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Block hosts Scott Cam and Shelley Craft were at Berrys Beach on Saturday for a promo shoot.

The Block filming kicks off; show's creator reveals teasers

EXCLUSIVE

Reality TV show The Block has officially started filming in Cowes, with the production crew, hosts and five teams touring Phillip Island on the weekend for a promotional shoot.

Filming came as the show's creator and executive producer gave an exclusive interview to the Advertiser confirming The Block would feature a pop-up McDonald's, addressing resi-

dent questions around the quick planning permit for Justice Road, with the producer also detailing his own personal connection with Phillip Island.

Filming of the 20th season officially started last Friday and will run for three months, with the show tipped to air after the Olympics on Channel 9.

On Saturday hosts Scott Cam and Shelley Craft, and the production crew, visited the National Vietnam Veterans Museum and

Berrys Beach to shoot promotional footage, with all five couples also arriving at the Justice Road property to start building.

It is believed there are no local residents among the five teams.

Creator and executive producer Julian Cress confirmed local tradies and businesses would be used in the production, in addition to their own construction team.

"Already contestants have reached out to local builders and plasterers," Julian said, adding

any trade listed in Hipages could be contacted.

"We are planning to feature as many local attractions as possible too. We will focus our attention this side of the bridge.

"We've not had a warmer welcome to any place where we've made the show. I tend to go around wearing my Block hat and when people realise I'm with the show they tell me they are thrilled to have us here."

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Last week, workmen were installing new passiv haus standard doors and windows from Germany at Berninneit, the new cultural centre in Cowes.

New doors for Berninneit

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Bass Coast Shire Council said passiv haus standard doors and windows had arrived from Germany and were being installed, replacing the existing glass.

“The doors will open out and allow for mixed indoor and outdoor activation,” a council spokesperson said.

The passiv haus standard doors and windows arrived four months after the building was officially opened in October 2023.

Council was questioned at its recent meeting about the Passiv Haus certification of the building.

The building was constructed to Passiv Haus standards, but is still to be officially certified.

The council said the final certification was a “detailed process and involves significant testing and assessment”. Final approval will come from Germany and results are expected in May this year.

Since opening in October, the new centre has hosted a range of events, including the Festival of Stories, exhibitions by PICES and Baluk Arts and regular film screenings. Artists who have appeared at the new centre include Kate Ceberano, Brian Nankervis, Teddy Tahu Rhodes, Kate Miller-Heidke, Ralph McTell and Steph Strings.



The Bougainville, which was anchored off Cowes for just over three weeks, left our shores on Friday afternoon (March 1), headed for repair in Singapore, accompanied by ocean-going tugs Pt Fortitude and Svitzer Oryx.

Farewell Bougainville

SHIPPING

The stranded tanker, The Bougainville, which was towed into anchorage off Cowes on February 7, left our shores on Friday afternoon (March 1).

In early February the LPG tanker’s propeller sheared off completely out at sea off Seal Rocks. The crippled vessel was first towed into Flinders and then moved to Cowes, where it anchored for over three weeks.

A spokesperson for the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) confirmed the tanker was heading for Singapore.

An ocean-going tug Pt Fortitude arrived last Thursday and by Friday was joined by the Svitzer Oryx.

The vessel is being towed to Singapore for repairs, the spokesperson said.

“The crew are reported to be safe and well, and the vessel has been reprovisioned with food and water.”

History

The vessel found itself in distress a few

kilometres off Seal Rocks on February 2 and was taken by tugs first to Flinders, then towed to anchor off Cowes.

At the time, an AMSA spokesperson said the cause of the propeller shaft failure was yet to be determined and confirmed the vessel currently holds approximately 1000 tonnes of Propane gas on board.

“AMSA takes its role as a maritime regulator seriously and is satisfied that the vessel currently does not pose a risk to the community or the marine environment,” the spokesperson told the Advertiser.

A local boat operator said it would be a massive operation to get a propeller back on the ship, and most likely would need to be done in a dry dock.

Ship propellers can weigh anything up to a tonne, depending on the size of the ship.

Despite dire forecasts on social media that the ship could be anchored off Cowes for “months or years”, as has happened in other countries, the Bougainville’s stay off Cowes was just over three weeks.

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Measures to stop impacts of possums, wallabies

WILDLIFE PLAN

Possum populations are higher here than other parts of Victoria, according to an update on Phillip Island's wildlife plan.

The year two progress update for the plan also reveals a new wetland will be established on Gap Road as a wildlife refuge, in a bid to draw the animals away from roadsides and reduce road-kill, while apex predator species are being explored.

The Wildlife Plan – originally released in 2021 by Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bass Coast Shire, farmers and the State Government – detailed measures aimed at balancing populations of Cape Barren geese, wallabies and possums. At the end of February, the year two progress update for the plan was released revealing:

- Possum populations are higher here than other parts of Victoria. A possum survey was carried out last year in Oswin Roberts Reserve that found estimated densities of 7.98 possums/hectare for brushtail possums and 7.59 possums/hectare for ringtail possums, which are “significantly higher than other parts of Victoria”. Possum surveys will continue this year, building a database to inform future management decisions.
- The wildlife plan states tree planting for conservation had been impacted by “abundant” wildlife browsing. As a result a review into the effectiveness of exclusion coops at Oswin Roberts Reserve, Ventnor Koa-la Reserve and Rhyll Wetland has started with monitoring, continuing this year. “To date, regularly maintained coops have been effective in preventing the browsing by wallabies and reducing browsing by possums.”
- The original plan also promised to investigate the use of browsing repellents, such as Sen-tree. The update states this will now occur during this year's autumn and spring planting.
- The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) is currently undertaking a recruitment process for three Tarbuk Biik Ranger positions (meaning “strong country”) to focus on natural resource management activities, such as control of pests and wildlife management.



The population of powerful owls will be the main apex predator for possums on Phillip Island, with research into the impact of “abundant” wildlife browsing on tree planting for conservation.

- Bass Coast Shire is trialling creating fresh water sources for wildlife away from roadsides, with the first step the restoration of Gap Road wetland and the headwaters of Saltwater Creek with 40,000 wetland and indigenous plants, an area set aside as refuge habitat for local wildlife. “Over 200 birds were counted from 17 species in the first bird count conducted in January 2024,” the update states. “The area is an ideal refuge for wallabies, Cape Barren geese and possums as it has permanent freshwater and a range of habitats for both aquatic and terrestrial animals.”

Predators

The 2021 plan promised to explore the potential to introduce native predators such as owls and quolls. But the update states the focus will be solely on powerful owls.

“Due to the complexities of re-introducing native land-based predators into an ecosystem supporting ground-nesting seabirds and threatened species, focus has been placed on supporting the population of powerful owls as the main apex predator for possums on Phillip Island,” it states.

“Discussions with ecologists at Deakin University suggest that Phillip Island offers limited habitat which can support no more than three pairs.

“However, several incidental sightings and vocalisations have been recorded at night in woodland reserves on Phillip Island.”

Surveys have not identified any roost sites.



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Wild goose chase? Measures to control Cape Barren population

WILDLIFE PLAN

Efforts to manage our Cape Barren geese population are being stepped up, including egg collection, according to an update on Phillip Island's wildlife plan.

The Wildlife Plan – originally released in 2021 by Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bass Coast Shire, farmers and the State Government – detailed measures aimed at balancing populations of Cape Barren geese, wallabies and possums.

The plan came in response to criticism in 2019 by farmers and other groups – such as the golf course, Grand Prix circuit and Newhaven College – where Cape Barren geese were “pooing and chewing” their way through the landscape; with residents and businesses also reporting significant damage from swamp wallabies and brushtail possums.

The year two progress update, released at the end of February, states a trial into the effectiveness of Cape Barren goose egg collection on the island is being explored, starting with an analysis of the effort required to be effective.

This is despite an egg collection trial on Flinders Island in the early 2000s being found “ineffective, as most of the nests were required to be located over multiple years to be effective”.

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lation survey was carried out in October last year, once again resulting in a count of 2766 geese, which has been the number quoted since 2017.

“This count appears to indicate some stabilisation in the population since 2019, after seeing a sharp increase of 600 per cent on Phillip Island in the 10 years prior to that,” the update states.

“Further studies are now required to determine annual recruitment, dispersal and extent of emigration.”

Research

The update states there will be two studies on the goose population on Phillip Island, including a PhD study between Melbourne and La Trobe universities starting in May to understand population dispersal and movements to improve accuracy.

In April last year a population specialist from the Arthur Rylah Institute also started working on a population model to manage the goose population, focusing on nesting, flocking and migration, with a report expected to be released in June this year.

“This is a significant milestone for the plan and will be used to inform decisions on appropriate management of Cape Barren geese,” the update states.

“The model allows for the

consideration of multiple management options and provides scientifically robust predictions that indicate the levels of effort required for effective management.”

Response

The Victorian Government's manager of statewide wildlife advisory services Lachlan Clarke said Cape Barren Goose counts had followed the same methodology since 1993, with teams of observers allocated to survey the island in 32 different sections.

He said the count figures had been relatively stable since 2017, with minor fluctuations up to 2023.

“Research is currently being undertaken to better understand the population model of Cape Barren Geese on Phillip Island and predict the outcomes of different methods and levels of population control measures,” Mr Clarke said.

He explained the Arthur Rylah research will examine modelling management decisions of no intervention, population control and egg management, and varying the levels at which these might be applied.

The data from the PhD study will fine-tune the accuracy of the population model, for more precise predictions of population trends.

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A two-year trial of virtual fencing on the Cowes-Rhyll Road has been abandoned, after research showed it was not effective.

Double blow for roadkill

WILDLIFE

In a blow for wildlife, a two-year trial to reduce roadkill rates on the Cowes-Rhyll Road has proved ineffective.

In 2019 virtual fencing was introduced on a "hotspot" section of the Cowes-Rhyll Road, which saw \$30,000 funding by Bass Coast Shire who worked with Nature Parks, Victoria University and Regional Roads Victoria, alongside a citizen science roadkill survey.

The fencing was activated by approaching headlights, emitting sound and light to alert and repel animals from the roadside and was to be extended to other Phillip Island roads if it proved successful.

However, Victoria University environmental science lecturer, Christine Connelly, who oversaw the research, last week confirmed the presence of virtual fences "did not reduce roadkill rates" for the most frequently encountered species, swamp wallaby and brushtail possum, "nor for all wildlife species combined".

"Virtual fences are unlikely to provide a long-term reduction in wallaby and possum roadkill rates," Dr Connelly concluded.

"Roads present a major challenge in urban areas, causing a variety of negative consequences for motorists and impacting wildlife populations through habitat fragmentation and wildlife-vehicle collisions."

Roadkill

Cowes resident Ron Day carried out a three-year daily wildlife roadkill tally on a 3.6km section of the Cowes-Rhyll Road.

