights caught one adventurous Eastern Barred Bandicoot scampering across the road!

We truly do live in an incredible part of the world.

Southern Ocean Live is available on ABC iView.

A second program, Meet the Penguins was filmed over six months on Phillip Island and features Phillip Island's little penguins, as well as their St Kilda city cousins. It screened on ABC TV Tuesday June 28 at 8.30pm and is also available on iView.

More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au).



## Somefins not quite right!

This fibreglass shark from Maru made a quick visit to the Penguin Parade last week for the Southern Ocean Live broadcast. The shark, affectionately known as Bruce, featured in the background when Hamish McDonald and Dr Ann Jones were presenting the show. The crew said they'd renamed the shark Rosie, but locals in the audience were quick to point that that this was definitely not the internationally famous Rosie, a real shark preserved in glycerine, who used to live at the Giant Earthworm attraction in Bass. Rosie was rescued from the derelict museum in 2019, and currently resides at Crystal World in Devon Meadows.



The PICAL pantry volunteers whipping up some hearty soup, (from left): Heather Gregory, Lynda Clark, Emelda Collier, Annette Mackenzie (Meals Co-ordinator) and Fran Mandergeddes.

## Soup kitchen for PICAL pantry

Volunteers in the St Philip's kitchen on a wintry day last week were making huge saucepans of pumpkin soup, for distribution to community members.

The volunteers are members of the PICAL Pantry team, who

gather on a regular basis to produce meals for those in need of a helping hand.

The meals, or soup as was the case on this occasion, are frozen and distributed from PICAL's headquarters in Cowes.

## Dinosaurs on parade

It was a rip-roaring day at Cowes Primary last week, as the prep classes celebrated Dinosaur Dress Up Day.

Term 2 at the school has been all about dinosaurs in the four prep rooms, and the term ended on a high note with a parade of dressed up baby dinosaurs in front of the whole school.



Pre-historic was the theme for these young preppies. From left Whitney, Madison, Ella, Darcy and Gurbani.



Prep teacher Adrienne Rush (back) with Mason, Evelyn and Emily; all dressed to impress at the Cowes Primary prep dinosaur parade.



Rusty, Evelyn and Lizzie try to look suitably ferocious.



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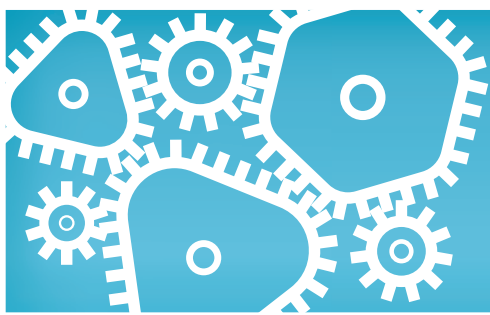
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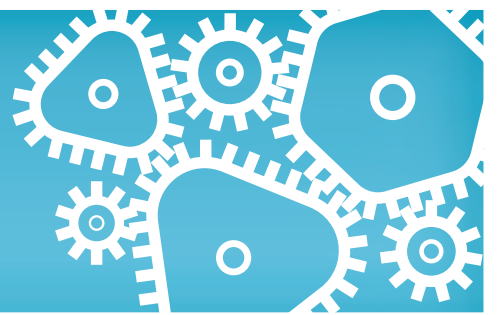
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## State handballing costs to ratepayers

The state government is neglecting to pay its way for projects across Bass Coast Shire, with ratepayers instead forking out for costs, says one local councillor.

Cr Rochelle Halstead moved a motion at the June council meeting because of concerns around cost shifting of funding of Crown land.

"Most crown land assets are the responsibility of DEWLP (Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning) under the Victorian Government, however it is ratepayers who fund the system of management," Cr Halstead said.

"The current system council is tasked by the Victorian Government to manage with ratepayer funds is broken and it is costing our communities not only financially but physically and mentally."

She said the San Remo Recreation Reserve was an example, where Western Port Tennis Club "would love new courts, the San Remo Bowls Club are operating out of 1956 built clubrooms in need of upgrading" and the recreation centre required upgrades.

"All held up while it took DEWLP months to engage a new committee. In the meantime San Remo continues to be one of our fastest

growing towns," she said.

"One more quick example of this system is the neglect of the Grantville foreshore that is suffering erosion, weed infestation and illegal use of land since DEWLP removed the foreshore committee and has refused to re-establish a new group dedicated to ensuring its protection."

The motion called for a map of Crown land across the shire, an outline of management arrangements, the budget impact to council for the management and the community benefit.

### Other costs

Cr Halstead also moved a separate successful motion to create a report into the shire's partnerships with community groups and how much they cost.

"As a first time councillor I am requesting this report to understand better what partnerships council is currently involved in from an overall view, who they are with, what the arrangement is, any financial or in-kind contribution made by council," Cr Halstead said, adding the report would provide transparency and ensure ratepayers receive "value for money".

## Nature Parks announces new caterer

A renowned chef who has owned and operated a Michelin star restaurant and catered events at some of Australia's most iconic venues will join Phillip Island Nature Parks.

Anthony Whitehouse and his company, Create Catering, will offer catering services at all four Phillip Island Nature Parks attractions – the Penguin Parade, Churchill Island, The Nobbies Centre and Koala Conservation Reserve – from August 1.

Create Catering is an award-winning company at national and state levels, and has a passion for using local produce and suppliers; and a focus on sustainability and no single-use plastics.

British-born, Mr Whitehouse has a background working in high-end Michelin star restaurants in England, the Monaco Grand Prix and Royal Ascot. He has also prepared meals for Sir David Attenborough and numerous presidents and prime ministers.

His repertoire extends to events at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, Sydney's Powerhouse Museum, the Sydney Observatory, Cricket Victoria, Olleyville at Shaw Vineyard in Murrumbateman and the Australian Museum.

Mr Whitehouse moved to Sydney in 2011 and worked at Taronga Zoo where he was responsible for cater-



Anthony Whitehouse and his company, Create Catering, will offer catering services at all four Phillip Island Nature Parks attractions from August 1.

ing for 1.3 million hungry visitors. Three years later, he decided to start Create Catering, impressively winning his first contract with the Australian War Memorial.

Mr Whitehouse said he was passionate about conservation having worked at Taronga Zoo where he created the forerunner of sustainable

seafood restaurants. He is also the chair of Zoofari, the Taronga Foundation's annual major fundraising gala.

