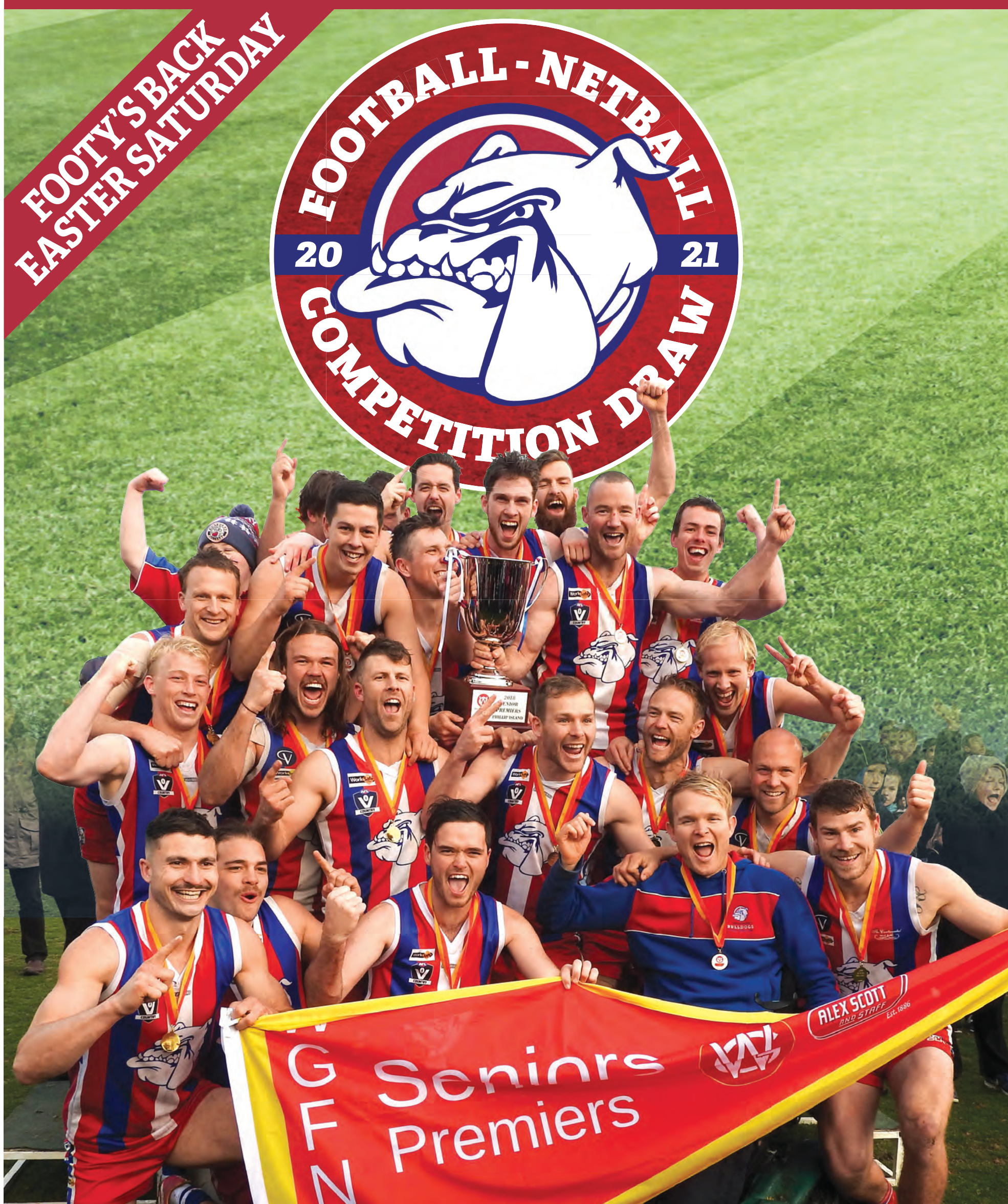


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This year is a big year for the Phillip Island Football Netball Club! It's going for cricket's equivalent of the hat trick. This history making challenge began in 2018 when the senior's team (pictured) brought home the WGFNL premiership flag under coach Beau Vernon. In 2019, a second flag under Beau followed. After a year in hiatus thanks to COVID-19, the Club is going for a third consecutive flag in 2021. Their mission starts on Easter Saturday, with a triumphant return of football and netball on Phillip Island.



2021 WEST GIPPSLAND FOOTBALL - NETBALL COMPETITION DRAW

Footy's back on Easter Saturday ...And Bulldog fans can't wait...

It's time to dust off those red, white and blue beanies and scarves!

The island's football and netball teams are (finally) back in business after a hiatus of twelve months off the field, caused by the dreaded Covid restrictions.

Season 2021 for the Phillip Island Football Netball Club kicks off next week on Easter Saturday, and Bulldogs footy and netball players as well as the club's fans, can't wait.

After spending last winter at home in lockdown, the local community is so looking forward to a return to the familiar winter weekend ritual, and getting back to cheering on our players at Saturday and Sunday competition sport.

180 players are rearing to go in our junior and senior sides, proud of the opportunity to represent Phillip Island across South Gippsland in a strong competition run under the umbrella of the West Gippsland Football Netball League.

Players can expect a crowd of about 5000 at the opening game on Easter Saturday, if previous numbers are anything to go by.

It's an exciting time, says PIFNC president Chris Ross, with all squads training hard



over the summer pre-season, and up for the challenges ahead.

Ready after a difficult year

After the uncertainty and worry of last year, with the Club's finances taking a huge hit, "we're more than

ready to go," said Chris last week.

News that the cap on country football crowd numbers had finally been lifted last Wednesday, from 1000 to 5000, after strong lobbying from clubs across the entire state, was the icing on



the cake for Chris.

"Our Club would have struggled to survive financially on those numbers," he said.

"It was a huge worry, and something we could not have policed in any case.

"Our Easter Saturday match attracts that number of spectators, and gate takings on the day set us up financially at the start of the season.

Finances during Covid were precarious for the Club, to say the least.

Last year, it had to pay full insurance for each of its 180 players, even though the only teams to play were the juniors, and then only for three games.

The bills kept arriving. But nothing was coming in.

"I am relieved that the cap and other restrictions have been lifted.

"They did not make sense when Melbourne footy could have 50,000.

"Financially, it would have nearly ruined us.

"It would have put us in a situation where we would have struggled and have had to work extremely hard to fundraise to come up with the same money."

"We also could not have policed the cap.

"We don't have the personnel.

"We are all volunteers and have our jobs to do throughout the day. Spectators come and go between 9am and

5pm with four footy sides and eight netball teams playing on Saturday.

"Same situation with the juniors on Sunday.

"It would have been an impossible task."

But that is all in the past now.

Lockdown is over.

And the feeling of optimism in the Bulldog kennel is permeable.

Safety the priority

Covid safety is now the Club administration's number one priority, as Easter Saturday approaches.

"We will be doing the right thing in every way to make sure we are Covid safe," says Chris.

Appropriate social distancing signage and sanitiser stations have been established.

And regular public announcements will remind spectators of the rules as the day goes on.

"But we also want a level playing field with other businesses and public events, when it comes to rules and regulations.

"There are some inconsistencies that we notice."

Chris points out that the game is played outdoors, and a lot of spectators sit in their cars around the oval to watch.

"At this stage, only players and officials such as coaches, trainers and umpires can go onto the ground, with the traditional quarter time huddles banned.

"Yet we look at the crowds bunched together in pubs and clubs in Melbourne and wonder what's the difference.

But having said that, Chris said the Club is happy to comply with all regulations.. "We are OK with that."



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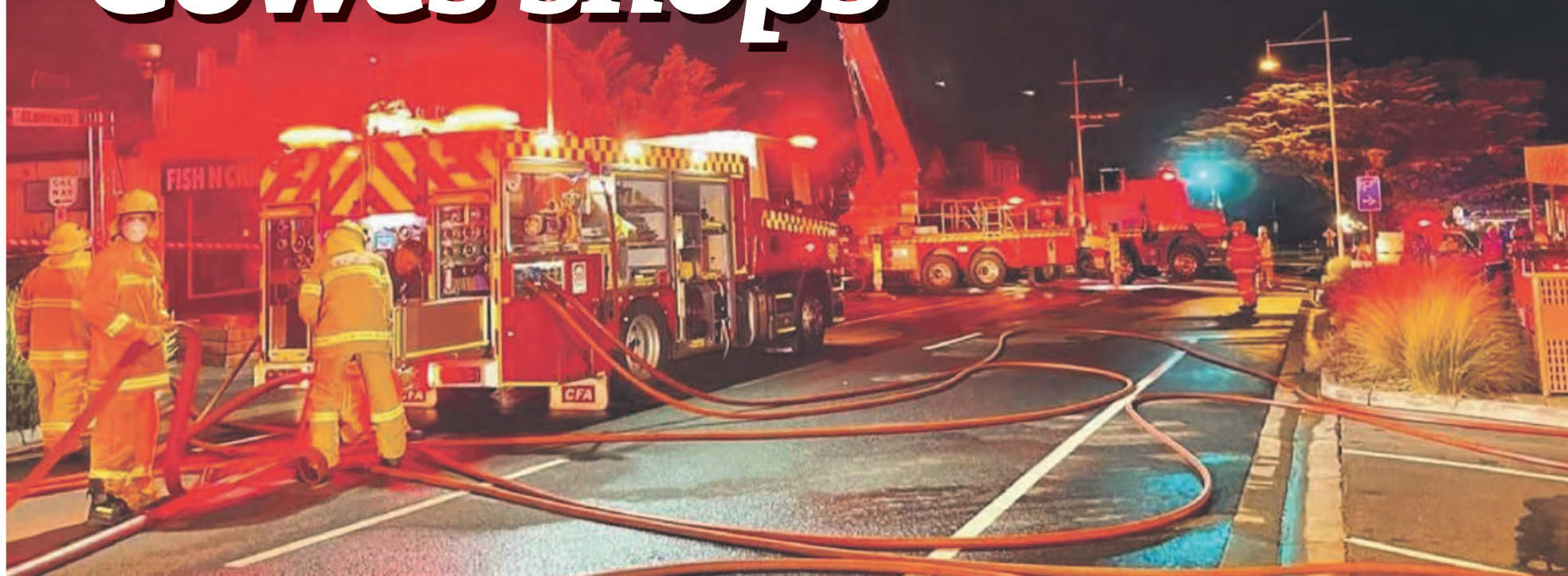
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Blaze guts two Cowes shops



About 60 firefighters from 17 fire fighting appliances – some as far as Oakleigh in Melbourne – battled the flames in the early hours of Saturday morning for two hours. Firefighters were able to stop the flames spreading to the neighbouring Priceline Pharmacy, although the business suffered some water damage.

The owners of the buildings in Thompson Avenue that were gutted by fire on Saturday morning say they are “devastated” at the loss.

The blaze started just after 2am on Saturday morning in Kim’s Bakehouse and Riley’s Fish n’ Chips on Thompson Avenue, between the Esplanade and Chapel Street.

Phillip Island Fire Brigade spokeswoman Bec Quarrell said about 60 firefighters from 17 fire fighting appliances – some as far as Oakleigh in Melbourne – fought the flames for two hours.

An FRV ladder platform 25 from Oakleigh and FRV Pumper 31 from Glen Waverley were used in the battle.

The ladder platform arrived on the scene at approximately 4am and was able to provide an aerial attack and reach hot spots not accessible to ground crews unable to enter because of the structural integrity of the building.

Bec said while they were able to stop the fire spreading to the neighbouring Priceline Pharmacy, that business suffered water damage.

An electrical fault has been identified as the cause of the blaze.

Priceline pharmacist Greg Kosena has thanked the brigade, and said if it was not for the specialist appliances that raced here from Melbourne, and created a water wall between the fire and the pharmacy, it would have gone up in flames too.

“All of the owners, staff and customers of Priceline Pharmacy send out a huge thankyou for the amazing work that all of our emergency services do. And especially our CFA for saving our store, but also for serving the community on a daily basis. Most are volunteers, and they are all amazing,” said Greg.

In the aftermath of the blaze, the Cowes main street between the Esplanade and Chapel Street remained blocked off for much of Saturday, until investigators had given the all-clear to open the street to traffic.

Clean up works on the site continued throughout the afternoon in accordance with an emergency order issued by Council’s Municipal Building Surveyor.

