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\$8 million resort planned for Kitty Miller Bay

An \$8 million accommodation, restaurant and information centre development – for up to 100 guests – is proposed to be built at Kitty Miller Bay.

A permit for the tourist attraction is currently out for community feedback and is being proposed by the Sunshine International Group, believed to be a Chinese-based company.

The proposal is for 36 hectares – currently vacant – at 115 Kitty Millers Bay Road, Ventnor, on the corner of Back Beach Road, which is zoned farming, with frontage to a transport zone.

According to the permit, the development will be an “eco-tourism retreat” aimed at international tourists.

It proposes to construct wetlands on the site – with the Swan Lake Drain already flowing through the land – into a local attraction, with extensive earthworks and revegetation.

There will be a central “Gateway” building, with 29 accommodation units, a 145sqm information centre and 217sqm restaurant for the use of private guests only, with kitchen and amenities.

The building is a maximum height of 10.85 metres over two-storeys.

In addition, there will be a private accommodation guesthouse, cabins and 14 tents, as well as a workshop/shed.

A boardwalk will run from the Gateway around and into the wetlands, including a central deck area with swimming pool and bird hide.

The development will generate 14,250 litres of wastewater each day, with an onsite wastewater treatment and disposal system to be built.

According to the permit the proposal will be built on a four-hectare portion of the site, next to the artificial wetlands.

The land is partially covered by the state government’s new proposed Distinctive Areas and Landscapes planning controls, which are yet to be approved by

the government and incorporated into Bass Coast Shire’s planning scheme.

Traffic, parking

New sealed roads will be built throughout the site, with two new access points from Kitty Millers Bay Road and a dedicated new left hand turn lane on Back Beach Road.

Parking will include 48 spaces, as well as three for buses, with each cabin provided with a car space.

A traffic report with the permit states the operator expects some guests will arrive as part of tour groups in buses, so “these guests will not generate a demand for car parking”.

“A conservative peak total car parking demand for up to 44 car spaces is predicted when allowing for staff demands of the accommodation and restaurant at peak booking times,” the report states.

“The proposed car parking provision of 48 on-site car spaces exceeds the anticipated peak demand.”

The traffic report states existing traffic volumes on Back Beach Road and Kitty Millers Bay Road intersection are “very low and the intersection appears to operate well below capacity”.

“The modest peak hour traffic generated by the site is expected to be adequately accommodated by this intersection without any material impact,” it concludes.

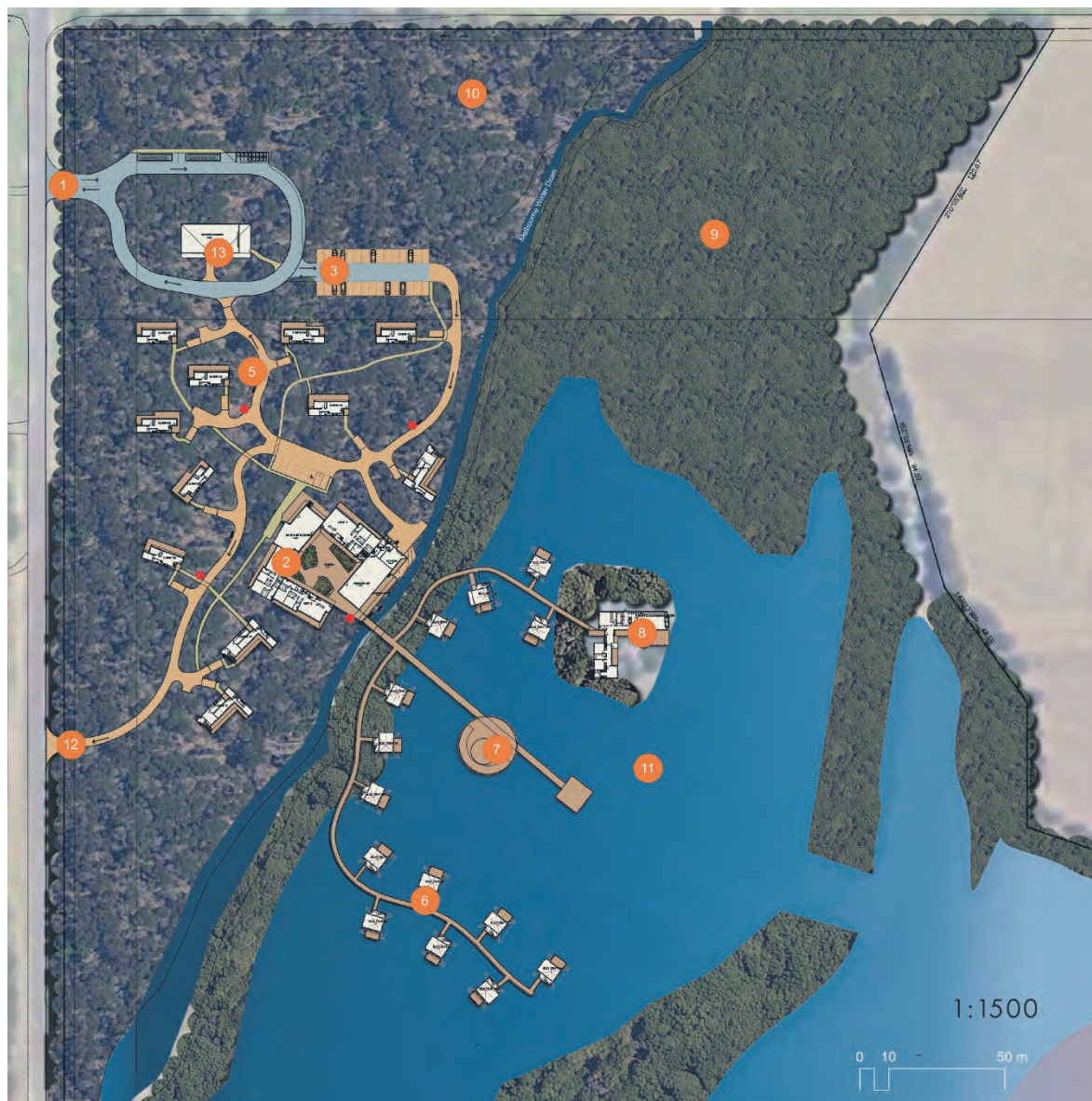
Bass Coast Shire data in 2019 showed the weekend traffic average on Back Beach Road was 1351 vehicles.

Economy

According to the developers, the tourist attraction will create 29 full time equivalent jobs on site, with the value add of the project during construction estimated to be \$3 million annually over the construction period.

A further \$4.6 million annually will come through on-going operations, and “the project will be a boost for the economy, particularly locally on Phillip Island”.

An economic assessment states



An image of the proposed accommodation at the Kitty Millers Bay Road, which will target international tourists. “Without a change in the nature of the accommodation and visitor experience provided on Phillip Island, it is unlikely visitation levels will grow substantially,” the planning permit states.

while the international tourist market to Phillip Island has been growing, “the tourism infrastructure on the island has failed to keep up”.

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of the accommodation and visitor experience provided on Phillip Island, it is unlikely visitation levels will grow substantially,” the report states.

“The proposed Kitty Millers Retreat has the potential to provide an alternative experience for the island and entice new markets of international visitors to Phillip Island.”

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Ripped off

It's a weekly ritual for Frank Scholes. On Wednesday, he heads to the bank to withdraw some money to buy a Tatts Lotto ticket.

Only on this afternoon, April 19, things didn't go as planned. The ATM at the National Australia Bank spat out a torn \$50 note. Around a quarter of the note was missing, rendering it worthless.

Frank did a second withdrawal, noticing that this time the \$50 note was also slightly ripped, and assumed there must have been a malfunction with the machine causing the notes to be damaged.

The next day, he went back to the bank to get the damaged \$50 note replaced, only to find the branch shut.

He returned first thing the next morning.

This was when he realised things were not so simple.

"The teller was lovely, but told me I might be able to get half back - \$25. But when she realised I wasn't an NAB customer, she

said there was nothing they could do," said Frank.

Despite being able to show the damaged note, and the time and date of withdrawal, the bank wouldn't replace the money.

Instead, they told Frank he needed to go to his own bank - the nearest branch is in Wonthaggi - and they'd be able to reimburse him for a portion of the value of the damaged note.

Frank was astonished.

"I said to them, someone must take responsibility for the money they put into the ATM, but what about at the other end," he queried.

"It seemed as though they didn't care."

While he said losing \$50 wouldn't break him, Frank feels it is the principle of the matter.

"What if that happened to some old lady pensioner, and that was their only money, and then they can't spend it?"

"I'd be interested to know if the same thing happened to anyone else using that ATM."



Frank Scholes said the ATM at the NAB in Thompson Avenue dispensed this damaged \$50 note to him, and initially the bank refused to replace it.

The Advertiser approached the National Australia Bank to ask why the bank wasn't able to replace the damaged note, given it had been dis-

pensed by their machine.

A bank spokesperson said Frank's ATM experience was unusual, and they would organise for his money to be refunded.

BREAKING NEWS

VCAT overturns museum approval

The Advertiser understands VCAT has overturned Bass Coast Shire Council's decision to grant a planning permit for a new National Vietnam Veterans Museum at Newhaven. The plans were approved by council last year, with five objectors opposing the development.

Attempts to find a resolution between the museum board and objectors failed, with hearings starting at VCAT on February 13.

One applicant objected to the

development in a farm zone, saying listed uses were prohibited in a farm zone, including an education centre and retail premises.

It appears VCAT agreed.

The \$50 million project which proposed a 4206sqm building with exhibition areas, visitor spaces, café and offices, archive and storage areas, had received a \$10 million commitment from the state government.

More details in next week's Advertiser.

Naming rights

Island Voice has raised concerns about a proposal to name the new Cowes Cultural Centre, which will go before council at this week's meeting, on Wednesday, May 17 at 1pm.

The proposal recommends a First Nations name for the new building, with four names provided by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation for consideration.

If adopted, a community consultation will be held to select one of the four names.

President Peter Paul said concerns have been raised about the

process for selecting the name.

"All residents should listen and watch the Council meeting on Wednesday at 1pm to see how your elected Council members relate to this matter.

"How does this type of action show our Council operates with openness and transparency?"

"This is a legacy the community will bear for future generations. The Phillip Island community must be totally involved in the naming rights of our Cultural Centre."

The meeting will be held in the council chambers in Wonthaggi or livestreamed on YouTube. You can access the link at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/council-meetings

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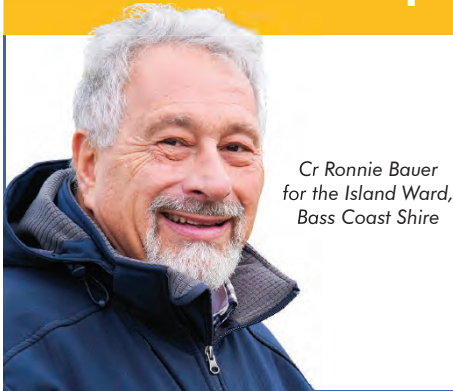


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Wildlife vet solution, but more help still needed

In the battle to reduce Phillip Island’s wildlife road toll, Nature Parks and Wildlife Victoria will fund local vets to be on call to treat injured animals between 4pm and 7am.

Vets have welcomed the move, but with “reservations”, while Nature Parks said the measure would be temporary “while we work through and establish a permanent support network for wildlife rescue services on Phillip Island”.

The vet initiative follows an Easter rescue blitz by Wildlife Victoria (WV) on the island, which found 80 per cent of drivers failed to report road accidents involving wildlife (see separate story).

While the Easter holiday was rain-soaked, with tourist numbers down, WV nevertheless attended to 105 animals across 19 different species.

Nearly 80 animals were deceased on arrival, 10 required euthanasia, 10 were able to be saved, and seven cases involved assessment and advice, said WV CEO Lisa Palma, who was part of the specialised rescue unit over Easter.

“What emerged from Wildlife Victoria’s seven-day stay was the immense impact road trauma is having on native species, and the lack of reporting from drivers when road accidents involving wildlife occur,” Ms Palma said.

She said in response, WV and Phillip Island Nature Parks have initiated a service agreement with two local vet clinics, who will make themselves available to assess and treat any wildlife in need between 4pm and 7am.

Most wildlife incidents occur between dusk and dawn, a time when most vet services are unavailable.

“Wildlife Victoria will continue to engage with Phillip Island Nature Parks, volunteers and other key stakeholders to discuss recommendations for wildlife welfare on the island.”

Cowes vet David Cassells is one of the two vets who will be on call and paid for overnight treatment and care of native animals.

For decades he has voluntarily treated injured wildlife and now through peak season treats an average of three wild animals per



In an effort to reduce the wildlife road toll, Wildlife Victoria and Phillip Island Nature Parks have initiated a service agreement with two local vet clinics, who will make themselves available to assess and treat any wildlife in need between 4pm and 7am.

day, not including those euthanised or referred on.

“I think the agreement is a positive development in the short-term but I have some reservations,” said David, who is semi-retired.

He explained he was the only vet in the practice available for after-hours work, “which is not ideal”.

David said more resources were needed, not just for vets and over-worked volunteers, but dedicated wildlife rescue staff.

“I think as well as increased resources generally, there should be funded out of hours employees linked to PINP or WV, rather than relying on volunteers and vets.

“It is good to hear WV will continue to engage. Hopefully we can find a solution to best help our native animals.”

Solutions

This year meetings between Phillip Island Nature Parks and partners have been held to find solutions to the increasing wildlife road toll on the island.

Last year volunteer operator Colleen Gilbee – who has been volunteering since 2000 – said the local wildlife death toll was taking an increasing financial and emotional toll, costing her thousands of dollars every year, with about 70 per cent of animals needing to be eu-

thanised because of the extent of their injuries.

Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield said volunteers would always play a role in emergency response for wildlife, “as they do with other emergencies such as accidents and fire”.

“The agreement between Wildlife Victoria and local veterinarians, funded in part by Nature Parks, is a temporary measure while we work through and establish a permanent support network for wildlife rescue services on Phillip Island,” Ms Basterfield said.

“Community support and volunteers will remain a key component of wildlife rescue on the island.

“There were some great learnings from Wildlife Victoria’s patrols during Easter, which has helped to shape the types of actions the stakeholder group is considering in improving the wildlife response network.”

Ms Palma agreed.

“Volunteers remain essential in this process as they will continue to respond to rescues, check pouches – marking them with spray paint to signal the pouch check, moving the deceased animals off the road, and transporting injured wildlife to the vet,” Ms Palma said.

She acknowledged the long-term traumatic impact of wildlife rescue to volunteers.

“The associated trauma that can accumulate when volunteers are doing this over and over is immense. We are working on immediate and long-term solutions to alleviate the pressure these volunteers are experiencing.”

Phillip Island Conservation Society president Jeff Nottle said professional wildlife rescuers should be funded by organisations such as Destination Phillip Island, as well as Bass Coast Shire through its environment management fund.

“PICS strongly believes there is an overreliance on a small number of overworked volunteers who are performing what is essentially an essential service,” Jeff said.

You can call Wildlife Victoria’s emergency response line on 03 8400 7300, 24/7, or report online at www.wildlifevictoria.org.au/wildlife-information/report-a-wildlife-emergency

Accident with wildlife? Call it in

About 80 per cent of drivers on Phillip Island are failing to report road accidents involving wildlife, according to a survey of injured animals.

Wildlife Victoria (WV) carried out an Easter wildlife rescue blitz across the island, finding of the 105 animals they attended, only 21 had been called into WV.

WV CEO Lisa Palma said many of the animals found by the road were marsupials (pouched mammals), some with live joeys still in their pouches.

“Joeys can survive in their mother’s pouch for several days before succumbing to starvation, hypothermia or predation,” Ms Palma said.

“It was only through active patrolling of the island by the Wildlife Victoria team the remainder animals were found and able to be attended to.

“We understand accidents happen. All we ask is that when they do, drivers call Wildlife Victoria to report them. Our emergency response service is staffed by a team of highly experienced operators 24 hours a day, seven days a week, who can provide advice and, when required, dispatch a volunteer rescuer. You might just save a life.”

Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield said it was disappointing to see the low level of calls being made to Wildlife Victoria.



This swan was hit by a car, part of the increasing animal road toll on Phillip Island. If you encounter sick, injured or orphaned wildlife, please call Wildlife Victoria on 03 8400 7300.

“Improving communication to our community and visitors about what to do in this situation will be a key part of the next actions,” Ms Basterfield said.

Wildlife Victoria’s emergency response service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

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CFA and police were called to Terry White Chemmart, due to a strong gas smell in the building on Friday morning. The nearby medical centre was also evacuated as a precaution. The smell turned out to be coming from the food storage area.

Bad smell clears buildings

We’ve all heard stories about angst in the office over food left to go off in a staff fridge.

But the impact of bad food smells went to a whole new level last week, with a Cowes pharmacy and medical centre evacuated on Friday morning.