Results showed about 1200 kills across more than 20 different species, including kookabur-



The second stage of Phillip Island's speed review on unsealed rural roads appears to be indefinitely postponed, with authorities opting for yet more signage warning drivers to slow down around wildlife.

ras, long neck turtles, falcons and echidnas.

Previously Ron said cars regularly had accidents avoiding collisions with wildlife, their cars written off.

"It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured, or even worse, killed, in an animal avoidance accident here on Roadkill Island (Phillip Island)," Ron said.

It is estimated at least 5000 animals are injured or killed on Phillip Island roads each year from vehicle collisions.

However wildlife volunteers say the number is conservative and probably the death toll was well above 5000.

Ron was initially motivated to start the project because his two granddaughters were distressed at the death of two echidnas on the road.

"If they're upset then other

people will be too. The carnage is also off-putting for tourists," he said at the time.

Speed review

Meanwhile, the second stage of Phillip Island's speed review on unsealed rural roads continues to be delayed.

According to the year two progress update for the Phillip Island/Millow Wildlife Plan (see separate story), Bass Coast Shire intends to roll out more warning and information signs – urging motorists to slow down around wildlife – as an alternative to reducing speed limits.

"Increased wildlife road signage was installed during summer 2023/24 to increase public awareness and the effect will be evaluated," the update states.

Stage two of the review was to focus on high-speed unsealed gravel roads, which currently have a default speed limit of 100km/hr, with calls to reduce speed for the safety of humans and wildlife. Unsealed roads of concern include: South Coast, Pyramid Rock, Harbison, Watts and McFees roads, and Veterans Drive.

Stage one of the speed review was rolled out in 2021 by Regional Roads Victoria, which saw roads on Phillip Island have a maximum speed limit of 80km/hr, including Berrys Beach, Ventnor Beach and Back Beach roads.

About 30 new signs were rolled out by Nature Parks and the shire before summer in known hotspots for certain species.

The signs include a call to action for motorists to phone Wildlife Victoria's 24/7 emergency response service (03 8400 7300) to report any incidents of sick, injured, orphaned or deceased wildlife.



Thanks to a wet start to summer, Candowie Reservoir is at about 77 per cent capacity.

Summer starts wet, ends bone dry

WEATHER

Phillip Island has tallied one of its driest Februarys on record.

But summer overall was above average, thanks to a wet December and January.

In February the Rhyll monitoring station recorded a total of 3mm, well below the average rainfall for February of 37mm.

Rhyll – which first began recording data in 1994 – shows the highest recorded rainfall for February was in 2005 at 141mm and the lowest was 2.6mm in 2022.

In January Rhyll recorded 63mm, with the highest total on January 8 of 23mm, well above the average of 39.8mm.

In December, total rainfall was 64.8mm, with the highest 15mm on December 3, above the average of 45.5mm.

Westernport Water in February sent householders a reminder about permanent water saving rules, which include: gardens and lawns can be watered with a hand held hose with a nozzle at any time, or between 6am-10am if using a sprinkler system; hard surfaces can be washed if stained, but only once per season.

Last week Candowie Reservoir had about 77 per cent capacity.

Autumn

The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) last week released modelling for long-range forecasts predicting a high chance of below average rainfall in autumn, as well as above average temperatures.

The BoM said Australia was on track for its third hottest summer.

At the end of last year Westernport Water released its annual water outlook for December 2023 to November 30, 2024, which stated water restrictions for the next year are not expected, despite predictions of above average summer temperatures and below average rainfall.

"Water supplies will be sufficient to meet supply and demand requirements ... with no requirement to change restriction levels from the ongoing permanent water savings rules", the outlook stated.

The likelihood of restrictions in the next year is "very rare", less than one per cent, according to the outlook.

"Despite the very rare likelihood of restrictions, extreme events or emergencies such as bushfires, major loss of power supply or water contamination could require the implementation of restrictions to manage water demands," it states.

The annual report takes into account winter/spring inflows and forecasts from the Bureau of Meteorology, with the BoM advising drier than average and warmer than average conditions are likely for December to February.

The report states in recent decades there has been a trend in the region to higher temperatures and more hot days, reductions in rainfall during the cooler months, and increases in extreme, short duration rainfall in some locations.

"Some of the rainfall declines in the cooler months can be attributed to increases in greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere."

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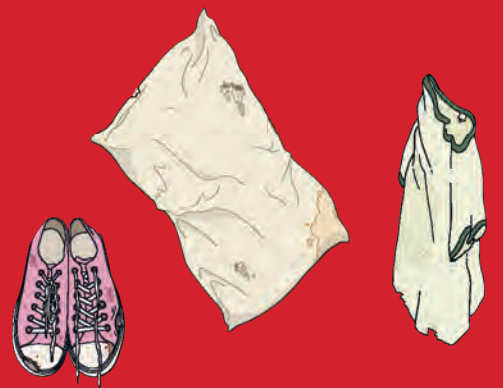
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The SES managed traffic as a contractor on a cherry picker dealt with the broken branches of a large tree on Marine Parade, San Remo on Sunday afternoon. Photo: Peter Fogarty.

Tree trouble at San Remo ... again

SAFETY

It was a busy afternoon in San Remo, but fortunately no one was injured when a large tree on Marine Parade (opposite the IGA) lost a branch on Sunday.

Police, SES and a Bass Coast Shire contractor were quickly on scene to deal with the incident and remove the hanging branch.

The same tree lost a large branch in October 2021, just missing vehicles parked close by.

In April 2021, a large branch from another pine tree fell and narrowly missed the children's playground on the foreshore.

Cr Rochelle Halstead was in San Remo on Sunday afternoon, enjoying "Sunny Day" at the San Remo Hotel.

"I just happened to be sitting out the front of the hotel. Everybody jumped with the loud crack," she said.

"Thankfully no one was parked there or walking under the tree."

Unit Controller for the San Remo SES Mandy Chancellor said the unit received an alert around 5.17pm.

"We had two SES San Remo resources who re-

sponded. It was determined the scope of the job was outside of SES capabilities," she explained.

Bass Coast Shire Council were contacted and "promptly arrived on scene, organising their contractor to attend".

Mandy said Victoria Police were also on site.

"SES San Remo provided assistance with the traffic management whilst the tree was made safe and the hanging branch removed."

Mandy said it was her understanding no people were injured or vehicles damaged, explaining smaller branches fell to the ground, while the largest branch was caught on another branch, "preventing it from falling completely".

She said the incident was a great example of the close working relationship between the SES and council.

"Certainly the storm events of February 13 have seen this relationship strengthen to the benefit of not only SES and Council, but for the community as well."

A spokesperson for the council said it always responds swiftly to such incidents and it appreciates "the strong relationship we have with SES and others".

Action

Cr Halstead said she would again raise the issue of the Marine Parade trees.

"I know we have had arborists reports which have confirmed the trees were safe, but what I witnessed was quite frightening."

"We're being told they are safe, but obviously you just don't know when the branches will snap and fall."

"These trees are located right near car parks and where people wander."

"Moving forward, we probably need to do something more permanent about those trees. Branches are falling quite regularly."

"We don't want to wait for a disaster to occur."

Cr Halstead said she'd also received reports of limbs falling from trees on the side of the Phillip Island Road, opposite the Back Beach Road intersection.

When asked by the Advertiser if there would be any further assessment of the tree and any potential danger it might pose, a Council spokesperson responded: "Our arborists will continue to monitor trees and take action where appropriate across the region."

30 years on, don't hold your breath on a pool, transfer station

MAJOR PROJECTS

Bass Coast Shire continues to avoid a concrete timeline on two of Phillip Island's long-delayed major projects.

Residents have been waiting more than three decades for both a community pool and a transfer station.

At the February council meeting, new CEO Greg Box gave no indication on a deadline for either project.

Resident Kym Lightfoot asked if council could provide a listing of the stepped processes needed to enable the building of an aquatic centre in Cowes within the next three years.

Mr Box replied saying in 2022, council advocated to State and Federal governments for funding.

"Council was unsuccessful in achieving funding," he said.

"Advocacy continues throughout 2023/24. The aquatics projects are shovel ready and relies on all levels of government funding to progress further."

Ms Lightfoot also questioned council on the 2020 purchase of the Gap Road property, which was intended as a new transfer station.

"What process actions has council undertaken towards the building of the

transfer station currently?" she asked.

Mr Box replied funds had been allocated in the long-term financial plan and the project was "currently in the scoping stage".

Long history

Successive pool committees and residents have worked to establish an aquatic centre on Phillip Island, since the first pool committee was formed in 1991.

However last year the council adopted a timeline for the pool for between 20 and 30 years away.

In 2021 a Bass Coast Shire study recommended Cowes have a "district level" 25 metre by eight lane competition pool, combined learn-to-swim and hydrotherapy area, and 24-hour gym, at a cost of \$45.7 million.

The study also recommended a \$41 million new pool for Wonthaggi: 25 metres x 10 lanes, with a larger gym, new spa and sauna.

The shire has since forged ahead with a "two-pool strategy", officially seeking \$79.3 million funding from State and Federal governments for Phillip Island and Wonthaggi aquatic centres.

In 1994 it was announced the Rhyll tip

would eventually be closed, with the Cowes Recycling Bank on Dunsmore Road built as an interim measure in July 2013.

In 2015 the shire acknowledged the island required a transfer station, comparable to Wonthaggi. It explained the Dunsmore Road Cowes Recycling Bank did not adequately meet the needs of the community and was not a long-term solution, especially given the island's growing population and international tourist status.

About 45 hectares at 380 Back Beach Road – opposite the Grand Prix Circuit (but which has Gap Road frontage) – was purchased by the shire in 2020 for \$1.6 million.

The shire's 2021/22 budget included \$100,000 for the planning and design of a new Phillip Island Transfer Station.

According to the shire, the new transfer station and council depot would be housed on about 4.5 hectares on the property.

The use of the remainder of the site is to be "determined in consultation with the community", but could include a solar farm or biodiversity offsets.

Former CEO Ali Wastie said funding had been allocated in 2027/28.



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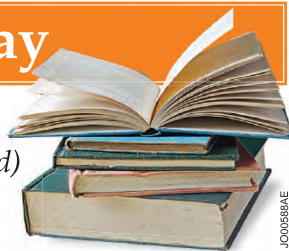
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Ventnor subdivision rejected

PLANNING

A Ventnor planning permit for two dwellings on one block has been refused by Bass Coast Shire councillors, in support of objectors who are “battling to save our townships from becoming an extension of Melbourne”.

The permit for 30 Grossard Point Road was for the construction of two homes on a 831sqm block in the residential zone, with shire planners recommending approval.



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There were 45 objections to the permit, with concerns including loss of privacy and loss of views, overdevelopment, a strain on infrastructure, and concerns the proposal was inconsistent with the guidelines for building in Phillip Island’s small townships.

Councillors agreed with objectors, with Cr Ronnie Bauer moving an alternative motion to refuse the permit; but with Cr Bauer a last-minute withdrawal from the meeting, Cr David Rooks moved the motion instead.