A builder was appointed by the owner of the property to carry out the work.

Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie

said on Monday the builder appointed is registered to demolish the premises, and to remove any asbestos that may be present.

She said council will continue to monitor the site.

Temporary fencing has been placed along Thompson Avenue, including around car parks and the front of both businesses, and around The Laneway outdoor dining area and rear of the property, and will remain until the area is deemed safe.

A pedestrian walkway has been created, with motorists asked to exercise extra care.

A terrible shock

Kim Tran opened Kim’s Bakery in 1988, and the business has been a popular and busy main street business for the past 33 years.

He has worked there with his wife June for the whole of that time, retiring just a few years ago.

Kim said it was a terrible shock to get the call in the middle of the night. “It was absolutely devastating,” he said on Monday.

The business employed two full

time staff, and a number of part time staff members.

But of one thing 82 year old Kim is certain.

“We will rebuild!” he said on Monday morning.

The business is now run by Kim’s son Luke Tran.

Customers shared their sympathy with Kim, with Sandi Chatfield describing it as “absolutely devastating news”.

“Best spiced pork rolls and special fried rice ever. Best wishes and hoping you’ll be back bigger and better,” she said.

Tash Stapleton from Bass Coast Health said Luke had been generous to the community during Covid-19.

“Luke was so kind and community minded during the peak of COVID-19 pandemic. When health services were concerned about low stock levels of PPE, Luke donated a significant amount of hand sanitizer to help keep us all safe,” Tash said.

Mark Riley, the owner of the fish and chip shop that also burned in the blaze, has also vowed to rebuild his business.

Mark is new to the island, and had

totally renovated the shop, after buying the business last year.

In a post on Facebook, Mark said the support he has received from the local community had been overwhelming.

“Hopefully we can rebuild soon and be bigger and better than ever,” he said.

The Phillip Island Football Netball Club has sent a message of support to Mark, a brand new sponsor of the Club.

“Mark is the kindest and most genuine person you will ever meet, and it is devastating that this has happened to him.”

“Mark approached the Club wanting to help in any way he could. He had just come on board as a platinum sponsor and was going to help supply our canteen, and donate player awards.”

“His generosity and kindness blew us away for a new business just starting out.”

The blaze comes on the back of the recent fire at Mad Cowes Café, which did not cause significant interior damage, but nevertheless forced the short-term closure of the business.

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The weekend's strong winds saw houses on Shetland Heights Road disappear under a cloud of dust from the site of the new junior secondary campus in San Remo.

Dust deluge the final straw

Residents of Shetland Heights Road have had enough.

Their homes were covered in dust on the weekend, when strong winds blew dust from the construction site of the new junior secondary school campus across the estate.

A video by a local resident captured waves of dust engulfing houses on Saturday afternoon.

"I had to stop driving because of the dust, I couldn't see through it," she said.

Councillors for Western Port Ward, Bruce Kent and Rochelle Halstead said they were bombarded with calls and emails from residents across the weekend.

"It was atrocious and covered all the houses with a full layer of dust," Cr Kent said.

Cr Halstead agreed.

"It was just unbelievable, I have never seen anything like it," she said.

"I contacted council urgently to let them know, to see if they could try and settle it down with water trucks."

Cr Halstead described the storm on the weekend

as the "straw that broke the camel's back", saying the state government's management of the school project was "completely ridiculous and unfair to the community that surrounds the site".

Residents of Shetland Heights Road have waged a decade long campaign to have the road fully sealed and believe the location of the new campus has increased the need for the upgrade.

Cr Halstead fully supports the campaign, saying the road was a health and safety risk.

"The community is getting to the end of their rope where this issue is concerned," she said.

"The state government should be hanging their heads in shame over what's occurred here."

"Council has been advocating to have the road included as part of the works for the school, but the state has said it's council's responsibility."

"The community not only have the angst of knowing the school will open with a road that's not safe, now

they're putting up with the site itself not being managed properly."

Cr Kent said something had to be done before the school opened.

"I'm thinking of the safety of our kids who will be using the area. We can't afford to have the school up and running and not have Shetland Heights Road fixed up."

On Monday, Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, told the Advertiser she was sent footage of the weekend's dust storm and had followed up with the Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA).

"The VSBA was concerned to see the footage over the weekend and immediately investigated."

However she said there was limited water available on site to sufficiently dampen the dust during the high winds.

"The builder has commenced additional dust suppression on site. The project superintendent is attending the site this morning to review and oversee all corrective actions."

It's an ongoing battle

The weekend's dust storm is the latest chapter in a long running battle between residents, Bass Coast Shire Council and now, the state government, to upgrade Shetland Heights Road.

In March 2019, the local residents ramped up their calls to council to fully seal the road and install drainage and lighting to prevent a major accident.

The issues raised included safety, dust, poor signage, traffic volumes, lack of drainage or footpaths, health risks and excess speed.

As a result of their lobbying, the project moved to the top of council's priority list for road upgrades under a special charge scheme. Residents had hoped the announcement of the new campus location would see the state government seal the road or make a significant contribution to the cost of the project.

A section of Potters Hill Road will be sealed as part of the works for the new campus; however the state government insists any upgrade to Shetland Heights Road is a council responsibility.

Cr Rochelle Halstead said the decision to place the new campus at the intersection of two unmade roads and not commit to sealing both roads "beggar's belief".

"The fact they're saying it's not going to impact is ridiculous. It's completely unfair and the whole project is a complete schmozzle."

"They need to seal both roads. And they need to install some sort of traffic management at the intersection of Phillip Island and Potters Hill roads."

Cr Halstead said the government should have consulted with nearby residents.

"They've chosen a site and haven't considered the ramifications for the local community. Nor have they consulted with the local community in any way, shape or form. It's just appalling."

"The management of the whole thing has been completely ridiculous and unfair to the community that surrounds the site."

"It just takes a little bit of care and there doesn't appear to be any."

Cr Halstead said council had been advocating hard without success to have the road upgraded and claimed local member Jordan Crugnale "refuses to take the concerns of the local community seriously".

"We're here to represent the residents. They're not happy, and nor am I," Cr Halstead said.

Although the road could be upgraded through a Special Charge Scheme, Cr Halstead said that process would take up to four years.

"Shetland Heights Road can't wait four years. As councillors, we've had to try and negotiate through this, and we're as frustrated and fed up as the community."

"We tried to play by the rules, but the government is not hearing us."

The Safer Roads for San Remo committee is organising a petition calling for an urgent upgrade for Shetland Heights Road.

The petition is available at local retail outlets across the shire, or online at: www.parliament.vic.gov.au/council/petitions/electronic-petitions/view-e-petitions/details/12/323

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“Silver lining” to rainbow attack

A Wimbledon Heights resident who was allegedly homophobically attacked at his home last week said the terrifying event was a “call to action for Phillip Island”.

Mykey O'Halloran, a hairdresser renowned for his rainbow designs, said “the silver lining” to the incident was the overwhelming support from locals.

The 29-year-old told the Advertiser he moved to Wimbledon Heights in February, planning to paint the exterior of his house rainbow.

At about 9.35pm on March 16 Mykey was confronted by inebriated neighbours about his painting plans.

“The guy introduced himself as the homeowner from across the road and told me his reason for being at my house was to tell me not to paint my house rainbow, or “see what happens if you do”,” Mykey said.

“They were aggressively banging the front door, one threatening to kill me if I painted my house rainbow and calling me homophobic things like “you gay c**t”.

“It was when the homophobic slurs started that I realised it was more than just about the colour of my house.”

He said the three aggressors had to be pulled out of his driveway by two other neighbours and ever since he had felt unsafe.

“I cried myself to sleep on that night after feeling so invaded, violated, homophobically attacked and threatened in my very own home.”

Mykey said local police had taken a statement and he was expecting a restraining order against the Hallway Drive neighbour (see separate story).

Call to action

Mykey – who has been contacted to be the Bass Coast representative of Gippsland’s LGBTIQ group – said



The Cowes real estate agent who sold him the house also contacted him last week to show support while Print It Fast has made stickers of a rainbow house saying “I stand with Mykey #RainbowHousePhillip Island”.

while he wished the event didn’t happen, “I think there’s a silver lining”.

“It’s a call to action for Phillip Island.

“It’s a minority in the community who need to catch up to 2021.”

He suggested there could be a drag race of drag queens wearing rubber at the Phillip Island race track or a

gay pride march in Cowes.

“It would be educational for a small town like Phillip Island to raise awareness for people about how they choose to identify, especially after an event like this.”

Mykey said locals had showered him with support with one offering to donate a home security system.

Print It Fast has made stickers of a

rainbow house saying “I stand with Mykey #RainbowHousePhillip Island”.

While many in the community had offered to help paint his house rainbow, Mykey said he already had a painter who was set to start in the next few weeks.

“I’m open to the idea of having an army of people coming round but the last thing I want to do is upset the neighbourhood, so maybe we will have a community day for the final painting,” he said, adding he painted the interior multicoloured during the snap lockdown.

He said his neighbours immediately next door had also been supportive, “even taking my bins out and chatting with me over the fence”.

The Cowes real estate agent who sold him the house also contacted him last week to show support.

LGBTIQ members of the community had also reached out “which makes me feel safe and not alone”.

“I’m excited to meet new friends and be a part of the beautiful Phillip Island community. I cannot express in words how healing it is to hear all of the support I have.”

Island life

Mykey – who works three days a week in Melbourne – is from Noosa and chose to move to Phillip Island because of its coastal lifestyle and it seemed like a “lovely, accepting and joyful community”.

“After the event I have never felt more isolated and threatened. On the night I didn’t know what to do.

“It’s not a rental where I can leave if I feel uncomfortable. I have a life-long commitment with this house and the neighbours have a commitment with their house.”

But after posting his story on Facebook and then appearing in media, including on Channel 10’s The Project, he has felt less nervous.

“Stuff like this happens all the time but people keep quiet. They don’t have a voice.

“A decade ago an event like this would not have been noticed so I feel blessed and lucky to be in a position to take a stand against it. Just to be heard and for people to acknowledge it’s not ok; that this kind of behaviour shouldn’t be accepted by anyone.”

Mykey said he had spoken to Bass Coast Shire about his plans to paint his home rainbow.

“They don’t have any regulations on what colour you paint a house unless it’s heritage listed.”

Some comments online suggested the paint could lower property prices, but he said any future buyers would most likely see the street as an accepting one.

“Homophobia shouldn’t be an issue in 2021 and the fact that it was this week for me is still a real shock to the system.”

23yo charged with threats to kill

Police last Friday confirmed a 23-year-old Wimbledon Heights man will appear at the Korum-burra Magistrates’ Court on July 1 following the incident in Hallway Drive (see separate story).

Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Morison from Wonthaggi Police confirmed they had charged the 23-year-old with making threats to kill and unlawful assault.

He has been bailed to appear at court following the incident in Hallway Drive last week where a man was allegedly threatened.

Acting Senior Sergeant Morison said the investigation was ongoing.

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Scallop boom on the way: quota lifted

The state government's announcement last week, lifting the allowable commercial catch for the ocean scallop fishery by more than seven times, has been welcomed by San Remo scallop fishermen Andy Watts and his son Jake.

The quota increase follows the discovery of new scallop beds off Victoria's east coast.

A survey conducted last year near the Tarwhine oil and gas fields off Gippsland confirmed a return of harvestable scallop beds in the area, prompting an increase to the total allowable commercial catch (TACC) from 135 to 979 tonnes.

A spokesperson for the government said that the decision to increase the quota substantially was made in consultation with industry bodies and licence holders.

"This discovery of healthy scallop beds is welcome news for fishers, who have spent the past decade focusing their efforts in the Commonwealth-managed Bass Strait Central Zone Scallop Fishery," the spokesperson said.

The TACC increase to 979 tonnes from 135 will now see the return of activity to Victoria, he commented, under new management arrangements set to ensure the future sustainability of the scallop fishery.

"The estimated size of the Tarwhine bed is 7876 tonnes.

"A TACC of 979 tonnes means just

12 per cent of legal sized scallops will be harvested, leaving a biomass of more than 6000 tonnes to maintain ongoing recruitment to the fishery."

Sustainable future

Scallop fisherman Andy Watts, who runs two scallop vessels out of San Remo, has described the new quota announcement as a good thing.