"I'm excited to put my passion and love into the Nature Parks venues by creating some special food experiences at these incredible attractions, which have long been loved by locals and visitors," he said.

"Phillip Island is a magical place. My family is looking forward to spending a lot more time on the island and I'm looking forward to checking out some of the nearby surf breaks."

Phillip Island Nature Parks General Manager for Tourism Operations Peta Wittig said Mr Whitehouse had great synergy with the organisation's respect for conservation and sustainability.

"We are extremely excited to have Anthony and his team work with us on creating incredible experiences across our four venues along with some unforgettable functions and events," Ms Wittig said.

"We see this as an incredible opportunity to further develop our offerings in the events space as Create Catering breaks new ground in the Victorian market."

"We look forward to Create Catering starting with us in August. They will spend a couple of months trading as normal, before some exciting changes in the summer holidays."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Cowes to Ventnor trail

What are you thinking Cr Whelan, advocating a trail along environmentally sensitive foreshore that falls under the Bass Coast Vegetation Protection Overlay between Cowes and Gros-sard Point?

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unteers and Coastcare groups has conserved, protected and restored degraded and sensitive foreshore areas. Council offers funding grants to these groups in recognition of the conservation work they do.

But now the vegetation so carefully nurtured and which holds the foreshore in place is to be partially removed to make way for a four-metre-wide bike track. Scarring the foreshore

with a superhighway for bikes (and there will be e-scooters and skateboards), is working against the very essence of what is trying to be achieved in this unique part of the world.

Please do not allow mass vandalism of foreshore vegetation to appease a small group of recreational cyclists. If a property owner engaged in similar vegetation removal, council would throw the book at them. How council could consider this bike track feasible while tightening its own local laws against foreshore vegetation removal/destruction is beyond comprehension.

Plus the cost and upkeep will be outrageous. As residents of Ventnor, we pay a council rate bill of nearly \$6000 per annum - with NO sealed road, NO footpaths, NO guttering and inadequate street lighting.

We take our lives in our hands heading out for a walk, having to dodge traffic, deep potholes and open drains, which is extremely dangerous for an ageing demographic. Are you putting a bike superhighway in front of improving our streetscapes?

There are alternatives. Wind the path through roads that already exist. Establish a proper path along other streets to join existing paths along Ventnor Road. That would help all local residents by upgrading roads to a standard which should already exist on this island.

If cyclists so desperately need somewhere else to ride, upgrade the roads or roadsides accordingly. Don't have them carving through sensitive and supposedly "environmentally protected" land that is home to hooded plovers, bandicoots, birdlife, echidnas and wallabies. Leave our foreshore as it is, please!

Sandra and David Henstridge, Ventnor

### Red Shield Appeal

The Salvation Army is again very humbled by the generous support of the Australian public for our Red Shield Appeal this year. As we approach the End of Financial Year, The Salvos are still appealing to the community as we aim to raise \$36 million by June 30.

For more than 50 years Aussies have continued to support The Salvation Army, allowing us the privilege to be on the front line, walking alongside individuals doing it tough around the country, all with the mission of bringing hope and support to those who need it most.

For me, the Red Shield Appeal isn't just about raising much-needed funds for our 2000+ services – it's about coming together to support one another, to remind our neighbours and local community that no matter how tough times are, we're here for each other, ready to give a helping hand when needed.

After the past couple of years which have seen devastating social isolation, natural and health disasters, and the current shocking rise in the cost of living, it has filled The Salvation Army with overwhelming gratitude to see so many people generously give their money and time as we work together to provide vital support services for people doing it tough in local communities around the nation.

When there's work to be done, Aussies roll up their sleeves and get stuck into it. And Australians should know that thanks to their generosity and support, The Salvation Army is once again ready to roll up their sleeves and ensure we continue to serve communities across the country.

To your readers, from all of us here at The Salvos: thank you – we couldn't do it without you.

Major Bruce Harmer, The Salvation Army Australia National Public Relations Secretary

### Budget concerns shared

In reading the latest edition of the Advertiser I noted the concerns by Cr's Ronnie Bauer and Les Larke over the council budget.

I share their concerns that this council plans to increase borrowing by \$14.9 million and re-finance current borrowings of \$11.7 million. Moreover, borrowings are planning to increase to \$44.5 million by 25/26.

At some point this borrowing must be paid back, so what is the exit strategy to reduce and repay these debts.

Please tell me there is an exit strategy and what is the time frame over the next (say) 10 years. My real concern is also that the level of debt will continue and that future councillors will inherit an ongoing debt load with no firm repayment plan.

I agree with Cr Les Larke that operating expenditure cannot exceed operating income, this can be a recipe for financial disaster if not managed correctly.

I have grave concerns that other councillors are relying on "council officers" to set these budgets – who are they – and what accounting and budget experience do they possess? I take it the CFO oversees the entire budget.

Comments like "we have pulled in the reins and reduced our carry overs" mean nothing to me. What is a "carry-over" anyway – certainly not an accounting term that I know of. Oh yes – let's "keep our finger on the pulse" – instead why don't you outline the repayment strategy so we can all see a debt reduction over time instead of coming up with throw way lines from Cr Le Serve.

But then what am I? I only had 32 years as a senior banker and financier, so perhaps I missed the lectures on "carry overs" and "keep the finger on the pulse".

Gary Simmons, Cowes

### Council's inconsistent tree cutting policy

Given the decision to cut down the magnificent old Southern Mahogany trees at the Anderson Road Boat ramp car park because they are weeds and not indigenous trees to the Island, will Council also cut down the magnificent row of Golden Monterey Cypress trees in Thompson Street as they too are not indigenous to Phillip Island? Maybe that's different! I thought trees help in a climate emergency.

Trevor White, Cowes



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Olivia Curtain, representing Newhaven College, and her new pony Indi's Mr Zorba Jones have taken out the 2022 Improvers Championship 85cm division.

## Olivia riding to another win

After successfully winning the VEIS (Victorian Equestrian Inter-school Championships) in 2021, Olivia Curtain, representing Newhaven College, and her new pony Indi's Mr Zorba Jones have taken out the 2022 Improvers Championship 85cm division.

Coming into the fourth and final round in third place Olivia and Mr Jones had a midfield finish in the first round which meant they needed to pull out all stops in the last two round Grand Prix.

Following a beautiful clear first round Olivia went into the jump off with a steely look of determination. Knowing she had put in months of training Olivia knew to stick to the process and the result would look after itself ... and that it did.