Cr Rochelle Halstead said the concerns raised by objectors were “a regular occurrence in Bass Coast”.

“It’s all about amenity, heights, setbacks, vegetation and a shared vision by neighbours who wish to protect the place in

which they have invested for themselves and for their families,” Cr Halstead said.

“No matter how hard communities try it just never seems to make it into the legislation or regulations, if it does there are always those loopholes that encourage further development and greater populations.

“As we battle to save our townships from becoming an extension of metropolitan Melbourne, chipping away at the dwindling beauty that once drew us to this location, we feel powerless to stop.”

Cr Rooks said the community had concerns, especially two double storey townhouses on one property which was “not common for Ventnor”.

“The look and feel of this application does not sit with the current neighbourhood character of the area,” Cr Rooks said, adding Ventnor was designated an area for minimal change where subdivisions and multi-dwellings were “discouraged”.

“I hope should a VCAT appeal happen, the tribunal recognises the people of Ventnor don’t want to see multi dwellings on one property.”

Planners said there had been a number of approvals in previous years for subdivisions or development for two homes, which was “indicative of gradual progression towards smaller lot sizes” and consistent with planning policy to encourage infill development in town boundaries.



Marcus and Tane enjoying the sunflowers planted in the Our Lady Star of the Sea garden. More photos at pisra.com.au/education

Bumper Crop at OLSS

EDUCATION

Everyone at Our Lady Star of the Sea primary school has been buzzing with excitement over the past couple weeks as the gardens on the school grounds provide students with a plentiful supply of fruit and vegetables.

“During Term Four last year students from Foundation through to Grade Six all contributed to planning, planting, watering and weeding the garden,” explained Principal Catherine Blackford.

“While the lettuce and beetroot were already harvested and enjoyed last year, the students returned to school after the summer holidays to a

bumper crop of strawberries, tomatoes, pumpkin, capsicum, corn and hundreds of carrots!

“Plus, sunflower seeds were strategically planted by the Level 1/2 students, so the seeds would grow and beautiful tall sunflowers would bloom in time to warmly welcome the preps on their first day of school.”

The bumper crop has been enjoyed throughout the school and the Level 3/4 students were the lucky class to create ‘Traffic Light Fritters’ using the corn, tomatoes, carrots and capsicum straight from the garden.

“Several families have commented that our students are now cooking the

fritters at home with their families.”

As OLSS students are organic farmers, any produce that has been damaged is ‘dissected’ in class, giving students the opportunity to learn about seeds, lifecycles and the special features of plants that help them survive.

“The staff and student at OLSS are very excited and proud about our garden and would like to extend an invitation to the community to visit,” said Mrs Blackford.

“Every day is open day at OLSS so give the school a call today to arrange a tour with one of our keen gardeners and Grade 6 School Leaders.”

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Newhaven College Year 12 Leadership for 2024, with Head of Senior School and Vice Principal Jason Scott and Principal Tony Corr. More photos at pisra.com.au/education



Head of Junior School Cath Huther with the 2024 Junior School Leadership group.

Newhaven College Student Leaders 2023

EDUCATION

Newhaven College nurtures the whole child, to build the inner confidence they need to ground them through adult life.

Students are encouraged to look at the world beyond themselves and aim to make a meaningful difference. Some of the students who represent these values are recognised as leaders among their peers.

At the College's first all-school assembly, the Year 12 Leadership team was inducted by Principal Mr Tony Corr.

Each student was welcomed on stage, and applauded by their fellow students, teachers and families. The four College Captains represented their cohort by hosting the assembly.

A new initiative for 2024 was the introduction of 'meet the people'.

"Meet the People involves students from the Year 12 leadership team shaking hands with the students from the year level the leadership team started in. This exciting addition intends to build on our community, friendships and connections between sub-schools at Newhaven College," College Captain, Tahlia Williams explained.

The 2024 Year 12 Leadership team consists of:

College Captains: Alice Mabilia, Max Arceo, Tahlia Williams and Tom Bird.

House Captains: Will Campbell, Becky Heffer, Sienna Michie, Jack Ryan (Bass), Daniel Caffieri, Neave Dunstan, Jade Ruffin, Leo Savona (Clarke), Ella Berry, Archer Herbert, Sonny McMillan, Sienna Steiner (McHaffie), Claire Banks, Heidi Driscoll, Finn Russell, Amelia White (Sambell).

Sport: Harry Butcher, Lily Mewett. **Drama:** Jemima Aitken, Dean Lyle. **Music:** Liam Fuery, Jasmine Turton. **Visual Arts:** Chloe Harris, Philippa Thompson-Lord. **Wellbeing:** William Bar Bar, Georgia Reich. **Social Justice:** Tilia Peres-Anderson, Gabriel Winterson. **Environment and Sustainability:** Tahlia Lindley.

As part of the first All School Assembly, several high achievers from 2023 VCE were welcomed back and congratulated.

Dux of College Tess Papas and proxime accessit Saffi Campbell Walker spoke passionately about their time at Newhaven College and what exciting adventures lay ahead.

Middle School presented their 2024 student leaders at their first assembly.

Head of Middle School, Mr Ralph Arceo, explained the im-

portance of leadership and how to lead by example.

The Middle School Leadership for 2024 are:

Captains: Amara Pittorino, Finn Campbell Walker.

House Captains: Nelly Fox, William Bruce, Maise van der Walt, Heath McLean (Bass); Amelia Baxter, Marasai O'Keeffe, Yamin Gloria, Angus Kennedy (Clarke); Phoebe Helps, Millie Thom, Harvey Leary (McHaffie); Mia Bowtell, Savannah Bennett, Bede Prideaux, Bella Rose Grant (Sambell).

Drama: Koa Humphris. **Environmental:** Mia Tillotson. **Music:** Georgia Sanders, Hamish Dakers-Hock. **Public Speaking and Debating:** Scarlett Hill. **Wellbeing:** Tierlin Hamley. **Sport:** Isabella Stead, Hayden Fenwick. **Visual Arts:** Zoe Arnott, **Equestrian:** Olivia Curtain.

Junior School's 2024 student leaders were inducted at their first assembly. All the students in attendance offered their support with riotous applause.

The Junior School Leadership for 2023 are:

Captains: Chloe Shapardon, Edward Lee. **Vice Captains:** Eden Hallas, Leith Cameron.

House Captains: Cooper Bennett, Sage van der Walt (Bass); Ava Mannix, Sam Martindale (Clarke); Rose Deery, Jude Foster (McHaffie); Olivia Clark, Evelyn McCabe (Sambell).

Wellbeing Captains: Evie Felstead, Ava Kelly, Charli Pope and Billy Vecino.

The college community congratulates our 2024 student leaders and looks forward to seeing them all develop their leadership skills over the coming year.

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Cowes physiotherapist Tim Tracy ran around Phillip Island on February 24, starting and finishing the 96.6 km run in at the jetty in Cowes. More photos at [pisra.com.au](https://www.pisra.com.au)

Tim runs rings around the island

RUNNING

On Saturday February 24, while most of us were still tucked up in bed, Cowes physiotherapist Tim Tracy was off and running.

Just before dawn Tim set off from the jetty in Cowes to run around Phillip Island.

Fourteen and a half hours later, he made it back to Cowes, exhausted but exhilarated.

So what made him decide to run 96.6km that weekend?

"That's a good question, and I still don't really know the answer," Tim laughed.

"I've always run, since I was a kid, but not competitively, just for fun.

"I like the challenge of the long run though.

"Mainly, I'm just keen for adventure. I've done a few runs like this before, but this is the first one since I moved here from New Zealand a couple of years ago."

The decision to run around the island wasn't done on a whim.

He scoped out the potential route including a couple of food and water drops along the way.

Then Tim studied the tide calendar and picked out "the perfect day, tide-wise" that would let him circumnavigate the island's coastline, running mainly on the beaches.

Fortunately, February 24 also turned out to be perfect running weather.

"It was overcast, 20 degrees, and with a tailwind on the south coast," Tim said.

"It couldn't have been better really."



Arriving back at Cowes, Tim was met by his wife and friends. The run took around 14.5 hours.

Route

Tim planned his running route to capitalise on the low tides, saying the key considerations were on the island's south coast, around Kitty Miller Bay, Pyramid Rock and YCW and Smiths Beach.

On that rocky part of the coast, he needed the low tide access.

"I ran on the beaches as much as I could, but there were a few spots where I couldn't, like the rocks around the Nobbies."

"Plus there were some areas of private property, and mangroves around Churchill Island and Rhyll, where I had to run on the main road."

Along the way, Tim's friends and wife met up with him, bringing food and water and cheering him on.

Three friends even joined him for part of the run.

"Two mates joined in for

around 10kms.

"My other friend is training for an ultra-marathon, so he wanted to run 25 kms with me, but ended up running 50kms."

Anticipating the run would take him around 15 hours, Tim aimed for a "sustainable pace" that he could hold the whole way through.

When he arrived back at the Cowes jetty in the early evening, Tim was greeted by his wife and friends "and a few randoms cheering me on".

"I was absolutely stoked, chuffed that I'd done it."

After a 10-minute walk in the water at Cowes beach, Tim said he headed home for an Epsom Salts bath ... and bed.

And he survived the challenge mostly unscathed.

"I held up pretty well, although my ankle has been a bit sore. And one of my big toenails is blackened; it's going to fall off."

He followed up the island run with a quick dash and swim in the Cowes Classic last weekend, but at this stage he has no plans for another big run.

"There is a race on in May at Wilsons Prom, with different distances. I am thinking about that one," he admitted.

"I like the adventure and I prefer to run on trails rather than on the road."

"I find it relaxing."

Meanwhile, his colleagues at Balance Health gave him a shout out on social media for his incredible feat.

"We think he is a little crazy and a whole lot of legendary!"



Oliver Crane and Orly Moulynnox have been accepted into the Victorian State Youth Ballet for the 2024 season and start training in March for a performance of *The Little Mermaid*. More photos at [pisra.com.au](https://www.pisra.com.au)

It's a double 0 dance dream

BALLET

Two local boys are following their dancing dreams, successfully auditioning for the Victorian State Youth Ballet (VSYB).

Eight-year-old Orly Moulynnox from Cape Woolamai and 10-year-old Oliver Crane of Corinella learned last week they'll be joining the VSYB for the 2024 season, which includes a performance of *The Little Mermaid* in May. There will be a performance of *The Nutcracker* later in the year.

The VSYB is the state's leading youth ballet company and offers training, rehearsing and performing opportunities to the next generation of dancers.

It provides a unique exposure and connection to the ballet world, and the opportunity to be mentored by professional dancers.

The two boys, who both attend Spark Studio of Dance in Corinella, will now travel to Melbourne every Sunday for rehearsals, starting on March 10.

Orly's mum Jess said both boys had been dancing for years and their dream was to become professional dancers.

"We're all extremely proud of them both," she said, describing the boys as motivated and full of energy.

The weekly Sunday afternoon rehearsals start on March 10 and include about two hours

of classical ballet training, an hour and a half of male ballet technique and then three hours of performance class.