Original concerns about a gas leak proved to be wide of the mark – with the culprit turning out to be some food that had gone off.

Staff and customers were evacuated from Terry White Chemmart and the Phillip Island Medical Centre in Thompson Avenue just after 9am, due to a strong gas smell in the buildings.

The CFA and police attended the scene and advised motorists to avoid the area.

A spokesperson for the Phillip Island Brigade said when pharmacy staff arrived for

work on Friday, there was a strong smell of gas within the store that was gradually getting worse.

The staff evacuated the pharmacy and called Triple Zero (000).

“The fire brigade and police evacuated surrounding buildings for safety,” they said.

“The crews used the gas detector to investigate inside the building but could not locate a source of the smell and made the pharmacy safe.”

The CFA media unit later confirmed three units responded, with the breathing apparatus crews required on scene.

“The smell appeared to be coming from a food storage unit,” the CFA media spokesperson said.

The building was declared safe to enter again by 10.06am.

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A founding member of the Phillip Island Conservation Society Margaret Hancock has retired from the voluntary role after 55 years: "I hope the island will learn to balance the demands of tourism and the natural attraction, as it seems we can't have one without the other," Margaret says.



In 1998 the Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) president Margaret Hancock (right) and past president Vern Johnson (left) cut the cake to celebrate the society's 30th anniversary. Margaret was president of PICS from 1982 to 2012, also a 30-year achievement.

After 55 years, Margaret hangs up her PICS hat

Phillip Island would not look as it does today but for the leadership and commitment of Margaret Hancock, who has retired this year after 55 years with the Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS).

PICS members – who are all volunteers and in January will hold a series of 55th anniversary celebrations – are fierce campaigners for the preservation of the environment, and Margaret has been a driving force for five decades.

Margaret – now 92 and living in Cowes – was a foundation PICS member when it was formed in May 1968, taking over as president in 1982, serving in that role for 30 years.

During these years she took part in more than 60 planning issues, including mediation sessions, written submissions, and VCAT, as detailed in an article in the Advertiser in 2012.

Margaret was involved in the Phillip Island Stand Alone campaign, which fought to have the Shire of Phillip Island reinstated, stating amalgamation was not in the island's best interests.

Margaret helped thwart the development proposed at Saltwater Creek in Ventnor in 1988.

"This was an outstanding success for everyone," she recalled in 2012.

"What they wanted to develop was a sort of Patterson Lakes development, with a marina and housing complex, complete with a capacity for ocean going liners to be moored, and a pedestrian bridge or a tunnel.

"The whole thing was farcical."

Public reaction to that concept, Margaret explained, was "absolutely wonderful".

"It had everything including television cameras and media crews."

This achievement, and the buy-back of the Summerland Estate, is rated in Margaret's mind as being among the most notable.

"PICS could see development coming at Summerlands and we knew it would be disastrous for the penguins and the wildlife," she said.

"We supported the closure of the road at night (by the Phillip Island Council) from Mandeville Road to the Nobbies and back because of the number of penguin road kills nightly.

"As volunteers, we would go out on the road at night and do counting surveys of the traffic and animal sightings in the area."

The proposal by the state government, under Labor and led by Joan Kirner, to buy back the Summerland Estate was one, however, that took Margaret totally by surprise.

"I didn't think it would ever eventuate.

"But full credit goes to the government of the day and to those that have followed, in seeing this issue through," she commented.

One of the greatest achievements she said is the implementation by local government of Amendment 88.

"It sets the town boundaries and it now applies throughout the whole of the Bass Coast Shire. We lobbied hard for this and put a lot of effort into it," she told the Advertiser.

"It is important we retain settlement boundaries and to allow the Phillip Island Nature Parks to proceed with the good work they are doing especially in the property protection of the Rhyll Inlet.

"It needs to be kept as a peaceful place in our natural environment."

Foundation

Margaret's active involvement began by chance when she was still living in Ballarat, but was a regular holiday maker here.

"When I first joined the conservation group in 1968, there was a lot happening on the island. I remember reading an article in the Herald newspaper about an aspiring Phillip Island Shire councillor who was proposing the planting of palm trees all along the Tourist Road, from Newhaven to the Cowes jetty.

"That got me really incensed and spurred me into action."

This proposal, as well as those being put forward for the subdivisions of land, and in particular for the development of a marina at Rhyll, resonated with many others as well.

"It resulted in a public meeting being convened by an enthusiastic and diligent conservationist, local resident Ken Pound, on a cold and blustery night in the St Philip's Parish Hall in Cowes.

"I came to the island especially to attend the meeting."

The 33 people who attended voted to form a conservation committee and adopt a constitution. This was the start of a concerted effort by members of PICS to add their voice and clout to issues that mattered on Phillip Island.

PICS first big campaign was to raise funds to purchase the land associated with the marina proposal, with the purchase now known as Conservation Hill.

In maintaining the balance between progress and the natural environment, Margaret sees the role of the conservation society as being one of an educator.

"We try to educate those involved in development planning to the big picture – to take into consideration the natural environment they are working with," she said.

Furthermore she advised locals to "not be intimidated by VCAT".

"VCAT and panel members are often more interested in what individuals and community organisations have to say than expert witnesses and lawyers. They are experienced."

While she accepted progress has to happen, Margaret said she was realistic in her outlook for the future of the island, particularly in light of the state government's declaration of Bass Coast as a Distinctive Areas and Landscapes, which locks in the island's town boundaries.

"It is all going to hinge on holding these boundaries, and for the community to accept that intensive development should take place within the boundaries.

"It is important the boundaries stay firm and we try to make these new developments better places in which to live.

"It is important that we all continue to work together to conserve Phillip Island into the future. I hope the island will learn to balance the demands of tourism and the natural attraction, as it seems we can't have one without the other."

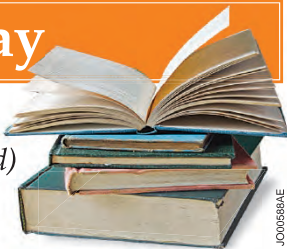
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Winners of the 2023 Bass Coast Community Awards, announced at an event on Monday at the RACV Resort in Inverloch, with Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan.

New community award winners announced

On Monday May 15, the new Bass Coast community awards were announced, in a special ceremony at the RACV Resort in Inverloch.

The awards, timed to coincide with National Volunteer Week, celebrated and honoured the true spirit and heart of our region.

Council said the new format was eagerly embraced by the community with strong nominations for all four categories: Environment and Sustainability; Community Group; Next Generation Leader; and Community Leader.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said all nominees were outstanding examples of the individuals and groups who provide the passion, enthusiasm and community-spirit which make Bass

Coast a great place to live.

“The new Bass Coast Community Awards celebrate the very best of Bass Coast life, which provides potent inspiration for the rest of us to aspire to,” Cr Whelan said.

“Every person nominated does what they do because they love it. They do not do it for public recognition, which makes recognising them at the Bass Coast Community Awards VIP presentation evening even more special.”

Cr Whelan congratulated and thanked all nominees and winners – and everyone who selected them – for helping make the new Bass Coast Community Awards a tremendous success. He said the council looks forward to welcoming nominations for the 2024 awards!

The 2023 Bass Coast Community Awards winners are:

- Environment and Sustainability Award: Paul Speirs, Archies Creek Reforestation Group.

- Community Group Award: Wonthaggi Boxing Club Inc.

- Next Generation Leader Award: Liam Marangio, Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club.

- Community Leader Award: Catherine Watson, Save Western Port Woodlands.

Twenty-nine people or groups were nominated across the four categories.

Congratulations to all the 2023 Bass Coast Community Awards nominees, who made this brand-new program possible.

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Work has begun on road renewal along Settlement Road, between Justice Road and Red Rocks Road in Cowes.

Works begin on Settlement Road

Bass Coast Shire has commenced road renewal works along Settlement Road between Justice Road and Red Rocks Road in Cowes.

The project, awarded to Stabilised Pavement Australia (SPA) Pty Ltd, commenced in late April and is estimated to take approximately five to six weeks, subject to favourable weather, contractor availability, and material supply.

The total project cost for the Settlement Road renewal works is expected to be around \$840,000, which will be partially funded by the Roads to Recovery program (\$720,000) and the Council's adopted 2022/23 Capital Works Program (\$120,000).

Council said the primary objective of the road renewal works is to ensure the urban road network remains safe and sustainable for the community in the future while maintaining appropriate levels of service.

It said during the course of the

project, residents and businesses can expect underground stormwater drainage renewal works, kerb and channel rectification at road intersections, and approximately 800 metres of road pavement works by adding crush rock overlay and foam bitumen stabilisation to the existing road pavement.

The project will also include asphalt road sealing works, line marking, and other associated road works.

Appropriate traffic and pedestrian control measures will be implemented onsite, and access to local and emergency services will always be maintained.

Drivers and pedestrians have been advised there may be delays due to the work and have been advised to allow additional time or to seek alternative routes.

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The \$12 million, 10MWh lithium iron phosphate battery energy system on Gap Road will be officially launched on June 3, which will help replace diesel generation to power the Grand Prix. Photo courtesy of Mondo.

Big battery to be officially switched on

Phillip Island's \$12 million big battery on Gap Road, near Wimbledon Heights, will be officially launched by the Minister for Energy on June 3.

Minister Lily D'Ambrosio will open the Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICESSE), following delays for testing and approvals by the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).

The 10MWh lithium iron phosphate battery energy system is a series of units in a 38m x 34m fenced compound, connected to the electricity grid via underground cables, on the north-east corner of 380 Back Beach Road – effectively 100 Gap Road.

An AusNet spokeswoman said the battery will offer greater reliability in electricity supply for the Island, especially during peak holiday periods, also helping to balance the fluctuating power demand.

Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) spokeswoman Mary Whelan last week said the battery would help service the MotoGP event at the circuit.

"The PICESSE battery is designed

to serve peak demand for electricity when the demand for power exceeds the grid capacity," Ms Whelan said.

"In the case of the Grand Prix, Ausnet has needed for several years to bring in a bank of diesel generators to bolster the power supply.

"This demand will now be met by the PICESSE battery which will act as a network storage device."

Mondo, the company delivering the project on behalf of AusNet, worked with TRPI and the Energy Innovation Cooperative in the delivery of two grants.

The first grant is preparing a feasibility study of preferred locations across the island for street level batteries to boost the ability for the electricity network to host larger volumes of renewable power on the grid.

The second grant was a tariff trial to support 'virtual storage' for people on the island, however this has now failed (see separate story).

The battery is leasing land on the north-east corner of a 45-hectare site, purchased by the Bass Coast Shire Council in 2019 for a new transfer station.

Concerns

During community consultation last year, residents raised concerns about potential noise pollution from the site, with one saying the response from Mondo – that the site would be extremely quiet compared to a diesel generator – didn't fill them with confidence.

Other concerns included emergency management and the impact on native vegetation.

The battery's permit contains conditions limiting the noise of the project, stating use must at all times comply with EPA noise limit protocols for noise from commercial venues.

It also states that within one month of battery use commencing, a post-construction acoustic report has to be prepared and submitted to authorities including the state government and council, showing compliance with EPA requirements at all times. This report must also be made available to the public.

A second report must be done within one year of commencement.

Details: mondo.com.au/projects/philip-island-battery



Surf Beach resident claims around 1000 Shearwater burrows could be destroyed in this area adjoining The Esplanade if the proposed special charge scheme goes ahead.

Shearwater destruction if scheme proceeds

Surf Beach resident Philip Davy said thousands of shearwater burrows could be destroyed if the proposed special charge scheme to upgrade the estate's roads and drainage goes ahead.

"There is signage prohibiting parking and signage showing how sensitive this area actually is to shearwaters," he said.

"If council's proposed roadworks goes ahead in this area, it will decimate possibly 1000 burrows. "Council workmen some years ago were in the process of destroying burrows for carparking before residents halted the works."

Mr Davy said the plans include carparking at the site of sensitive

Shearwater rookeries between Pine Avenue and Beach Street.

He also claims the total width of the earthworks for the roads and drainage in the area will be 9.5 metres, not including additional metres if parallel or 90-degree parking is adopted, which could see it rise to 16 metres.

"As shearwaters attempt to return to the same burrow each year to breed, possibly 1000 will be homeless following roadworks.

"The island is promoted for its wildlife; why destroy precious wildlife habitat?"

Mr Davy also said the relevant section of The Esplanade should be closed to through traffic.

Island's renewable energy trial dealt a blow

It was touted as a Victorian-first 12-month renewable energy trial that could lead to an island-wide power sharing project.

But the proposed Phillip Island Tariff Trial – which signed up 100 volunteer owners and renters, and was to help the island move to 100 per cent renewables by 2030 – has failed before starting.

Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) spokeswoman Mary Whelan last week made the announcement, explaining they were unable to provide a partner energy retailer, adding the 100 volunteers had been notified.

"After much work behind the scenes, the Tariff Trial is unable to proceed," Mary said.

She said the \$12 million big battery – built on Gap Road – would not be impacted by the termination.

The trial was given a \$400,000 state government grant, with the unspent funds now returned to the government.

The trial aimed to develop a "virtual" neighbourhood battery project – using the Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICESSE) battery near Wimbledon Heights – with an electricity retailer.

"Despite every effort to progress the project, difficult market conditions have resulted in the project team being unable to secure an energy retailer partner over three rounds of the process," Mary said.

"The project was something new for retailers and this would require extra time and resources to commit to the project. Involving retailers in the early stage of a future project would be a consideration."

Mary said TRPI would produce a final report on lessons learnt to help any future initiatives.

"This project has demonstrated the huge community interest and support for renewable energy, battery storage and energy sharing."

Renewables

She said for Phillip Island to become totally renewable by 2030 "we need more energy generation and more battery storage".

"We need to gain the maximum benefit from solar power produced locally. Storage of excess solar from daytime generation, for use at night, is a key factor in maximising energy efficiency, and replacing fossil fuel generated power."

Mary said TRPI had secured funding in the last two years to investigate other battery options, including pole top batteries and the feasibility of a solar farm on Phillip Island, with other options such as solar carparks and more rooftop solar.

"These reports have recommendations which will be reviewed by our group."

She called for community members to join the TRPI clean energy group to direct policy. Email totally.renewable.philip.island@gmail.com

TRPI farewells Zoe

Totally Renewable Phillip Island is looking for a new coordinator.

The position has become vacant after former co-ordinator Zoe Geyer stepped down from the role last month.

Zoe moved to the island in 2020 and volunteered with TRPI before becoming co-ordinator in May 2021.

TRPI spokeswoman Mary Whelan said Zoe had worked alongside the community to reach a renewable and carbon neutral future.

"It has been an inspiring and rewarding time and we are sad to see Zoe go," Mary said.

"We wish her all the best for her next adventure. We're pleased to say Zoe will still be a local face in our island community."

Until a new co-ordinator has been appointed, volunteers will manage social media and operations.



Former TRPI co-ordinator Zoe Geyer stepped down from the role last month, and the organisation is now looking for a new coordinator.

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Repeated excuses for wetland delays

With winter fast approaching, another year has slipped by without the wetlands at Shoalhaven Estate in Cowes being completed.

Resident Roy Brooks voiced his frustration this month, calling on Island Ward councillor Ronnie Bauer to say when he thinks the project will be completed.

“I have just returned after a three months’ interstate caravanning holiday and notice significant progress in the nearby subdivision, but the wetlands still remains an eyesore after approximately 10 years,” Roy said.

The resident’s plea for help to resolve the situation has again fallen on deaf ears.

Bass Coast Shire Council was quick to absolve itself of responsibility.

“Once a planning permit has issued, the timing of construction of the subdivision is a decision for the developer,” a council spokesperson said.

“Council has no power to compel the developer to commence works within a prescribed timeframe. This issue is ultimately a private matter between the developer and the purchasers.

“Questions regarding the timing for delivery of the wetlands should be directed to the developer. Council has issued all necessary approvals to allow the wetlands to proceed.”

The state government said it was a matter for local government.

Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale described the years long delay as “unfortunate and unacceptable”.

“It is really a matter for council who must enforce their planning scheme,” Ms Crugnale said.

“They issue permits, place conditions and planning controls and need to act if there are grounds for non-compliance.”

In January, a spokesperson for Melbourne Water said the wetlands were being completed by the devel-



The fences were down and two vehicles were onsite, but there was little evidence of any landscaping work at the Shoalhaven wetlands last week. Residents have been battling since 2014 to have the wetlands completed.

oper as part of the estate development, and the organisation would become the land manager once the wetlands were completed.

They also stated they would not be commenting further on the issue.

Developer

The developer for the estate is Red Rocks Beach Pty Ltd, whose director is Tony Coady.

The Advertiser contacted the

conveyancing office for Tony Coady, asking for an update on the landscaping for the area and a time frame for when the wetlands would be completed.

“I have sought instructions from my client and have been advised that Tony Coady is currently away and will not be able to provide a formal response for a couple of weeks,” a spokesperson for Conveyancing Geelong replied.