The jump off was as quick as they could go taking tight lines without hitting or refusing any jumps and the best time wins. Olivia and Mr Jones ended up with the fastest time overall which gave them enough points for Reserve Champion for

the day and more importantly 2022 VEIS Improvers Champion for 2022.

This now qualifies Olivia and Mr Jones to represent Victoria at the Australian Interschool championships in Sydney in September this year.

An amazing effort from this eleven-year-old young lady backing it up from last year VEIS champion on Popeye!

Wishing Olivia and the Victorian Team all the best for Australian Championships late September 2022.

## Phillip Island bowls

The weather on the island has been a mixed bag again this week with wind rain and sunshine but in between it all we have managed to get out on the green for some friendly competition and at times much needed sunshine on our faces.

### Winter Triples

Winners were M Hannaford, R Dowling and B Humphries with a +30 and the runners up were Steve Farrel-

ly, Pam Cameron and Phyliss Major with a +25. Well done everyone.

From Tuesday next week the format will be 2 games of 12 ends at 12pm for 12.30pm start and BYO lunch.

### Social Bowls

Winners with a win and draw 27 points and 19 shots up was skip Beb Hyslop, third was Elaine Severino and the lead was Eric Wild.

Runners up with a win and draw

also with 27 points and 9 shots up was Neville Stevens as skip, third was Bev Emmett and the lead was Reg Excell.

### Audika 2-4-2

Well, the sunshine was out Saturday long enough to get a game in and it saw 32 members take to the green for the Audika sponsored 2-4-2 which due to the top green being out of action was made a game of 4's.

Runners up were Chris Fricke, Phyliss Major, Mario Micallef and Ruth Partridge with a win and a draw +5.

Winners with 2 wins + 17 were Rod Olds, Norm Waters, Lance Wearne and Neville Stevens.

## Phillip island Tenpin

### Season final results

2s Company: 1st place on 28.5pts-Him & Her, 2nd on 26pts Ally Cats and 3rd on 25pts Pinheads.

Seasons highest score Raff Merante on 201 - Jennifer Murphey on 170.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st place on 192.5pts Just Bowl Already, 2nd on 185.5pts Pinpals and 3rd on 184.5pts Storm.

Seasons highest scores Justin Porthouse on 266.

Business Early: Turkey slappers, Balls Deep, Happy hour and Redundants.

Season highest scores Gary Balfe 212 - Tricia Niessink 185.

Business Late: Holy Splits, Coles Cows, 3 Stooges and S&R Clarke Auto.

Seasons highest score Matthew Clarke 236

Thursday night both our business leagues battled it out in a knockout round leaving only one team left standing, our reigning champions once again Turkey Slappers!

Phantom: 1st place on 30pts Falcor, 2nd on 30pts Strike it lucky and 3rd on 25.5pts The Dog Father.



2s Company Tenpin final winners Mark Copeland and Irene Edmonds.



ABL Tenpin final winners Scott Lynch, Chloe Else, Justin Porthouse and Al Kokcam.



Business League final winners were Chris Lawrence, Will Musgrove-Arnold and Joel Panozzo.

## Phillip Island tennis club news

Unfortunately, due to heavy rain after only four sets had been played, the grand final was declared a washout as there was no way the courts could be made playable within the available time.

As there was no definite winner, and the match couldn't be rescheduled due to the upcoming school holidays, the title was given to the Wonthaggi Tennis Club ladies who finished the season on top of the ladder, even though it was only on percentage as both Phillip Island and Wonthaggi had 74 points each!

The next Mid-Week season will commence after the school holidays.

In the meantime, the ladies will continue playing on Tuesday mornings as well as the usual Thursday from 9.30am.

We are always in need of fill-ins for our teams; therefore, any lady is most welcome to join us for these social hits.

Two teams have been entered in the new Spring competition.

The Ladies' Night tennis short competition which concluded on June 2 was followed by an enjoyable break-up at Grenache a week later.

The new season for the Ladies will probably commence early in October.

In the meantime, any lady is welcome to come and play on Thursday mornings, if work commitments permit!

Since the Men's Night competition concluded early in May, the men have continued to play on Tuesday evenings from 6pm.

Any man wishing to have a game is most welcome to come along and join them.

The new season for the Men's competition will probably also begin early in October.

No doubt notice will be given when teams are being organised.

Mixed Social tennis is still available each Saturday from 1pm.

Once again people wishing to play are most welcome to join in.

At present, the only members actively engaged in competitive tennis are the Juniors who are playing in the Korrrine and District Junior Winter competition.

Phillip Island has five teams participating this season: Two teams playing in Pennant/ Section 1, one in Section 2 and two in Section 3.

On the latest ladders Phillip Island's Lucas is second and Felix is third in Pennant.

In Section 2 there are four Korumburra teams, while Inverloch, Westernport and Phillip Island make up the seven teams in this section, with Phillip Island in sixth position.

The two Phillip Island teams in Section 3 are the Koalas who are in second position and Seals in sixth position.

No doubt the junior members are enjoying their time on the court.

Our Club Coach, Paul Rowbottom, continues to conduct coaching on Mondays.

Paul's business, ITM Innovative Tennis Management can be contacted on 0412 682 569 or on [innovativetenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:innovativetenniscoaching@gmail.com)



Section 3 grand finalists in the Autumn competition of the South Gippsland Mid-Week Ladies' Pennant Tennis Association which was played at Inverloch on Tuesday. Waiting for the rain to stop are (from left): Bronwyn Heffernan, Lisa Guinane, Maria Kirwan, Kate Mitchell and Cyndy McMullen.

## Midweek bowls

Another great Thursday spent with great weather and great friends on the green at Corinella bowls club.

The green was in excellent condition and 27 bowlers took to the field to fight it out for the team of the day. As usual laughter and friendly sledging could be heard around the club.

Not too many wrong bias bowls this week which is a good thing though not for our RCH tin.

Thank you to Jaquie for her work in the bar and kitchen and Phil Wright who also looked after the bar.

A big thank you to the Greenkeeper for keeping the green looking so good.

Also, another big thank you to all those members who bring in treasures to put on the free members' raffle.

This week's winners on 38 points: Alan Weeden (S), Gwen Jeffrey (3), Pauline McWilliams (2) and Bill Wil-

liams (L).

Runner-up on 36 points: Sue Stansfield (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Michael Saunders (L).

Best One Game winners: Mark Andreatta (S), Chris Coulson (3) and Enid Johnson (L).

Once again, I would like to thank Peter and Pauline McWilliams for the work they put in every week to keep our bowls club going, we can't say it enough.