"It is great to see the scallop beds are recovering.

"We have had some very quiet years, so the news is good."

Andy said scallop fishermen had been involved in the survey, so were confident with the results.

"It will mean increased production for us, and operating closer to home, which is good," he said.

Andy's son Jake, skipper of the Northern Star which ties up at San Remo, was also delighted with Friday's announcement.

Jake said it was exciting to be able to bring in more scallops for the community to enjoy, and to be able to do this by fishing closer to home.

Under the new regulations, half of the Tarwhine bed will be closed to commercial fishing to ensure the longevity of the scallop beds, and the commercial catches will be taken from the remaining half still open to fishing.

A research levy will be applied to all licences to fund future surveys of scallop stocks to inform TACC setting.



Jake Watts, on board the Northern Star, has welcomed the significant increase to the scallop fishery quotas announced last week. The quota increase will mean more scallops for the community to enjoy, and being able to fish much closer to home than has been the case in recent years.

Both Andy and Jake are confident these new regulations will ensure the longevity of the scallop fishery for the future.

The Victorian ocean scallop fishery extends out from the coastline 20 nautical miles.

The management of scallop fisheries is complex and cyclical with repeated 'boom' phases often followed by extended fishery closures.



San Remo Fishermen's Co-operative General Manager Paul Mannix is delighted with the increase in quota for the scallop industry. It's great news for scallop fishermen, and for everyone who loves scallops, he says.



MV Sycamore in our bay this week

The Royal Australian Navy's new multi-role aviation training vessel (MATV), MV Sycamore, launched in 2016, will be carrying out training exercises in Westernport this week.

MV Sycamore's primary role is to support maritime aviation training of Defence helicopter flight crews.

The 94-metre civilian ship is a flight deck equipped sea-going training vessel for most types of

helicopters used by the Australian Defence Force, and it will be in the bay this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (March 24-26).

MV Sycamore is fitted with the aircraft ship integrated secure and traverse system (ASIST) to enable MH-60R helicopter pilots to safely land and take off from the deck in severe weather conditions. Night-time helicopter operations are supported,

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Minister inspects Cowes boat ramp

The Minister for Boating and Fishing Melissa Horn (second left) visited Phillip Island on Friday morning, accompanied by Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale (left) and Bass Coast Council CEO Ali Wastie and Cr Michael Whelan.

The purpose of the Minister's visit was inspection of the Cowes Boat Ramp, with planning for an upgrade of the problematic launch facility underway.

Ms Horn was told by Bass Coast Council officer Marlene Battista that concept plans are currently on the draft board and should be released for community feedback in about May.

A three or four boat lane facility and pontoon at the site was suggested.

The upgrade is a Better Boats Vic project, but work will be overseen by council.

The local fishing fraternity has long called for a properly designed replacement of the ramp installed in 2011, which has had major and ongoing problems.

Minister's boat ramp visit welcomed

A proposed upgrade of the Anderson boat ramp by Better Boating Victoria is very welcome news for the many recreational anglers who use the problematic facility, and who have been calling for a rebuild and a permanent solution to prevent sand build up over the last decade.

They have welcomed the visit last week by the Minister for Boating and Fishing Melissa Horn to inspect the boat ramp area, and news that plans for an upgrade are underway and will be presented for community feedback in May.

Fishermen and recreational boaters have been demanding action by the Bass Coast Shire to remedy what has been an ongoing and very costly problem for ratepayers since the ramp was built back in 2011.

The build-up of sand over the supposedly all tide Anderson Street boat ramp requires machinery and regular and expensive excavation works to clear it and make it usable, on an almost daily basis.

The works are a costly band-aid solution in the eyes of the fishermen, and not sustainable.

They want the problem fixed permanently, and the boat ramp in a usable state all of the time.

The current Anderson Street boat ramp was constructed by the Bass Coast Shire in 2011, at a cost of about \$500,000.

It replaced the old ramp; which long-time users say was a much better facility; perfect for purpose; and user friendly for both sedans and four wheel drive vehicles.

Cold comfort

The design for the new ramp was strongly opposed by local users, during the consultative phase for the project back in 2011.

The old ramp used to go straight down and level out in the water and was not problematic.

However, in 2011, the level to which concrete slabs were dug down, below the water line, was deeper than the natural shift of the sand.

The result: sand is deposited at high tide all over the ramp surface.

For the ramp to now be usable, a contractor, at substantial cost to ratepayers, is required to move the sand on a daily basis.

It is a never-ending story. The sand is removed, then the next tide dumps it right back again.

What disappoints and frustrates long time users is that their input at stakeholder meet-

ings prior to the ramp being built was rejected.

"Council was told by everyone present at those meetings that the new ramp should be raised, not dug in," said Lionel Bradley back in 2018.

"They refused to listen to us or acknowledge the experience and local knowledge of this beach we all brought to the table. They dug it in, on the basis that beach users might trip over it if it was raised.

"The result, as we unanimously warned them it would be, is that the ramp is often unusable, and requires costly sand shifting daily, which was never the case before.

"This all could have been avoided if council had listened to us in the first place," he said.

Warwick Cumberland commented at the same time.

"The ramp was poorly designed in the first place. And its construction proceeded against the protests and advice of experienced and long-term users of this area.

"Council needs to consult again, urgently; listen

to users, and take action," he said back in 2018.

"This ramp needs to be rebuilt.

"The ramps at both Newhaven and Rhyll work well. The Cowes ramp is an important facility in our seaside town, and this issue must be addressed," he stated.

The adjoining new jetty, which was built by Bass Coast Shire Council in 2015, also against the advice given by experienced users of that coastal area at consultation sessions, is described now by those launching their boats, as not suited for the purpose it was built for.

Two thirds of the structure is unusable at low tide, and at high tide, it can be completely submerged.

Fishermen describe it as an \$800,000 waste of money, which should never have been put there.

The jetty was funded through a grant of \$378,000 from the state government's Boating Safety and Facilities Program, and an additional \$220,000 contributed by Bass Coast Shire Council.



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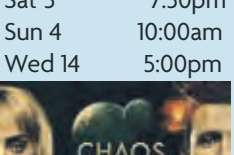
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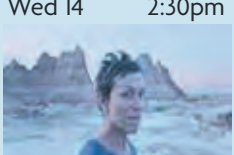
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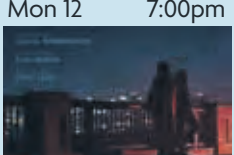
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College welcomes new principal

Tony Corr was officially welcomed as the fifth Newhaven College principal before a ceremony attended by 1100 students and guests last week.

The hour-long commissioning ceremony on Friday included readings by students, a performance from the school's upcoming Wizard of Oz musical in April, and a blessing by college chaplain, Reverend Ian Turnnidge.

Board chair Greg Price – who will step down from the role in May and hand the reins to David Jobe – introduced Mr Corr.

"In 1980 the foundation year of Newhaven College there were 52 year seven and eight students," said Mr Price, who has been chair for more than two decades.

"Did they ever dream that the school would grow to more than 950 students and in 40 or more years welcome its fifth principal?"

Mr Corr told a story of Christmas 1971 when his parents packed up their five children in the family Fairmont to holiday at the Cowes shire caravan park.

"That was my first memory of loving this

area," Mr Corr said, adding recollections of eating at the Tropicana restaurant and being "devastated" the day the ferry sank.

Mr Corr paid tribute to founding principal Frank Moore who was greeted with "water-logged ovals" on his first day in the job.

"My first day here 41 years later I drove in to 82 pristine acres and state-of-the art buildings and facilities," he said.

"I'm in awe of the people who built this school. To inherit a school like this with no sweat, blood or tears does give me a tinge of guilt.

"But to whom much is given, much is expected."

Mr Corr was previously deputy headmaster at Melbourne Grammar and Xavier College, taking over from head Gea Lovell, who was in the role for a decade.

Gea's predecessor Michael Brewin, who was principal from 1998, attended Mr Corr's commissioning ceremony.

It should be: David O'Regan started in 1990, taking over from founding principal Frank Moore.



After officially being commissioned as the fifth principal of Newhaven College Tony Corr walked past all school students in a procession with board chair Greg Price.



It was announced at the ceremony that current college board chair Greg Price (left) will step down after more than 20 years in the role and hand the reins to David Jobe, who is pictured here with his wife Jane.



Newhaven College Surfing Captain Sage Goldsbury presents the new principal with a surfboard, symbolizing the school's affinity with its environment and student involvement in surfing.



College life governor Pam Cameron with Steve Munro from the Lions Club of Phillip Island.



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therapy in particular to those who are undergoing rehabilitation.

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Such is the demand for Aquafitness, additional classes are being introduced shortly, to cater for increasing demand.

Classes currently run over 45 minutes on Mondays and Wednesdays starting at 8am, and on Tuesdays at 1.15pm.

Additional classes are soon to be added to the Aquafitness program at the Swimming Centre.

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Koby Brann, who looks after the Cowes and Newhaven sporting ovals has been nominated for the 2021 Sports Turf Graduate of the Year award, through the Sports Turf Association of Victoria.

Koby up for Turf Management award

If you have ever admired how well the Cowes and Newhaven sporting ovals are looked after, there's a young man we can all thank.

Acknowledging the great work he does, Bass Coast Shire Council Sports Ovals and Mowing Team Member, Koby Brann has been nominated for the 2021 Sports Turf Graduate of the Year award, through the Sports Turf Association of Victoria.

Koby started his turf management journey by completing a VCAL program with council in his final years of school, which turned into an apprenticeship from 2018.

"Through my love of sport, I developed an interest in the process of preparing and presenting sporting ovals, so that got me started in the industry," Koby said.

A big part of Koby's role is maintaining and preparing

sports reserves, for the local community to use and enjoy.

"Since completing my apprenticeship, I am more into the industry than the sport!" Koby said.

Koby is now a full-time member of the Sports Ovals and Mowing Team and said working with council has been a really enjoyable experience.

"By completing my apprenticeship with council, it has put me in really good shape for the future and I couldn't ask for anything else. It has really set me up well to continue working in the industry," Koby said.

"I have also made some great mates and I really enjoy coming to work, every day."

Koby said that in the future, he would like to travel to America to work on golf courses and different sporting fields, like baseball and gridiron. His ultimate dream though, is to become head curator at the MCG.

"Although, being head curator anywhere would be pretty good," Koby said.

While Koby was shocked to receive the email advising him of his nomination, Council's Team Leader Sports Ovals and Mowing Darren Green wasn't as surprised.

"Koby has worked really hard over the last three years and it is a real credit to him that his school thinks highly enough of his work to nominate him," Darren said.

"He represents council extremely well."

As part of his nomination, Koby will give a presentation to the Sports Turf Association of Victoria board during April.

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What do we want and when do we want it?

A “state of the art” dog park and no more “Cranbourne” style housing estates were on San Remo and Newhaven residents’ wish lists at a community forum held last week.

The forum is part of a series held by the Bass Coast Shire – with Rhyll having its turn tonight (March 24) and Cowes next week (March 29).

Following last October’s shire elections, it is a state government requirement that all shires consult the community, to shape council direction for the next four years.

The forum at the San Remo Recreation Centre last Wednesday night saw residents stick post-it notes of ideas, criticisms and suggestions for council.

There were recurring hot topics, including a repeated request for red bin collection over peak holiday periods, as well as a skate park for San Remo or Newhaven, “or wherever you see fit for the 5000th time”.

There were also some new ideas. “A retirement village is what’s needed,” Desi Dutchman wrote.

“A lot more older people are making the sea change.”

Not surprisingly a key issue for San Remo residents was the sealing of Shetland Heights Road.

Resident Robyn Parsons said she was disappointed with the location of the junior secondary school on land zoned farming.

“I know there’s a desperate need for a secondary school but it’s such a pretty rural environment to have the zoning changed. It’s not the best position,” said Robyn, who moved to her one-acre Shetland Heights Road property three years ago.

“But if they’re going to build a school there then Shetland Heights Road needs to be sealed. Even now with all the development and trades and people cutting through the road condition is terrible.

“It’s disappointing because we bought for the ambience of the area and now I want to know if they’re planning to re-zone more land.”

Urban sprawl

A recurring theme highlighted at the first community engagement session four years ago was the need to lock in town boundaries as they currently exist, with no further housing subdivisions.

“Please no more small lot developments,” wrote one respondent.