Jess said it was inspiring for the boys to be around influential male dancers, and she hopes Oliver and Orly's story will encourage other local boys interested in dance to give it a try.

The boys both did a summer intensive at the VSYB, spending four days over the school holidays training at the school from 9am until 3pm.

Now they're excited to take on the challenge for the 2024 season, supported by their parents and friends.

"This is 100 per cent driven by him," said Jess of Orly's love of dance.

"There's no family background in dance."

Both Spark Studio and the boys' schools are excited to watch the boys pursue their dance dreams.

"Orly is at Our Lady Star of the Sea and the school is super-supportive and Oliver goes to the Village school," said Jess.

"A lot of the teachers and kids want to come to the performance."

The *Little Mermaid* is at the Karralyka Theatre in Ringwood East, May 17 – 19.

Tickets to the performance are available at: [aukarralyka.com.au/sales/ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/114921](https://www.aukarralyka.com.au/sales/ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/114921)

Story Gatherers return

LITERARY FESTIVAL

The Phillip Island Festival of Stories will be held this year at Berninnet in Cowes from Friday August 2 through until Sunday August 4.

"The Island Story Gatherers' Committee is thrilled to announce that we will be holding the Phillip Island Festival of Stories this year at Berninnet in the format we presented before we paused the Festival because of the emergence of Covid," said spokesperson Lois Gaskin.

"We've had some changes to the committee and we'd like to thank those members whose

efforts have contributed to our ongoing success in the last few difficult years.

"We are also pleased to welcome several new members who bring great skill sets and wonderful experience to the table."

"We are excited about what this committee can produce with its energy and positivity."

Lois said the committee was deep in the planning process.

"We have a lot of really great people on our list of possible presenters and some hugely exciting guests just about locked in, who we know will be of interest to many people."

Lois also said as part of the

2024 program and going forward, the Story Gatherers were partnering with Bass Valley Musical Festival Inc. to hold a Waterline event during the Festival weekend.

"We look forward to being able to share this news with you as we spread our wings by bringing our stories across Bass Coast."

Lois said the Committee should be able to make an initial announcement early next month as "we confirm and lock in presenters and we finalise the structure and content of the program".

"Watch this space."

Shire's financial update

BUDGET

Bass Coast Shire reported a \$400,000 deficit after higher-than-expected consultant and contractor fees.

The quarterly performance report for the half year ending December 31, 2023 was presented at the February council meeting, showing the forecast adjusted underlying net result – which excludes capital grants and contributions – was a \$400,000 deficit, less than the expected \$500,000.

The report said higher than budget consultant fees of \$300,000 and contractor costs (\$200,000) contributed to the deficit.

In addition, utility cost increases were forecasted to be

\$200,000 or 18 per cent higher than budget due to an increase for the contract renewal of council's green energy.

There was also higher than budgeted workers compensation insurance costs (\$230,000), as well as price increases (\$200,000) for diesel, bitumen, and asphalt.

Council's 2023/24 capital works program is forecast to be \$47.6 million, with 25 activities and initiatives to be delivered by the end of June.

One of the key projects delivered was the Cowes' new cultural centre, with Berninnet opened in October, and the Wonthaggi Northeast precinct structure plan completed, planning ahead for hundreds of new homes.

The Block filming kicks off; show's creator reveals teasers

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He said Capeview Mitre 10 Cowes was part of the show – as a key sponsor – but other local businesses included South Coast Flooring Xtra, as well as Clay & Co Studio.

Julian has been frequenting The Store in Ventnor for his coffee fix, and he confirmed The Block would once again feature a pop-up McDonald's.

When asked what the impact of The Block effect was on an economy, Julian referred to a 2012 Housing Industry Association survey that found the effect from each season was \$250 million "and that's not accounting for the tourism impact".

"Basically this will be a 60 hour commercial for Phillip Island.

"We will be pumping a lot of money into the local economy.

"The Block is shown in 127 countries around the world so you'll be seeing a lot of people in the future from far flung countries like Estonia."



Creator and executive producer of The Block Julian Cress, who has a personal connection to the island.

Accommodation

Julian said he had been coming weekly to the island for the last couple of months before moving here two weeks ago.

He said the remainder of the 50-plus crew arrived last week, who will all live on the island for three months, in addition to more staff who will not be permanently based here.

"I can't remember a time when the crew was as excited as they were to start the series, which is for two reasons. Firstly

the location is arguably the best we have ever had.

"And secondly it's a meaningful moment to be starting the 20th show."

Most staff are living at Phillip Island Apartments, as well as Airbnbs.

"When locals found out we were making the show here I was inundated with phone calls from people telling me their house was available for rent," Julian said.

"We have had no trouble finding accommodation for everyone. "Even though we'll all be working hard, it's a nice holiday vibe here."

Permit

The Nine in Six building team kicked off work at 113-119 Justice Road weeks ago, with the producers believed to have paid \$9.5 million for the property, which was purchased in October.

Bass Coast Shire planners

approved the planning permit for The Block – for the \$3.3 million construction of five dwellings – in record time.

The permit was lodged on October 17 and approved on November 27, which is just under half the required 60 statutory planning days, and considerably less than some other delayed permits.

Julian responded to critics who questioned the Bass Coast Shire's prompt turnaround for

their planning permit.

"I get that people questioned it, but we are getting no special treatment and we don't ask for or expect special treatment," he said, confirming that all five of the dwellings would be on separate titles.

"Essentially most people look to put more accommodation on a one-hectare site. But it was very easy for council to approve our request because we were turning nine houses into five.

"People are generally worried about development increasing density and we are actually decreasing density. That smoothed the way with planners.

"We are not the sort of developer who wants to do anything to make the local community upset. We don't want to leave a legacy of projects people don't like."

Personal connection

Julian has a decade-long association with Phillip Island, introduced to the area through a landscaper friend and coming with his children for Christmas holidays ever since.

"I fell in love with it."

He is also a confessed motorsport enthusiast and twice a year is heavily involved in the charity drive days at the Phillip Island Circuit.

He said once the producers found the Justice Road property "the timing was right" to film in Cowes.

"When we saw the holiday park (Island Cove Villas) we knew we had found the property."

Councillor expenses updated

COUNCIL COSTS

Former Bass Coast Shire mayor Michael Whelan clocked up more than \$48,000 in travel expenses during his term on council.

And he also tallied the most "other expenses" with nearly

\$10,400.

But according to the councillor expenses for the current term Cr Rochelle Halstead has the biggest professional development costs at \$12,400.

The expenses were detailed in the February council meet-

ing agenda, including a tally of councillor and mayoral allowances from November 2020 to December 2023, totalling more than \$1 million.

This included \$229,000 for Cr Whelan and \$153,000 for former mayor Cr Brett Tessari.

Cr Whelan's travel expenses (\$48,677) were considerably higher than the next most travelled councillor Tessari on \$19,500.

Cr Whelan's total expenses were \$66,349, with deputy mayor Cr Halstead coming second

for total expenses at \$36,075.

Crs Ron Bauer and Les Larke continued to have the lowest expenses, at under \$7000.

Former councillor Bruce Kent, who resigned in August last year, had total expenses of nearly \$11,000.

The details of the expenses including reimbursement of expenses for each Councillor paid by Bass Coast Shire Council during the current term to 31 December 2023 are set out in the following table.

Councillor	Travel Expenses	Other Expenses	Professional Development	Number of Committees Cr sits on				Total Expenses
				2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-Present	
Cr Clare Le Serve (Mayor 15/11/23 - present)	11,826.80	5,432.90	2,845.95	5	5	4	5	20,105.65
Cr Michael Whelan (Mayor 17/11/21-15/11/23)	48,677.72	10,393.54	7,278.34	8	9	8	3	66,349.60
Cr Brett Tessari (Mayor 15/11/20-17/11/21)	19,528.62	7,216.66	7,742.41	8	4	3	1	34,487.69
Cr Leticia Laing (Deputy Mayor 17/11/21-16/11/22)	10,162.29	8,239.69	9,394.90	5	10	5	2	27,796.88
Cr Rochelle Halstead (Deputy Mayor 16/11/22 - present)	17,641.63	6,024.41	12,409.68	3	5	4	4	36,075.72
Cr David Rooks	10,217.26	5,412.48	10,326.05	5	5	5	3	25,955.79
Cr Les Larke	1,389.24	4,845.74	712.50	1	-	-	-	6,947.48
Cr Ron Bauer	584.50	5,666.03	712.50	2	3	1	-	6,963.03
Cr Geoff Ellis (sworn in as Councillor 14/8/23)	1,484.33	279.26	-	-	-	-	2	1,763.59
Cr Bruce Kent (resigned as Councillor 7/8/23)	6,011.08	4,940.93	-	3	3	2	-	10,952.01
Total	127,523.47	58,451.64	51,422.33	40	44	32	20	237,397.44

The expenses were detailed in the February council meeting agenda, including a tally of councillor and mayoral allowances from November 2020 to December 2023.

The following table contains details of the Councillor and Mayoral Allowance for the Mayor and Councillors paid during the current term to 31 December 2023.

Councillor & Mayoral Allowance (9 Nov 2020 - 31 Dec 2023)	
Cr Clare Le Serve (Mayor 15 Nov 2023 - present)	102,821.79
Cr Michael Whelan (Mayor 17 Nov 2021 - 15 Nov 2023)	229,399.96
Cr Brett Tessari (Mayor 25 Nov 2020 - 17 Nov 2021)	153,421.89
Cr Leticia Laing (Deputy Mayor 17 Nov 2021 - 16 Nov 2022)	111,108.97
Cr Rochelle Halstead (Deputy Mayor 16 Nov 2022 - present)	115,677.46
Cr David Rooks	94,444.87
Cr Les Larke	94,444.87
Cr Ron Bauer	94,444.87
Cr Geoff Ellis (sworn in as Councillor 14 Aug 2023)	11,852.80
Cr Bruce Kent (resigned as Councillor 7 Aug 2023)	82,153.99
Grand Total	1,089,771.47

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The shows are part of a massive tour that includes Shepparton, Echuca, Wangaratta, Albury, Bairnsdale, Sale, Traralgon, Ballarat, Hamilton, Horsham, Mildura and Bendigo. This thrilling theatre show takes you on an enchanting journey as they discover their hidden talents and dreams at the circus. Get ready to be entertained by their amazing acts, catchy songs, and heart-warming moments that will leave you smiling from ear to ear.

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Join Elmo and friends on an enchanting journey as they discover their hidden talents and dreams at the circus. Wonthaggi Community Arts Centre on March 14.

they express their deep desire to join the circus and become part of its magical experience. From hilarious clowning and daring stunt attempts to mesmerising dog acts and captivating dance routines, the stage comes alive with their boundless energy, skill, and infectious enthusiasm.

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Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. Thursday March 14. Sessions at 10.30am and 1pm.