Also, to John our President for his assistance on the day.

Next week we are unable to occupy San Remo so we will be returning to Corinella.

We look forward to seeing everyone on site by 10am for a 10.30am start.

For more information contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

Everyone is welcome and see you on the green.

## Euchre results

Ladie's winner: Bet Stevenson with 7 wins.

Men's winner: Harry Bowman with 7 wins.

Encouragement award: Graeme

Kelsall.

Monthly winners Harry Bowman and Faye Fletcher.

Please note winter break, play will resume on August 4.

Please contact Bob Hee for any further information on 0418 173 388.



# Soccer socks up for Orange round

Sunday's game was the Orange round for the Phillip Island Breakers first home game of the fixtured rounds.

This was to raise awareness for violence against women; all the Island players purchased orange socks to mark the occasion and wore them proudly.

We had a guest speaker Alisha from Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault (GCASA) who spoke about the shocking statistics within the Gippsland region. Money raised from the sock sale is being donated to the GCASA.

## Under 17s

The day started off with the under 17s once again short on players due to a couple of injuries and school holidays. Hamish Farman stepped up again from the under 14s allowing the Breakers to have nine players versing top of the ladder Leongatha who showed up with 11 players and a couple of subs on the bench.

The boys knew it was going to be another tough slog, however they played well as a team. Leongatha outnumbered the Breakers and had plenty of scoring chances. Liam Fuery made plenty of saves in goal, whilst the other eight boys on the pitch ran their guts out.

At the half time whistle Leongatha were up three goals to one.

Balian Prendergast donned on the gloves for the second half and was also good in goals saving more of the Leongatha's attack.

The boys ran out of legs halfway through the second half and Leongatha ran away with the game winning 11 to 3.

Phillip Island goals scorers were Adam Dean 2, Jacob Liatos 1.

Best on ground were Liam Fuery, Hamish Farman, Balian Prendergast and Jacob Liatos.

## Under 14s

A fantastic turn out for our Breakers Under 14s game against Leongatha at our Orange round home game.

Coach Frank Licciardi was super proud with a winning score of 2-0.

Players Jad Ellaz and Jasper Saunders each scored one goal.

Players Ava Liatos, Devlin Rowe and Dylan Gregory were awarded for their amazing efforts in defence, and commendable teamwork.

All in all, the whole team communicated and played extremely well together.

## Reserves Men

With a few players out the Reserves Men knew it was going to be a tough game.

After defeating Leongatha last week, Gatha bought a much younger team with them to play and they were full of run.

Although the Breakers had a lot of the play, they were unable to capitalise with goals as most shots once again went straight to the Gatha keeper or over the crossbar.

Half time score Leongatha 3 to Phillip Island 1. Coach Calum Golightly instructed the team



U14 soccer team had a great win in the Orange round against Leongatha.



The U17 team got into the spirit of Orange round with a tough game against Leongatha.

to have more composure, two goals down they needed to dig deep.

The second half the Island men came out a different unit banging four goals past the Gatha keeper whilst Leongatha only managed to score once in the second half.

Final scores Phillip Island 5 defeated Leongatha 4.

## Senior Women

Leongatha were eager after last week's loss and came at the Island with high energy.

This resulted in them scoring three quick goals.

It would have been more without some brave saves from Alyssa in goals and good blocks from Kit.

The Island responded with a great through ball from Jess, which found Kelly who made a great forward run into space and finished nicely in the one v one. 3-1.

The Island dominated the remainder of the

first half but couldn't manage to beat the Gatha keeper.

This trend continued in the second half and the Island ladies pressed hard, creating numerous opportunities.

So much so, that the Gatha stacked their defence with a line of five at the back, heavily congesting the Island's forward line.

Kit had a huge performance, working very hard in midfield and was very dynamic with the ball, ripping the Gatha defenders on numerous occasions in the heavy congestion and then initiating many opportunities for the team. She was unlucky not to score herself taking some great shots.

Abi was well positioned at right wing and played some great balls in and behind the Gatha's defence.

Lara never stopped running, did some good defensive work and made some nice passes.

Grace made some nice passes and Kiera made

a great tackle in the centre of the ground. Coco, another fantastic effort in defence and Ailish made some good blocks.

It felt that just one more goal and the Island were a big chance.

After their hard work, the Breaker girls were agonisingly close and unlucky with several shots on target or just wide of the posts, the ball just would not cross the goal line and due credit to the Gatha keeper who was impenetrable for the most part.

Then as the day's luck would have it, against the run of play and on the counterattack, the Gatha right forward hit a cross in the air from far out wide on the right wing on an acute angle, which partially sliced off the side of her foot and sailed into the far top corner of the Island's goal, an unstoppable miskick. 4-1 down, but that's football.

The Island ladies refused to give up and after a nice pass from Kit, Finley struck the cross bar.

Late in the game, Leongatha then managed to score two further goals. 6-1.

This final score line did not reflect the large portions of the game that were dominated by the Island and that the Island were well in the contest for the majority of the game, however undeniably the Gatha forwards were dangerous on the counterattack and clinical when their chances came.

Gatha were too good on the day, and it was another great game to watch.

The Island girls worked their backsides off to remain in the contest for so long and should take great heart from the performance.

A great effort from 14-year olds Lara, Kiera, Grace and Ailish who gave their all and worked really hard, against the bigger, stronger bodies of Leongatha.

Final score: Gatha defeated Island 6-1.

Goals: Kelly-1.

Best: Kit, Jess, Abi and Kelly.

## Senior Men

The two top teams played each other again in the space of a week and it was the Breakers who got off to the best start with Rhyley scoring the first two goals.

They missed a great chance to go three up, but the Keeper made a great save. Then Gatha went up the other end to score and make it 2-1 at half-time.

Leongatha got off to the best start in the second half scoring early and from there it was an even game with both sides having chances.

The Breakers had a great chance to take the lead back after winning a penalty, however Leongatha goalkeeper made a fantastic save and from there the Breakers seemed to drop their heads and Gatha scored two late goals to win the game 4-2.

The boys have no game this Sunday so it's back to the training ground to bounce back from this defeat and get top spot back again.

Special thanks to San Remo Butchers for donating the awesome meat tray, that was won by Kate Bland.

## Newhaven Primary school soccer team off to Regionals



Newhaven Primary school soccer team are off to Regionals after great wins.

On Thursday, students from Newhaven Primary school competed in soccer at Wonthaggi.