Another estate resident, John, has alleged the developer is in breach of contract, because the developer has failed to provide a left-turn lane into the estate from Settlement Road.

In his contract, dated January 29, 2010, it stated the road would be designed as part of stage 1 and constructed in stage 2 of the estate development.

John says the estate is well and truly past stage 2.

Broken promises

Residents of the estate first raised concerns about the failure of the developer to deliver the promised wetlands back in 2014.

Since then, there has been a string of broken promises.

In late 2019 as residents’ complaints grew louder, Council confirmed the developer had advised the “the works will be completed this summer”.

In February 2020, a similar promise was made to have landscaping work done in April and the works completed.

In August 2021, work was halted on the wetlands site due to nesting sea birds in the area, with a council spokesperson advising in November 2021 that once the birds had moved on, the contractor would recommence work.

In January 2022, another promise was made that work would be underway shortly, with the wetland due to be finished by mid-January.

By November last year, residents were again contacting council about ongoing issues with the birds and the state of the site, as another year rolled by without the promised wetlands being completed.

In January 2023, residents again complained the work was not completed, the site was not properly fenced and the area was overgrown.

At the time, council stated the landscaping was due to recommence in April.

Meanwhile, in November 2021, residents at the other end of the estate described the estate as a “derelict lemon”, claiming vacant land near Ventnor Road was a health hazard, with building and green waste being dumped in the area.

They also claimed the public areas of the estate were not properly maintained, with the park rarely mowed and footpaths, nature strips and vacant blocks overgrown.

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Catholic schools across Gippsland and Melbourne's outer southeast will open their doors to the community to celebrate Catholic Education Week 2023 from May 19 to May 26.

This is a chance for everyone to witness the vibrant faith and learning environments in their local Catholic Schools with Open Days, activities and events planned.

Mr Paul Velten, Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sale,

said Catholic Education Week was an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful achievements of Catholic schools and to highlight the inspiring activities taking place there every day.

"This year's theme is, Catholic Schools – Places of Encounter. "Let the words you speak always be full of grace," based on the Bible Scripture, Colossians 4:6.

"This message reflects our commitment to promoting kindness, respect, and compassion in our schools and communities," Mr Velten said.

"Catholic schools are more than just buildings where students come to learn. They are Places of Encounter where students can grow academically, spiritually and personally.

"The 'Speak with Grace' theme aims to encourage students and school communities to use their words to build up others, to speak out against injustice, and to spread love and hope in the world."

The official launch of Catholic Education Week will take place with a leadership mass and dinner on Friday May 19 in Traralgon.

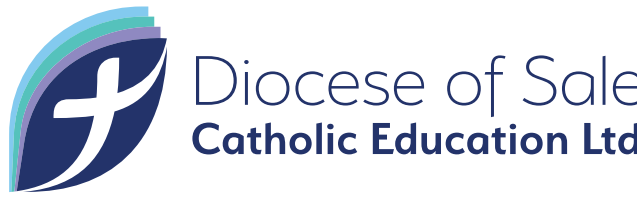
During the evening several awards will be presented including the 'Spirit of Catholic Education Awards.' These important awards are peer-nominated and acknowledge staff who are making an outstanding contribution to the life of their school community.

Mr Velten said many things have changed in education in recent years and over decades, but the dedication of Catholic teachers and staff focused on nurturing each child's potential and to inspire faith and inspire learning remains at the core.

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The Senior Bass Coast College campus in Wonthaggi also includes the Vocational VCE program.



The upcoming production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre promises to be a highlight of the school calendar.

Proud history and an exciting future!

Now entering its second year as the renamed Bass Coast College (BCC), your local government secondary school continues its tradition of offering over 100 years of support to the young people of the area.

With an enrolment approaching 1600 students across its four campuses, and over 250 teachers and support staff, it remains very proud of its role in working with the families, carers, and students of the Bass Coast area.

"The support of our community as we worked through the challenges of the last few years was amazing," said Darren Parker, Bass Coast College Principal.

"The start of the 2023 school year has been particularly positive, and it has been fantastic seeing our students from across the College being able to embrace the range of opportunities being made available to them.

"On top of their work as outstanding educators, our staff have offered up an incredible range of events for students to access.

"From High Academic Achievement Programs to Tutoring support, from camps and excursions to athletics, sport and library celebrations, it is really pleasing to have returned to our full program of extracurricular activities."

Leith Cummins Assistant College Principal, praised the school's staff.

"A highlight has been the manner in which the staff have collectively dedicated themselves to embedding our Bass Coast College Learning Cycle," Leith said.

"Capitalising on the work of our Learning Specialist and Leading Teacher leaders, this work underpins the learning opportunities created for all students across our College."

Dudley Campus (Years 7-9)

With a significant reduction in student numbers, following the creation of the San Remo Campus in 2022, the environment at the Dudley Campus is certainly less hectic in terms of

pedestrian traffic and general business. While now BCC's 'oldest' campus in terms of its buildings, what does stand out is the high-quality calm learning environment based on positive relations of mutual respect between students and staff alike.

"While I was already working at the campus some days, I have joined the Dudley team full time this term and have been immediately impressed by the way students and staff work together to create such an impressive setting," said Matt Rose, Dudley Campus Principal.

"I look forward to working with everyone as Campus Principal for the remainder of the 2023 school year."

San Remo Campus (Years 7-9)

While officially commencing in 2022, amongst the post-Covid conditions endured early last year, the new San Remo Campus has continued to blossom this year.

With programs now well established, and students and staff having had a full year to adapt to the new setting, the learning environment shines through alongside the enhanced physical facilities.

"2022 saw students and staff make an impressive start at San Remo but it is great to return this year with that year of experience behind us," Emma Harris, San Remo Campus Principal said.

"We are really well settled, and the positive relationships and excellent learning environment continues this year."

Wonthaggi Campus (Years 10-12)

BCC/WSC has long had a very successful VCAL program as part of its senior program's delivery.

While the Department removed that option last year, its replacement, the Vocational VCE program, has commenced impressively at our senior school and has seen many students combine their on-site learning, with off-site work and training opportunities. The large range of VCE

and VET options have continued impressively at the campus too.

"A highlight this year has been the way the Year 10 students have re-combined following their first year apart in 2022 when we had two junior campuses for the first time," said Ross Bramley, Wonthaggi Campus Principal.

"They have adapted to the senior school environment well, with our Year 11 and 12 students modelling positively the behaviours of senior program learning."

FLOW Campus (Year 7-10 Alternative Programs)

The College remains very pleased to provide this unique setting for many of its students.

FLOW (Flexible Learning Options) Wonthaggi has a permanent home in the 'old gym' (aka McKenzie Street Webb's Shed). The staff provide wonderful support for many young people who unfortunately have been presented with individual challenges that have meant mainstream schooling is not as straightforward for them.

Importantly, through a range of negotiated individual learning programs, these students remain connected to education. Many have gone on to great outcomes in employment, training, and other study.

"FLOW has had a great start to the 2023 school year; the students have commenced positively," Paul Fawcett, FLOW Campus Principal said.

"It has also been great to have them access the facilities of our additional new Arts classrooms this year. These spaces have meant that we can enhance their programs even further by providing 'hands on' creative options. We look forward to continuing our support for these identified students."

Future

Indeed, the future looks bright for Bass Coast College. The upcoming production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre promises to be a highlight.

The College is particularly pleased that students from across all four campuses are coming together with a team of dedicated staff to present this production.

By way of celebrating its 100-year history, the College is also co-ordinating an opportunity for community members to participate in a program that has specially engraved pavers installed at the campuses with the names of past students, families and staff.

Keep an eye out, this information will be released soon.



Phillip Island Travel Guide Mentor Project (from left): Savannah, Cruz, Oscar, Saoirse, Claire, Isis and Isla collecting information for their travel guide.

Project based learning at Village School

Creativity, innovation and autonomy are at the heart of our project-based learning program. In the Allstars (middle and older years) program at Phillip Island Village School (PIVS), we have a strong focus on project-based learning (PBL). PBL has an emphasis on the development of enterprise skills including communication, teamwork, creative thinking, financial literacy, problem solving and presentation skills.

In addition, we encourage the use of a growth mindset approach to learning; seeing all personal qualities and skills as able to change and develop through effort and practise, rather than being "fixed". This approach values trying new things, taking creative risks and seeing mistakes as a chance to learn.

"Wherever possible in our Allstars program, we provide opportunities for students to choose their own learning opportunities and pathways, and to explore their sparks in the process," explains principal, Jo Hockett.

"The aim of these experiences is for the student(s) to feel a sense of empowerment around the direction of their learning and ultimately to feel fulfilled during the process of exploring what sparks them."

Students undertake both individual and small group personal projects based on their own interests, and also larger group mentor projects, led by a teacher mentor. Mentor projects are group endeavours that integrate multiple areas of the Victorian Curriculum such as science, art and humanities.

Projects co-ordinator Nick Kirby explains. "Both personal and mentor projects are supported by the same project planning, testing, reviewing and reflection process."

"The PIVS project planner is used to guide the students through the steps of the project process to help scaffold their learning, and over time, to apply this knowledge to their personal projects."

Mentor projects run all year round, with different topics offered every two cycles. Mentors make a project pitch to the students, and students choose which option resonates with them the most, with group sizes dependent on student choice.

With a mixed age profile, and a range of executive skill development in each group, there is lots of opportunity to learn from other students as well as from mentors.



With programs now well established, and students and staff having had a full year to adapt to the new Bass Coast College San Remo Campus; the learning environment shines through alongside the enhanced physical facilities.



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Year 10 student leaders.

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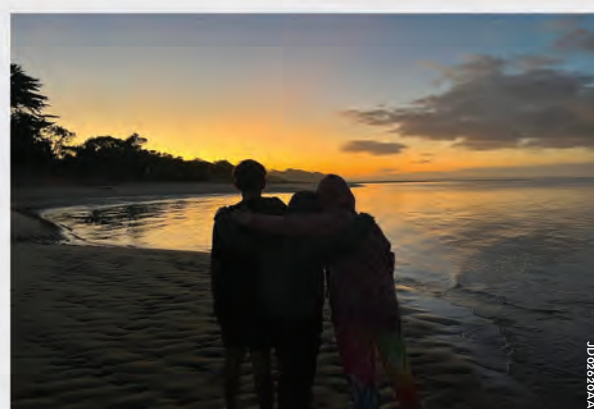
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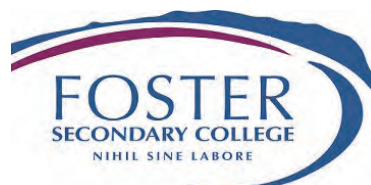


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Outdoor teaching is encouraged at the Year 9 Environmental Centre. Jasmine Crooks and Abby Papas share a joke in 2022.



Newhaven College Principal Tony Corr mingles with students at every opportunity.



Alexis, Prep (left) and Lexi, Grade 6. San Remo Primary has a strong focus on curriculum with all students having strong foundations in reading, writing, mathematics and all other curriculum areas.

Newhaven College – where every child finds their place

Newhaven College is an independent, ecumenical and co-educational school with over 900 students from Prep to Year 12. Students enjoy excellent facilities at the magnificent 82-acre coastal Phillip Island campus. The College's Strategic Direction speaks to the relentless aspiration to positively impact the wellbeing and educational outcomes of the young people in the College's care.

Learning

Newhaven College supports a wide range of academic subjects. The learning culture is inclusive, emphasising personal wellbeing, trust and enhanced collaborative opportunities, to create a meaningful learning experience that recognises individual needs and the changing nature of our world.

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"The arts help to foster empathy, compassion and understanding by allowing us to explore different perspectives and experiences."

Sporting opportunities

The College provides class sports lessons, House competitions, sports carnivals, swimming lessons, and inter-school competitions.

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San Remo Primary is kicking goals

There was a hive of activity at San Remo Primary on Monday morning with the grade 3/4 students heading off to a two night/three-day camp at Forrest Lodge Camp near Yarram.

There were the excited, the nervous and the hyper students and parents at school with their bags, back packs and pillows ready to head off on camp.

"They will come back with huge smiles and great stories of how they went on the giant swing or how muddy they got on the mud run," said Principal Karen Bowker.

"It is all part of our extracurricular activities at school which also include excursions linked to our learning and performing arts."

San Remo Primary has a strong focus on curriculum with all students having strong foundations in reading, writing, mathematics and all other curriculum areas.

Following on this year the teachers and students continue to work with maths specialists and learning specialists to deepen and expand on the latest teaching methods to ensure that the students have the best possible learning available to them.

This goes hand in hand with a strong focus on student wellbeing and social skills.

They have calmer corners available to all students in each classroom as well as a dedicated wellbeing room and outdoor calmer corner for students.

"We are also currently working with architects to design a sensory garden that will hopefully be built later this year, which we are really excited about," Karen said.

Karen is very excited to showcase her school at their Open Day, this Friday May 19 from 9.30am – 10.30am. Everyone is welcome.

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Prep students Riley, Tessa and Louis number matching.



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Cowes Primary School Education Week 2023

At Cowes Primary School, we believe every child deserves an excellent education, and we strive to provide a safe, nurturing, and academically rigorous learning environment that helps students to achieve their full potential.

National testing data over recent years has highlighted that our students are performing "higher" than those in like schools across the state. According to NAPLAN 2022 Year

5 assessment results, Cowes Primary School was the best performing school in the Bass Coast Shire, and second best performing primary school in all of Gippsland. These results illustrate the benefit of our comprehensive curriculum and strong relationships, which have translated to excellent educational outcomes.

One of the key features of our school is our commitment to ensuring our approaches

to teaching literacy are supported by the latest research, which is helping all our students make significant gains in their reading skills.

The school has engaged a full-time speech pathologist and learning tutors to help provide our students with the best possible education, and to maximise student learning.

But it's not just academic achievement that sets Cowes Primary School apart.

Our dedicated and caring staff are the heart of our school, working tirelessly to provide pastoral care and support to all students. We believe that the wellbeing of our students is just as important as their academic success, and our staff are committed to creating a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected.

The school employs a full-

time Wellbeing Teacher and a Disability Inclusion Coordinator who provide a range of support services, including individual and group skills training to enhance social skills, confidence, communication and inclusion.

Our highly skilled and experienced teachers go above and beyond to create engaging and challenging learning experiences that inspire our students to be curious, creative, and

motivated learners.

At Cowes Primary School, we are proud of our achievements, and we are committed to ongoing improvement and innovation in education.

Opening Morning

Are you looking where to send your child to school in the coming years? If so, please join us on June 14 at 9.30am at the school to find out more about our school.

Are you contemplating where to send your child to school in the next few years?

We invite all present, prospective & interested families to join us at our...

OPEN MORNING INFORMATION SESSION



Excellent academic and wellbeing outcomes, caring staff, strong community links, modern facilities and well equipped learning spaces.

On the morning you will:

- Meet our committed staff
- Hear about our approach to literacy, numeracy and wellbeing success
- Hear from our speech pathologist
- View our well-equipped learning spaces

FOR ENQUIRIES: **PRINCIPAL:** Rodney McKenzie **PHONE:** 5952 2132
EMAIL: cowes.ps@education.vic.gov.au
WEB: www.cowesps.vic.edu.au



WEDNESDAY JUNE 14 at 9:30am
 PLEASE MEET SARAH TYRRELL OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



Kai and Oakley



Charlie, Bobby and Duke (very close friend of the family)



Lila and Oakley



Bodhi and Finn



Marlo, Asher and Flynn



Harper, Solomon, Will and Lachlan



Ashlyn, Eden, Nathan, Elias and Yadin



Playgroup



Playgroup

Newhaven Education Hub

Newhaven Primary School site has a playgroup, kindergarten, primary school and OSHC provided by Their Care. This is an exciting time for the community to be able to access all four excellent services to support families in the growth and development of their child/children from 0–12 years.

The Newhaven Playgroup runs each Wednesday morning from 9:15–11:00am in the spacious school gym for the babies and toddlers to play and explore. Parents can

enjoy a cuppa and a chat with other parents in a calm and relaxing atmosphere. New families will be welcomed by the Newhaven Playgroup co-ordinator, Letita. She can be contacted on 0421 277 763 for any families wanting to join.

The Newhaven Kindergarten is up and running. The kinder is a welcome addition to the Newhaven Primary School Education Hub. The kinder is a calm and tranquil space for three- and four-year-olds to learn and grow in.

Students are warmly greeted by Phoebe and her team.

The photos show some of the three-year-old kinder kids with their older siblings who attend Newhaven Primary School.

The grade six students can't wait to visit the kinder to read a story to the kinder kids and play in their beautiful outdoor space.

Enjoy the photos of some incredibly happy children and families. Enjoying the excellent facilities for children in the Bass Coast.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL:

www.facebook.com/newhavenprimaryschool/videos/307483457029512

12-22 School Avenue, Newhaven | **Ph: 5956 7326** | newhaven.ps@education.vic.gov.au





The volunteers of the Bass Coast Health Gardening Group enhance the grounds of Wonthaggi Hospital.