“Stop emulating Cranbourne housing estates.”

Megan Jackson wrote: “stop all the over development in our small coastal towns”.

“Plant trees and start caring for our native animals and environment,” she said.

Natasha Crestani asked: “do we want to kill the very reason we love the island and moved here?”.

“Did the island attract you due to its beautiful countryside?”

“Do you support crowded living or an actual alternative to Melbourne suburbia,” Natasha commented.

Councillors say the best opportunity for this is through the upcoming third round of the state government’s Distinctive Area and Landscapes (DAL) community consultation, expected in April.

The DAL will see the release of the draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), which will include a plan for guiding the future use and development of land, including locking in town boundaries.

Cr Bruce Kent said protection of the coastline from development was critical.

“The coast is what San Remo is so you want to keep the farm land right across the coast,” he said.

Cr Ron Bauer agreed saying locking in town boundaries in their current state was “key to maintaining the whole look and feel of the area”.

Traffic

Traffic congestion was also a recurring theme, with several suggesting the Phillip Island bridge be doubled.



Shire community safety officer Anthony Ball, San Remo residents Rod and Robyn Parsons, Cr Rochelle Halstead and Cr Ron Bauer at the San Remo community consultation forum last week.

“I would like to see better entry and exit off the island, maybe another bridge,” wrote Wendy Smith.

“I know it would be expensive but something needs to be done. The population down here has more than doubled since we bought 25 years ago.”

Environment

A creative idea by one respondent included starting an environment fund or foundation to revegetate Phillip Island.

A hot topic was preservation of trees, including on roadsides, prosecution of coastal tree removal and increasing areas of native vegetation.

“Support the Phillip Island Conservation Society’s significant tree register and eventually make it shire-wide,” wrote one resident.

Cr Clare Le Serve attended the first Council Plan community consultation in Corinella the previous week, saying the key theme to emerge was protection of the environment.

“People were concerned about

the impact of hundreds of B-double trucks on the Bass Highway from the growing sand mining industry,” Cr Le Serve said.

“And they were certainly concerned about coastal erosion.”

Dogs, cats

There were numerous comments and suggestions about pets.

One respondent mooted a “state of the art dog park” near Cape Woolamai and Newhaven, even suggesting it be placed on the Vietnam Veteran’s Museum new land along the Phillip Island Road, which proposes to have access off the Cape Woolamai roundabout.

“I’ve seen them interstate and they include obstacle courses, water features, shelters and landscaping,” said Newhaven resident Penny Manning, who does not own a dog but sees the limited opportunities for dog owners.

Other suggestions included classes for dog obedience and an increase in fines to dog owners who do not pick up after their dogs.

High profile critic of junior campus

A former state government planning minister and San Remo resident has criticised the Education Department for their selection of land for the new junior secondary school campus.

Rob Maclellan’s brother Peter owned the land at the intersection of Potters Hill and Shetland Heights roads in San Remo before they were approached by the state government last year to purchase it.

“We still haven’t been paid for it,” said Mr Maclellan, who was a minister in the Kennett Government in the 90s.

“They threatened us with compulsory acquisition, but we negotiated.”

Mr Maclellan – who spoke to the Advertiser at last week’s San Remo community forum (see separate article) – said his 92-year-old brother was sick in hospital but had allowed planners onto the land to start construction.

He said the land was zoned farming and argued the school now prevented the 2012 plan to develop an east-west second main road as an alternative to the congested Phillip Island Road.

“The whole idea of that link is now gone.

“Even if and when Shetland Heights Road is fully constructed it will be a nightmare because of traffic on that corner.

“How is someone who lives between Potters Hill and Punchbowl meant to get their milk and newspaper now?”

Mr Maclellan disputed that his family was a beneficiary from the sale, adding he told the Education Department they should have built the school on a larger site on the main road to allow for future expansion, as well as the primary school.

“Instead they’ve chosen a mean little 10-acre site. I’m saddened the education bureaucrats couldn’t do better.

“I spent the better part of six months trying to persuade the education department to go somewhere else.”

Construction of the new campus is underway.

About 400 students from years 7-9 are expected to attend when it opens in 2022.

Your comments

What would make living, visiting or investing in Bass Coast better?

- “More council transparency especially on construction and proposed developments”
- “San Remo needs coordination of all open spaces”
- “Support a village atmosphere in San Remo. We do not want rampant development”

- “Better infrastructure, roads, aquatics, skate park, bike path, walking paths”
- “A regional art gallery is well overdue, ideally at the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre”

What do you value about Bass Coast?

- “The hundreds of community volunteers who make our clubs so successful”
- “The view”
- “Open spaces, walking tracks, beaches, native

- vegetation and farm land”
- “Peace and tranquillity”

What can we do to improve health and wellbeing?

- “Move the whale”
- “Peak time red bin weekly collection”
- “Social housing for people in crisis, including domestic violence housing”
- “Continue live streaming of council meetings”

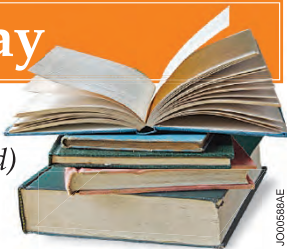
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TAKE ACTION TOGETHER!

HARMONY WEEK

Together we can achieve more than if each school works alone. Staff at Cowes, Newhaven and San Remo Primary Schools are working together to deliver the Respectful Relationships program, through a whole school approach across each school to support students in developing healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

Taking a whole-school approach is about embedding a culture of respect and equality across an entire school community and beyond.

To drive real change, each school recognises, classroom learning needs to be reinforced by what is promoted, modelled and valued within the school community. We value respect, equality, inclusion and diversity.

In alignment with our respectful relationships work, we choose to engage in national days and events that promote awareness and build understanding. This term we have engaged with Harmony Week where the message is “everyone belongs” and the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence with the theme “Take Action Together”.

We know this work is important to all of us and we encourage our school and wider communities to **join us in promoting, modelling and valuing respect, equality and inclusion.**

Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural, racial, linguistic or faith background, and has also been celebrated across each of the three schools last week. Everyone belongs!

On Friday 19th March, Cowes, Newhaven and San Remo Primary School along with many other Australian schools participated in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence (NDA). On this day students were invited to wear orange clothing to signal that bullying is never ok in any aspect of school or the broader community. **When we ‘take action together’ we can make a difference.**





The cargo ferry Oscar on the Yarra loaded up with beer for Williamstown and also acting as a tug towing the schooner Alcairo. Photo: Alan Green, State Library of Victoria Collection.

Rhyll boatramp upgrade sparks shipwreck dig



Archaeologists recently exposed the bottom frames and keelson under direction of Peter Harvey. The site was then filled in after the timbers were photographed and measured. Photo: JE Jansson.

The current upgrade to the Rhyll Boat Ramp sparked an historical expedition to locate and protect the remains of a local shipwreck.

Local historian John Jansson said the Rhyll Boat Ramp upgrade, funded by the state government via Better Boating Victoria, could have affected the remains of an historic cargo ferry, the Ventnor.

“Bass Coast Shire Council is overseeing the upgrade, including delivery of the construction works. Improved flow of the car park is part of the upgrade, so to accommodate these improvements, the playground is to be moved westward toward the Rhyll Slipway,” John explained.

“It was realised these works may affect the remains of the Ventnor.

“All shipwrecks more than 75 years old are automatically protected by Commonwealth and Victorian Government Acts. The Ventnor is on the Heritage Victoria Shipwreck Register.”

Peter Harvey, a consultant Maritime Archaeologist, and former head of Maritime Archaeology at Heritage Victoria, was engaged to locate and survey the site.

“It was known approximately where the remains were but it was almost 40 years since they were last exposed so no one was sure what was left and how deep they were,” said John.

The team arrived on December 3 last year and a site for the dig was chosen on the landward side of the sea wall and west of the boat ramp.

A backhoe was used to do all the heavy digging. It wasn’t long before some timber was exposed, followed by several hours of careful

digging using hand trowels and brushes.

The timbers exposed were the keelson, engine bed, frames and bottom planking of the ferry. All fastenings were of wrought iron.

“Measurements were taken to locate the timber relative to the sea wall and a survey marker on the boat ramp. A drone was then flown to get aerial photos,” said John.

“The site was then backfilled and tidied up, completing the work required.”

The Ventnor’s history.

The cargo steamer Oscar, 29 tons, length overall 73 feet, beam 13 feet 6 inches, was built at Footscray for Carlton & United Breweries in 1874. She had a scow hull, (flat bottom). Her side planking was New Zealand kauri and her keel and frames were hardwood. She was owned by a Mr. White of Footscray in 1877.

Oscar carried beer barrels from Little Dock on the Yarra River to Williamstown and at the same time she could tow up to three ketches between Little Dock and Port Phillip.

The Oscar was bought by the Phillip Island and Western Port Steam Shipping Company in late 1922 for carrying general cargo, and renamed Ventnor.

She ran at the same time as the larger ferry Genista which carried mainly passengers.

Ventnor commenced running around Christmas 1922 under Captain Jack Jansson with an engineer and deckhand as crew. There was accommodation on board for the master but not for the crew who had to sleep in one of the railway carriages at Stony Point Station.

She proved uneconomic to run as she lacked a condenser to convert the steam back to wa-



The Ventnor’s rudder and sternpost were landmarks on the foreshore for many years until removed in the 1970s. The stern post and rudder of the Ventnor were a landmark for years on the seaward side of the sea wall. John Jansson on the site under which the Ventnor lies. The bottom of the 74 ft long hull lies buried beneath where he stands, with the bow near the playground.

ter. The only place she could get water was on the Stony Point pier which meant she had to lay there overnight for every second night to fill up.

After seven months Captain Jansson couldn’t run her at a profit due to the water supply problem so he was replaced by Captain Leonard McFee who was given a three months trial. She apparently carried on until 1925 with the Melbourne steamer Plover taking her place over the busy Christmas to Easter periods.

The Ventnor was then laid up at Rhyll and was acquired by Charlie Richardson who was a deckhand on the ferry Genista.

Charlie pulled her up on the beach west of Dorward’s slipway. He dismantled the deck and sides leaving the bottom, stern post and rudder. He used the planking in some of the buildings and fences on the Richardson property opposite the jetty.

Two long planks were used as wall bracing on the former 1930 Ferry Company shed at Rhyll.

Gradually the sand built up over the hull, leaving only the stern post and rudder visible. They were removed around 1980. The council removed part of the keel when they built the sea wall west of the boat ramp.

Her bow lies buried near the children’s playground on the Rhyll foreshore and what is left of the stern, if anything, is on the seaward side of the sea wall.

A bronze plaque set on a timber post marks the approximate site of the remains. (Ref. IL Barton Papers, “Western Port Ferries” by Arthur E Woodley; Letter from AKT Sambell to Captain Jansson.)



The 3 inch diameter iron propellor shaft and bronze stern tube from the ferry Ventnor is now owned by the Phillip Island Historical Society, but are being safely stored by Society member and island maritime expert John Jansson (pictured). The stern tube went through the timber stern post and carried the propellor shaft, acting as a bearing for the shaft and a seal to prevent leakage of water.



Sienna Johnson pictured at the Living with Wildlife table.



The Inneses family, of Cowes, at the Penguin Parade.

PINP open day a great success

Phillip Island Nature Parks' recent annual community open day attracted record crowds this year, and has been deemed a great success.

Visitors flocked to each of PINP's four main attractions.

On Churchill Island, 1200 visitors enjoyed old time games, blacksmithing, Kate's Garden Tour and sheep shearing.

The Community Conservation Heroes Expo set up there was also popular with Nature Parks stalls promoting conservation, living with wildlife and reconciliation, and conservation and community groups showcasing their fabulous work.

Stallholders included Landcare, Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre, CFA, Totally Renewable Phillip Island, Boomerang Bags and Local Clothing.

Volunteers assisted on the day at each site, acting as visitor guides, and answering questions on the boardwalks at the Koala Conservation Reserve and at the Nobbies Centre.

For some, like the Oxley and Myers families from Dalyston, it was their first Community Open Day. Others, like Maurice and Sienna Johnson from Cowes make it an annual event. "We always look forward to the day," they said.

The Welcome To Country and Smoking Ceremony at midday featured a yidaki (didgeridoo) performance and reflected the Nature Parks' commitment to reconciliation and truth telling and working together to care for Country.