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There will be some classic cars on the streets of Cowes this Friday (March 8) as part of the Phillip Island Classic - Festival of Motorsports.

Historic cars on show

EVENT

There will be some classic cars on the streets of Cowes this Friday (March 8) as the island gears up for the Phillip Island Classic – Festival of Motorsports.

Fast becoming a tradition for the Phillip Island Classic is the Cowes Car Show on the Friday afternoon.

Starting at 4pm and stretching through to mid-evening, this free car show is set up in the centre of Cowes.

But this isn't just any car show.

The event, proudly presented by Bowden's Own and held in association with the Phillip Island Classic – Festival of Motorsports and the Bass Coast Shire Council, is in Thompson Avenue, and everyone is invited to come along.

In attendance each year are several classic historic race and road cars that are sure to get the blood pumping. Some of the cars even make their way straight from

the track!

This year's Phillip Island Classic – Festival of Motorsport will be celebrating 50 years of the mighty L34 Torana and as part of this celebration, there will be a gaggle of race-prepared L34 Torana's on show at the Cowes Car Show as well as a collection of Group C race cars.

Thompson Avenue will be shut down to all traffic for the duration of the event to give onlookers the chance to get up close and personal with these magic machines.

Merchandise and discounted Sunday race tickets will also be on sale at the event. Don't miss all the action. Friday, March 8, 4pm – 8pm, Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

The 2024 Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport takes place from March 8 – 10 at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

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Tattoo lover aiming for the cover

COMPETITION

Local woman Tracey Cupid is out to win the Inked Magazine Cover Girl competition.

The international competition lets the public vote on who should be on the next cover of the magazine.

Tracey is currently at the top of her group, but she said there is still a long way to go.

"Whilst that sounds great there's still 30,240 women competing worldwide.

"Next cut is Top 10

which will reduce to 20,160. Then goes Top 5, and then I need to stay first to move to quarter finals," she explained.

As part of the publicly voted competition Tracey is in the running to win \$25,000, trip to the Bahamas, photoshoot, and tattoo from a world-renowned tattooist.

Tracey's tattoos are currently all done locally.

"I only go to local tattooist Lindsay Becker since 2017, who's now set up with Hectic Clothing in Cape Woolamai."

She says her current favourite tattoo is her "new left arm sleeve ... It's my first real go at getting colour in my ink journey".

She's hoping with the support of her Instagram and Facebook followers, plus the local community, she'll be able to keep moving up the competition rankings.

And if she wins?

"I would love to be able to buy a house and \$25,000 would be a good start as a deposit.

"I want a permanent roof over our heads in-

stead of the constant fear of our landlord deciding to sell, and we have to move again." Vote for Tracey at: cover.inked-mag.com/2024/tracey-cupid or via the QR Code.



Local woman Tracey Cupid is out to win the Inked Magazine Cover Girl competition and is hoping the community will support her and jump online to vote. Photo: Claire Davie



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Sign up for the Deb Rielly Run

EVENT

Preparations for the Deb Rielly Run for the Kids on March 10 are well advanced and organisers are encouraging sporting clubs, schools, workplaces and other groups to register as a team.

The team with the most participants will win a cash prize of \$250.

The Deb Rielly Run for the Kids is in memory of Deb Rielly who devoted her life to supporting the community and creating opportunities for disadvantaged young people.

The run on Sunday March 10 starts at the main Kilcunda Foreshore car park at 9.30am.

You can register on site up until 9.15am and teams will also be registered on site.

Runners and walkers will all cross the iconic trestle bridge and take in the fantastic Bass Strait coastline.

"Deb was passionate about being fit and getting out and about in our amazing envi-

ronment and this event hopes to encourage as many people as possible to get active and appreciate our surroundings," said event organiser Frank Angarane.

Starting and finishing at the main car park on the Kilcunda Foreshore it will include 2km, 5km and 10km runs and a family friendly walk.

Prizes will be awarded for different age categories.

Online registrations have been steady with the most interest being in the 10km run, Frank said.

Though it will be possible to register on site participants are encouraged to register on line to help streamline the process on race day.

To register as an individual online go to raceroster.com/events/2024/85147/deb-rielly-run-for-the-kids.

For further information contact event coordinator Frank Angarane on 0418 529 310 or ontheroad3995@gmail.com.

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Last week Cowes Primary School students gathered on the school oval to mark the 150 Year milestone with an aerial photo. The community is invited to join the celebrations at the Annual Fete on March 9.



The Grade 3/4 students display their sock creations from last Friday's crazy sock day.

Fabulous fete as part of 150 celebrations

EVENT

The famous Cowes Primary School fete returns this Saturday, March 9 from 10am until 2pm, as part of the school's 150 Years celebrations.

On the day of the fete parents and volunteers will be running a variety of stalls, including the ever-popular gift basket, raffle (with some fantastic prizes), cake, BBQ and showbag stalls.

This year, a delicious Devonshire Tea will be served alongside a 150 Year display set up by the

school and Phillip Island Historical Society.

All members of the school and local community are encouraged to come along and relive the memories of Cowes Primary School across the decades.

Other fun activities include a petting zoo and multiple rides/amusements for all ages to enjoy. There will be a giant jumping castle, inflatable slide, three lane bungee run and a chair 'o plane.

Other options include trying your luck at the Chocolate toss, getting

your face painted or your hair colour sprayed.

The CFA will be setting up a display of their historic Austin Fire Truck and The Department of Fisheries and Wildlife will be in attendance with their education trailer.

A local dance group and singer Daniel Lunn will be providing entertainment throughout the day.

Socks

In preparation for the big event, last Friday students wore their craziest socks and brought along

a block of chocolate to be used for prizes on the Chocolate Toss stall at the school Fete.

"The day was a huge success, and it was wonderful to see so much excitement and creativity from students," Principal Rod McKenzie said.

Come and enjoy a fantastic community day and help celebrate the 150 year history of Cowes Primary.

Cowes Primary School Fete, Saturday March 9, 10am - 2pm. 177 Settlement Road, Cowes.

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Kylie knows, where there's smoke there's fire

In this year's IWD feature, a local woman who has made an extraordinary contribution to the health of Australia and the globe.

Kylie Lindorff won a World Health Organisation award for her work on tobacco control in 2022 and is currently focused on the health risks posed by the increasing use of vapes.

Most locals know Kylie Lindorff as the owner of the Cowes' book shop, Turn The Page, alongside her husband Brendan.

However, when she's not stocking shelves or recommending the best crime fiction, Kylie is lauded across the globe for her 25-year fight against tobacco.

It's a battle that has seen her receive prestigious gongs, including by the World Health Organisation, asked to speak at international conferences, and take on the current role as chair of the board of the Global Alliance of Tobacco Control, the peak non-government global organisation.

"This is a global industry and it needs a global response," she says matter-of-factly to the Advertiser in the lead up to International Women's Day.

Kylie didn't set out on a path to take on big tobacco. She grew up on a dairy farm in Drouin and studied a degree in physical education at Victoria University before later a Masters in public health ("I played a lot of sport as a kid – hockey and softball").

"A lot of women are drawn to working in the health sector," she adds.

"A lot of people who have mentored me have been women.

"We're a tight group and support each other."

It was when she was

employed by the Heart Foundation in Darwin that she began to understand "just how evil the tobacco industry was".

"I then got a bee in my bonnet about the whole thing.

"People who work in tobacco control generally stay there for a long time. I've worked in it 25 years and that's not unusual. The more you get into it the more you realise this industry has to be stopped.

"They are selling a product that kills two out of three long-term users in order to make a profit for their shareholders. That is their business model.

"Anything – like climate change – where there are big multinational companies that make lots of money where people die as a result – how can you not be passionate about that?"

Having worked variously for the Victorian and Australian Governments, a short-term advisory role for the World Health Organisation and Cancer Council Victoria, Kylie now works part-time remotely – from her island home – as the senior advisor for national and international tobacco policy for the NSW Cancer Council.

The battle

Previously Kylie has been at the forefront of advancing



Phillip Island resident Kylie Lindorff has received globally prestigious gongs, including by the World Health Organisation, is asked to speak at international conferences, and is currently chair of the board of the Global Alliance of Tobacco Control.

ing tobacco laws in Australia, particularly plain packaging laws.

She says the fight now is all about restricting access to tobacco and stopping vapes, or e-cigarettes.

"The big gaping hole in policy is how available it is. In Victoria you don't need a licence to sell tobacco. You've got to have a licence to be a newsagent or a pharmacy, or sell liquor, but not cigarettes," Kylie says, adding that states other than Victoria, NSW and Queensland have more restrictive licensing.

"It's early days on the health impacts of vapes, but we know there are respiratory problems, dentists say they cause atrocious decay and even oral cancers in children, as well as mouth mould.

"They need to addict another generation of young people to continue to generate profits."

Decompress

Kylie and Brendan owned a holiday house on the island for 15 years, before buying the bookshop and moving here full time in 2022.

It's not surprising Kylie has a gym membership but struggles to find time to use it.

Instead, in what down time she finds, she walks or runs her active Kelpie.

"I like to read to decompress. Always fiction, never non-fiction, it's too much like work. I like to escape."

In recent weeks Kylie has just returned from a conference in Panama.

"As the chair of the Global Alliance for Tobacco Control board I'll be on a teleconference from 11pm to 1am because of the different time zones.

"Thankfully Brendan takes most of the load at the book shop, which is open seven days a week."

Given tobacco control is a multi-decade fight, how does she stay motivated.

"I get really frustrated and it can be disheartening.

"There would be nothing better for me than to have to find another job. That is everyone's ultimate goal in the field I work in.

"The big picture is we are not going to let these companies win. It's a matter of life and death."



Leeane and Allison, founders of Tarra Care, a home care service that provides support to people across Gippsland.

Tarra Care: compassion and community

Leeane and Allison are not only partners in life, but also in business. They are the founders of Tarra Care, a home care service that provides support to people across the Gippsland region.

The couple moved to Phillip Island in 2014, and married at Smiths Beach in 2019.

They decided to start their own business inspired by their passion for helping others.

They named it Tarra Care, after the Aboriginal word for "river", which symbolises life and connection. Allison's heritage traces back to the Dharug people on her maternal side.

Tarra Care is a beacon of compassion and community support.

"Everything is driven in us to give back to the community," Leeane and Allison said.

"We want to give people an opportunity to feel valued."

Their mission extends far beyond business—they aim to enhance the lives, health, and well-being of individuals across the greater Gippsland region.

They offer a range of services, such as personal care, shopping, meal preparation, dog walking, outings, medical appointments, and more. They cater to people from birth to end-of-life, respecting their dignity and preferences.

Leeane and Allison are an example of women who are not only successful entrepreneurs, but also inspiring leaders and role models.

They embody the spirit of International Women's Day, which celebrates the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. They also remind us of the importance of kindness, empathy, and solidarity in these challenging times.

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Newhaven College celebrates IWD

Access to a fulfilling education for girls and young women is an intrinsic human right, however, not all girls receive the same level of education around the world.