Volunteers help to keep Bass Coast healthy

Bass Coast Health (BCH) Board of Directors, CEO, Executives and staff truly value our wonderful Volunteer Team.

We thank our volunteers every day for their dedication which helps our community access public healthcare. It's also a very fitting time to acknowledge their efforts and say thank you during National Volunteer Week.

Our volunteers contribute to BCH in many ways, delivering valuable services for our community. Their adaptability and resilience during the recent Covid years was truly incredible and they have found ways to support BCH throughout the past few years that improve patient outcomes.

Our staff and community are hugely indebted to our volunteers who have contributed to transport driving, administration, wayfind-

ing, gardening, aged care visiting, ward visiting, car washing, consumer advisory committees, auxiliaries, volunteer concierge and so many other activities that have helped our staff and our community.

There is something very special about people who want to devote their spare time to helping others. Every volunteer makes a massive difference and we are truly grateful for their skill, expertise and passion in building a strong sub-regional service.

If you are interested in joining this dynamic team, please contact the Volunteer Support Team on 5671 3372 or email Vicki Riley, Volunteers and Fundraising Manager, vicki.riley@basscoasthealth.org.au

For more information, go to: www.basscoasthealth.org.au/about/volunteers

Volunteer visitors needed for MS plus community visitors scheme

Do you have one hour per week to spare and would like to make a real difference to someone's life?

Some of our older community members experience increased isolation and loneliness, and this is where you can help.

The MS Plus Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) is seeking volunteer visitors for their program across Bass Coast.

MS Plus CVS provides volunteer visitors to residents in aged care homes or their own home, who are socially isolated and whose quality of life would be improved by friendship and companionship.

Volunteers visit their older friend at a mutually convenient time.

This is a great volunteering role for busy people who want to make a difference to somebody's life.

We currently have people who are registered with the program, waiting for someone to visit them and provide them with friendship.

Community visitors and their recipient can:

- Chat and share stories over a cup of tea.
- Read or listen to a book.
- Share a hobby, interest, or activity.
- Take a walk or go on an outing.
- Enjoy a TV show together.
- Take a pet or child to their visit.



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This program is rewarding for not only the person receiving visits, but our Community Visitors, too.

MS Plus has been providing the Community Visitors Scheme since 1992.

Please note that recipients of the program do not necessarily have Multiple Sclerosis; we are an organisation simply government funded to provide the program to any

aged care facility residents and people with a home care package.

Visit the website for more information, and fill in an expression of interest form: www.msplus.org.au/how-you-can-help/volunteer-with-us/volunteer-with-our-community-visitors-scheme-cvs.

Alternatively, phone Plus Connect on 1800 042 138.



THANK YOU!

To our wonderful volunteers, we could not grow our services or deliver excellent care without you. If you are interested in joining this dynamic team please phone the Volunteer Support Team on 5671 3372 or email vicki.riley@basscoasthealth.org.au



NATIONAL
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THE CHANGE MAKERS
WEEK





Lions Club members and volunteers getting ready to raise money for kids' cancer research at a recent BBQ outside IGA Cowes. New volunteers are always welcome.

Volunteering at the Lions Club

A bloke walked up to the Lions Club BBQ stall at a Cowes Carols by the Bay event, "No thanks, I don't want to buy any sausages," he said. "I just want to make a donation. You see, a Lions Club turned my life around a few years back."

He dropped a few notes into the Lions donation box, took his kids by the hand and walked with them over to listen to the choir.

A Cowes teenager, recently admitted to foster care, was able to make his much-wanted return to school because Lions bought him a school uniform that his new foster parents could not afford.

A young Island mum is now able to care for her own child at home after receiving a foster-carer allowance for another child. That foster child could not have been taken on until Lions donated some furniture.

Chair of the Telethon Kids Institute, the Hon. Julie Bishop said: "We are so grate-

ful for Australian Lions Childhood Cancer Research Foundation's support. This \$1.05 million in funding will enable the Telethon Kids Cancer Centre to continue its leading research into childhood cancer – particularly in the area of cancer immunotherapy, which focuses on supercharging the body's natural defences to destroy cancer cells."

These stories, and many similar ones, are the reasons why Phillip Island Lions Club members and volunteers keep raising funds by cooking sausages and picking up and delivering donated second-hand furniture.

The main public face of the club is our weekend used furniture, hardware and bric-a-brac market, known to many as Steptoe's Emporium, in Dunsmore Road, Cowes. It's open Saturday morning 9.30am – 12.30pm and Sunday morning 9.30am – 12pm.

Pickups and deliveries can usually be arranged. New volunteers welcome.



LIONS STEPTOES EMPORIUM.

GREAT BARGAINS IN USED FURNITURE, AND PRE-LOVED TREASURES.



Your weekend market for pre-loved furniture, used hardware and bric-a-brac.

Bargains galore.

Open every weekend

Saturday 09:30-12:30 | Sunday 09:30-12:00

Dunsmore Road Cowes, next to Shire recycling depot.

Donations of furniture, hardware etc: contact Deb on 0433 191 654 (texts preferred).

Deliveries and pickups by Lions truck can be arranged.

All proceeds go to community service projects on the Island, or to state and national emergency relief and charities.

New volunteers welcome.



Every Friday morning (10am), members gather in front of the growing Cultural Centre and ring bells for five minutes to remind passers-by that refugees and asylum seekers still need our support.

Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR)

Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) is a network of groups around Australia.

They developed as a response to an increasing anti-refugee attitude following the Tampa incident and false "children overboard" claim.

The Phillip Island group commenced in 2001.

The energy and activity of RAR is entirely powered by volunteers. RAR exists to provide social, financial and practical support to people seeking asylum in Australia.

Food and toiletries donations, and other material aid is regularly collected at St Philip's and St John's churches and taken to Friends of Refugees in Springvale.

In 2023 a full-house dinner in the Rhyll Hall raised over \$4000 for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

The guests dined on delicious food made from recipes contributed by refugees, with a very Middle Eastern flavour.

A garage sale over Easter raised \$1200 to support a family which escaped from Afghanistan and were living very precariously in Pakistan. This family, a mother and four children, are waiting for a Humanitarian Visa from the Australian Immigration Department.



In 2023 a full-house dinner hosted by the Phillip Island RAR group in the Rhyll Hall raised over \$4000 for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

Life is tough, dangerous and hungry for so many who are displaced from their home countries or hunted down by authorities in their own country. The support to this family is in conjunction with South Gippsland RAR (SGRAR) in Wonthaggi.

The Phillip Island group marched with SGRAR in the March for Freedom.

Another of the group's activities is emailing Federal government MPs reminding them Australians are a generous people and so should the government be that rep-

resents them.

Our immigration system for refugees is one of confusion, and bureaucratic and financial hindrance for refugees to navigate.

Every Friday morning (10am), rain or shine, members gather in front of the growing Cultural Centre and ring bells for five minutes. Banner and placards remind passers-by that refugees and asylum seekers still need our support. New members and bell-ringers are welcome.

Enquiries: Lesley 0432 163 694.



RURAL AUSTRALIANS FOR REFUGEES (RAR)
Phillip Island group

Rural Australians for Refugees supports a fairer system for refugees and asylum seekers. We collect food donations, engage in advocacy for a fairer refugee system to government, provide hospitality, fund raise for individual refugees and for organisations that provide a range of free services to refugees and asylum seekers.

Every Friday at 10 am we gather on the corner by the building site of the Cultural Centre and ring Bells for 5 minutes, advocating for a fair go for refugees and keeping the issue alive.

Come and join us!

Enquiries: Lesley 0432 163 694

Thanking our Phillip Island SES volunteers this WOW Day

Wednesday May 17 is Wear Orange Wednesday (WOW), a national day of thanks dedicated to State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers across the country.

Held annually during National Volunteer Week, WOW Day encourages the public to thank and acknowledge SES volunteers, for the invaluable contribution and commitment they make to local communities.

October 2022 saw VICSES volunteers respond to 13,700 requests for assistance, in a single month as major flooding impacted the state. This was VICSES' busiest calendar month on record.

A major and prolonged emergency event, with some of the worst floods in Victoria's history, it affected northern parts of the state. As part of our state wide response, approximately 372 emergency warnings were issued and more than 900 flood rescues conducted by VICSES crews.

In the last 12 months, VICSES volunteers have responded to over 35,000 requests for assistance – generously donating their time in support of their communities. For SES volunteers in the Gippsland region including our Phillip Island Unit, 2194 requests for assistance were received in this time.

The past three years have been three of the busiest year's in VICSES history following three consecutive La Nina's brining a number of severe storms and major flooding.

Whilst SES volunteers are well known for their response during flood and storm emergencies, VICSES volunteers also respond to an average of between 900 – 1000 "Assist Police" jobs every year.

This includes assistance at searches for missing people, searches for evidence at crime scenes as well as scene preservation and assistance with lighting towers and marquees.

In addition, VICSES volunteers respond to on average just over 1300 road crash rescues each year and are highly trained to meet national standards and participate in regular capability assessments to ensure they continue to meet these standards.

Local volunteers

VICSES Phillip Island Unit volunteer, Sarah Pendry, is a full-time carer for her daughter with Down's Syndrome, and a son with special needs.

In 2021, she broke her ankle on a camping trip and, when she called for help, VICSES Maffra Unit volunteers arrived to carry her out to a waiting ambulance.

Sarah was so impressed she joined her local unit in Phillip Island.

Despite her injury, Sarah attends calls for help from the community for fallen trees, assists her fellow volunteers at road crash rescue incidents, casualty handling, and is currently learning how to become a radio operator.

"For me, I've never felt confident enough in myself and it just gives me that extra confidence and especially to challenge myself at

this age, and it's something very outside of the box," Sarah said.

"I'm a hands-on woman. I've been on my own with the kids, so I give things a go. It's just challenging yourself and putting something in there for yourself, other than in the home setting.

"We've only got three operational team members who are women, with an operational workforce of around 12.

"So it would be great to see more join," Sarah said.

"I know it's difficult to fit around some people's schedule. I generally answer the daytime calls, when the children are at school, and that works pretty well for me.

"Physically it has been challenging to complete aspects of the training, but I still take part in request for assistance from the community which suit my level of ability.

"You're constantly learning, not a day goes by where you don't learn something new. Every job offers a new perspective on the work."

As well as being a road crash rescue unit, VICSES Phillip Island Unit volunteers responded to 32 calls for help from the community during October and November of last year, including seven calls for flood-related incidents.

The unit is always looking for volunteers (both for operational and support roles), and are happy to arrange a chat with prospective members.

The Phillip Island unit relies on donations, and would like to thank its community partners: Phillip Island RSL, BP Cowes, Terry White Chemist Cowes, H Bombs Barbers, Phillip Island Patchworkers, Phillip Island Plastic Model Show, and Miners Dispensary



VICSES Phillip Island Unit volunteer, Sarah Pendry encourages others to volunteer with the SES. "You're constantly learning ... every job offers a new perspective on the work."

for their support.

To help celebrate WOW Day 2023 and to thank our volunteers for all of their hard work, Victorian landmarks will be "flooded" in orange, including metro locations like the Melbourne Town Hall; AAMI Park; and the Melbourne Conference and Exhibition Centre.

To see what landmarks are lighting up in

your area, visit, www.ses.vic.gov.au/news-and-media/campaigns/wear-orange-wednesday

Share a message of thanks to SES volunteers this WOW Day by posting on Facebook or Twitter and use the hashtag #ThankYouSES.

If you want to be a part of the action, learn new skills and serve your community, visit ses.vic.gov.au/volunteer.

Volunteer Community Visitors
make a real difference in the life of those living in aged care or their own home by providing friendship.

Are you our next Community Visitor?
Visit msplus.org.au or call 1800 042 138

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER

THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK

Volunteers are the backbone of our communities – local people donating their time with a vision to improve local lives. I'm very proud of all of the volunteers in the Monash electorate and thank them for their service.

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Authorised by Russell Broadbent MP, Liberal Party of Australia, 46C Albert Street, Warragul, VIC, 3820

Ways to show your support for hard working SES volunteers

Say thanks
Post a message on social media and include the hashtag #ThankYouSES.

Get prepared
Prepare for emergencies by creating an up-to-date emergency kit and plan.
ses.vic.gov.au/plan-and-stay-safe

Become a volunteer
Join us now! Multiple roles available.
ses.vic.gov.au/join-us

Make a donation
Find out how to donate to your local unit by scanning the QR code, or visit:
ses.vic.gov.au/donate

#ThankyouSES

WEAR ORANGE WEDNESDAY

17 May 2023



Banfields – a big thank you

Robyn Montague, Lifestyle Team Manager at Banfields Aged Care has paid tribute to one of the organisation's most valuable volunteers.

"This is Gillian Scobble, our all-round volunteer. She is versed in many areas of the facility having been with us for many years now," said Robyn.

"Over the years Gillian has run many and varied activities for our residents, from a garden group, to poetry reading, singing, brain games orienteering, walking, knitting and so much more.

"During Covid Banfields relied heavily on Gillian to deliver pastoral care, emotional support and lots of TLC to our residents who were missing their family members," continued Robyn.

"As I have often said we couldn't do our jobs so well without her support."



Banfields Aged Care is a luxury and boutique residential aged care facility. It is family-owned and operated by 2nd and 3rd generation family members who have been involved in providing premium aged care for over 60 years.

Banfields Aged Care is a world-class residential facility situated right within the heart of Cowes offering the ultimate in luxury living. Set amongst beautiful landscaped gardens in the grounds of the former Banfields cinema and restaurant complex, Banfields Aged Care is a state-of-the-art residential aged care facility with hotel-style amenities. The single level facility provides care to 90 residents with ageing in place programs offering all levels of care. We also offer a dedicated 14 bed Memory Support Unit. The spacious and elegant facility consists of six separate wings, adjoining central lounges, café, bar, reception centre and provides an extensive range of services to assist residents in remaining active and engaged.

Features include:

- Single, spacious rooms with ensuite bathrooms and comfortable living area
- Ageing in place programs
- Suites with fully equipped kitchenettes and lounge area for a larger style of living
- Spacious lounge, sitting and dining areas within the fully air conditioned facility
- Individually controlled heating and air conditioning in every room
- Telephone and Foxtel connection points in every room
- Ample car parking
- Courtyards and outdoor sitting areas
- Covered pedestrian walkways
- Hairdressing & Beauty Salon
- Chapel (non-denominational)
- Theatre / Cinema
- Café and Bar
- Physiotherapy room and Gym
- LED TV screens in every room
- Men's Shed
- Dedicated bus for resident outings
- Wi-Fi available



To discuss your individual requirements and experience the Banfields Aged Care lifestyle firsthand, please phone (03) 5951 2500 or visit the website for a virtual tour www.banfields.com.au

Banfields Aged Care
192 Thompson Avenue Cowes VIC 3922
03 5951 2500 www.banfields.com.au



CFA wants you to "Give us a hand"

CFA is asking regional Victorians to "Give us a hand" in an effort to recruit new volunteers to join its 52,000 community-minded members in protecting lives and property across the state.

The call out is part of a new volunteer recruitment campaign, which aims to encourage selfless Victorians to take up a firefighting or support role with their local CFA brigade.

Whether you're looking to make the most of your spare time, are new to your community, or just want to be part of a group made up of like-minded people, CFA brigades have flexible volunteering arrangements and diverse roles to suit anyone's skills and needs.

There are more than 1200 CFA brigades across Victoria, responding to a range of emergency incidents and serving communities every day. From high angle rescues, structure, grass and scrub fires to hazmat and road crash rescues, no two days are the same.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said CFA is a great place to volunteer, meet new people and learn new skills.



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"Volunteers are the backbone of the firefighting and emergency response network across Victoria," he said.

"We are calling on all community-minded individuals who are looking for a new challenge to consider joining their local brigade and apply their expertise and knowledge to CFA.

"Whether you want to jump on the truck and respond to incidents, or take up a brigade support position, we'll find a role that suits you and your brigade."

Brigades are most commonly looking for people from all backgrounds who have

the capacity to take up roles as daytime responders and are particularly interested in hearing from young people who want to make a difference within their community.

"The rewards of being a CFA volunteer are immeasurable and our members make a real difference in their communities," Chief Officer Heffernan said.

If you're interested in joining or learning more, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteer.

Once you've submitted your expression of interest form online, your local brigade will contact you regarding the next steps.

Becoming a CFA volunteer: Your burning questions

CFA is an iconic Victorian organisation, represented and recognised in communities across the state. Becoming a CFA volunteer can be exciting as it connects you with your community and equips you with new skills you can apply to so many aspects of your life. This National Volunteer Week, CFA is asking you to "Give us a hand".

The CFA has compiled a list of common questions for potential volunteers. If you're interested in finding out more visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers.