Uncle Mik Edwards led the ceremony alongside Uncle Shane Clarke and Eric Edwards on yidaki.

This was followed by a Conservation Dog Demonstration as Craig Bester and Stu Murphy put the fox and feral cat detection dogs through their paces to the delight of visitors.

At the Koala Conservation Reserve, it was busy from the time the Centre opened its doors with locals enjoying two

guided walks with the rangers including Ranger Dan sharing his personal story of working with koalas affected by the 2020 bushfires.

The Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies Centre was buzzing.

Members of the Nature Parks research team Dr Duncan Sutherland and Ross Holmberg showcased their work on seal research and threatened species accompanied by live music from Shaun Kenney.

In the early evening, Little Penguin experts Dr Andre Chiradia and Paula Wasiak from the Nature Parks' research department led 'The Private Lives of Penguins' tour, where visitors learned about the lives of little penguins and the important world-leading scientific research programs run by the Nature Parks' Conservation Team, which are supported by the work of the Phillip Island Penguin Foundation.

On the day, Local Clothing donated a percentage of funds

raised at their stall to the work of this important charity.

There was also an exclusive opportunity for the community to meet Ranger Skye and go behind the scenes to get a glimpse of all the magic of the phenomenon of Penguin Live TV before the switch was flicked to stream the Little Penguins live to the world!

The Penguin Parade was a complete sell out and as the sun

faded in the sky, lucky locals settled in to marvel at the Little Penguins coming ashore after a day's fishing and returning to their burrows.

"This is one of our favourite days of the year where we can welcome the community and showcase all the wonderful conservation and community work being done across Bass Coast and we thank you all for supporting the Nature Parks' aspirations and work – you are

all a big part of what we can achieve – we can't do it without you!" said Sally O'Neill, Community Engagement Officer.

The Nature Parks team thanked everyone for being a part of the day and reminded them to mark the annual event in their diary for the third Sunday in March next year.

For further information www.penguins.org.au

A new library for San Remo

From the West Gippsland Library Corporation

The finishing touches were completed last week at the new community library in San Remo, which opened on Tuesday, March 23.

The interim location for the library is a shop close to the town centre, located in Back Beach Road. This new location will provide modern library services for the local community.

The library's interior is designed with flexibility in mind, including lounge areas to relax with a book, newspapers or magazines, and will open on Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 6pm and Wednesday 9.30am to 12.15pm.

Along with full borrowing access to the entire West Gippsland Libraries collection, membership with the library also provides access to the collection of more than half of the public libraries in the state, through the Libraries Victoria network.

The new community library facilities include:

- Accessible bathroom including baby change facilities
- Children's corner
- Reading lounge
- Flexible furniture and mobile shelving
- Free Wi-Fi
- Two public PC's
- Printing services
- Self-checkout kiosk
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- Close to town and other shops
- Street front parking

The San Remo Community Library forms part of the planned service improvements for Bass Coast region following the completion of the Waterline Community Library that opened in March 2020. The interim location in San Remo is to allow for further planning to be undertaken for a longer term and permanent location.

Plans are underway for an official opening in the coming weeks.

In the meantime, visit your new San Remo Library to discover all that is available at this new location. For more details visit wgrlc.vic.gov.au.

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What do you want for the future of Bass Coast? We want to hear from you! Your ideas will help shape the Council Plan 2021-25, Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25, long-term Community Vision and 10-year Financial Plan. We'll be popping up at community events and markets and also inviting you to attend drop-in sessions which will be held at:

- **Kernot** – Tuesday, 23 March, 11.00am to 12.30pm
Kernot Hall
- **Rhyll** – Wednesday, 24 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Rhyll Mechanics Hall
- **Cowes** – Monday, 29 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Phillip Island Football Netball Club social rooms
- **Grantville** – Tuesday, 30 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Grantville Community Hall
- **Inverloch** – Wednesday, 31 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm
Inverloch Community Hub Hall
- **Facebook Q&As** – Tuesday, 23 March, 6.30pm to 8.00pm
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Revised Strategic Plan 2021-25 and Draft Budget 2021-22



West Gippsland Libraries

The West Gippsland Libraries revised Strategic Plan 2021-25 and Budget 2021-22 are available for public comment.

Both documents are available for inspection on our website wgrlc.vic.gov.au and in hard copy in all of our library branches and mobile library.

Written submissions under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 on any proposal contained in these documents are invited and will be received until 3pm on Friday 16th April, 2021.

Submissions should be addressed to:

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Email: ceo@wgrlc.vic.gov.au



Farewell to Citrus and Vine

Members of Phillip Island's Glams group gathered on Saturday night to say farewell to Citrus and Vine restaurant.

The evening was a huge success and a sign of how much the community are saddened at this closure, with attendance at capacity.

The food and drinks flowed and the music rocked until the doors closed later in the eve-

ning.

The Glams sent their heartfelt best wishes to the family: "Thank you to Sarah and family for three wonderful years and all the best for your futures."

Glams members from left Kym Campbell, Diane Armour, Glenice Sammons, Ros Fox, Annie Hawley and Debbie Walsh.

Hub Auxiliary partner with Woolamai Race Club

Members of the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary partnered with the Woolamai Races Club to raise money for the Hub, on Saturday, March 14.

"Auxiliary members appreciate the opportunity to partner with Woolamai and District Racing Club for this special day, and thank them for all their support," said Auxiliary president Gill Scrase last week.

"We were so pleased to see everyone enjoying a lovely sunny day out at the races, and supporting this fundraiser.

"We are very grateful to our sponsors – Garth Lisle Property Consultants, Kevin Sharkie, Performance Property, The Big Wave Newhaven, Klepnars Fine Antique Jewellery and Valuers, and Alex Scott and Staff.

"To all those who purchased tickets, nearly 600 of them – thank you!

"Come again next year to keep building the tradition of the Phillip Island Health Hub Day, raising funds for cancer services in our local

community."

Gill said that the final figure raised on the day will be about \$7000.

Adam Olszanski, Secretary of Woolamai and District Racing Club, said the Club was pleased to support the work of the Auxiliary by partnering with The Phillip Island Health Hub at this event for the second year running, to raise money for the facility.

"The Woolamai and District Racing Club were proud to again partner with the Phillip Island Health Hub in running this event for the second year," said Adam.

"We were delighted with the community response, which enabled us to donate almost \$3000 of our gate takings to this invaluable local service.

"This day is growing as originally hoped.

"Our club is looking forward to continuing our association with the PIHH and building this event into a prominent annual fixture on the Bass Coast events calendar."



From left Peter Stephenson, Wendy Williams, Dave Fenton, Joselyn Ledwidge, Mike Maher and Louanne Caldwell at the Woolamai Race Day.



Mandy Gilchrist, (centre) Hub fundraiser manager and volunteer, with Hilary Kerri-son, and Gill Scrase, Auxiliary secretary.

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Lisa's LOWDOWN

It has been a big few weeks in Australia for gender issues, from the women's marches across the nation, and even locally the alleged homophobic attack on Phillip Island (see separate story).

So this week, columnist Lisa McLure, from Smiths Beach, talks about how far we've come from her parents generation, her team approach to housework with husband Tim and how she's planting the seed of respect and kindness in her own children, Angus, 11, and Evie, 7.

"For the first time the other day I bought books for the kids about growing up, emotions and friendships.

I sat Angus down and had a conversation about consent.

He was like 'oh mum' and Tim said 'don't say that' but – because he's the eldest in his year and he's starting to go through things before his mates – it was a good time to start.

I didn't just say about him with girls, but equally girls with him. If they start chasing him and he doesn't want that I told him he has to say that, to speak up, that it's about respect to your own body and other's bodies.

We are the sandwich generation in a way.

My parent's generation was all about the casting couch, where women were wives, mothers and house cleaners.

My mum had a definite gender role, and dad was the breadwinner.

I wanted to play with Matchbox cars and Tonka trucks as a kid and dad would say no, or he'd take my brother to build a billy cart and not me, even when I asked.

But at the same time my mum was feisty and they had a great relationship and would help each other out. When they had babies, dad would do the night feeding because mum would speak up and ask him to.

I'm the same. I've always been a feminist – not to be derogatory to men – but for fairness to women.

Tim is amazing. One day he said to me he had no clean work clothes and I said, 'well go and wash them then'. Since then he does all the family's washing.

He does everything I ask but I still think it generally falls to women in families to do the planning. I have a list in front of me now that reflects the state of my brain. It's scrawled all over with everything that needs to be done, bills to be paid, places people need to be.

That's what falls on women. It's the mental load.

I think women do everything and everyone thinks they're ok but underneath they can be bubbling with resentment and just exhausted.

It's easy to fall into gender stereotypes in a home.

But unless you speak up and say 'I need you to step up' that will continue.



It's also not about asking for help, for example with the cleaning. Because that's saying the cleaning is my job.

Whereas we're a team and this is your role and this is my role.

It's like in business. You don't go to your colleagues and say I need help; roles are clear.

I have had to work with male bosses before, especially at my first hairdressing job years ago; and the difference to now is phenomenal, we've come a long way.

Back then the man was held in such high esteem and it was highly sexualised, with boobs and bums out. You'd get more male clients if you had a shorter skirt.

Mansplaining too, talking down to women as if we're a second-class citizen.

In contrast, working at the YMCA now, because it's a national organisation, they have a massive policy on sexual harassment and bullying and safety of children. They're all over it.

So with the kids we're conscious of how we parent them.

Most girls still want to play with dolls and wear skirts and some boys want those kind of things too.

But at the same time Evie will build a shelf with Tim.

Even the language we use is so important.

Usually we'll say a girl is being dramatic or emotional and we'll say a boy is being aggressive or angry, but really it's different emotions.

Compared to other generations, I'm proud of what women and men are doing as far as pushing the envelope with respect and kindness."

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I was there, says Helen!

Cowes resident Helen Excell (circled) was most interested in and surprised by a photo she spotted in our edition of 13/3/2021.

The photo was the one featuring a humpback whale washed up at Cat Bay in 1948, with a large number of children standing on its back.

Helen was one of the kids, and nine years old at the time.

She remembers the whale

well and has a vague recollection of the pupils at Cowes Primary School being taken by their teachers by bus out to see the huge sea mammal.

Her younger sister Marje Wright, also a Cowes resident, was in the picture as well, Helen said.

Helen is a born and bred islander, and says she can recall three huge whales being washed ashore around Phillip Island over the eight decades she has lived here.



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Glen Isla definitely has it all

Glen Isla House, a Phillip Island icon, is located in an enviable position only steps from Cowes bay beaches and walking distance to the centre of town, a deluxe lifestyle property like no other.

Full of character and an old-world charm with period style buildings, in keeping with the neighbouring heritage homes, nestled amongst century-old oak trees, it is truly an island garden paradise.

The centrepiece of the property is the six elegant guest suites each with en-suites and walk-in robes with spacious lounge/lobby area and commercial grade kitchen connected by a rambling west facing verandah.

Located at the entrance of the property is the self-contained gate house cottage, a two-storey picture book cottage, complete with dormer windows, a full-size kitchen, living area, three bedrooms (two upstairs, one downstairs) and a bathroom, which can be utilized either as a residence or further accommodation.

Follow the private pathway (included on titles) for direct access to the beach from Glen Isla Court and enjoy the picturesque gardens with

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The property is currently run as an extremely successful bed and breakfast business with the highest trip advisor rating for Phillip Island, attracting both domestic, interstate and before recently a very strong international clientele which will be sure to return. It is also the accommodation of choice for many teams that attend the Phillip Island MotoGP.

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The main house is made up of multiple living zones, four king size bedrooms including a master suite complete with dressing area and a study overlooking the gardens; complemented by a beautiful hardwood kitchen with stone benchtops, stainless steel appliances, self-cleaning oven, and integrated coffee machine, all overlooking the deck and inground pool.