The team played two games, first with Chairio Christian College, winning 1-0 and then defeating Prom Coast 4-3.

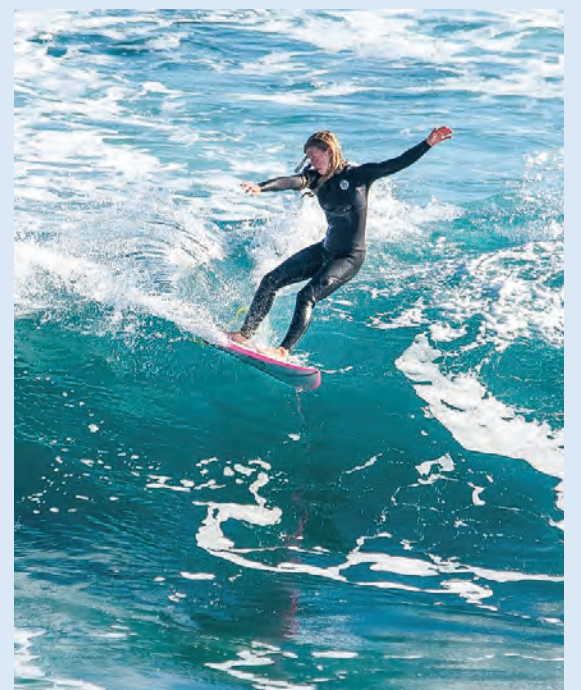
Newhaven Primary school team

are now off to complete in regional finals in Sale, during term three. Well done to the boys and coach Mr Jury.

The school is super proud of the way the team represented them, always showing team spirit and sportsmanship.

Good luck for the Regionals!

## Family surf off!



Father and daughter, Michael and Abbey Clarke sizzling in the winter surf on the south side of Phillip Island last week. Photo: John Stapleton.





Sunday Brisbane finds a path through traffic. More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au).

## Convincing win for Breakers

After a couple of weeks off the Breakers were keen to get back out on the field and debut their new clash jumpers.

The jumpers were purchased along with new women's cut shorts thanks to the #toyotagoodforfooty gear grant program along with support from their major sponsors the Wonthaggi Club, Bendigo Community Bank San Remo, Nika Real Estate and Wonthaggi Toyota.

A slow start against Seaford last time they met led to a tough contest, so the home side were keen to get on the board early which they did through first quarter goals to Tracey Johnson and Kelly O'Neill.

With Sophie McCracken-Evans controlling the ruck contests the

Breakers continued their dominance in the second quarter piling on eight scoring shots – finding a number of avenues including through Ella Cargill who was positioned well in front of goals and Chelsea Connell who drifted down from the backline.

Despite having most of the play in the third quarter the scoring opportunities dried up with the Breakers only able to add a single point to their tally.

However, the defence end remained solid with Hannah Mills, Stacey Poke and Chelsea Connell always in the right position to stop any Seaford forward entries.

The Breakers regained their momentum in the last quarter. In what was a great team effort it was pleas-

ing to again see the team's younger players including Sunday Brisbane and Tess Wingfield having a big influence in the middle.

Ahlee Penry continued the Breakers ruck dominance in the second half – her high work rate and second efforts rewarded with a goal.

Final Score: Bass Coast 7.11-67 def Seaford 0.1-1.

Goals: Ella Cargill 2, Kelly O'Neill, Chelsea Connell, Tess Wingfield, Tracey Johnson and Ahlee Penry. Best: Sunday Brisbane, Sophie McCracken-Evans, Ahlee Penry, Hannah Mills, Ella Cargill and Jenna Russo.

The Breakers are at home again next week taking on Pearcevale 11am, Sunday, July 3 at Dalyston.

## Tough trip to Sale for Island girls

The Island girls footy team arrived at the Moe ground to take on Sale, undermanned due to holidays, injuries and illness, but their spirits were high.

Unfortunately, the quality of the venue was below par, and the weather conditions were wet and heavy.

Leading from the front, team captains Millie and Poppy Marshall were in the action early.

Poppy taking on the role of ruck for the day, gave the Island girls first use of the ball and it wasn't long before Mia (Boosty) Boost had slotted the first of her two goals for the quarter, straight over the goal umpire's (her mum) head.

Millie Marshall was also in the action leading the way at fullback as the Sale girls started to get their game going.

Bella Gude and Maya Huther were getting plenty of the ball, while Qiarshi Adams continues to impress in her first season.

This week the girls welcomed back Jorja (Jorga) Newman from injury and after a solid first half was moved down back to help strength-

en the backline.

Jorja attacked the ball and repelled many attacks, and she was well supported by the ever-reliable Sarah Eldridge and Mackenzie Wain.

First year players Miki Leary, Macy Stubbs and Lily (Elbow) continue to grow in confidence each week, while Mia Boost put her body on the line in a great contest for the ball.

Even though the score difference was quite large the Island girls actually matched it with the Sale team for the majority of the contest.

Thanks to Dale Gude for umpiring, Katrina Boost for goal umpiring in the rain and all the parents who travelled to Moe to support the girls.

Special congratulations to Millie and Poppy Marshall for their great achievement of reaching 50 games for the Phillip Island Football Netball Club.

Final Score: Sale City 10.13.73 def Phillip Island 2.1.13.

Best: Poppy Marshall, Bella Gude, Maya Huther, Jorja (Jorga) Newman, Sarah Eldridge, Miki Leary.

Goals: Mia Boost 2.



U15 netballers had another convincing win against Warragul on the weekend.

## Win at Warragul for netballers

Phillip island headed over to Warragul netball courts on the weekend.

The girls had a strong start. The mid courters, Abby, Maya and Hazel showed great connection and were quick to bring the ball down the lanes. Meika stayed strong in goals and was so nimble in and out of the ring.

The Island won the first quarter easily 11 to 3.

Next quarter was almost as strong, Warragul mixing up their shooters, however our defence proved just too strong.

Sophia appeared and intercepted passes all game and Grace used her tall body well to grab rebounds.

Matilda was amazing at keeping

her opponent on their toes, by using her speed.

Half time score had the Island still leading 21 to 9.

Warragul found momentum in the third quarter and had a terrific run.

The Island girls seemed to lose a bit of connection in this quarter.

The last quarter the girls joined back together in full force with our shooters putting more on the scoreboard. Bella using great footwork and Maya voicing the team spirit in the ring.

Island took the win 35 to Warragul 21.

Best on Hazel for speed throughout the centre and Grace for moving well and showing versatility.