Who can join CFA?

CFA welcomes all members of the community over the age of 16. Some brigades also run a Junior Volunteer Development Program for 11- to 15-year-olds.

What will I get out of being part of CFA?

Training in a broad range of skills, leadership opportunities, unique experiences, new friends and the opportunity to give back to your community.

What do CFA volunteers do?

CFA firefighters respond to a range of incidents including wildfire, structural fires, road accidents, rescues, hazardous material incidents, floods and other emergencies.

But there are a range of other volunteer roles that involve building local relationships, engagement and education activities, fundraising, events, brigade publicity, administration, logistical and financial support, health and safety, training, junior program leaders, and more.

Can I still volunteer if I have a full-time job or kids at home?

Yes, you can. For firefighters, most training and meetings are conducted on weeknights or weekends, and you can discuss your availability with your local brigade.

The time you volunteer is often very flexible, and will depend on your role, brigade and the time of year.

How close do I have to live or work to a CFA brigade to be a member?

Generally, you need to live or work reasonably close to your local brigade.

As a firefighter you must live or work close enough to your brigade to be able to get to the brigade and then the incident location. Brigades have requirements for how quickly they should get to an incident. There is more flexibility for support volunteers, who can live further away but are often preferred to be local to attend meetings and events.

You can find your nearest brigade by entering your address in the Expression of Interest form on the CFA website.

How many hours a week will I have to commit to?

The time commitment will depend on your brigade and the type of role that you choose, so it's best to talk with your brigade for more information. CFA encourages flexibility for its volunteers, and your level of involvement will depend on your personal availability, together with brigade and community needs.

What does it cost to become a CFA volunteer?

There is no monetary cost to become a CFA volunteer. However, volunteering means you are supporting your brigade by travelling to and from the station, meetings, events, and attending incidents. All training, equipment and protective clothing is provided by CFA as needed.

How do I balance volunteering with work or business commitments?

Many employers across Victoria take a socially responsible approach to volunteering by allowing their employees to commit time to their CFA role during business hours if required.

If you're thinking of becoming a CFA volunteer, you should discuss with your employer

what sort of leave or flexible working arrangements can be put in place to allow you to balance any work and CFA duties.

Employers and self-employed volunteers are so important to CFA, for without their understanding and support, CFA would not be able to function as effectively as it does.

If I want to be a firefighter, how long will training take?

If you want to become a firefighter, essential training must be completed before you are able to respond to an incident. This is to ensure that you have the right skills and safety knowledge to be an active firefighter. The length of time this takes will depend on your brigade training schedules and your own availability. You can discuss with your brigade.

As a CFA volunteer you'll learn many different skills, some of which are specific to your chosen role and many of which are applicable to other parts of your life.

Are there any fitness or skill requirements to join CFA?

Operational firefighting roles can involve physically challenging activities, so an appropriate level of fitness is required to undertake these roles, however this can be discussed with your local brigade to determine your suitability for this role.

For support volunteers, there are no specific prior skill requirements, but your life experience will be valued within the brigade. Depending on the role, there may be some training expectations that can all be completed through CFA's training programs.

I'm interested, how do I apply to volunteer?

You can apply online by filling out an expression of interest form at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteer. Once you've submitted your application, your local brigade will contact you regarding the next steps.



Phillip Island Landcare will trial seven exclusion fencing plots across seven remnant and revegetation sites to increase plant survival and reduce costs of revegetation.

Reducing plant predation pressures on Phillip Island

Phillip Island Landcare is undertaking community training, revegetation and fencing exclusion trials.

Plant predation has become the biggest threat to Phillip Island's indigenous vegetation, with pressures from Swamp Wallabies, Swamp Hens, Cape Barren Geese, rabbits and Brushtail Possums.

Through a successful 2022 Landcare grant from the Victoria government, Phillip Island Landcare will trial seven exclusion fencing plots across seven remnant and revegetation sites to increase plant survival and reduce costs of revegetation.

We will upskill our community on installing exclusion fencing at four community planting and fencing training days, and produce an educational video on the process, publicly available on our website for anyone to access.

Plots will be monitored using photo points,

survival rates, and infrared cameras to monitor fauna on and adjacent to sites. Exclusion fencing materials will be reused and re-established in future plots across the Island, establishing a revolving community resource to be used many times over.

Our group invites everyone in the community to join us at one or more of these fencing installations and planting sessions. All sessions start at 9.30am for morning tea, with work beginning at 10am. Sessions finish around 12.30pm, then we serve a complimentary lunch.

Our first fence install and tree planting day is at Jim McFee's property, 175 McFees Road, Rhyll, on Saturday, May 27.

RSVP to Carolyn Atherton on 0433 284 148 or carolyn3231@gmail.com. Full details on Phillip Island Landcare can be found at www.phillipislandlandcare.org.au/

"The Change Makers" at PICAL

With its army of almost 130 active volunteers, PICAL is one of the largest volunteer organisations on Phillip Island.

Each year's National Volunteers Week provides an opportunity to take time out from PICAL's busy daily schedule, to recognise and honour the work undertaken by the organisation's volunteers.

"There are so many volunteer teams providing various services for PICAL at different places and different times of the week, that it is difficult to bring everyone together at one time," PICAL General Manager Greg Thompson said.

"Our volunteers are involved in everything from our governing committee through to our reception staff, garden teams, various social-connection groups and our adult-learning teams.

"Even our food relief program is divided into four separate teams of pantry staff, supermarket collectors of salvaged leftover food, cooking teams and the ladies from Boomerang Bags who make all our food hampers.

"PICAL's paid staff also deliver just as many volunteer hours as their paid shifts week after week, because everyone at PICAL shares the vision of a better life for the whole community."

Greg said that in accord with this year's Volunteer Week theme of "The Change



PICAL president Graeme Turner said volunteers like PICAL Pantry co-ordinator Michelle McKenzie (right) and Pantry volunteer Barbara Burns "are the foundation of PICAL and without them we could not exist".

Makers", over the past three years PICAL volunteers have fed more than 8000 people with almost 115,000 meals each year.

They have also assisted thousands of people who were often without hope and were at the lowest point in their existence; and literally saved hundreds of lives.

New PICAL President Graeme Turner said PICAL hosts a special get together in Volunteer Week to "honour and thank our volunteers, for the work they do for PICAL and for the assistance they provide to our local community".

"This work occurs every day of every week, and our volunteers are at the front-line of many very difficult

social-wellbeing challenges, yet they go about their work quietly and without any fuss, but with a huge amount of patience and compassion.

"Our volunteers are the foundation of PICAL and without them we could not exist or serve our local community," he said.

"While they don't seek any applause, this is PICAL's chance for our organisation to publicly recognise the work our volunteers perform, on behalf of the broader community we serve."

Anyone who is interested to find out more about volunteering at PICAL can call 5952 1131, e-mail reception@pical.org.au or call into PICAL's new headquarters at 16 Warley Avenue, Cowes.



Phillip Island Landcare Group
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www.phillipislandlandcare.org.au



2023 Fencing install and tree planting sessions

9.30am morning tea.

10.00am work starts.

Complimentary lunch.

May.

Saturday 27, McFee's Fence install & tree planting, 175 Mc Fees Rd, Rhyll.

June.

Saturday 3, Morton's fence install & tree planting 14 Wiltshire Rd, Ventnor.

Saturday 17, Jones tree planting session, 100 Cowes Rhyll Rd.

Sunday 25, Francis Gilley fencing install and planting, 1125 Phillip Island Tourist Rd.

July.

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Fiona McKenzie, president of Voices for Monash, a group who believe grass roots participation is key to sustaining a healthy democracy.

Democracy in the seat of Monash

Voices for Monash is a group of active community members who live in the Federal Electorate of Monash, who believe grass roots participation is the key to sustaining a healthy democracy.

With a new committee at the helm, the group's focus is to encourage and facilitate local residents to use their voices to inform how our community is represented in the Parliament.

V4M is actively seeking to hear community views on all issues and policies that matter to Monash residents.

"We aim to provide an active and independent forum through which voters in our electorate can share what is important to them, in a way that we can communicate this to our Federal member on an ongoing basis, so he or she can best represent us in the Parliament", said Fiona McKenzie, President of Voices for Monash.

"It's no good us sitting back and wishing things were different", she

said.

"We need to get involved. We need to be the change we want to see in the world, and Voices for Monash want to provide a forum for people to do this.

"It's a great feeling being part of a group that will benefit both our community and the greater good."

A healthy democracy relies on the participation of its citizens and Voices for Monash wants this to occur more regularly than once every three years at the ballot box.

"There are lots of ways people can be part of this process, through our general community surveys, quick polls on topical issues, community forums, and group activities," said Ms McKenzie.

This method of active participation in our democracy has a proven track record as shown by the work of Cathy McGowan and her community in the northern Victorian Seat of Indi.

Twice elected in a previously safe seat, Cathy and the Community In-

dependents Project now works to support the establishment and success of other Voices groups around Australia to similarly activate and engage their communities in this process.

Anyone interested in contributing to this process is encouraged to complete V4M's latest survey via the website, and to sign up to the group to receive updates on the outcome of this survey and other activities.

The group will also be hosting its first community forum in relation to the proposed Indigenous Voice to Parliament in Wonthaggi on June 15.

The Voices for Monash committee meet monthly and would be keen to hear from people who share their vision and are keen to get involved.

"Membership of V4M is free and anyone who is interested in playing a greater role in how we are governed is encouraged to come on board," added Ms McKenzie.

More information can be found at www.voicesformonash.org.



Scotch College has applied for a permit for building works at its school camp, located at 7-11 Rose Avenue and 26 Stradbroke Avenue in Cowes.

Scotch College camp development

A school camp at Cowes belonging to an elite Melbourne private boys' school is seeking approval for a planning permit for building works.

The Scotch College at Cowes Camp is an existing outdoor education camp that has operated on the land for more than 50 years and benefits from existing use rights as accommodation.

The camp contains two existing buildings, known as the Ranch and Archers buildings, at 7-11 Rose Avenue and 26 Stradbroke Avenue, Cowes.

The proposal seeks to renovate both these facilities for student and

staff accommodation, with the development not impacting the number of people who can stay.

The permit includes an arboricultural impact assessment on seven trees, with four trees proposed for removal with "low-retention value", with the school recently carrying out extensive tree planting on the site.

An application by Scotch College to change the use of land to accommodation at the neighbouring 2A Hereward Close, Cowes was approved in June 2022 for staff accommodation when students are attending the school camp.

Trade up over summer

A survey of local businesses by Destination Phillip Island (DPI) reports trade has returned or exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

Fifty-nine businesses took part in the Regional Tourism Barometer survey, including accommodation providers, attractions, hospitality and retailers.

When asked about summer trade, 46 per cent of respondents reported stronger trade than before the pandemic, with 14 per cent saying trade was back to equivalent levels.

Twenty-six per cent of respondents reported weaker trade.

DPI said the effects of the pandemic and increasing cost of liv-

ing pressures continued to have an impact on business, although there were positive signs of recovery.

Finding staff remained the biggest challenge, with 48 per cent of businesses reporting unfilled vacancies over summer.

A lack of housing in the region, an inability to attract suitably qualified staff and working visa conditions for international workforce were cited as the top contributing factors.

Despite cost-of-living pressures, 59 per cent of respondents feel "optimistic or very optimistic" about business prospects for the year ahead.

Community heeds call to Turn off for Take-off

Over the last few weeks, the community came together in the name of the Short-tailed shearwater, one of the few migratory seabirds which come to Australia to breed.

Also known as mutton-birds or Py-er-din / Biyadin by the Bunurong, every year these incredible birds fly all the way from Alaska to nest on Phillip Island.

Pairs lay just one 85 gram egg which is incubated for around 53 days. The parents feed their chick while young, then leave them alone for up to two weeks while they forage. By March the parents have commenced their long flight back north from Australia up to Japan, then via Siberia to the north of Alaska where food is abundant.

Now alone, the chick stays in the burrow for the next 3-4 weeks converting fat and oil reserves into muscle while replacing down with adult feathers. Eventually the chicks are ready to follow the migratory path a few weeks later – usually in late April to early May. They await strong winds of 40km/h or more to help them soar off the cliffs where their burrows are on Phillip Island.

This year a record-breaking 700,000 shearwater chicks departed, with the community supporting their first take off by switching off lights that can disorient and cause casualties of the young birds.

Phillip Island Nature Parks runs the Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly campaign annually to educate and encourage residents, businesses,

and visitors to support the species in several ways.

Lights from houses, businesses and streetlights can disorient young birds, causing crash landings on roads which is dangerous for both birds and motorists.

In response, a large part of the campaign was focussed on reducing light pollution and this year there was an overwhelmingly positive community response, with over 30 businesses in the flightpath signing up to take part.

Residents who lived in the predicted flight path received a flyer to encourage them to take part in turning off outdoor lights at their homes.

Rangers from the Nature Parks monitored wind speeds, and predicted nights for departure were identified. In response, lights on the San Remo bridge turned off from April 26 to 29 and May 2 and 3.

Businesses located in the flight path were also asked to turn off their outdoor lighting for the "lights out" dates.

Most of the shearwaters are believed to have left on May 2 and 3 when winds were strongest.

At the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre, where the birds are often seen soaring at dusk, environmentally sensitive lighting was installed in 2018 with WE-EF LIGHTING. This protects the birds during the Dark Skies campaign and provides an ongoing safe nesting area for the shearwaters when they return later in the year to begin their annual



PINP has thanked the community and local businesses for their support of the Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly campaign, during this year's shearwater migration.

cycle again.

The low impact lights are also beneficial to other wildlife in the area including Little Penguins and Eastern-barred bandicoots.

To assist road safety during the campaign, signs indicated the likelihood of birds on roads, and speed limits were reduced in some areas to 40km to allow drivers the ability to stop at short notice to reduce casualties of shearwaters who had crash landed.

The patrols run by rangers from the Nature Parks to monitor for injured or dead birds totalled over 100

hours, and a total of 419 birds were rescued and relocated. The busiest days for rescuing were Friday April 28 and Sunday April 30.

The wildlife clinic team and rangers would like to thank all those who reported an injured or deceased bird through the reporting hotline or website as this directly contributed to their timely removal from roads.

Phillip Island Nature Parks would like to acknowledge the partners who helped the campaign's success including Bass Coast Shire Council, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Regional Roads Victo-

ria, WE-EF LIGHTING, AusNet Services and the San Remo Foreshore Committee of Management.

A special thanks to the involved businesses who turned off their displays and outdoor lighting at night during the take-off period including Bass Coast Secondary College San Remo Campus, Bendigo Bank San Remo, Bottle-O Surf Beach, Burger Bar, Burnt Toast, Dar Boo Hair, Shorelec, IGA San Remo, Evans Quarries, First Choice Estate Agency, Fish and Chip Co Op, Full Circle, Garth Lisle, JLA Advisory, Newhaven College, Newhaven Boys Home, Newhaven Info Centre, Newhaven Primary School, Newhaven Soccer Club, Newhaven Veterinary Clinic, Phillip Island Helicopters, Rip Curl, San Remo Pharmacy, Smiths Beach Store, Stockdale & Leggo San Remo, The Chocolate Factory, The San Remo Hotel, The Westernport Hotel, The Yards, Vietnam Veterans Museum, and Westernport Water.

The team at the Nature Parks is extremely appreciative to the community who helped enable a safe departure for shearwater chicks. Complying with reduced speed limits, reporting injured birds, and protecting shearwater habitat were vital to the project and could only be achieved with the support of the community.

To learn more about the Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly campaign head to www.penguins.org.au/about/local-community/news/short-tailed-shearwater-great-migration

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Abbey Simpson accepting her prizes at San Remo Library, after winning the Big Summer Read for the Bass Coast Region.

Abbey's big summer read win

Over the summer, Public Libraries Victoria promoted the Big Summer Read across all state library services.

Newhaven College Year 6 student Abbey Simpson read an astonishing 60 books over December and January. Representing Bass Coast Region, Abbey was found to be the most proficient reader, earning her a big win.

She was thrilled. "I won a \$30 Kids Voucher, a \$250 Voucher for any shop that accepts a Visa card and two audiobooks. It was so much fun, and I recommend it to anybody that is interested. I cannot wait to enter next year!"

Public Libraries Victoria has found that children who read over summer holidays experience the equivalent of attending three years of summer school.

Not reading over the holidays can create a 'slide' in literacy skills. This program raises awareness of the benefits of reading and is a fun, dynamic campaign to increase reading for pleasure and supports literacy development, helping to foster a life-long love of reading and learning.

Newhaven College's dedicated library staff support and encourage healthy reading habits.

They run the College Library Book Club, which runs every Monday at lunchtime for interested students who love every aspect of reading and books. They read the CBCA (Children's Book Council of Australia) shortlisted books for Book of the Year for Older and Younger Readers. They also read the shortlisted picture books.