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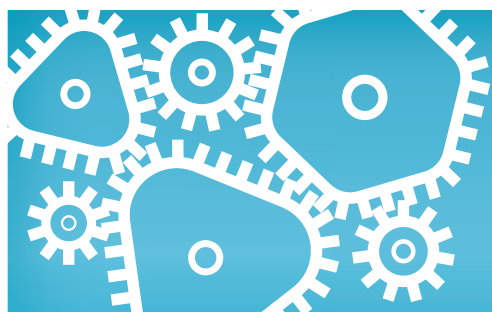
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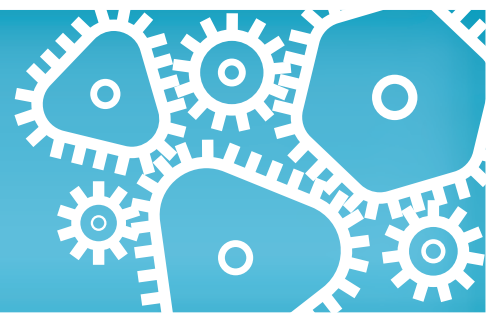
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Question for Russel Broadbent, Federal Member for Monash

Mr Broadbent, did you go out and meet with and listen to the women who marched in the march for Justice on March 15?

If not, please explain to your electorate why.

If you did – what message did you take from it?

Louise Gillin, Phillip Island

Ratepayers rights being eroded?

Most of us may never have a need to object to or criticise a council decision but, we need to have the right to do so.

If council has an issue with a particular person and it's ongoing and deemed to be threatening, as council has mentioned, then that issue needs to be referred to police.

These issues need to be dealt with in accordance with the law. Not by council deciding someone has a mental health issue and therefore must be shut down.

Before voting, (unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy) has any councillor asked their ratepayers what they think of the council's proposal?

After all that's who our councillors have been elected by, to represent us. The ratepayers.

Gay Jolly, Cape Woolamai

Unreasonable conduct?

I read in the Sentinel Times that Bass Coast councillor Michael Whelan is proposing the adoption of an "Unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy."

I am sure he means ratepayer conduct policy.

Staff at any public service front desk are the people who have to deal with frustrated people.

The person's anger is caused by someone else in the organisation who hides behind the people at the front desk.

However, Cr Whelan blam-

ing the ratepayer for the mismanagement that causes the frustration is the wrong way to tackle the problem.

I suggest that each councillor spends a whole day a month at the front desk and these days be published in local papers.

The ratepayer will be able to go make their complaint direct to their representative on council.

Having a councillor on hand to solve any problem would I am sure ease any tension between staff and ratepayers.

In this way councillors may help lift the poor public image Bass Coast Shire has had in survey results over many years.

It is up to you councillors!

Bruce Procter, Former Postal Manager, Cowes

Footpath needed

On Saturday, March 20 in one hour between 2pm and 3pm the following traffic went past my house in McKenzie Road, Cowes.

178 cars, two cars/caravans, three cars/trailers, three motorcycles, two cyclists, 13 pedestrians.

201 in total

On average that is one commute every 18 seconds but apparently, we still do not need a footpath. Our Council at work?

Josephine Billman, Cowes

Dust cloud over San Remo

Re the dust cloud emerging from the San Remo College site adjacent to the intersection of Potters Hill Road and Shetland Heights Road in San Remo. One residence had to be evacuated due to health risks to children.

The contractor appointed by the VSBA fails to do anything reasonable to protect the neighbours and traffic.

The Bass Coast Shire Council, which has its base and focus in Wonthaggi, appears to have no control over what I consider to be the poor and dangerous practices by a

State Government appointed building contractor within the Shire.

There has not been a water truck seen on the site for weeks, and the old small (5KL) truck is totally inadequate. In my view as a mining engineer two 20KL units are required with one unit 24/7 unless rainfall had occurred within 24 hours.

The site selection was poor and based on a biased survey by VSBA.

The contractor has removed vegetation from most of the four-hectare site and topsoil has been stripped from a large area. This seems against sound principles for a school site and indicates problems with the Scope of Works provided by VSBA.

Strangely, the contractor appeared within days of the announcement of the approval of a new college by James Merlino and Jordan Crugnale. There was no tendering process apparently. Although a temporary fence was erected it was not screened, and this has increased the dust efflux from the site with no dust suppression activity and dozens of large equipment pieces on the site.

The Council claims to be watering the road, but this is a very rare event, and only when a grader is at work, which actually adds to the road dust problem due to poor engineering and management by BCSC.

William M. McIntosh B.E., M.Sc. (Mining), MAusIMM (CP)

Freedom of expression under fire

In a move that should raise concern for all who value reasonable freedom of expression, Island Ward Councillor Michael Whelan this month successfully started the process to introduce a so-called Unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy at Bass Coast.

Having observed Council behaviour over some years, and having watched the debate around Cr Whelan's motion, I have little doubt that some at Council will seek to

misuse the policy in effort to stymie robust but legitimate questioning and criticism of Council.

During the debate Councillors including Cr Whelan acknowledged that, of our 35,000 ratepayers and residents, there is merely a handful of 'difficult' customers.

Arguing for the introduction of this new policy, some Councillors presented statements without context, as well as hearsay.

Bizarrely, some of those supporting Michael's motion acknowledged that there are already processes in place to deal with such customers.

Full credit must go to Cr Bruce Kent, as he was the only Councillor to stand by those acknowledgements, and to oppose the motion. (Crs Larke, Rooks, and Tessari were absent)

And, despite that the ink is barely dry on their newly updated Community Engagement Policy, there was no mention of engaging with the community in the development of this policy. It appears that the community will be excluded.

Using exaggerated language he also said that the 'echo chamber' (objectors) always finds that this is going to be the end of civilisation as we know it.

Such unprofessional language is clearly unbecoming a sitting councillor, let alone the Deputy Mayor.

Rather than charging forth to introduce this policy, it would be better for our community if the very highly remunerated management team at Council were instead to focus on using common sense and the already available processes to manage difficult customers.

If you are concerned about the potential adverse impacts that this proposed policy presents to reasonable freedom of expression, I encourage you to write briefly to all Councillors to make them aware of your concerns.

Kevin Griffin, Wonthaggi



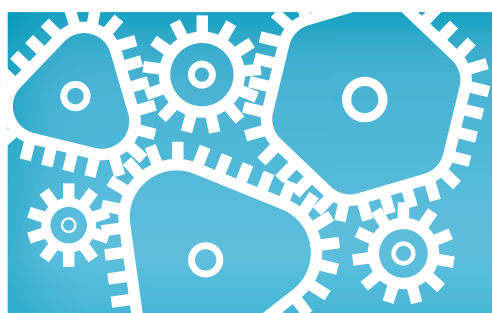
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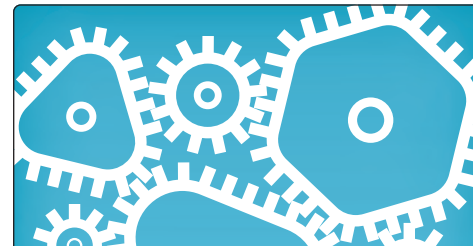
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Season 2021 cricket club presentations



The Russell Cleeland Medal was a tie this year and Russell Cleeland (middle) presented the trophies to Matt Parsons (left) and Clint Wilson (right).



Pictured from L to R is Simon Kirton, A Grade Bowling Average; Max Royal – A Grade Captain with Shiran Rathnayake A Grade Batting Average winner and Club Champion.



L-R: Steve McIntyre B Grade Batting Average winner; Tom Niven received the Captain's Award; Liam Dayson B Grade Bowling Average winner and B Grade Champion Player.



A Grade coach Liam Keating with C1 cricketer Matt Parsons (left) C1 Bowling Average winner and C1 Club Champion for the season.



The C2 Coaches Award winner – Tarryn Allen (left) with C2 Bowling Average winner and C2 Club Champion – Peter Francis (right).



Best Clubman Award winner this year went to Sean Keating.



Junior cricket award winners this year were L to R – Jake Hughes, received the Coaches Award; George McCausland – winner of U14s Bowling Averages and Club Champion; Thomas MacMilland – winner of U14s Batting Average.



Back row (L to R): Harry Bentley, Alex Szymanski, Sai Sadhubugga, Rhodes Chau, and Kade Ellaz. Front row (L to R): Dom Carbis, Casey Slater, Hudson Lindley, Thomas Page-Elliott, Will Brown, Jasper Saunders, and Coach Dorothy Wagner.

Cowes Primary Junior Bowling Team

Phillip Island Bowling Club coaches John Newcombe, Kevin Wagner, Dorothy Wagner, Judy Christie, Mike Smith and Phil Martin gave the Cowes Primary School a pre-season taste of bowls before Christmas last year before coming back after the school holidays to train the students on a weekly basis for the last seven weeks.

The training has paid off with both Cowes Primary School teams winning the Victoria State Bowls Championship event at the Wonthaggi Bowls Club on Friday March 12.

Over 150 children from seven local schools competed on the day and the Cowes Primary team will now play in the regional finals at Morwell.

The 12 person teams are pictured with new smaller bowls which were purchased with the funds from a government grant aimed at encouraging bowls participation of younger people.

If the Cowes Primary teams win at Morwell, they go on to state finals in Deer Park.



Casey Slater from Cowes Primary school, pictured bowling on the green.



Back row (L to R): Mia Ward, Piper O'Brien, Pepper Burke, Meikah Paynter, Josie Taylor and Ashby Sibson. Front row (L to R): Tahlia Jessup, Bodhi Mercer, Airlie Minter, Rose Iverach, Kate Briggs-Dodge Coaches: John Newcombe, Kevin Wagner, Dorothy Wagner, Judy Christie, Phil Martin, Mike Smith (absent).

Tennis grand final

Allambee Mirboo and District association results.

Section 1: Inverloch 7.65 defeated Leongatha North 2.47.

Section 2: Korumburra Green 6.62 defeated Outtrim 3.54.

In Section 1, all sets were well contested.

A tiebreaker in the second ladies set was the closest of the day but went the way of Inverloch. All-in-all it was a great match to watch with some great rallies and good sets.

Outtrim have won all matches for the last two seasons, which is a great effort by all players. However, this week saw Korumburra Green

ended their reign with an exciting game and a deserving win.

The Korumburra club have come from down the ladder over the years and finished this year on top winning the 2020/21 season.

This match was a joy to watch with great rallies and lovely conversation on and off the court.

The Presentation night followed the final at McCartin's Hotel and Bar. The Association would like to extend their thanks for a lovely night.

Warren Littlejohn and Frank Dekker kept the night going by taking care of the presentations to the winning teams.

The tournament trophies were also presented to winners in all sections. They were played back in January. The always interesting Most Games Won awards were also presented with their trophies during the night.

The winners were as follows: Section 1: Ladies: Cathie Felstead. Section 1: Men: Warren Littlejohn. Section 2: Ladies: Karen Wood. Section 2: Men: Sean Fraser. Well done to all players on a successful season.

Let's hope next season can go ahead for a full season plus the social afternoon tea. I think we have all missed that aspect of playing the game we love.

Enjoy the off-season and we hope to see you all back for the 2021/22 season.



Midweek bowls winners: Peter McWilliams (S), Rob Jeffries (3), Peter Thorley (L) and Bill Williams (2).

Midweek bowls

South West Gippsland midweek bowls winners were Peter McWilliams, Rob Jeffrey, Bill Williams and Peter Thorley (commonly known as the dream team).

Runners up were John Nicholson, Vicky Barnes, Pauline McWilliams and Wayne Stevens.

One Game winners were Dennis Talbot, Jim Nunan, Jenny Smith and Michael Chidley.

Thursday, March 18 midweek bowls was played at Lang Lang with 31 bowlers on a true green.

The day was a perfect Autumn day with a slight breeze. Two games of twelve ends were played and as usual happy banter could be heard across the rinks.

We had our fair share of wrong bias, in fact four members fell on their sword and had to contribute to the do-

nation tin for the Children's Hospital.

It was done in good spirits. Thank you to the members who brought in goods for the free raffle table we had a lovely selection of fresh products as well as books.

We had two members on sick leave, Laurie Bell and Sean McWilliams - hope to see you both soon as you are an important part of our team and were greatly missed.

Thank you also to Alan Thomas for supplying our drinks with a smile after a great day of bowls, Alan is always there to help.

Next week we will be playing at Corinella, 10am at the venue for a 10.30am start. Please be on time so the organisers can prepare for the days bowling.

For more information or to register please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974. Everyone welcome.

See You on The Green.

Phillip Island bowls

After a shortened season due to Covid, the Division 1 final of South Gippsland Midweek Pennant last week was completed at Leongatha bowl's club between Phillip Island Blue and Inverloch.