At Newhaven College, this does not go unnoticed as the College's female population appreciates the privileges that an intensive and holistic education can provide.

On Friday March 8, the College celebrates International Women's Day, by shedding light on the transformative impact that educated girls can have on a global scale.

Year 12 student Tilia Pires-Andersen has a strong passion for STEM subjects and urges girls to take up subjects in science and maths.

"International Women's Day offers a chance for me to see the women I admire get the recognition they deserve, in a society where they have been systematically underrepresented," Tilia says.

"It is a reminder of the constant achievements of women, specifically women in leadership, and an inspiration for me. School is a place for opportunity, and I think we should take advantage of everything that school provides us with, as these are things that will actively benefit our future."

College students are taught about the value of education and how to embrace all the opportunities they are given. No matter what gender, all students are provided with an open-minded, progressive appreciation for learning, sharing knowledge and embracing challenges.

After 42 years of teaching, Art Teacher and local artist, Sian Adnam thinks back to when girls were not even encour-

aged to surf, let alone speak up in class.

"At co-educational schools, girls can be overlooked and overwhelmed by the presence of boys. IWD focuses on girls using their voice and being given the opportunities to do that."

When asked what IWD means to her, Lucinda Schenk, an enthusiastic member of the College's Learning Support team, reflected that the day provides "time to reflect and acknowledge amazing women who have demonstrated incredible accomplishments, celebrating their bravery and strength".

The College certainly emphasises the

achievements of girls and boys alike, seeing many of the College's dux and highest achievers being girls over the past few years.

Newhaven College Careers Advisor, Anthea Bennett, said that 20 years ago when she started teaching, "the opportunity for women in leadership roles was non-existent".

"Significant change and progress has been made over the years and the landscape has certainly changed with women in leadership."

This is true at Newhaven College, where the College Board and the Lead-

ership teams are populated with an equal balance of women and men. This was not the case just a few years ago. Women being in a position of power and mentorship normalises this to the College's staff and students. If you see it, you can be it.

Final words to all women and girls from Anthea Bennett: "Be courageous, take opportunities and back yourself" and from Tilia: "Make use of every single opportunity you are given, and keep supporting girls around you, as we are in this together."

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Committing to Inspiring Inclusion

Leading by example are Ella Arnold - Membership and Leadership Development Inverloch SLSC and Alice Webb - Co-Club Captain Venus Bay SLSC who also organised the successful 2024 Pink Patrol Brunch.

International Women's Day is a time to come together to acknowledge, reflect and celebrate women's contributions and achievements in our family, our community, our society. A day that we focus in on the every other day as we galvanise our collective efforts to progress gender equality and opportunity for Victorian women and girls.

When women and girls are inspired to be included, there is a sense of belonging, relevance and empowerment.

We see it at our local Surf Clubs, in our SES Units, Sporting Clubs, Schools, community organisations, Councils, service agencies, local businesses all creating the space, the support, the environment and leading the way with programs, initiatives and leadership opportunities - we are all the better for it when we are at the table bringing our learnings, our history, culture, experiences and story.

The Allan Labor government has an unwavering commitment to improving outcomes for women and girls, our Gender Equality Strategy and Australia's first ever Gender Equality Act is about action and outcomes - 110 of them to be delivered across government over the next 4 years as a start.

We continue to invest in programs and services to increase participation and create opportunities for women and gender diverse Victorians of all ages and backgrounds.

In fields including manufacturing, energy, STEM, construction through to supporting apprenticeships, Emerging Leaders, free tuition and scholarships in areas like nursing, midwifery, mental health and more.

We focus in on the gender pay gap, housing, women's health, parenting, housing. Our Change our Game initiative works towards leveling the playing field for women and girls in sport and active recreation, you will also see more public art of inspirational women by women.

We are undertaking an Inquiry into women's pain, have Free pads and tampons in all government schools, underway also are the big systemic reforms like Best Start - Best Life.

We've come a long way - always more to do.

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Thank you to all the amazing inspiring people that are walking this inclusion journey with us.

Happy International Womens' Day

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31ST ANNUAL COWES CLASSIC SATURDAY MARCH 2



Record day at Cowes Classic

The Bass Coast 'Summer Series of Aquathons' finished on a great note last Saturday with record entries in both the Little Penguin Dash and the 31st Cowes Classic, which was the final leg of the Bass Coast Series.

This means that all four Aquathons – the Cape Paterson Aquathon, the San Remo Channel Challenge, the Little Penguin Dash for Juniors (U/15) and the Cowes Classic – all set new records for the number of competitors entered into each event.

Last Saturday again saw ideal conditions and at 10.30am there were 140 youngsters lined up to participate in the increasingly popular Little Penguin Dash (LPD) for seven to 14-year-old Juniors.

The previous best number was 108 last year and this event has seen increased entries in each of the five years it's been held.

The LPD is not conducted as a race, with times not recorded, and no prizes for placegetters, but the emphasis is on participation and 'having a go'. Every youngster that makes it to the finish line receives a medallion for having finished the event.

Then later, when the competitors in the 31st edition of the Cowes Classic lined up at the start at 2pm, it was very satisfying for the organisers from the Phillip Island Football Netball Club (PIFNC) and the Woolamai Beach Surf

Life Saving Club (WBSLSC) to note the 393 competitors who entered exceeded the previous record by 80 – a terrific result for all involved.

"The highlight of the racing was undoubtedly seeing top Australian triathlete, Callum McClusky, make a clean sweep of all three Bass Coast events, and we wish him well in his quest to represent Australia at the Paris Olympics," said Ron Nicholson from the organising committee.

"There was also an impressive effort by local competitor, Justin Tilley, who is in the O/40 Masters category, as he recorded the second fastest time of all competitors in the Classic.

"Another local, Zoe Adams, was first home in both the Senior Open and Local Female categories while local girl, Emma Moore also won both of the O/50 Veteran Female categories.

"For the third time this summer we saw local O/40 competitors Justin Tilley, Mark Rowe and Stephen Noble finish 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both the Open and Local O/40 categories," Ron said.

"Local boy, Callum McLeod, again did well to push a Victorian Institute of Sport competitor in the Open Junior Male section and win the Local Junior Male category."

There was a strong local contingent in the race, as well some

high profile visitors, including ABC TV Breakfast host Michael Rowland, who described himself as a "pretty happy" veteran, posting his results from the Cowes Classic on his Instagram page to his 41,5000 followers.

Series

The Cowes Classic was the third and final leg of the Bass Coast Series and the cheques for each of the twenty category winners were presented along with the prizes for Saturday's event.

The closest finish was in the Veteran Local Male category where Kris Harris and Jim Corbett entered the final leg all square on points and in the deciding race only 14.5 seconds separated them over their 25-minute race.

The Bass Coast Series was expanded this year to include a category for competitors for those over 60 years of age (Super Veterans) and it has been a popular concept which is definitely one of the reasons for the increased numbers at each event this year.

"There is a great deal of satisfaction for those who enter and finish in all three events each summer and the Bass Coast Series is fully sponsored by the Bass Coast Shire who were represented at the presentations by Cr Rochelle Halstead, the Deputy Mayor," Ron said.

"It is also an enjoyable challenge for the local competitors to take on the visiting contingent and this year we congratulate the four locals who won both the Open and Local sections of the Bass Coast Series.

"It has been a fantastic summer of events for the organisers from WBSLSC, Cape Paterson SLSC and the PIFNC as well as for the competitors who travel from far and wide to participate in these events which bring many strands of the local community together," said Ron.

"We all hope to see even bigger numbers at the events in 2025.

"The organisers also wish to thank the many sponsors and organisations who make these events possible.

"It is a big job, and an expensive one, to put these events together and without the support from the local community they may not be possible."

Bass Coast Series Results

Open Senior Male:
Callum McClusky

Open Senior Female:
Mia Foster

Local Senior Male:
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The winner of the 2024 Cowes Classic was Callum McClusky, who romped home almost a minute and a half ahead of the rest of the field in a time of 18:19 minutes. Winner of the Cape Paterson Triathlon and San Remo Channel Challenge as well earlier this year, Callum, who is from Canberra, is currently training in Melbourne, and is aspiring to represent Australia in the triathlon event at the Paris Olympics. Callum (centre) with Baden Mooney, runner up, (right) and Michael Kernahan (third placing)



Phillip Islander Zoe Adams (centre) was the winner of this year's female category of the Cowes Classic event, in a time of 21:50, ahead of Mia Foster (right) from Seaford, and Alana Leabeater, of Coburg. Close on the heels of the male competitors, Zoe finished in a fantastic seventh place overall, with Mia and Alana in eighth and 11th overall respectively.



Phillip Island footy club Under 16 and Under 18 footballers turned out in force to compete in the Cowes Classic on Saturday.



Phillip Island netballers competing in Saturday's biathlon event are from left Rachael Cameron, Jackie Clark, Meg Ondshoorn, Bella Ondshoorn and Kate Williams.

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Local netballer Lily Hewett (left) won the local female junior category of the biathlon. With fellow netballer Aisha Hibbert and Jasper Saunders who took out second place in the mixed relay category.



Under 9 biathletes Cooper Bennet and Leith Cameron were first and second over the finish line in their age group.



Sixth generation islanders Lachlan and Archie Dallinger with their grandfather Pot Dallinger, who holds the distinction of being the only person to compete in all 38 Channel Challenge events, and was a regular at the Cowes Classic over the years. The boys look like following in their grandad's footsteps with Lachlan (right) first over the line in the Under 8 event.



It takes a huge team of volunteers from the Phillip Island Football Netball Club and the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club to enable Saturday's fundraising biathlon events to go ahead. Local netballers Charlie Ross, Nikki Williams and Lexie Walton manned the water table after they finished working on the registration tables.



From left Skye Finn, Miller Potter and Ruby Pirouet proudly display their Under 8 age group medals after the race.



First over the finish line in the Under 12 event was Gustav Egdal (centre) with Hannah Lucas (2nd) and Josh McCoy (3rd).



Ron Nicholson, who heads the Cowes Classic and Bass Coast Series biathlon events, watched proudly as his grandchildren James and William Speakman competed in the Penguin Dash on Saturday. William (second left) bolted home in first place in the Under 14 event. The boys with their dad David Speakman and Ron.



From left Frankie O'Brien, Sophie Clark, Georgia Poaston, Olivia Clark and Ari Loizu at the finish line of their swim and run race.