As part of Book Club, the students write reviews of the books they read, discuss their various opinions on key aspects of the books and choose which books they think might win the coveted prizes.

Newhaven College encourages students of all ages to read in their spare time. The benefits are witnessed through educational outcomes.



Artists Jari Cooper and Anna Neil at the launch of their joint exhibition at Clay & Co in Cowes. The exhibition runs until May 17.

Opening night success for Jari and Anna

An exhibition featuring two local artists, Jari Cooper and Anna Neil, was formally launched by Phyllis Papps last Friday.

Art lovers, friends and family turned out to celebrate the event.

There were "sold" red dots displayed on many of the pieces on opening night, much to the delight of the young artists.

The exhibition at Clay and Co in Cowes ran from May 13 - 17 and showcased stone and timber sculptures, stone bowls and paintings.



Sandra Peeters and Warren Nichols (of PICES) at the opening night of the exhibition.

More photos at pisra.com.au



Rod, Coco and Jo Hosken attending the exhibition opening night.



Exhibition visitors Jerzie Rapley and Zarah McIntyre.

Grief camp for children coming to Bass Coast

Wombat's Wish, Victoria's not-for-profit organisation for parentally bereaved children, is bringing their next grief camp to Grantville in June 2023, and invites referrals from across the regions.

Sadly, one in 20 children in Victoria experience the death of a parent.

Due to increasing demand for services in the Bass Coast/Western Port regions, Wombat's Wish is facilitating a new camp in Grantville in June 2023.

During Wombat's Wish weekend camps, children work through their grief, memories, and coping strategies, and form meaningful connections and friendships.

A special program is also held

during these camps for the surviving parent/carer, to help process their grief, feelings and find support and self-care. Most importantly, through games and activities, from archery to circus skills, the camps bring laughter and fun back to children during a difficult time in their lives.

Wombat's Wish is entirely funded by donations. Each weekend grief camp is run by a friendly and highly qualified team of psychologists, social workers, youth workers and trained volunteers, and operates at no cost to the families.

Do you know a child who would benefit from a Wombat's Wish weekend camp or support services?

Anybody who is a parent/carer,

or provides professional support (such as a paediatrician, teacher, social worker) to a child who has experienced the death of a parent, can make a referral to Wombat's Wish through the website: www.wombatswish.org.au/referrals or email nicki@wombatswish.org.au for more information.

Wombat's Wish was founded in Geelong in 2005 by local psychologist Jill Crookes and delivers grief camps, support services and dedicated programs for children and their families across Victoria who have experienced the death of a parent. The organisation is currently one of the only specialized support services for bereaved children in Victoria.



Wombat's Wish team leader, psychologist Rachel Guthrie in a circus skills activity with Remy Scale and Oscar Smith

AFL legend coming to Wonthaggi

AFL legend, David Parkin, will be the keynote speaker at an information evening on prostate cancer awareness.

The Rotary Clubs of Bass Coast and South Gippsland is holding an evening at the Wonthaggi Club on Thursday May 25, starting at 6.30pm.

Over a two-course meal, guests will hear from Alan White, author and Convenor of the Bayside-Kingston Prostate Cancer Support Group. Then keynote speaker, David Parkin, will talk about his own journey with prostate cancer.

David has a family history of prostate cancer. His father and grandfather both died from the disease. David was diagnosed with prostate cancer at 65 years of age and was successfully treated.

"The Phillip Island, Wonthaggi and Leongatha regions have a higher death rate from prostate cancer than the Australian average, according to the Australian Cancer Atlas," said Alan White.

Alan stresses the need for men to understand the importance of regular health check-ups, which should include the blood test for PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen).

Nicky Chung of the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi highlights



AFL legend, David Parkin, will be the keynote speaker at an information evening on prostate cancer awareness, at the Wonthaggi Club on May 25, at 6.30pm.

the importance of raising awareness for the health and wellbeing of the local community.

Another aim of this event is to promote the benefits of a local Prostate Cancer Support Group for men in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland. Allan Cunningham, Convenor of the Latrobe Valley Prostate Cancer Support Group, will also be on hand

to discuss how a local group could be run.

Tickets for the event cost \$25 per person. All profits will go to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia and the Male Bag Foundation.

Book online at: www.trybooking.com/CHRCW, or email rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com, or contact Nicky Chung on 0475 871 589.

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A Fantastic screening for movie club

This month's Phillip Island Movie Club film, on Thursday May 25 at St Philip's, is the film "A Fantastic Woman".

Released in 2018, it is a Chilean drama written and directed by Sebastian Lelio.

The film follows transgender waitress Marina Vidal (Daniela Vega) in the devastating aftermath of her 57-year-old husband Orlando's (Francisco Reyes) sudden death.

Moonlighting as a nightclub singer, Marina soon finds herself having to process her grief whilst becoming the focus of everyone's suspicions surrounding her husband's untimely death.

Looked upon as a murderer by the investigating authorities and Orlando's family, Marina is banned from her husband's funeral and questioned and harassed relentlessly before she can fully come to terms with her grief as she

tries to make everyone around her see the truth.

Lelio approaches this issue with sensitivity and empathy. "A Fantastic Woman" is filmed with light and shadows, showing an amorphous world, that is borderline between night and day, consciousness and unconsciousness, it is blurred, reflecting Marina's reality.

The film is rated R for language and runs for 104 mins.

The film starts at 8pm and the doors open at 7.30pm.

There are nibbles provided and please bring a cup for tea or coffee.

Entrance is by membership only, as this is a requirement of Film Societies for buying the rights to show the film.

There is a 2024 waiting list and any queries or applications for a membership form can be made at phillipisland-movieclub@gmail.com

The next Movie Club film "Empire of Light" will be on Thursday June 22.



This month's Phillip Island Movie Club film, on Thursday May 25 at St Philip's, is the film "A Fantastic Woman". Doors open at 7.30pm and the film commences at 8pm.

Love the island? Plant a tree

Phillip Island Landcare has released its annual winter tree-planting dates, for those concerned about the increasing loss of vegetation on the island, or who just want to get their hands dirty.

The first session will be on Saturday May 27, at the McFee farm where alongside tree planting there will be fence installation.

Following this, dates are:

- June 3, Wiltshire Road, Ventnor;
- June 17, Cowes Rhyll Road;
- June 25, 1125 Phillip Island Tourist Road;
- July 15, Watts Road, Ventnor – session 1; and
- August 12, Watts Road, Ventnor – session 2.

Arrive 9.30am for a hot beverage in Landcare's new

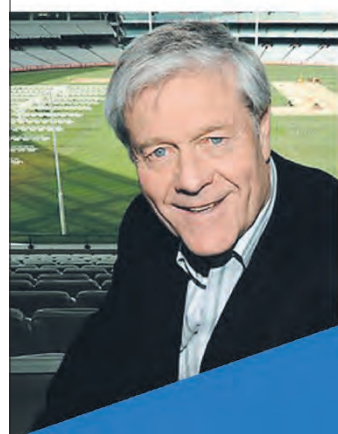
camper trailer, before planting begins at 10am.

Wear appropriate dress for the weather, with sturdy footwear and gloves and BYO water bottle.

Afterwards enjoy a complimentary lunch, with seating and shelter.

Details: www.phillipislandlandcare.org.au/

RSVP: carolyn3231@gmail.com

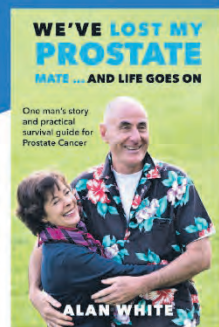


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Sustainability Festival program announced

The program for this year's Bass Coast Sustainability Festival on May 21 from 10am-3pm at the River Garden and the community hall in Bass, has now been announced.

Full details are on Bass Coast Landcare Network's Festival website.

The River Garden will come to life with presentations and performances on the main stage, a gardening demonstration area, Kids Zone, and sustainable products and information from exhibitors, community groups and government departments. A gold coin donation will get you into a full day of free activities to keep everyone entertained.

First up and sponsored by Westernport Water, is a Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony by the Bunurong Land Council, followed by the Mayor, speaking about the Bass Coast Climate Action Plan actions being implemented across the region.

In the spirit of sustainability, the main stage will be powered by sponsors Earthworker Cooperative, via their solar powered battery trailer system. Bass Coast Community Foundation is the sponsor for our full program of 10 presentations on the main stage this year.

There's sure to be something for everyone with presentations from Sustainability Victoria on the latest rebates to save you money, Circular Economy awareness with Replas, Growing Organically with Grand Ridge Organics, Using the Right Bins with Bass Coast Shire, School Strikes 4 Climate with Joey Thompson and Deep Ecology; Surviving the Climate Crisis with Bass Coast Climate Action Network, who will also invite the audience in for discussion on the topic in the central marquee.

Afternoon presentations are energy themed, including Community Energy with Mycelia Energy Collective, Home Electrification with Bass Coast Shire Council, and Solar Batteries with Earthworker Cooperative.

Our garden demonstration space will host two hands-on sessions by Permaculture expert Rick Coleman. At 11.15am participants will build a No Dig Garden and at 1pm participants will fill a Wicking Garden bed, to see how easy it is to set up a low maintenance garden. You can also wander between the swales of vegetables, herbs and espaliered fruit trees in the River Garden, with the site surrounded by the beautiful Bass River.

Festival sponsor Ecoliv will open up their Display Centre to the public on the day from 10am-12noon, only 10 minutes away from the Festival at the Gurdies. Festival visitors can drop in to see a selection of sustainably designed and built modular homes that minimise negative environmental impacts, while maximising comfort, beauty, utility, and wellbeing.

The dedicated 'Kids Zone' activities are all free, including facepainting, environmentally themed drop-in style kids activities and crafts with Sue from Phillip Island Eco-Tours, and RiverScape, a Bass River biodiversity play space run by Festive Tribe, with parental supervision required.

For those that love poking around Op shops to find preloved treasures, you can also visit the Bass Op shop, which will be open for the day within the festival area.

The Bass Hall will host workshops, presentations, and a free screening of the new, inspiring



Rick Coleman, local Permaculture expert, will be running two gardening demonstration workshops throughout the day.

documentary film "Greenhouse" by Joost at 12pm, filmed over a year in central Melbourne. An uplifting look into building a self-sustaining home that provides its occupants with food, shelter, water and energy.

Bookings are now open at the Festival website for Eco Arts 'For our Future' Project workshops to be held in the Hall in the morning and afternoon. These limited-space special workshops will include an "Eel Dreaming Listening Circle" with Uncle Steve Ulula Parker at 10.30am and a "Celebrating Waterways with Art, Storytelling, and Science" workshop with local children's book author and Climate Change and Environment advisor at Westernport Water, Meg Humphrys at 2pm. Snap up your spot

quickly before they are all gone.

Festival sponsors Westernport Water will have their display trailer and Refill station so don't forget your water bottles to fill up through the day, as well as Meg Humphrys hosting a special presentation in the hall on a unique Westernport Water project, "Floating Wetlands" at 1.30pm.

Also, from the Eco Arts Project, we will see a fantastic lunchtime Community Concert on the main stage, led by Laura Brearley featuring a collection of "Songs of the Living World".

You can connect with various community groups and organisations at the Festival too, including the Energy Innovation Cooperative, Totally Renewable Phillip Island/

Tenby Point, the Wonthaggi Fixit Café, South Gippsland Beekeepers, Mycelia Renewables, Bass Coast Climate action Network, Bass Coast Adult Learning, Landcare and sponsors Westernport Biosphere Reserve and Earthworker Cooperative.

Check out the latest electric cars and bikes, plus confirmed stallholders including Gardenacious with high quality garden tools made to last, beeswax wraps from Little Bumble Wraps, the Enjo cleaning range, Grand Ridge Organics jams and chutneys, Karrang Blessings plant-based products, Chippin Estate permaculture farm produce, and Downunder Mushroom gourmet and medicinal mushroom products.

Plenty of food will be available for visitors including delicious paella from the Melbourne Paella company, coffee from Cherry Llama, spuds and donuts from Spudstick and more.

Our festival waste will be sustainably managed this year with our sponsors, Bass Coast Shire Council's waste management trailer, helping us all to sort our rubbish into the right bins with lots of helpful tips for reducing our impacts.

Don't miss this huge event, proudly bought to you by the Bass Coast Landcare Network with support from Bass Coast Shire Council, Westernport Water, Bass Coast Community Foundation, Western Port Biosphere, Ecoliv and Earthworker Cooperative.

For general information, workshop booking links and program details head to www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/sustainabilityfestival2023.

Or contact Lisa at lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au / *Sponsored article*

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- ▶ Electric cars and bikes displays
- ▶ Film screening of 'Greenhouse' by Joost
- ▶ Eel dreaming Deep listening circle with Uncle Steve Parker *bookings required
- ▶ Ecoliv Sustainable Homes @ The Gurdies open to the public 10am-12pm
- ▶ Celebrating Waterways Eco arts workshop - Meg Humphrys *bookings required
- ▶ Floating Wetlands project with Westernport Water
- ▶ No dig garden bed & Wicking garden demonstrations by Ric Coleman
- ▶ Eco Arts Community Concert

FREE Kids Zone

- ▶ Face painting
- ▶ Eco craft by Sue @ Island Eco Tours
- ▶ Bass River Biodiversity play scape and by Festival Tribe

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Motorsport championships at the circuit

Championship Racing at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit for Round 3 of the Victorian State Race Series 2023 will be held on the last weekend in May (May 27 and 28)

Featuring 10 categories promoted by PIARC (Phillip Island Auto Racing Club) this round will be true to the club's motto of "access to motorsport" at Australia's most picturesque circuit, attracting up to 250 entries.

The Improved Production Cars which include BMW E30s are looking to have over 40 entries of the total of 50 allowable.

Formula Ford and Formula Ford 1600 are headed for 30 entries with a combined 22 to date and Formula Vee already sitting on 20.

New to the Event is the Toyota 86 Scholarship Series with 26 on board already this year replacing the resting Sports Car Category.

Sports Sedans, Saloons, Circuit Excels, HQs, Porsche 944s make the balance of entries. Action aplenty is assured from 9am to 5pm daily, with family-friendly admission via EventBrite online. It's great value, with adult weekend passes a mere \$40, Sunday only \$35, Saturday \$30 and kids under 16 admitted free all

weekend. This meeting is the second of four race meetings being promoted by PIARC (Phillip Island Auto Racing Club) for 2023, and one of five for the year with Club involvement, all with the added importance of helping the Island's great history as a racing Mecca. PIARC spokesman Geoff Bull says the club is hoping for 250 plus entries in total for this fantastic series which continues to get better by the year with great racing assured.

This event is Round 3 of five for Motorsport Australia Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships 2023 and is being conducted at both Phillip Island and Sandown throughout the year, with a round last month at the Winton circuit near Benalla.

Make sure you note May 27 and 28 in your diary for a weekend of great budget-priced family motorsport action at Phillip Island.

Be there for the best viewing with admission only available online from Eventbrite: Phillip Island Tickets VSCRC 2023. www.eventbrite.com.au. More information www.piarc.com.au and vsrs.com.au/calendar/

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The Motorsport Australia 2023 Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships Round 3 is on May 27 and 28 at the GP Circuit.



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The TIDAL Seafood Festival committee is seeking expressions of interest from community groups or local businesses to take on the management of the Deckies Race, a popular part of the festival.

TIDAL organisers need you!

With San Remo's TIDAL Seafood Festival a little over four months away, event planning is well and truly underway.

The committee of volunteers is busy planning all elements of the recently rebranded festival, building on the reputation of the historical Fishing Festival and Blessing of the Fleet.

"While the Blessing of the Fleet and celebrating the town's connection to the fishing industry and the ocean are the cornerstone of the event, we are now trying to grow TIDAL into a world-class, multi-day event," says Event Co-ordinator Craig Edmonds of Jim's Bait & Tackle.

"With that comes a number of new and exciting activities, and to do them all well, we are going to need some help from the local community."

Craig and the organising committee are currently focussing on the historic "Deckies Race", an exciting part of the festival that pits teams of two against each other in mastering all the skills required of Deckies in real life.

"It's a huge part of the festival, and a heap of fun for entrants and spectators alike," says Paul Mannix, manager of the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op.

"The race includes cray-pot rolling, shovelling ice, fish-bin carrying, plus a bit of running too, and is a nod to all the Deckies and the amazing

work they do.

"Because of this, we are looking to grow the profile of the event this year to be a feature event in the festival program."

The committee has secured sponsorship from the San Remo Hotel and the Westport Hotel and is offering \$1000 prizemoney for the winners this year, and as such hope to attract a record number of entrants.

"Not only is the prize money significant, it's about the bragging rights that come with it," says Paul.

With the Deckies Race gaining momentum, the committee is looking for a community group or local business to take on managing the event, in both the lead up to the event and on the day.

"We see this part of the festival growing into its own en-

tity, and we'd love a local business or community group to take it on," says Craig.