As expected, a large crowd were in attendance and were treated to an excellent day of bowls.

At end 45 there was only one shot in it across the three rinks, and at end 69 of the 75 to be completed it was all square.

However, it was the Inverloch team that held their nerve, line and length to go on and win 73 shots to 67.

Congratulations and well done to them and to our Phillip Island players, what a great effort to get to the big day.

They can look forward with confidence to next season.

Winners of the last round of the Corporate Bowls season were Betsy's Glass from the Pirades, congratulations to them.

The semi-finals on Thursday

(25/3) evening will be between Victor Bravos and Water Wallies with Haymes Paints against Angling Club.

These games will be followed by the final, with the presentations being made by Deputy Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan and Jordan Crugnale the state Labor member.

Members and visitors are encouraged to attend as there will be some very competitive bowling on display. It is very much a social event, but they really do play to win.

With the winter season of Tuesday triples and Saturday 2-4-2 not commencing until after our Autumn Carnival, the match committee are running events on those days which both commencing at 1pm.

Last Saturday a 2-4-2 event was run with two games of ten ends with the spoils going to the team of Alan Beddows and Julie Pora from Norm Waters and Dave Hoffman.

Don't forget to put your name on the sheet for this week. Good bowling all.

October 10, 2019



Gwenda Arnold getting one away at the Division 1 final of South Gippsland Midweek Pennant bowls last week.

Around the Bay

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Good Friday Appeal Easter Fishing competition

Entries have been good for our Good Friday Appeal Easter Fishing competition and we have had more sponsors come on board with more prizes.

We have added a bit extra this year and included a couple of auctions in the week before Good Friday.

Wednesday and Thursday, we will have a couple of our regular Facebook auctions, the difference being whatever the auctions make will be added to our total from the entries and donated to the Good Friday appeal.

Both auctions are valued at over \$300 each and will have no reserve so will be sold to the highest bidder.

Those who know our Facebook auctions will know what's involved but if you haven't had a look before, jump onto our Facebook page for the details.

We have also added another prize valued over \$200 which will be a lucky entry draw and will be a team draw to share with those on your entry.

This now takes the total prize pool to over \$8000 and more than 50 ways to win something, the majority for just entering.

Writing this on Sunday there are less than 10 kids packs left and once they are gone that's it for them unfortunately. They can still enter but no show bags.

Early entry finishes on March 26, to go into the draw for the \$100 Watermark Restaurant voucher. You can enter over the phone to secure your entry, but entry must also be paid for.

Tuna still biting!

Another week and another bunch of tuna reports. It just doesn't seem as they are going to slow down.

We get asked 100 times a week how long the tuna will last. The reality is no one knows but they will move on at some stage and maybe there are signs of that happening with reports this week also telling us once they came on, they would take anything, maybe the bait is running out.

Then of course there is every chance more food will turn up and they will stay around and become just another species that you can catch here.

There is an interesting pattern with the commercial tuna fishermen, having to fish further east than normal over the last couple of years and larger schools of tuna showing up here. Currents, weather patterns and food source is forever changing and possibly just another one of those cycles, who knows, just take advantage while this cycle is happening.

Flathead

There were a couple of good flathead reports this week as well. Nothing all that big just a little better than average size ones and once you had your bag you finished up with a decent amount of tails.

Finding the flathead wasn't all that easy and plenty of searching was needed or working with someone else was helpful to cover more ground.

Once you found them it was just a matter of working the patch and filtering out the small ones and the rest of the fish out there.

It's hard to give a best spot because there was so many different

areas but around 40m of water was probably common to all.

Snapper

There were some very good reports of snapper that were caught in the bay this week and they have been much better than the 10cm one driving everyone a little crazy.

The small snapper is still there but fishing the right times you will find the bigger snapper, certainly not the 5kg models that are around in the early part of the season but very respectable at around 40cm.

The best time has been evening and after dark and on the run-out tide, the odd snapper during the day but that's once the smaller ones have had enough to eat.

Depths have been all over the place and I would just head to an area that you know and look around.

The reports came from shallow 3m to the deeper 14m so no real pattern in the depth.

Calamari

We actually had a few calamari reports this week from off the land and the boats. While there weren't bags of them caught there was a few and quality in size.

Mixture of baited and artificial jigs but at least those who targeted the calamari found some which has been better than the last few weeks.

Whiting

Several reports of whiting this week however twice as many from those who missed out.

The main thing to come from the reports was if you sit in the one spot for hours you would have caught very little.

Keep moving until you catch a couple of whiting then just keep moving and chances are you will finish up with a reasonable bag.

This was the same story that we got from everyone that was successful no matter where they were fishing.

Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, March 16 – Men's 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was David Scrase H/c (32) with 39 points on a countback from John Jackson H/c (26) also with 39 points.

Men's 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Bob Pascoe H/c (11) with 19 points from David Schofield H/c (21) with 18 points.

Wednesday, March 17 – Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Ros Reid H/c (27) with 38 points from Kim Rippon-King H/c (23) with 37.

Round 1 of the Webster-Noonan Knockout: Winners were Jill Zelman and Di Gray defeated Dianne Ray and Charlene Duthie.

Zoe Frost and Lynore Mercer defeated Helen Coghlan and Judy Magill.

Barb Haydon and Robyn Chipperfield defeated Marilyn John and Rosemary Bailey.

Kym Cooper and Vicki Amato defeated Pam May and Mary O'Brien.

Next round – Wednesday, April 7, will be: Jill Zelman and Di Gray verse Kym Cooper and Vicki Amato.

Barb Haydon and Robyn Chipperfield verse Zoe Frost and Lynore Mercer.

Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Faye Rosen H/c (45) with 11 points from Shirley Watts H/c (39) with 9 points.

Thursday, March 18 – Men's and Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Robert Purcell H/c (22) with 42 points from Steve Regnier H/c (15) with 40 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Jeff Sellenger H/c (27) with 20 points from Ian Bray H/c (28) also with 18 points.

Saturday, March 20 – Men's 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Jim



Rhonda Boyd and Jen Bilson – South Gippsland Foursomes Champion Scratch golf winners.

Richardson H/c (14) with 44 points from Phil Foster H/c (22) with 39 points.

Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Pam Rothfield H/c (24) with 38 points on a countback from Maria Kirwan H/c (43) also with 38 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Steve Rieger H/c (25) with 21 points from Helen Pirouet H/c (45) with 20 points.

Next week's event is Men's Monthly Medal – Stroke: Pennant results for Phillip Island Golf club.

PIGC Men's Division One defeated Woorayl at Foster 4:3.

PIGC Men's Division Four defeated Meeniyen at Korumburra 4:3.

PIGC Men's Division Six lost to Wonthaggi at Wonthaggi 1:6.

Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club Fishing competition

Whilst the east wind carried Mary Poppins to the Banks' household, it was hardly supercalifragilisticexpialidocious for anglers competing in the eighth Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling club (RPIAC) angling competition, held on March 20 and 21.

Despite the weather forecast offering mostly sunny and partly cloudy conditions, moderate to strong easterly winds persisted for most of the weekend and presented difficulties for boat launch and retrieval.

Sheltered land-based angling seemed like an easy option, but reports indicated that the fish were sparse.

The few who ventured onto the water told a different story, unfussed by the weather and reasonably satisfied with the quality of their catches.

Either way, timing and location appeared to be key to success.

Anglers and supporters were lured to the conclusion of the weekend's competition by a sausage sizzle coinciding with weigh-in on Sunday afternoon.

Ronny Soolsma and Peter Rowan were barbecue masters, carefully blowing out the cobwebs and preparing the area left idle since the coronavirus-enforced lockdown in March 2020.

Under the expert tutelage of Len Bates, the barbecue breathed fire



RPIAC Squidgie Club Champion, Denver Firth, added an RPIAC polo shirt to his wardrobe, earning first place in the Squidgie Mixed Bag competition.

again and Ronny and Peter harnessed its power to everyone's satisfaction.

A total of 20 fish, including trevally, pike, pinkie snapper, flathead, King George whiting, mackerel, and mullet were presented to the weigh-in masters.

Again, the post-competition presentation provided the opportunity to talk strategies, achievements,



Riley Goodwin had a great day's fishing, excelling, and claiming victory in the Junior Weight and Junior Points competitions.

and possibilities for future success.

The Squidgie Mixed Bag Points competition, for participants aged nine and under, recognised Zachary Gomm as runner-up for his bag of two fish worth 40 points (total weight of 470 grams).

The reigning Squidgie Champion, Denver Firth, had a bundle of energy remaining after catching two

fish worth 40 points (total weight of 880 grams), and was awarded with first place for his efforts.

The Junior competition, for anglers aged 10 to 16, was dominated by Riley Goodwin, who had a great day on the water and excelled.

Riley weighed-in a King George whiting of 475 grams and a trevally worth 539 points (385 grams) to win the Junior Weight and Junior Points competitions, respectively.

The Senior Heaviest Weight competitions were won by Pat Gleeson and Carriane Peatey, weighing-in a 1235-gram pike and a 440-gram pinkie snapper, respectively.

The Senior Points competitions were won by Brad Martindale and Leah Valente.

"KG whiting whisperer" Brad edged out competitors with an impressive King George whiting worth 1456 points (520 grams) and Leah stunned a mullet worth 756 points (270 grams).

The Senior Shark competition was uncontested, whilst the Secret Weight prize was awarded to Chris Leonardos for his 515-gram King George whiting (secret weight 522 grams).

Four species are still eligible for the RPIAC members only, competition weekend first-to-catch prize of \$1000, where fish must equal or

exceed the nominated weight: King George whiting (1000 grams), snapper (10.0 kilograms), gummy shark (20.0 kilograms) and kingfish (25.0 kilograms).

The club records for extraordinary catches are reaching new limits and cash incentives remain in the bank.

Two angling competitions remain in the 2020/2021 season, with the next scheduled angling competition will be held over the weekend of April 17 and 18.

For further information about the club, events, competitions, and rules, please visit the website: www.rpiac.com.

Euchre results

Men's winner: Les Walton – 6 wins.

Ladies winner: Norma Corr – 6 wins.

Encouragement award: Vicki Amato.

RSL Cowes 6pm dinner tables for anyone wanting to dine beforehand.

Games start at 7.30pm.

Contact Bob Hee for any information 0418 173 388.

Four newcomers this week and looking for as many more as possible to join.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 24 MAR	THU 25 MAR	FRI 26 MAR	SAT 27 MAR	SUN 28 MAR	MON 29 MAR	TUE 30 MAR
LOW 2:06 am 1.17 m	LOW 2:47 am 1.26 m	LOW 3:40 am 1.32 m	LOW 4:48 am 1.32 m	HIGH 12:32 am 2.54 m	HIGH 1:39 am 2.63 m	HIGH 2:37 am 2.73 m
HIGH 8:09 am 2.47 m	HIGH 8:53 am 2.38 m	HIGH 9:52 am 2.31 m	HIGH 11:13 am 2.30 m	LOW 6:08 am 1.22 m	LOW 7:21 am 1.02 m	LOW 8:22 am 0.77 m
LOW 2:11 pm 0.64 m	LOW 2:54 pm 0.72 m	LOW 3:51 pm 0.82 m	LOW 5:07 pm 0.89 m	HIGH 12:43 pm 2.40 m	HIGH 2:02 pm 2.60 m	HIGH 3:09 pm 2.83 m
HIGH 9:20 pm 2.60 m	HIGH 10:15 pm 2.53 m	HIGH 11:20 pm 2.50 m		LOW 6:31 pm 0.90 m	LOW 7:46 pm 0.85 m	LOW 8:49 pm 0.79 m

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Phillip Island U17s soccer team – Back row: Assistant Coach and Team Manager: Andrew Dean, Adam Dean, Cadel Tsloukas, Rory Fuery, Hunter Van Der Zwet, Jamie Liatos, Oscar Waters, Bayley Crook ad Coach Jake Taylor. Front row: Matt Thornborrow, Liam Fuery, Tate Russell, Jack Middleton and Abi McCulloch.

Phillip Island Under 17s Practice Match

The Phillip Island Under 17s participated in a pre-season practice match against Warragul on Sunday. The Breakers were ahead 1 nil at half time, however Warragul came back after the break to win 3-1. The Under 17s are always looking for new team members so if you're keen to get involved, please get in touch with The Phillip Island Breakers!