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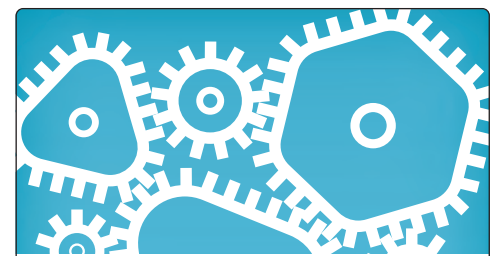
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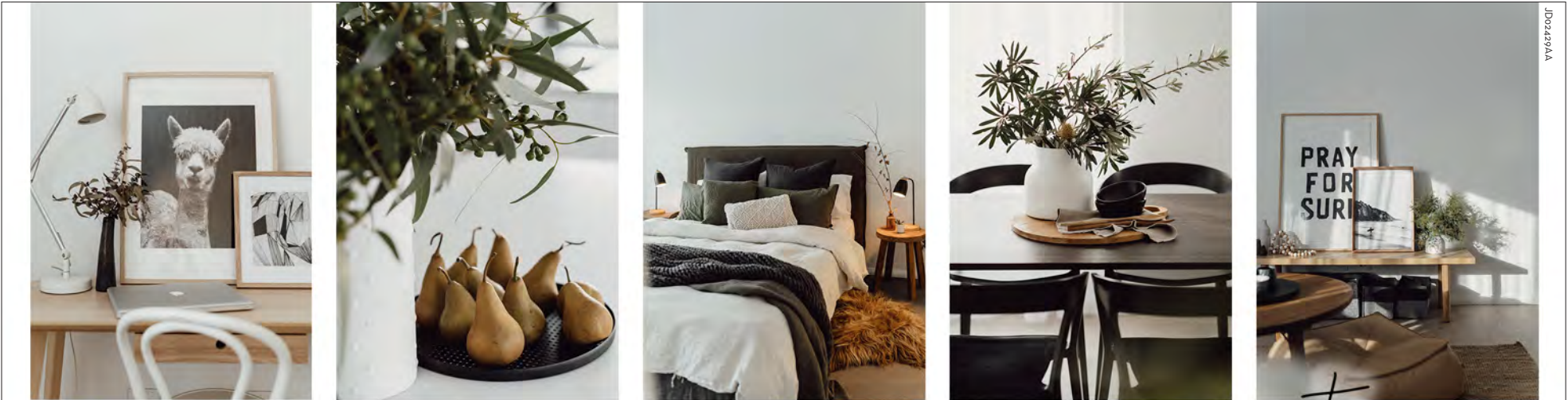
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MAR 14-17		Geelong Cats vs W Bulldogs		AO		Nth Melbourne vs Port Adelaide		W Bulldogs vs Sydney Swans		MCG		Brisbane Lions vs Sydney Swans	
Carlton vs Richmond		Gold Coast Suns vs GWS Giants		SP		Carlton vs Gold Coast Suns		Melbourne vs Nth Melbourne		MCG		Port Adelaide vs Richmond	
Collingwood vs Sydney Swans		Richmond vs St Kilda		AO		Geelong Cats vs GWS Giants		Essendon vs W Coast Eagles		MCG		Fremantle vs Brisbane Lions	
MCG		Collingwood vs Hawthorn		SP		Richmond vs Essendon		Fremantle vs Gold Coast Suns		AO		ROUND 22	
Essendon vs Hawthorn		GWS Giants vs Nth Melbourne		AO		MAY 30-JUN 2		Adelaide Crows vs W Coast Eagles		AO		Brisbane Lions vs GWS Giants	
MCG		Geelong Cats vs St Kilda		AO		Port Adelaide vs Carlton		W Coast Eagles vs Essendon		MCG		Sydney Swans vs Collingwood	
GS		Gold Coast Suns vs Adelaide Crows		MCG		Collingwood vs W Bulldogs		Richmond vs Fremantle		MCG		Nth Melbourne vs W Coast Eagles	
GMHBA		Melbourne vs W Bulldogs		MCG		Hawthorn vs Brisbane Lions		W Bulldogs vs Hawthorn		MCG		Fremantle vs Geelong Cats	
HBS		Port Adelaide vs W Coast Eagles		MCG		Melbourne vs St Kilda		St Kilda vs Nth Melbourne		MCG		Adelaide Crows vs W Bulldogs	
OS		Fremantle vs Brisbane Lions		AO		Adelaide Crows vs W Coast Eagles		W Coast Eagles vs Essendon		MCG		Essendon vs Gold Coast Suns	
ROUND 2		ROUND 5		ROUND 9		ROUND 12		ROUND 16		ROUND 20		Carlton vs Hawthorn	
MAR 21-24		APR 11-14		MAY 9-12		JUN 27-30		JUL 4-7		JUL 18-21		Brisbane Lions vs Sydney Swans	
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A horizontal banner for Ray White Phillip Island. The left side has a yellow background with the 'RayWhite' logo in bold black text. Below the logo, the text 'Phillip Island' is in a large serif font, followed by '41 THOMPSON AVENUE, COWES' and '5952 2799 | raywhitephillipisland.com' in a smaller sans-serif font. The right side of the banner features a green background with white line art of a football field, including a football, a 50-meter line, and a goal.



Joe Van Dijk is one of three open surfers heading to Queensland as part of the PIBC team for the Boardriders Battle on March 9 and 10.

Boardriders head off for Battle

SURFING

A team from the Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) is heading to Queensland for the Grand Final of the Australian Boardriders Battle on March 9 and 10.

Normally held in Newcastle, this year the battle has moved to Burleigh Heads, a location organisers describe as “more challenging”.

A team from PIBC has competed every year for the past 15 years and this year the team includes Carl Wright, Harry de Roth, Joe Van Dijk, Sage Goldsbury, Ash Easton, Sam Patterson and Tate Russell.

Supporting the team will be team manager Jake Eisen, club secretary Jo O'Reilly Stubbs and Geoff Russell.

Billy Easton, Ash's 10-year-old son is the team's “official board caddy”.

Jake said the team has been training hard over the summer and is excited to be part of the national competition.

“Sam and Tate are our number one and two juniors in the club,” said Jake.

“Tate is a goofy foot and he's been a stand-out over the summer.

“Sage is our female surfer and she's been following the world qualifying series, and is fresh off a semi-final finish in the last WQS contest in Port Stephens.”

Carl Wright, Joe Van Dijk and Harry De Roth, three previous Victorian champions are competing for the two open surfer spots.

“Carl is the older statesman of the group, and Ash Easton, our club captain will be our Masters (over 35) surfer.”

Jake said the conditions on the day will influence the selection of the final team.

Although the club has competed for the past 15 years, the new location poses some additional challenges.

“This year, the comp is slightly different,” Jake explained.

“It's going to be a little more strategic. You have to do a run around the point and jump off the rocks.

“The rocks can be really treacherous, so that'll provide a bit of theatre.”

Harry and Sage are already in Queensland doing the qualifying series,

and the rest of the team are flying up this week.

Fundraising throughout the year has helped cover the travel costs.

“Throughout the year, the grommets do a raffle at all the aggregated contests and we did a T-shirt fundraiser as well via Heavy Press, who sponsored the club with screen printing,” Jake said.

“There is prize money at the comp and we'll have to get through at least two heats to help us break even for the trip.”

Jake said if “everything falls into place”, they expect to get through a couple of heats.

“We've been training every Wednesday night and encouraging younger surfers to participate in training sessions,” he said.

“We were at Woolamai and at Surfies Point last week – to try and replicate the type of conditions we're expecting in Queensland.”

He said it was likely Carl Wright would be the team's power surfer (who gets double points), as he's “a cool head and very experienced”.

Competition

The Boardriders Battle sees 42 clubs from around the country contest the tag-team format, with five members in a team.

Competitors will have to run from the top of Burleigh Hill, navigate rocks, and rock jump to get into the surf. Each surfer has 11 minutes in the water, then has to run back up the hill to tag their teammate.

Competition is expected to be fierce, and some clubs have former world champions and pro surfers competing for their teams.

Byron Bay Boardriders will be keen to defend their 2023 title.

The Australian Boardriders Battle is the world's biggest team surfing event.

PIBC is one of three Victorian clubs who made it through to the final, along with Peninsula and Torquay boardriders clubs. All three are in the Top 21 clubs to qualify.

You can follow the event and watch all the action live at: australianboardriders-battle.com

Islanders in the hunt at titles

SURFING

Phillip Island Boardriders' Sam Patterson made it through to the finals of the U18 Boys at the Junior Surfing Titles at Bells Beach on the weekend.

Sam took out third place, with Sandy Point Surfers Rye and Jarrah Cicero in second and fourth respectively. Max Bassed of the Surf Coast was the U18 Boys winner. Islander Tate Russell was equal fifth with Ocean Wright, with Tate scoring the highest heat total (15.80).

In the U18 Girls, PIBC's Sarah Seuren made it through to the Semi Finals. The U18 Girls was won by Sara Hickson (Mornington Peninsula).

In the U16 girls, our local surfers performed brilliantly. Lily Bassed came



PIBC was well represented in the Girls U16 final, with Lillian Bassed, Evie Lutz and Savannah Bennett taking out 2nd, 3rd and 4th spots, behind winner Chloe Muscroft of Jan Juc. Photo: Surfing Victoria. More photos at pisra.com.au/sport

second, Evie Lutz third and Savannah Bennett fourth, with Chloe Muscroft taking out the title.

The U16 Boys was won by Remy Filer (Jan Juc), with Rose Holland (Dromana) taking out the U14

Girls.

In the U14 Boys, Torquay's Teddy Robertson took out top spot, with Dusty Rayner of Inverloch in 3rd.

Final results and scores: www.surfingvic.com/live



From left: Michelle Fincher and Dannielle Baylis who placed 2nd and 1st respectively in the Senior Women's (35+) competition. Photo: Jo O'Reilly Stubbs. More photos at pisra.com.au/sport

PIBC's aggregate competition

SURFING

On Saturday March 2, the Phillip Island Boardriders Club held its Aggregate 4 competition at Summerlands, organised by Club Captain Ash Easton and his team.

Results are:

Senior Men's (28-45): 1st Adrian Maier, 2nd Jack Matthews and 3rd Bill Hosking.

Senior Women's (35+): 1st Dannielle Baylis and 2nd Michelle Fincher.

Masters (45-60): 1st Adrian Maier, 2nd Dumpy and 3rd Drew Johnstone.

Legends (60+): 1st Mal Gregson and 2nd William Yusko.

Open Women's: 1st Dannielle Baylis, 2nd Michelle Fincher and 3rd Jade Ricardo.

Open Men's: 1st Ash Easton, 2nd Carl Wright and 3rd Dylan Thomas James.

Life Member Shield presented

BRIDGE

Congratulations to Neville Chapman and Lorrie Read on winning the 2024 Phillip Island Life Member Shield at the Phillip Island Bridge Club.

Congratulations as well to Claire Murphy on being awarded the Richard Meares Encouragement Award for 2024.

Life Member Shield results (February 26): 1st Neville Chapman and Lorrie Read (70 per cent), 2nd Lois Dwyer and Ann Gibson (67.67 per cent) and 3rd Marnie Myall and Paul Waylen (65 per cent).

Nationwide results (February 28): 1st Marnie Myall and Caroline Shaw (57.87 per cent), 2nd Molly Dowling and Miranda Sage (55.56 per cent) and 3rd John Farr and Bronwyn Sund (55.09 per cent).