"There's potential for some decent exposure in the broader community, some fundraising through entry fees and being part of what will hopefully become an iconic event on the San Remo calendar."

The committee is seeking expressions of interest from community groups or local businesses to take on the management of the Deckies Race, and will provide any assistance required along the way.

"Event management experience is not required - we'll provide as much assistance as you need," says Paul.

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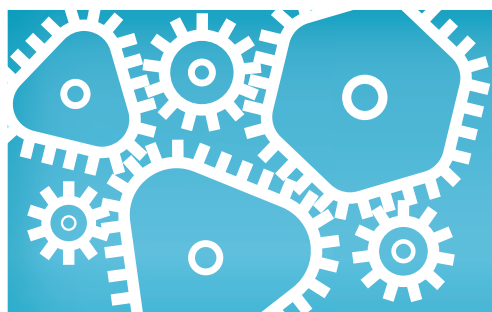
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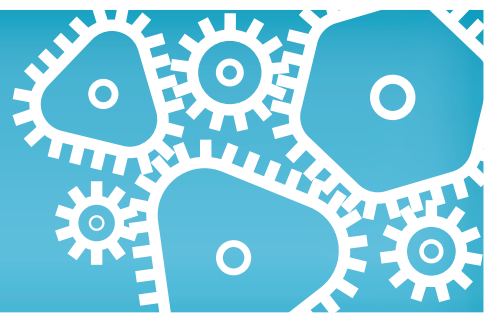
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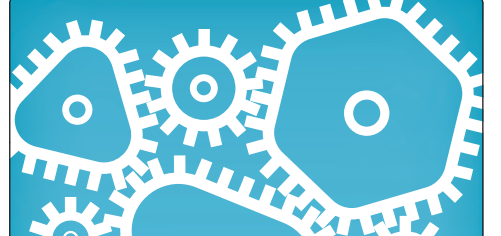
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Naming rights

Island Voice has been contacted by numerous members of the community over the weekend, expressing concerns about the process of renaming the Cowes Cultural Centre. At this week's Bass Coast Shire Council meeting, item 8.7 on the Council's agenda is First Nations Naming of new Cultural Centre.

Recommendation that Council:

- 1) Endorse the proposal to name the new Cultural Centre with a First Nations name
- 2) Receive the four names provided by the BLCAC and undertake a community engagement process to select one of the four names for the new facility.

BLCAC provided the following First Nations naming options for the building:

1. Barmewoon (meaning: only my strength)
2. Mogarmarlarly Murk (meaning: lead me)
3. Berninneit (meaning: gather together)
4. Kummargee (meaning: rise up)

All residents should listen and watch the Council meeting on Wednesday at 1pm to see how your elected Council members relate to this matter.

How does this type of action show our Council operates with openness and transparency?

The video link will be on the Shire's website, enabling you to connect on Wednesday morning. It is our understanding that not all Councillors will be present. We believe Council should defer the matter until they are. Our Association feels if any name change was to take place, it should be Phillip Island Cultural Centre, which is more inclusive to the Island than Cowes Cultural Centre. Alternatively use the Aboriginal name for Phillip Island, Millowl Cultural Centre.

We elect our Councillors to represent us, and we seriously question why the community is denied the right to suggest any name change.

This is a legacy the community will bear for future generations. The Phillip Island community must be totally involved in the naming rights of our Cultural Centre.

Any of the proposed four aboriginal names could be used as the Cultural Centre Theatre or Meeting Room names.

Please get involved and share your views. It is not too late.

Regarding the Cultural Centre, Island Voice would also appreciate an update and accountable costing, and an expected opening date.

Island Voice committee

Enough is enough

The same histrionics week after week by the same authors is getting beyond a joke. Please give it a rest. Stop accusing the council of survey manipulation and no matter how you fudge or spin the numbers, only 38.6 per cent of legitimate property owners signed the petition to stop the Special Charge Scheme.

Please desist from behaving like belligerent sooks. Accept the umpire's decision and have the courtesy to allow the process to proceed to a final vote without further dramatics.

Lou Pecora, Surf Beach

Barricade not wanted

Last week at the grassed intersection separating Shelly Court and Shoalhaven Road, the Shire extended the post and rope barricade to fully block recreational access across the intersection. All recreational traffic and foot traffic were channelled into one path which has multiple blind spots. This created a dangerously unsafe situation for anyone wanting to cross the intersection.

How was this barricade to be of benefit to the community?

Within days, two sections of rope were mysteriously cut, removed from the barricade and left on the ground. This was a deliberate act with a clear message: no barricade wanted here.

Late last year a petition with 120 supporters asked the Shire to create a separate path, with speed control measures, for recreational traffic to safely cross the intersection – separate from foot traffic. This was rejected on flimsy and twisted excuses based on irrational negativity.

Could the Shire rethink its position, create a separate pathway, and ensure the safety of all community members who wish to cross the intersection? An outcome to benefit the community, not individuals.

Madeleine Pitt, Cowes



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The highly anticipated return of the Trans Ams at the Shannon's SpeedSeries on the weekend certainly didn't disappoint, with the boys on track giving spectators an American muscle fix. Photo: Alia Schonberg.



The Fanatec GTs basking in the afternoon golden light during Friday's practice sessions at the Shannons SpeedSeries at the Phillip Island Circuit on the weekend. Photo: Alia Schonberg. More photos at pisra.com.au

SpeedSeries hits the island

By Alia Schonberg

The Phillip Island Circuit was certainly the place to be this weekend, with an eye-catching line up of cars taking to the track to race it out pedal-to-the-metal in round three of the Shannons SpeedSeries.

The Shannons SpeedSeries is an absolute treat for car fanatics, with such a plethora of on-track categories there's bound to be something for everyone. Whether you're a fan of open wheelers, hot hatches or aggressive American muscle that just about breaks the sound barrier – it's guaranteed, you'll have a blast.

The jam-packed schedule featured six categories, all of which gave us lean, mean action across the entire weekend: the Fanatec GT World Challenge, National Trans Ams, Supercheap Auto TCRs, S5000s, V8 Touring cars and the combined Production Cars/Monochrome GT4s.

There's nothing quite like feeling that crisp, cold morning air hitting your face, hearing the engines gradually start-up in the garages one by one, until they almost harmonise in a symphony of horse-

power. It's so powerful you can feel it reverberate throughout your body. The smell of race fuel and exhaust fumes progressively getting stronger as the day goes by and gradually morphing with the ever-linger-ing smell of burnt rubber is an atmosphere that can't re-created anywhere else.

Practice sessions

Kicking off the event on Friday morning was the combined Production Cars and Monochrome GT4's, with Porsche Cayman pilot Shane Smollen dominating the time charts, qualifying in pole position and taking the first race win of the weekend that same afternoon.

The Kumho V8 Touring Cars were next, with New South Wales' James Tilley taking the top timing spot in both practice sessions. The Ford Falcon driver managed to break away from the pack by more than a second that morning; he then proceeded to out-do himself in the afternoon's session, claiming a fastest lap of 1:35.21.

As the Super 2's returned to their garages the Trans Ams took to the track. James Moffat in his Ford Mustang claimed

his fastest times during both morning and afternoon practice sessions.

Following on from the Trans Ams, the GTs were quick to follow suit with Austrian Maximilian Hofer driving his Audi R8 to a fastest lap time during the morning session. This however, was short lived with the M-Motorsport Mercedes AMG driven by duo Justin McMillan and Glen Wood claiming a time of 1:28.46 just hours later.

Sessions one and two of the S5000s were a close claim to fastest lap time/s, with James Golding piloting his Garry Rogers Motorsport powered open wheeler to the top number during both sessions that were separated by just mere tenths of a second.

As the S5000 field headed back to their respective garages, the faint sound of turbo flutters could be heard reverberating across the track, one after the other. The TCRs top timing results were claimed by Tony D'Alberto in his Honda Civic during both sessions, with session one leaving just under half a second of separation between second fastest on the charts, Zac Soutar in his

Audi RS3. Session two left just over half a second between Tony and Bailey Sweeny, piloting the Hyundai i30N hatch.

Results

Fanatec GT World Challenge

Race one of the GT Challenge on day two, saw first place taken by Porsche 911 driver duo Yasser Shahin and Garnett Patterson, Ross Poulakis and Jayden Ojeda piloted their Mercedes AMG to second place, along with father/son duo Brenton and Stephen Grove powering their Porsche 911 to third.

Race two, the following day, saw first place of the 36-lap race taken out by Geoff Emery and Max Hofer. Following closely behind was Liam Talbot and Fraser Ross in their Audi R8, with Yasser Shahin and Garnett Patterson in third place.

National Trans Am Series

With the Ford Mustangs dominating over the Chevrolet Camaros all weekend, it'll come as no surprise that all three races' podium winners were 'Stang drivers. Owen Kelly took out top spot in race one. Nash Morris claiming victory in race two and three, which saw a dog-eat-

dog battle during race three alongside James Moffat who took out second place by less than a tenth of a second.

S5000 Australian Drivers Championship

Race one of the open wheelers saw first place taken out by Joey Mawson, with Cooper Webster and James Golding following closely behind in second and third. Race two and three saw Cooper Webster take a well-deserved double first place. James Cooper took second place in race two, and third in three, while Joey Mawson took third in race two and second in three.

Supercheap Auto TCR Australia Series

Saturday afternoon's race was dominated by Josh Buchan in his Hyundai i30N who confidently took out first place. Lachlan Mineeff in the Forza Brakes Audi RS3 pulled second, with Aaron Cameron in his Valvoline Peugeot working his way up through the field into third place.

Race two saw Michael Clemente push to first place in his Cupra. Second and third place were taken out by Jordan Cox and Ben Bargwan-

na, both piloting Peugeots. The final race of the weekend saw Josh Buchan once again take a race win, with Michael Clemente second, and Ben Bargwanna in third.

Mobil 1 Production Cars and Monochrome GT4 Series

Porsche Cayman driver, Shane Smollen dominated all four races across the entire weekend, taking first place consistently. Race one saw Karl Begg and Tony Quinn take second and third place. Race two saw Tony Quinn in second and Mark Griffith in third. Race three once again saw Tony Quinn in second, with BMW driver Steve Jukes in third, while race four saw Steve Jukes in second and Tony Quinn in third.

Kumho V8 Touring Car Series

Both race one and two of the Touring Cars saw Jude Bargwanna steering his Ford Falcon to victory. Race three saw him place third while Jamie Tilley took first place. Jim Pollicina in his Holden Commodore consistently took out second place in all three races, with Ray Hislop placing third in race one, and Antonio Molluso third in race two.

Mother's day soccer fun!

This week the Mini Roos hub was hosted by Wonthaggi on a glorious Autumn morning.

With a huge influx of new players to the club it's fantastic to see them all out on the pitch having fun.

Next week's hub will be held at Lang Lang Reserve.

U12A

With no score in the first half of the game for either team it was a very tense last half of the game for all involved.

Unfortunately, after a great effort the Breakers lost to Wonthaggi with the final score sitting at 2-1.

U14

The U14s had an impressive win this week over Wonthaggi.

The scores at the final whistle were 5-2 in Phillip Island's favour thanks to two goals each from Jarvis and Hamish and one goal to Lochie.

The team have only begun to scratch the surface of what



U12A team celebrated their mothers on Mother's Day.

they are capable of becoming as a group as the season progresses.

The fantastic weather and the win over a strong rival brought out many smiles all round from the team, coach Frank and the supporters.

A special shout out to all the mums and maternal figures of this group who week

in and week out cheer on this team, get the kids to trainings and volunteer around the club.

Reserves defeated Korumburra 4-0.

Senior Mens defeated Wonthaggi 16-0.

Women's soccer team lost to Wonthaggi 4-3.

More photos at pisra.com.au

Phillip Island golf results

Tuesday, May 9

Mens 18 Hole Stableford

A grade winner: Ron Young (10) with 37 points from Alex Bowden (14) with 35 points.

B Grade winner: John Enbom (16) with 38 points c/b from Brenton O'Brien (21).

C Grade winner: John Daire (31) with 33 points from Christian Zderski (26) 31 points c/b.

BDL to 31 points c/b.
NTP: 5th Bez Moustafa, 7th Fred Panozzo, 10th Alan Schache and 17th Michael Coghlan.

Mens 9 Hole Stableford

Rob Pascoe (14) was the winner with 16 points C/b from John Niven (22).
BDL to 15 points c/b.

Wednesday, May 10

The Ladies Foursomes Champions are Emma Hall and Judy Magill Gross 90.

Lesley Meadowcroft and Lorraine Hammon were the winners of the nett 78.

Winner of the Stableford competition was Vicki Ramage (24) with 30 points.

9 Hole competition winner was Jacqui Turner (40) with 19 points.

Thursday, May 11

Open Stableford

A Grade winner was Mark Hives (13) with 41 points from Mark Dykes (8) 37 points.

B Grade winner was Fred Panozzo (15) with 35 points from Greg Hyndman (16) 33 points.

C Grade winner was Shane Palmer (25) with 34 points from John Maglica (25) 32 points.

BDL to 31 points c/b.
NTP: 5th Mark Boulton, 7th John Maglica, 10th Harry Sterling and 17th Marcus Liberman.

Open 9 Hole Stableford

Winner was Basil Moloney (15) with 19 points c/b from Howard Jones (18).

BDL to 14 points c/b.

Saturday, May 13, Stableford

Men's results

A grade winner: Paul Russo

(11) with 41 Points from Lawrence Ferrari (9) 37 points.

B Grade winner: Steve Regnier (13) with 35 points from David K Taylor (18) 34 points c/b.

C Grade winner: Jake Wright (26) with 39 points c/b from Phil Dressing (24).

BDL to 32 points c/b.
NTP: 5th Isaac Batty, 7th Anthony Shannon, 10th Terry Crompton and 17th Jason King.

Ladies' results

Winner was Shannon Trumper (24) with 37 points from Vicki Ramage (25) with 35 points.

NTP: 5th Lesley Meadowcroft, 7th Vicki Ramage, 10th Vicki Amato and 17th Lorraine Hammon.

9 Hole Open Stableford winner was Basil Moloney (15) with 19 points c/b from Rob Pascoe (14).

BDL to 16 c/b.

Sunday, May 14

Open Stableford winner was Ben O'Brien (22) with 36 points from Joel Panozzo (16) 35 points.



B Grade netballers had a close game against Koo Wee Rup.



Lexi Walton in the A Grade netball match against Koo Wee Rup. More photos at pisra.com.au

Island netballers and Koo Wee Rup battle it out

A Grade

A grade had an intense game against Koo Wee Rup.

Throughout the game defensively we were strong and maintained control, and ring defenders, Anthea and Jaclyn took many intercepts allowing the attack end to convert the turn-overs to goals.

Amelie had great pressure and kept the opposition from getting onto the ring.

In the first quarter, we were able to utilise the pressure and score 10 while keeping Koo Wee Rup at seven. The attacking end played a strong and smart game onto the ball.

Unfortunately, we were unable to maintain that momentum, letting Koo Wee Rup gain possession.

With the final score being 38 to 43 Koo Wee Rup way.

Best on court went to Amelie and Anthea.

Phillip Island: 38 def by Koo Wee Rup: 43.

B Grade

A win was within reach for the first time this season and showed just what the girls are capable of.

The game went down to the wire with a very strong fourth quarter pulling the game back into reach, but the clock won going down by three at the siren.

A call up to former Bulldog star Lawri Piera to continue her return from retirement and step up to B grade was the game changing move.

Lawri's experience and leadership pushed our young side and new players to play at a new level.

It was a physical and skilful game on Saturday.

Abby McCaughan was liquid in goals, commanding the ball and moving with precision to own the space until she succumbed to injury.

Isla Cousins was everywhere feeding the ball to Meika White in goals again and again.

Defensively Ahlee Penry and Sophia Hungerford maintained unrelenting pressure on KWR until the final siren.

Next week the girls will get the

win they deserve if they play like this again.

Best on court: Ahlee Penry and Sophia Hungerford.

Phillip Island: 33 def by Koo Wee Rup: 36.

C Grade

It was a beautiful day with sunny and still conditions setting up for a great game of netball which our C grade girls provided.

From the very start we had wonderful sharp shooting from Bella who maintained it throughout the game and our strongest performance yet by Lawri in goals also getting her eye in and scoring well.

There was beautiful timing and feeding into the ring by Nikki who was helped out with the fierceness and drive around the court by captain Tori.

A return to the mid court for Karina provided more space throughout the court.

In defence Rose was relentless in her efforts in shutting down the WA and never giving up.

A dominant display in GD by Chloe who was helped in the goal ring with tight defence and great rebounding by Taylor.

There was good defensive pressure maintained throughout the whole court and the game.

Throughout the whole team there was a positive vibe during the game, great team spirit and court connection which led to one of our best games yet.

The rest of the season looking promising.

Best on court: Chloe Moxey, Rose Van Rooy and Taylor.