U17s soccer player Hunter Van Der Zwet takes control of the ball in the practice match against Warragul on Sunday.



Oscar Waters shows his skills in the U17s soccer match.

Off to state swim championships

Last Thursday in the early hours of the morning 17 Cowes Primary School students loaded onto a bus with pillows and blankets and headed off to Sale to represent our district division at the School Sport Victoria Regional swimming carnival. This event involves students competing from all over Gippsland, from as far away as Mallacoota through to Phillip Island.

The Cowes students represented our school exceptionally well, producing some amazing performances in both individual and relay events, with many students posting personal best times.

Securing a medal were the 9/10 boys freestyle relay team placing third and the 9/10 year girls freestyle relay team, who placed first.

The girls will now go on to compete at the State Championships at MSAC in Term 2.



Members of Cowes Primary School's 9/10 year girls freestyle relay team will go on to compete at state level in the Victorian State Schools Swimming championships, after taking out first place at regional level at last week's Schools Regional Swimming Carnival, which was held in Sale last Thursday. Team members Miranda, Mika, Macy and Kate after their great swim.

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2021 FIXTURE

ROUND 1

Saturday, 3 April

Phillip Island v Kilcunda Bass
Inverloch-Kongwak v Cora Lynn

Saturday, 10 April

Tooradin-Dalmore v Koo Wee Rup
Bunyip v Dalyston
Nar Nar Goon v Korumburra-Bena
Garfield v Warragul Industrials **N**

Sunday, 11 April

Cora Lynn v Phillip Island*

ROUND 2

Saturday, 17 April

Bunyip v Koo Wee Rup
Nar Nar Goon v Garfield
Warragul Industrials v Kilcunda Bass
Inverloch-Kongwak v Tooradin-Dalmore
Dalyston v Korumburra-Bena

ROUND 3

Saturday, 24 April

Koo Wee Rup v Cora Lynn
Garfield v Bunyip **N**
Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon
Korumburra Bena v Inverloch-Kongwak **N**
Kilcunda Bass v Dalyston **T**

Sunday, 25 April

Warragul Industrials v Tooradin-Dalmore **T**

ROUND 4

Saturday, 1 May

Cora Lynn v Garfield
Bunyip v Nar Nar Goon
Koo Wee Rup v Phillip Island
Korumburra-Bena v Warragul Industrials
Dalyston v Inverloch-Kongwak
Tooradin-Dalmore v Kilcunda Bass

ROUND 5

Saturday, 8 May

Nar Nar Goon v Cora Lynn
Phillip Island v Bunyip
Garfield v Koo Wee Rup
Kilcunda Bass v Inverloch-Kongwak
Tooradin-Dalmore v Korumburra-Bena
Warragul Industrials v Dalyston

ROUND 6

Saturday, 15 May

Koo Wee Rup v Nar Nar Goon
Garfield v Phillip Island
Inverloch-Kongwak v Warragul Industrials
Dalyston v Tooradin-Dalmore
Korumburra-Bena v Kilcunda Bass

Sunday, 16 May

Cora Lynn v Bunyip

ROUND 7

Saturday, 22 May

Kilcunda Bass v Cora Lynn
Bunyip v Korumburra-Bena
Tooradin-Dalmore v Nar Nar Goon
Phillip Island v Warragul Industrials
Inverloch-Kongwak v Garfield
Dalyston v Koo Wee Rup

ROUND 8

Saturday, 29 May

Cora Lynn v Dalyston
Warragul Industrials v Bunyip
Nar Nar Goon v Inverloch-Kongwak
Korumburra-Bena v Phillip Island
Garfield v Tooradin-Dalmore
Kilcunda Bass v Koo Wee Rup

ROUND 9

Saturday, 5 June

Koo Wee Rup v Tooradin-Dalmore
Bunyip v Kilcunda Bass
Korumburra-Bena v Nar Nar Goon
Cora Lynn v Warragul Industrials
Inverloch-Kongwak v Phillip Island
Dalyston v Garfield

ROUND 10

Saturday, 12 June

Phillip Island v Cora Lynn
Koo Wee Rup v Bunyip
Garfield v Nar Nar Goon
Tooradin-Dalmore v Warragul Industrials
Inverloch-Kongwak v Korumburra-Bena
Dalyston v Kilcunda-Bass

ROUND 11

Saturday, 19 June

Tooradin-Dalmore v Cora Lynn
Bunyip v Inverloch-Kongwak
Nar Nar Goon v Dalyston
Korumburra-Bena v Garfield
Warragul Industrials v Koo Wee Rup
Kilcunda Bass v Phillip Island

ROUND 12

Saturday, 26 June

Cora Lynn v Inverloch-Kongwak
Dalyston v Bunyip
Warragul Industrials v Nar Nar Goon
Koo Wee Rup v Korumburra-Bena
Phillip Island v Tooradin-Dalmore
Garfield v Kilcunda Bass

BYE WEEKEND - 3/4 July

ROUND 13

Saturday, 10 July

Cora Lynn v Koo Wee Rup
Bunyip v Garfield
Nar Nar Goon v Phillip Island
Kilcunda Bass v Warragul Industrials
Tooradin-Dalmore v Inverloch-Kongwak
Korumburra-Bena v Dalyston

ROUND 14

Saturday, 17 July

Garfield v Cora Lynn
Nar Nar Goon v Bunyip
Phillip Island v Koo Wee Rup
Warragul Industrials v Korumburra-Bena
Inverloch-Kongwak v Dalyston
Kilcunda Bass v Tooradin-Dalmore

ROUND 15

Saturday, 24 July

Bunyip v Phillip Island
Cora Lynn v Nar Nar Goon
Korumburra-Bena v Tooradin-Dalmore
Inverloch-Kongwak v Kilcunda-Bass
Dalyston v Warragul Industrials
Koo Wee Rup v Garfield

ROUND 16

Saturday, 31 July

Bunyip v Cora Lynn
Nar Nar Goon v Koo Wee Rup
Phillip Island v Garfield
Warragul Industrials v Inverloch-Kongwak
Tooradin-Dalmore v Dalyston
Kilcunda Bass v Korumburra-Bena

ROUND 17

Saturday, 7 August

Cora Lynn v Kilcunda Bass
Inverloch-Kongwak v Bunyip
Koo Wee Rup v Warragul Industrials
Nar Nar Goon v Tooradin-Dalmore
Garfield v Dalyston
Phillip Island v Korumburra-Bena

ROUND 18

Saturday, 14 August

Korumburra-Bena v Cora Lynn
Tooradin-Dalmore v Bunyip
Kilcunda Bass v Nar Nar Goon
Koo Wee Rup v Inverloch-Kongwak
Dalyston v Phillip Island

Sunday, 15 August

Warragul Industrials v Garfield

2021 FINAL SERIES

Saturday, 21 August

2nd Elimination Final - 3 v 6

Sunday, 22 August

1st Elimination Final - 4 v 5

Saturday, 28 August

2nd Semi Final - 1 v 2

Sunday, 29 August

1st Semi Final - W 2nd EF v W 1st EF

Saturday, 4 September

Preliminary Final - L 2nd SF v W 1st SF

Saturday, 11 September

Grand Final - W 2nd SF v W PF

N: Night Match

T: Twilight Match

***: Round two match**

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History is in the making in 2021

Season 2021 for the Phillip Island Football Netball Club is looking to be an exciting one, with history in the making a distinct possibility.

The Club is going for the hat trick this year, with three consecutive premierships for not just one but two sides.

That's something that has not happened before in the Club's proud 75 year history; nor in the period before that when island townships and San Remo played each other from the 1890s.

The Phillip Island 2021 Senior team, under coach Beau Vernon, is looking to make it three in a row this year, after taking out the WGFNL senior premiership flags in 2018 and 2019.

They're back in great form after sitting it out last year thanks to Covid-19.

And ditto the Under 18 team, with two flags in a row under their belt, and a third in their sights at the end of this year.

The Club's Under 16 side will be striving for back to back premierships, after taking out the premiership flag last year.

The island has dominated the WGFNL in recent years, and Club President, Chris Ross believes the signs are

there again and just as promising for 2021.

Recruiting over summer sees ex AFL Western Bulldogs player Daniel Pearce joining the senior squad along with new players.

A handy midfielder, Daniel has moved on to the island to live.

Max Blake, who hails from Templestowe, has also signed up and will be a key forward in the side.

Coaching panel for 2021

Seniors: Beau Vernon
Reserves: James Stirton
Under 18: Kurt Lane, Alex Dyker (assistant coach)
Under 16: Matt Griffin
Phillip Island Youth Girls Footy: Diddie Cuthbertson

Junior footy

Six junior football teams compete on Sunday, as does the Youth Footy Team

All teams attend week-night training sessions, as well as the Sunday competition

Junior coaches for 2021

Under 10 (two sides) Lucas Piera and Luke Marshall
Under 12: (two sides) Justin Tilley and Tarryn Allan
Under 14 (two sides) Steve Duggan and Daniel Larsson

The six junior football teams compete on Sunday, as does the Youth Girls football side.

Auskick on Friday nights caters for younger children and will commence in the second school term.

Netball

On the netball front, Nazz O'Brien is PIFNC head of netball operations.

PIFNC will field eight netball teams in the West Gippsland Football Netball League Saturday competition, commencing with juniors at 9am through to A Grade through the rest of the day.

A further three island netball teams will travel on Saturday mornings to play in the Casey netball competition.

Coaches for 2021 season

A Grade: Lucy Monaghan
B Grade: Maddy Taylor
C Grade: Jodie Ross
D Grade: Sarah Tyrell
Under 17: Cath Huther
Under 15: Anna Mewett
Under 13: Chloe Kallis
Under 11: Emily Van Der Watt.
Casey competition coaches are Kylie Hammond, Jodie Lawrence and Kristy Santorini.



Phillip Island's Senior footy side and coach Beau Vernon were robbed of the opportunity of making history in 2020, with a third consecutive premiership. But they are back with renewed purpose after the Covid lockdown in 2021, with a premiership hat trick well and truly in their sights.

Thanks to the legion of volunteers

The Phillip Island Football Netball Club operates successfully thanks to the legion of volunteers who turn out over six months of the year.

They number at about 100 and are present at training sessions, Saturday and Sunday football, and are involved in many fundraisers throughout the year.

The volunteers carry out a myriad of tasks from goal umpires for each game,

boundary umpires, water boys and girls, scorers, trainers, team managers, canteen volunteers, bar volunteers, gatekeepers, time keepers, cleaners ... and so the list goes on.

Without them, the Club could not operate.

Their contribution enables the Saturday and Sunday League competition to run seamlessly on their home ground each week.

The traditional Easter

Saturday match against old rivals Kilcunda Bass opens the season for both Clubs, and everyone looks forward to the day immensely.

"We are very pleased to have this match return to the Easter Saturday fixture," said Club president Chris Ross this week.

The Club is also hoping to hear good news this season in regard to new lights to light up the ground for night time training.

A grant application has been submitted for this purpose.

With 600 to 700 to accommodate on the ground each week, it is a huge juggle to cater for all teams on just one oval, and lights would make a huge difference to the time able to be spent out on the ground during week-night training sessions.

Newhaven College has offered the use of their school oval to the Club, which has taken the pressure off slightly.



It takes an army of volunteers to run the Phillip Island Football Netball Club. And leading that army is this hard working band, also all volunteers, who comprise the PIFNC committee. Each has their own area of responsibility, and their efforts provide opportunities for over 700 players, ranging from Auskick through to seniors, boys and girls, to participate in competitive sport local and enjoy training opportunities. From left are Jarvis Weston, committee, Scott Huther, Football Operations, Colleen Williams, committee, Phil Bourke, committee, Chris Ross, PIFNC president, Damian Prendergast, committee, Tony Moxey, PIFNC secretary, Andrew McMillan committee, and Ray Maddock, committee. Absent when photo was taken are: Jodie Ross, Treasurer; Naz O'Brien, Netball Operations; Peter Chaston, Vice President Netball; Steve Murphy, committee; and Michael Taylor, committee.



PIFNC stalwart Tuppy Cleeland flies the flags, as she always does, at a Phillip Island grand final. Tuppy can be found on most Saturdays throughout winter, spending her time between the netball courts and football oval, cheering on the island's footy and netball players, as they compete against teams from across South Gippsland in the West Gippsland Football Netball League.



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