If you are looking to learn bridge, brush up on your skills or you just feel like a social game please come and join us for casual Tuesday night Bridge.

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Life member Shirley Stewart presents Life Member Shield to Neville Chapman and Lorrie Read.

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Harley Griffin caught three fish worth 55 points and finished in second place during the weekend's Squidgie Mixed Bag points competition.



Saige Nicolaci won the Squidgie Mixed Bag points competition with three fish worth 60 points.

Success for anglers

FISHING

The weather forecast leading up to the 10th Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club (RPIAC) angling competition on March 2 and 3 left many anglers unsure and onshore.

Despite a bit of a challenge from the winds, anglers across each category showcased exceptional talent and determination.

That said, there was still considerable cause for celebration onshore as an esteemed RPIAC life member Len Bates, celebrated his 80th birthday with family and friends throughout the weekend.

It's likely that those who hear "yarr matey" at the clubrooms will start looking for pirates, although there is a possibility that it's just Len announcing his age ("I'm 80").

There was no real formula for success, as some anglers transformed fishing into catching and others worked harder to turn a reel.

Overall, there was a respectable number of eligible species presented at weigh-in, including King George whiting, snapper, flathead, trevally, mackerel, pike and a shark.

A total of 40 fish and one shark were weighed-in over the weekend and Club Captain, Chris Leonardos was entertained by the variety of stories and species.

None of the \$1000 first-to-catch prizes offered in the season's RPIAC Extraordinary Catch Incentives were claimed.

With two more competitions remaining in the season, the members only incentives for eligible species caught on competition weekends stay banked.

Angling members remain optimistic about the possibilities for catching an eligible species that equals or exceeds the nominated weight: King George whiting (1000 grams), snapper (10 kg), gummy shark (20 kg), mullet (25 kg) and kingfish (25 kg).

RPIAC encourages all anglers to develop skills and awareness of sustainable and responsible angling and welcomes young anglers to engage in its angling competitions, offering complementary membership to children aged 16 and under.

Participation involves bringing eligible species caught during the competition weekend to weigh-in at the RPIAC clubroom between 4.30pm and 5.30pm on Saturday or Sunday.

The Squidgie Mixed Bag points competition (for anglers aged nine and under), was a close contest and opportunities to participate in the last few competitions are still available.

Harley Griffin caught three fish worth 55 points to finish the weekend in second place, whilst Saige Nicolaci caught three fish worth 60 points to take out first place.

The Junior competition (for anglers aged 10 to 16) was dominated by Gus Fahnle and RPIAC's reigning Junior Champion, Denver Firth.

Gus weighed in with a snapper that was 705 grams to claim the Junior Weight competition.

Denver took out the Junior Points competition with a King George whiting worth 1582 points (565 grams).

The Senior Heaviest Weight competitions were won by Albert Abram and Carrienne Peatey, each weighing in a pinky snapper of 1445 grams and 1105 grams respectively.

The Senior Points competitions were won by RPIAC's reigning Club Champions Duncan Firth and Kate Jinnette.

Duncan had the best King George whiting of the weekend, worth an impressive 1652 points (590 grams), whilst Kate scored 1386 points (495 grams) which was a very reasonable catch.

With no entries in the squid and cuttlefish competition only two possibilities for a prize remained.

In the shark competition, Trevor Gleeson won with a cleaned gummy shark – weighing 3485 grams.

Along with Debra Orr who was awarded the Secret Weight prize for a 600 gram snapper which was closest to the secret weight (624 grams).

The RPIAC clubroom is located adjacent to the Rhyll boat ramp and is open to members and visitors on Fridays (from 5pm) and competition weekends coinciding with weigh in.

The next angling competition is scheduled for the weekend of March 16 and 17.

There are still many opportunities to take part in the scheduled angling competitions and compete for comp-weekend prizes along with the club championships.

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



Sunderland Bay, Kitty Miller Bay, Pyramid Rock and Cowries Rock Platform, as well as all rock platforms between Bore Beach and Kilcunda are now mandated areas where fishers must wear a lifejacket.

Island sites added to the high-risk fishing list

OCEAN SAFETY

Sunderland Bay, Kitty Miller Bay, Pyramid Rock and Cowries Rock Platform, as well as all rock platforms between Bore Beach and Kilcunda have been mandated areas where fishers must wear a lifejacket.

The ruling has been put in place while the Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) evaluates the results of a two-year trial into improving safety by making lifejackets mandatory at high-risk fishing locations.

The trial, which included Pyramid Rock, Punchbowl Rocks and Potters Hill Road in San Remo, mandated the use of compliant lifejackets – level 50S or greater – for adults fishing at the designated high-risk zones, with children under 12 required to wear a level 100 or greater lifejacket whether they are fishing or not.

Between 2000 and 2022, there were six deaths of anglers at Punchbowl, representing a third of all rock fishing deaths in Victoria in the last two decades.

VFA Chief Executive Officer

Travis Dowling last week announced the trial results will be evaluated to determine longer-term arrangements, with the lifejacket mandate still in effect in designated high-risk zones whilst the evaluation is being conducted.

Three new high-risk zones have been identified by the VFA on the island, with Sunderland Bay, Kitty Miller Bay and Cowries Rock Platform joining the existing zone at Pyramid Rocks.

High-risk zones at Punchbowl Rocks and Potters Hill Road, near San Remo, will be extended to include all rock platforms between Bore Beach and Kilcunda.

State wide

All rock platforms along a more than 40-kilometre stretch of coastline between Point Nepean and West Head near Flinders will be deemed high-risk and fishers must wear a lifejacket. This includes rock platforms at Fingal Beach, where a fatality occurred in November 2023.

Existing zones at Artillery Rocks (west of Lorne), Sheoak

Falls (south of Lorne) and Cape Bridgewater (near the blowholes car park), remain classified as high risk, with fishers requiring a compliant lifejacket. In Lorne, Jump Rock has been added to the high-risk list.

"We know lifejackets save lives and we urge rock fishers to wear one no matter where they are right along the coast because no snapper is worth your life," said CEO Travis Dowling.

"The new and extended zones have been identified through the two-year trial and will be added to the high-risk locations, meaning these important rules remain in place while we review the data and consider preventative measures."

Educational material is available in several languages detailing high-risk locations, types of compliant lifejackets and how rock fishers can stay safe. This information and signage at beach tracks will be amended to include the new zones.

To find out more and view maps of the high-risk zones, visit www.vfa.vic.gov.au/rock-fishing

Dart season kicks off

DARTS

The Phillip Island and District Darts League kicked off its regular season last Monday night with the energy abuzz at the darts centre.

New faces and teams joined our returning players, filling all four boards with competitive spirit.

The night saw some impressive victories.

Storm dominated Dart Vaders (6-1), Vikings shut out the Jaggers (7-0), Joes Hornets stung the Mustangs (5-2) and That's All bested the Riverboys (6-1).

Adding to the excitement, Jamie won the much-anticipated meat tray raffle sponsored by the San Remo Butchers.



Jamie, this week's winner of the meat tray raffle.

The league also extended a warm welcome to Boutique Tails Dog Grooming (a new silver sponsor).

While the Riverboys enjoy a bye this week, the competition is poised to intensify as round two gets underway.

TIDE GUIDE

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

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HIGH 8:00 am 2.53 m	HIGH 8:44 am 2.46 m	HIGH 9:45 am 2.39 m	HIGH 11:12 am 2.35 m	LOW 6:26 am 1.26 m	LOW 7:43 am 1.02 m	LOW 8:45 am 0.74 m
LOW 2:10 pm 0.48 m	LOW 2:58 pm 0.53 m	LOW 4:00 pm 0.62 m	LOW 5:21 pm 0.69 m	HIGH 12:48 pm 2.43 m	HIGH 2:15 pm 2.62 m	HIGH 3:26 pm 2.85 m
HIGH 9:28 pm 2.63 m	HIGH 10:27 pm 2.57 m	HIGH 11:38 pm 2.55 m		LOW 6:48 pm 0.70 m	LOW 8:04 pm 0.67 m	LOW 9:09 pm 0.64 m

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The Kids V. Parents game saw the Kids claim victory with a one run win. A fantastic way to finish off the season at Rhyll Cricket Ground.

Finals underway for Sharks

CRICKET

B1

The Sharks headed over to battle it out against the Imperials trying to secure top spot after a long season and a home win the week before.

The Sharks were shocked to witness the captain win the toss, who chose to bowl.

With Harry Arceo finally getting the pick of the ends with Tim Niven chosen to play A Grade, we got off to a slow start with the Imperials' openers refusing to play a shot.

Jobe was into the wind and the young duo went wicketless for seven overs with Aidan Williams replacing his young fella, along with Heath Womersley ripping a three foot in swingers at the right-handed openers.

It took another slips classic from Kurt off the bowling of Jobe in the 19th over to start the rot at 1/27.

To cut a long, boring story short, it was a classic tale of missed chances from Andrew "Tin Man" Finlayson with the gloves on.

Two absolutely cracking chances were gone begging at point from Jonty Manning and a failed run out from, you guessed it, "Tin Man" who



The U15s squad. Back (from left): Sienna MacMillan, Archie Williams, Zack Sund, Bailey Parry, Brydon Marshall, Ethan Rhee, Drew Fusinato and Jobe Williams. Front: Zack Hughes, Jax Marshall and Jackson Allan.

forgot you needed the ball to hit the stumps not just your belly.

Fifty-five overs later of boring dead batting the Imperials finished all out for 90 with K Lane 3/8, H Womersley 2/6, J Williams 2/9 and the masterful, creative and obvious first choice spinner M Arceo 2/19.

The time had come to bat against a stacked bowling line up with rumours comparing them to the West Indies of the late 90s.

Max Arceo saw off 20 odd balls before falling, leaving

Heath to play his role and the world's most nervous human Henry Peppard out there doing a job for his club finishing the night with nine-not-out.

The team were 1/26 off 15, requiring 65 more to win, who are now hoping it's enough to finish on top.

U15s

The Under 15 Sharks were rewarded with a home semi-final on Sunday after finishing the home and away season on top of the ladder.

The finals format for the

Under 15s was 20/20/20/20.

Korumburra won the toss and elected to bowl first – it looked like Korumburra made the right call as we lost our opening pair Drew Fusinato and Brydon Marshall in quick succession, leaving the Sharks chasing their tails at 2/3.

Vice-Captain Archie Williams and Zack Hughes came to the crease to steady things up for the island.

Archie and Zack batted beautifully getting runs for the home side.

Zack Hughes was caught on 12, with the score at 3/35.

Captain Jobe Williams came out to help tick the scoring over with Archie.

Phillip Island finished the first 20 overs on 3/72.

The island then went out to bowl hoping to protect their first innings score of 72.

Jobe Williams and Jax Marshall opened the bowling for the island, with both bowling a very tight line and keeping the runs down.

Jackson Allan and Archie Williams then came onto bowl.

Phillip Island finally struck a wicket to Jackson with a superb catch from Bailey Parry.

Jackson struck again with another wicket.

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