Cowes Primary School winners of the Netball District title for the first time since 2007. From left to right: Back: Sadie Davies, Kyra Carton, Brinkley Nicolaci, Abby Swann, Kate McCausland. Front: Teirlin Hamley, Gemma Fischer, Maddison Leed, Adelle Hecker, Macy Piera.



The 2007 Cowes Primary netball team who won the Netball District title: Back: Cassie Stoppa, Kayla Collis, Rebecca Gysberts, Maddy Taylor, Emi McRae. Front Row Eliza Berry, Amber Formosa, Tayla McIntosh, Alice Johnston.

## Cowes Primary take the title in a nailbiter

Last Friday the Cowes Primary School girl's netball team won the District Title for the first time since 2007.

The final match between Cowes Primary School and Newhaven Col-

lege was a tough and exciting encounter. With Newhaven ahead by one at half time, the Cowes girls dug deep to take the lead in the second half and hold on for a one goal win.

What made the day more exciting

was that former principal Mrs Sue Becker was present at the day to see the match and former student Maddy Taylor who was coordinating the day and was a member of the 2007 team that won.

## Westernport Field and Game June Clay Target Shoot results

Westernport Field and Game held their monthly shoot on June 19, with 77 shooters attending. Two rounds of 38/37 were shot.

### Overall scores

High Gun, Bill Zogogiannis with a score of 70.

Grade winners:

AA Grade: 1st Jason Barclay (69), 2nd Rick Bomer (69) and 3rd Rodney Hill (66).

A Grade: 1st Dan Blackley (66), 2nd Curtis Hillbrick (60) and 3rd John Kamaris (60).

B Grade: 1st Robert Glenn (58), 2nd Bill McFee (51) and 3rd Adrian Ward (51).

C Grade: 1st Brendan Goodman (41) and 2nd Arthur Rawlinson (39).

Juniors: 1st Joel Passarin (53).

Ladies: 1st Brooke Tangey (55), 2nd Kathryn Cecho (52) and 3rd Sarah Fritsch (49).

Veterans: 1st Lionel Bradley (60), 2nd Rob Sturzaker (59) and 3rd Len Box (59).

Our next shoot will be held on Sunday July 17, consisting of 75 targets with nominations commencing at 9.30am.

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

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

## TIDE GUIDE

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

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HIGH 1:24 pm 2.92 m	LOW 6:51 am 0.68 m	LOW 7:36 am 0.66 m	LOW 8:18 am 0.65 m	LOW 8:57 am 0.67 m	LOW 9:33 am 0.71 m	LOW 10:10 am 0.76 m
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U14 Blue Harrison Carlton leaves a tangle in his wake.



Phillip Island Blue pups celebrate a goal kicked by Maddison Leed (far left) U12 Blue. More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au).

# Junior footy on show

## U10 Blue

In round 9, the Phillip Island Blue pups Under 10s made themselves at home in the Sea Eagles’ nest, with another fantastic performance which was a reflection of the awesome efforts made at training.

Team captains Ruby Parsons and Liam Cleary gave the team some words of inspiration.

Coach Luke Marshall reminded the team, after hearing a few mention that the Sea Eagles were a very good team, that we are a very good team as well.

Coach Luke then set some goals for the match.

Forwards needed to practice staying on the move and attacking the footy with confidence.

Mid fielders were to make getting to the footy first their number one priority and be ready at all times.

The backline was asked to be tight on their opponents, back their own judgment, and they were reminded of their importance as games can be won on their efforts.

The kids took it all on board and played their hearts out.

Each and every player demonstrated some amazing skills with awards given to Will Patton, Liam Cleary, Ruby Parsons, Brock Larsson, Sonny Williams and Archie Dillinger for their standout performances.

## U10 Red

The rain held off as the pups took on Leongatha at the kennel for round 10.

The first quarter was a high-quality affair with Captain Fergus leading the charge getting lots of the footy and driving the ball forward.

Jye Smith showed great skill tak-

ing big marks and providing lots of run out of defence.

The second quarter tightened up and our smaller players put together some great plays getting in and under and finding run on the outside.

Kash Scheibel and Miller Sund turned on the speed, breaking lines and giving our forward line every chance to score.

Leongatha came out fired up in the third quarter and seemed to have players everywhere as the backline came under constant pressure.

Ziggy Wagner was the General down back and showed great poise under pressure clearing the ball time after time with long accurate kicks.

The fourth quarter was a dogfight in the middle and Flynn Doig relished the opportunity to get the ball out from the bottom of the pack.

Jasper Goodall took a great mark in defence and picked out a teammate as we charged up the ground.

Toby Mchugh was in the thick of it, never giving an inch.

Another great game by the team and I am sure we will come out firing after the break.

Awards – Miller Sund, Kash Scheibel, Lenny Nolan, Fergus Tillotson.

## U12 Blue

Phillip Island Blues under 12s had a score to settle when they played Inverloch-Kongwak in a rainy round 9 at the Sea Eagles’ nest.

Lead by team captains Kyra Carton and Kane Patton, the Doggies were pumped up, strong, and fast on their feet and the supporters were loud and on the edge of their seats.

Best on ground points went to Kolby Carton who had a ripper of a third quarter taking on 3 v 1 and beating them all, Gemma Fischer who was

first to the ball every time, Tavish Mahon who the coach Taryn Allen said was a brick wall on the back line as he presented him with an award. Maddison Leed who scored a goal, was also awarded for being a shining star of the match and seemed to be everywhere, Lukah Fawaz who scored two goals received an award from the coach who said he was an “absolute bull” out there, and Caleb “cub” Cantwell, also received an award from the coach for playing a cracker of a game with plenty of possessions.

The final score was 2-3-15 to 4-3-27.

The win was made more special, as it was the first game back for Cub, who broke his arm on the first game of the season vs Phillip Island Reds.

Caleb gave his award to his teammate Tavish in return for the kindness he had shown him the day he broke his arm.

Tav had given Cub his award that day to cheer him up.

Coach Taryn said it was the best four quarters he has seen as a coach, and he was very proud of every single player.

## U12 Red

The morning was sunny but muddy from the sporadic sprinkling of rain on the Island and the pups were taking on Leongatha on our home ground.

It started off quickly and some of the Leongatha boys had obviously been eating their Weetbix.

Due to sickness, a lot of the Island kids were out of action this week and the scoreboard showed as such.

Leongatha were far too strong for the pups and because the mercy rule took effect, let’s just say that they won by an obscene amount.

Better luck next time Doggies.

## U14 Blue

On Sunday the Phillip Island Bulldogs U14s Blues headed to Inverloch for round 10.

With only 16 players available and no bench, they were heading into a tough and physical game against their rivals.

Two players from the U12s stepped up to fill our team and they played fantastically.

In the first quarter, Inverloch/Kongwak booted four quick goals and kept us scoreless.

By the end of the third quarter, the Bulldogs had kept Inverloch/Kongwak scoreless and had crept back to be down by six points.

In the final quarter, the Blues, due to playing throughout the game with sheer determination, heart and teamwork, were able to come out on top, winning 36-26. A true underdog mentality got us over the line.

Well done Bulldog Blues on your sensational efforts. We were so proud of your gutsy play.

Best mentions to: Levi Addison, Charlie Fischer, Riley Herbert and Alex Symanski.

Goals to: Heath Bowan (2), Charlie Fischer, Cade Wragg and Lukah Fawaz.

## U14s Red

Scores: Phillip Island Red 64 defeated Leongatha23.

Best Players: Archie Ross, Finaly Cameron, Toby Davies, Jacob Solohub, Lachlan Eastwood and Henry Dean.

Goals: Connor Macmillan 3, Finlay Cameron 2, Harry Arceo 2, Reef Riky, Flynn Dengerink and Thomas Macmillan.

# Bulldogs get a little Dusty

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Scores:  
Phillip Island: 2.4.16, 5.9.39, 8.10.58, 12.13.85.  
Warragul Industrials: 0.2.2, 0.4.4, 1.6.12, 2.6.18.  
Goals:  
Phillip Island: James Nicolaci 4, Callum Asbury 3, Jett McMillan 2, Rob Linford, Lucas Chithotski, Harry Anderson.  
Warragul Industrials: Paul Carmody, Campbell Knight 2, Jamie Hallpike.  
Best Players:  
Phillip Island: Zach Wagner, Liam Dayson, Kirby Fuller, Thomas Niven, James Nicolaci, Matt Jones  
Warragul Industrials: Kiel Vann, Brayden Helford, Darcy Norton, Tyler Irving, Todd Watson, Lachlan Willis.

## Under 16s

It was second vs third in a big match to determine outright second place on the table.

With the Dusties boys having some strong recent results, a tough game was expected.

And a tough game it was!

With the blustery conditions making the game scrappier than expected, the Dusties led the way for the first half, and led three goals to two at half time.

Their second term goal was to prove their last, with the Bulldog defence tightening from mid-way through the second to stop further goal scoring.

In the second half, the pups were able to take control.

Led by Daniel Caffieri, Noah Muller and Max Arceo the boys were able to put on three goals to zero and to take the points and move into a clear second spot on the ladder.

Scores:  
Phillip Island: 1.0.6, 2.0.12, 4.5.29, 5.6.36.  
Warragul Industrials: 1.1.7, 3.1.19, 3.1.19, 3.5.23.  
Goals:  
Phillip Island: Noah Muller 2, Charlie O’Garey, Cooper Walton, Max Arceo.  
Warragul Industrials: William Brewer 3.  
Best Players:  
Phillip Island: Daniel Caffieri, Noah Muller, Max Arceo, Zac Walker, Jack Huther, Charlie O’Garey.  
Warragul Industrials: Regan Awty, Alixzander Tauru, Cody Templeton, Declan Burton, Noa Fogarty, William Brewer.

THIS WEEKEND DRAWS

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LADDERS				
SENIOR FOOTBALL				
TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
Tooradin-Dalmore	48	321.08	12	0
Phillip Island	40	202.38	10	2
Inverloch-Kongwak	40	189.42	10	2
Nar Nar Goon	36	172.32	9	3
Cora Lynn	28	126.51	7	5
Warragul Industrials	28	124.97	7	5
Bunyip	20	105.82	5	7
Kilcunda Bass	20	64.29	5	7
Koo Wee Rup	16	71.70	4	8
Dalyston	8	46.02	2	10
Korumburra-Bena	4	32.85	1	11
Garfield	0	34.69	0	12

RESERVES FOOTBALL				
TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
Tooradin-Dalmore	48	956.38	12	0
Phillip Island	40	283.66	10	2
Nar Nar Goon	40	219.63	10	2
Bunyip	32	210.94	8	4
Cora Lynn	32	172.58	8	4
Koo Wee Rup	28	166.67	7	5
Inverloch-Kongwak	24	104.45	6	6
Dalyston	16	62.15	4	8
Warragul Industrials	12	59.68	3	9
Garfield	8	52.57	2	10
Kilcunda Bass	4	16.47	1	11
Korumburra-Bena	4	13.00	1	10

THIRDS FOOTBALL				
TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
Inverloch-Kongwak	3.60	36	607.89	9
Garfield	3.20	32	323.79	8
Cora Lynn	3.20	32	172.11	8
Tooradin-Dalmore	3.11	28	282.31	7
Phillip Island	2.67	24	138.86	6
Nar Nar Goon	1.60	16	78.07	4
Korumburra-Bena	0.89	8	40.58	2
Koo Wee Rup	0.80	8	61.86	2
Bunyip	0.80	8	44.67	2
Dalyston	0	0	8.88	0
Kilcunda Bass	0	0	0	0
Warragul Industrials	0	0	0	0

FOURTHS FOOTBALL				
TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
Inverloch-Kongwak	4.00	44	767.18	11
Phillip Island	3.64	40	411.73	10
Warragul Industrials	2.91	32	303.69	8
Korumburra-Bena	2.54	28	185.96	7
Garfield	2.54	28	106.55	7
Koo Wee Rup	1.82	20	61.72	5
Bunyip	1.60	16	95.97	4
Nar Nar Goon	1.09	12	42.63	3
Kilcunda Bass	1.09	12	38.34	3
Dalyston	0.73	8	51.76	2
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	0	9.03	0
Cora Lynn	0	0	0	0

NETBALL		
A-GRADE	PTS	GA
Inverloch-Kongwak	44	208.78%
Tooradin-Dalmore	44	140.55%
Bunyip	36	174.29%
Dalyston	36	134.25%
Nar Nar Goon	36	120.23%
Phillip Island	28	127.08%
Cora Lynn	20	100.45%
Korumburra Bena	20	91.01%
Warragul Industrials	12	62.29%
Garfield	8	69.83%
Koo Wee Rup	4	40.06%
Kilcunda Bass	0	0.00%

B-GRADE		
PTS	GA	
Tooradin-Dalmore	44	176.70%
Bunyip	40	177.94%
Nar Nar Goon	40	168.75%
Phillip Island	40	138.89%
Inverloch-Kongwak	36	142.60%
Dalyston	28	111.76%
Kilcunda Bass	16	92.52%
Cora Lynn	14	67.31%
Korumburra Bena	10	75.23%
Koo Wee Rup	10	60.25%
Garfield	10	60.00%
Warragul Industrials	0	44.85%

C-GRADE		
PTS	GA	
Bunyip	48	316.17%
Dalyston	40	159.42%
Nar Nar Goon	38	149.60%
Garfield	36	142.21%
Inverloch-Kongwak	34	186.69%
Phillip Island	24	107.19%
Cora Lynn	22	92.92%
Koo Wee Rup	16	65.65%
Tooradin-Dalmore	14	78.06%
Korumburra Bena	8	71.12%
Kilcunda Bass	8	50.65%
Warragul Industrials	0	28.28%

17 & Under		
PTS	GA	
Dalyston	48	273.81%
Korumburra Bena	44	207.42%
Phillip Island	40	196.36%
Inverloch-Kongwak	36	194.23%
Bunyip	24	111.77%
Cora Lynn	24	106.58%
Tooradin-Dalmore	24	101.92%
Koo Wee Rup	20	85.80%
Nar Nar Goon	12	73.43%
Kilcunda Bass	12	61.69%
Warragul Industrials	4	36.17%
Garfield	0	17.45%

D-GRADE		
PTS	GA	
Inverloch-Kongwak	40	251.45%
Bunyip	36	241.90%
Dalyston	32	192.79%
Nar Nar Goon	28	183.00%
Kilcunda Bass	16	88.70%
Tooradin-Dalmore	16	70.43%
Garfield	12	71.61%
Koo Wee Rup	8	41.84%
Cora Lynn	4	56.80%
Phillip Island	4	40.80%
Korumburra Bena	0	0.00%
Warragul Indust	0	0.00%

PLAYER OF THE ROUND  
Grace Morris - U15s





Cooper Logan played his first game in the Seniors against Warragul. More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au).

# Bulldogs get a little Dusty

With the mid-season bye beckoning and a well-earned break, a challenging encounter loomed against the up-and-coming Dusties at their home ground in Warragul. Close to perfect ground conditions welcomed the Bulldogs faithful, marred slightly by a strong NNW wind running across the ground. With the Under 18s having the week off, the program consisted of Under 16s, Reserves and Seniors football only with the netballers being offsite due to reconstruction of the netball facilities.

## Seniors

Highlight of the pre-game was another young Bulldog making his senior debut in Cooper Logan. 'Whales' number 31 jumper was presented to Cooper by his proud mum Lisa at the half time break in the Reserves. With Luke James and Max Blake returning to the squad, a strong line-up was selected. The result was to prove that age-old adage in football – bad kicking is bad football – too true again! The Bulldogs had five straight points on the board in the first 10 minutes of football, pretty much before the Dusties had even ventured into their forward line. The trend continued for the remainder of the day, and by three quarter time despite having seven more scoring shots than the Dusties (18-11), the Dusties led by three goals. As often happens, the impact of the missed opportunities came home to roost, and the Dusties proved too strong in the last! Certainly, for the first half, the Bulldogs looked the stronger combination, but were unable to capitalise on the opportunities with scoreboard pressure. Thrown into the mid-field, Brendan Kimber led the team with numerous clearances won, bringing his team-mates into the game. Goals were not flowing, with forward entries being repelled and



Lucas Chithotski playing his first Reserves game.

continued pressure applied by the Dusties defence. Jordy Patullo, Noosh Kane-Gillard, and Harry O'Brien were able to score majors in amongst the forward difficulties. The Dusties were playing a highly rehearsed game of keepings-off when in possession of the ball. Chip, switch, chip, pass was the order of the day, keeping away from long-bombs into the forward line and offsetting the typical Bulldog dominance in the back half. Whilst sometimes it wasn't pretty, the style was certainly effective with Dusties players able to pierce the strong Bulldog defence and kick five goals from six shots in the first half of football. After the major break, the continued frustration of the keepings-off style from the Dusties, and the lack of flow and precision in the Bulldogs' game began to take its toll.

Max Blake was able to score a welcome goal in the third, but the Dusties were able to increasingly slice through the Bulldogs' defence for effective shots on goal. Cooper Logan stepped up to continue to present, whilst the defensive pair of Mark (Griffo) Griffin and Daniel Pearce stood tall. By the last quarter, the Bulldogs tried several different approaches. Despite close to equal numbers of forward entries, the Dusties chipped and sliced their way to an excellent win. Scores: Phillip Island: 1.6.12, 3.12.30, 4.14.38, 4.14.38. Warragul Industrials: 2.1.13, 5.1.31, 9.2.56, 12.4.76. Goals: Phillip Island: Jordy Patullo, Harry O'Brien, Orlando Kane-Gillard, Max Blake. Warragul Industrials: Mason

McGarrity 3, Jackson Mockett 3, Travis Ogden, Todd Beck, Kyle Staples, Kyle Beveridge, David Andron, Adrian De Sando. Best Players: Phillip Island: Brendan Kimber, Cameron Pedersen, Billy Taylor, Mark Griffin, Daniel Pearce, Cooper Logan. Warragul Industrials: Will Gibson, Jackson Mockett, Todd Beck, Matthew Herbert, Michael Debenham, Nic Visser.

## Reserves

With continuing availability issues across the Reserves list, it was a mix of the 'old and the new' this week. With Over-35 Veterans coach Leigh Wolford and star onballer Rob Linford, combined with the appearance of Lucas Chihotski, Jett McMillan and Tom Niven from the Under 18s, it was a new look for the team. The blustery conditions at the larger Warragul ground provided for a scrappy start. With the aforementioned changes to the team this week, the side started well through the returning Zach Wagner and Matt Jones in the midfield. It was a great defensive effort right across the ground that provided our scoring opportunities. Kirby Fuller continued his good form, Tommy Niven was intercepting most Warragul surges forward and first-gamer Callum Asbury was a cool head in defence. Up forward, Liam Dayson and captain James Nicolaci were lively, kicking seven goals between them and also bringing plenty of forward pressure. The ruck duties were shared between Coby Olarenschaw and Leigh Woodford who both played solid games. The final result was great reward for a four-quarter performance and a nice way to enter the bye weekend.

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