Phillip Island: 33 def Koo Wee Rup: 26.

D Grade

This Saturday the girls played amazingly!

You can really start to see that we are using everything we are learning at training to improve and implementing this into our game.

Ari and Kathy did exceptionally well in goals, and they worked in sync together.

In the mid court we had Amanda, Kerrie, Daisy and Casey who had excellent defence and attacking pressure throughout, while Maddy and Helena had amazing hands over and got lots of intercepts.

We have a few things to work on in our game but overall, we are coming out every Saturday better than the previous week.

We're excited for what next week brings.

Phillip Island: 9 def by Koo Wee Rup: 31.

Under 17

With a dry court and sun out, you just know good netball will be played.

Straight up Maya intercepts and turns it over for Phillip Island to shoot the first goal.

Then the goals kept coming, Lily's footwork and shooting was just spot on.

Sophia in defence picked off intercept after intercept keeping KWR score to a minimum.

Island leads 16/5.

Second quarter everyone settled in and some tactical changes by KWR.

The mid court flowing nicely and Maya controlling the game beautifully in Centre.

Third quarter changes were made by both teams and KWR's defence matched that of the Island.

The ball went up and down the court like a yoyo with amazing intercepts going both ways.

Sienna and Tilly showed relentless pressure through the midcourt.

Another strong quarter in the fourth with new combinations.

Meika's fast feet and Ruby's strength paid off in goals and was complimented by Isla and Jazz's brilliant defence together up the other end.

Tilly had four quality quarters in the mid court contributing to the entire game.

Phillip Island: 43 def Koo Wee Rup: 18.

Under 15

The girls were back in form this week after last week's loss, defeating Koo Wee Rup by 20 goals.

A boost to their percentage the girls have to start banking.

The versatility of the team was on display with Mia Hughes and Ruby Mewitt able to deliver impact on the game at both ends swapping easily between scoring goals and defending during the game.

The girls played their strongest mid-court game this season, moving the ball from end to end with ease with Olivia Holmes in Centre, Piper O'Brien in Wing Attack and Jasira Derham in Wing Defence.

Awards: Ruby Mewitt and Olivia Holmes.

Phillip Island: 31 def Koo Wee Rup: 11.

Under 13

Best on court – Macy Piera, Kate McCausland

Phillip Island: 16 def by Koo Wee Rup: 18.

Under 11

Saturday morning saw the team drive down the highway to Koo Wee Rup and see if what was worked on the previous weeks at training was working.

What a game the girls played, showing what was being done at training was starting to show on court!

The girls for four quarters showed improvement in all aspects.

Barely any stepping and obstructions were there, and made the court look so big when they had the ball and attacking which made the ball movement from end to end so enjoyable to watch.

Then when in defence, squashed their opponents up and played so tight restricting Koo Wee Rup's passes.

The end result didn't fall the Island's way, going down 18-23, however all the girls were relentless for the entire game!

Hope all the mums enjoyed watching this game, 41 goals in Under 11s is unreal, and kickstarted their Mother's Day weekend nicely.

If the Under 11s keeps this improvement up, the team will be on the right side of these results in the weeks to come.

Best on court: Evie and Olive.

Phillip Island: 18 def by Koo Wee Rup: 23.

**For LDNA report this week visit,
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Phillip Island Bridge results

On Monday May 8 there was a tie for first place between Lois Dywer and Anne Gibson and Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman on 61.46 per cent. Bron Sund and Michael Dooley were second on 58.85.

Just behind by a whisker were Marnie Myall and Graham Mckergow on 58.33 per cent.

Wednesday May 10 was a quieter day with several of our members still

playing in sunny Noosa.

Two husband and wife teams took first and second place, Wendy and Graham Mckergow on 62.50 per cent and Clare and Jim Murphy 59.17 per cent respectively.

Karen Klym and Paul Waylen came third on an even 50 per cent.

Congratulations to Caroline Shaw and Marnie Myall who came third nationwide on May 3 with 69.44 per cent.

Euchre results

Ladies winner: Bet Stevenson – 6 wins.

Men's winner: Joan Baker stand in Player – 7 wins.

Encouragement award: Leonie

Brennan.

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

Come along everyone and have a great night out.

Tables booked for those wanting dinner before games start.



The milestone game players are chaired off.

Breakers play with pride

The Breakers welcomed Pearce-dale for their second annual Pride match.

With support from the Bass Coast Shire the ground really set the scene for a great celebration of the LGBTQ-IA+ community within and beyond the club with a rainbow 50m arc, lights, and flags around the venue.

A shower of rain before the game made conditions difficult but didn't stop the large crowd who were treated to a fierce but good spirited contest.

With both teams taking a while to adjust to the conditions it was 11 minutes before the Breakers managed to hit the scoreboard through Tayla Tatterson with Ella Cargill slotting one from tight in the pocket shortly after. The home side rounded out the quarter with their third goal coming via a set shot from Siena Lane just before the siren.

After a fast paced but erratic first quarter midfield coach Sophie Bolding urged her charges to be more controlled and the team responded well.

The Breakers continued to dominate the play however the pressure from Pearce-dale meant they didn't get any easy opportunities and despite four scoring shots they only added one major through Immy Bradford which came early in the quarter.

The Breakers came out firing in the second half – led by Chelsea Connell who was at her usual hard running, pack bursting best – setting the tone for her team.

Siena Lane looks to have taken a leaf out of her book with her attack

on the footy creating a number of opportunities for her team.

Immy Bradford found Tess Angarane alone in the forward 50 resulting in the Breakers' second goal for the quarter.

Pearcedale started pressing but defence end held strong with Nico Randall and Jac Van Rooy shutting down their advances.

Pearcedale did all of the attacking at the start of the third quarter – getting some good looks inside 50 before the Breakers got back on top.

Chelsea Connell shifted the momentum with a goal on the run for the home side.

A good chain of handballs saw Shay Campbell set up Immy Bradford's second goal while Ahlee Penry put the icing on the cake right on the siren.

Final Score: Breakers 10.6-66 def Pearce-dale 0.2-2.

Goals: S. Lane 2, I. Bradford 2, T. Tatterson 2, T. Angarane, C. Connell, E. Cargill, A. Penry.

Best: C. Connell, S. Lane, T. Tatterson, I. Bradford, S. Bolding, A. Penry.

Milestones galore

There was a lot to celebrate for the Breakers with three players from the inaugural 2017 Bass Coast Breakers team – Carly Heislars, Jess Bolding and Tess Angarane – reaching their 50-game milestone on the weekend.

While there are quite a few players in the team who have reached this milestone, this trio were the first players to reach 50 games in which all games were played at the Breakers.

A tale of two Tesses

There were two players named Tess who reached a milestone on the weekend, but their football journeys have been very different.

Veteran Tess Angarane played her 50th game following on from a solid 300 A grade game netball career.

First pulling on the boots in 2017 (in her 30s) in the Breakers' inaugural season – and now with two babies in toe – she has finally reached her first milestone.

On the other hand, youngster Tess Wingfield celebrated her 100th game (which she actually played as a 17-year-old in last year's grand final) a feat which had been virtually unheard of in the Bass Coast region but hopefully will become the norm with more pathways opening up for women and girls to play locally.

Tess started her football playing for Wonthaggi Power in U/11s with the boys before moving on to the Wonthaggi Power and Dalyston Youth girls and then Bass Coast Breakers Women's Team last year once she was old enough.

She had an instant impact for the team with the opportunity to play from juniors right through to women's evident in her silky skills, poise and great game sense.

Tess is currently also playing for Gippsland Power in the Coates Talent League.

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Island girls put up a brave fight

On a picture-perfect day for football, the Phillip Island youth girls and their mums headed to Warragul, to take on runner up Grand Finalists from last season, Bairnsdale.

Once again, the girls were down on players due to illness, injury, Gippsland Power commitments and holidays.

So, making her debut for the club today was Willow Say.

The girls looked the part donning the pink socks for the 'Shades of Pink' awareness day and pink ribbons in their hair.

It wasn't long before Bairnsdale were on the scoreboard and the girls knew they must dig deep in the warm conditions.

Sienna Steiner thrown into full-back at the last moment did her best to keep the scores to minors, getting her hands on two certain goals on the last line of defence.

But Bairnsdale continued with repeat forward 50 entries, eventually

wearing the defence down and scoring five goals in the opening quarter.

Some changes in the second quarter saw Brinn Hamley brought into the middle to offer some support and strength and the ever-reliable Jade Ricardo to half back.

To their credit the girls dug in and managed to hold Bairnsdale to only one goal over the next two quarters.

Bella (Daicos) Gude continued to rack up the possessions, while Monica Bartels, Mackenzie (Macca) Wain and Jorja (Jorga) Newman put their bodies on the line continually.

Lily (Elbow) Bow was solid at full back, repelling a number of attacks, while Qiarshi Adams, Zoe Carr and Mia Boost tried desperately to get the ball moving forward.

It took a quick kick out of mid air by Miki Leary to get the Island's first and only goal on the board.

Willow Say made a strong start to her football career, while Tess Ricardo, Summer (Johnno) Johnston and

Lily O'Loughlin continue to grow in confidence with each game.

Gisele Smith was welcomed back for her first game of the year and showed late in the last quarter why she is considered the tackling machine of the team, taking down the Bairnsdale girl having a certain shot at goal.

Bairnsdale managed to score a couple of lucky goals in the final quarter to run away with the game, however the effort and determination of the Island girls was never in question.

Well done girls on a tough day out.

Thanks to all the mums who gave up their Mother's Day to get the girls to the game.

Final Score: Bairnsdale 9.4.58 def Phillip Island 1.2.8.

Best: Jade Ricardo, Bella Gude, Jorja (Jorga) Newman, Mackenzie (Macca) Wain, Monica Bartels, Qiarshi Adams, Zoe Carr.

Goals: Miki Leary.

Phillip Island bowls

On a perfect day for bowling our social bowls relished the sunny conditions with all games scores very close. Runners up for the day with a win and a draw +25 were: Skip Lindsay Meredith, 3rd Erol Bradford and Lead Marlene Puncher.

Congratulations to the winners for the day with a win and a draw also +29: Skip Serge Castel, 3rd Sam Treacy and Lead Lance Wearne.

State place

Phillip Island Bowls Clubs very own Daryl White reached the final in the State Armed Victoria Singles played at Warrnambool City Bowls Club but just fell short to win over Neil Crisp. Daryl was thrilled to achieve a runner up in a strong field.



State Armed Victoria Singles played at the Warrnambool City Bowls Club (left to right): Daryl White (runner up) and Neil Crisp (winner).

Midweek bowls

The Midweek bowls game was held at Corinella Bowls club.

Great to see so many of our bowlers turn up today at Corinella Bowls Club. Forty players turned out to play on what can only be described as a beautiful autumn day.

Lots of laughter and friendly banter heard all day. Our good friend Phil opened up and set up the green for us, as well as looking after the kitchen and bar. Not sure how he manages to do so much and still have time to play. Phil, we thank you for all your hard work. On the green there were some excellent bowls put down.

A couple of wrong bias bowls, always good news for the RCH, but these didn't in any way reduce the quality of play.

Today's winners on 35 points (on a

countback) were: Tony Heppleston (S), David Talbot (3), Bill Williams (2) and Shirley Corcoran (L).

Runners up (also on 35 points) were: Vern Elliott (S), Sue Stanford (3), Michael Saunders (2) and Margaret McConville (L).

Best One Game on 23 points were: Denis Talbot (S), Laurie Bell (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Max Williams (L).

Great to see Lindsay back following last week's episode.

Once again, thanks to Peter and Pauline for all their hard work, and also to John for his Master of Ceremonies duties each week.

Next week we will be meeting at San Remo to once again fight it out for team of the week.

If all players could be on site by 10am to allow Peter enough time to select the teams.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



The Phillip Island team (from left) Bob Weaver, Margaret Frith, Noel West, Lilly Eichstadt, Denise Bray and Claire Earl.

Island Croquet Club competes in the Bass Coast Shield

Last Tuesday, six members of the Phillip Island Croquet Club travelled to Korumburra to compete in the Bass Coast Shield.

This event is held annually between the croquet clubs of Korumburra, Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Phillip Island.

After a welcoming speech by Helen Checkley, the Korumburra tournament manager, the competition commenced.

The games were hotly contested throughout the day with many games finishing level and then having to go to a deciding 13th hoop.

And at the end of the day the Le-

ongatha team finished on top and was declared the 2023 winner of the Bass Coast Shield with the Phillip Island team runners-up.

Congratulations to the Leongatha and Phillip Island teams and to all the competitors taking part in this annual event.

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Darts League Mystery Round

Darters arrived with great anticipation of what the night was going to hold, as this was the first time this event had been organised.

It was a fantastic night with many close contests involving a round robin drawn teams' event, which concluded with a playoff between Di Holmes, Paul Gleeson and Allan Stray, Scott Lethbridge and Vince Palladino to decide the winners.

Congratulations to Scott Lethbridge and Vince Palladino, winning the inaugural 'Joseph Rizza' Memorial Trophy after a keenly contested final.

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



U14 Blue celebrate the amazing goal that was kicked by Levi Addison to win the match after the siren against Korumburra.



Jack Franks holds control of the footy against Kilby bass in the U10s match. More photos at pisra.com.au/sport

Junior footballers dominate

Under 10 Red

The pups dragged their mums out of bed for an early game of footy against Kilby-Bass for round four, but they didn't disappoint and put on a show.

It was a great start by the pups in the first quarter, high energy and great tackling from the mid-fielders. There were lots of touches from all of the players in this quarter, Tate Steward great in defence and Leith Cameron with a great mark-up forward.

This week's captain was Max Robinson who kick an amazing first goal for the game! Bohdan O'Connell nailed his hand balling and Sunny Woodrup showed great defence yet again.

Awesome marks were taken by Isacc Naaden under pressure followed by Brock Larson kicking a goal for the reds.

Kilby-Bass kept trying to get the ball into their forward, but the PI backs had an answer for it all. Reeve Dennis had a solid time in the ruck but got injured and had to come off, the back-line had a rest this quarter as the ball spent most of its time in our forward 50.

Dash Janson and Reef Elliot played an awesome third quarter.

The final quarter had solid plays by Tanner Lee and Eli Long as the ball didn't leave the forward line.

The game ended a high in the rooms as the pups gathered their Mums to sing the club song and celebrate their win! Well done U10 PI Reds!

Awards this week went to Jack Caffery, Jack Franks, Reef Elliott and Austin Bennett.

U10 Blue

True to the Island weather, the fog lifted just in time to see the U10 Blue Doggies host the Korumburra Giants.

Our captain, Taj hyped up the team with a cracking speech which inspired the team's high pressure tackling, work through the ball and space creation.

The huge effort by Billy, Max and Archer gave way to goals by Jaxon, Zaine and Noah.

The second quarter saw the team remembering Coach B's words, "feed the ball down and



U10 Red loving their mums!

you will create team goals", as Aria, Alfie, Max, Taj and Cooper did just that, leading to goals by Will and Ethan.

The third and fourth quarters capitalised on the earlier work by each player to support goals kicked by Ollie and Kash. What shined through more today than in earlier games was the bravery and attitude each player had on the field. A shout out to our younger teammates for giving their all and to the older kids, for being excellent role models! Go Doggies!

Award winners: Max Ward, William Laughton-McConnon, Jaxon Smith, Archie Webb, Alfie Trew.

U12 Blue

The sun was shining brightly for the Under 12 Blue Bulldogs on Sunday morning, which was a pleasant treat for all the wonderful Mums that were dragged out of bed bright and early on Mother's Day.

Coach Mick asked his team to go a little bit extra for all the mums out there and that they did, with a very powerful win over the Korumburra Giants.

The undefeated Blue Team came out onto the ground showcasing their strength, determination and game awareness from the first bounce.

Will (the Wizz) Patton played the perfect first quarter, standing his ground and not getting sucked into congestion, perfectly placing himself for a number of kicks and the privilege of booting the first goal for the match.

Fergus Tillotson used his run power and Brady Van Steensel kicked a ripper goal, giving the Bulldogs a two goal, two-point lead at the end of the first

quarter.

The team backed up the strong start to the game with another powerful second quarter.

Big Roy almost had the ball in front of goals, but he was no match for Korumburra's tall defence, and the big man was taken down.

This quarter was all about Brax Scheibel, who stepped in with his massive boot and scored two goals in quick succession giving Phillip Island a 33-point lead at half time.

In the third quarter we saw the speed and skill of Balin Riky, Liam Cleary demonstrated some excellent effort in the ruck, and Kai Sturt, Mason Paxton and Zac Ivey all tried exceptionally hard while a very rowdy bunch of kids cheered loudly for their teammates from the bench.

The final 12 minutes of football proved to everyone watching why this team is on top of the ladder.

The size, strength, power and the second and third efforts of the likes of Sam Koole was outstanding.

Jarrah Rutherford kicked two goals to invoke the mercy rule and secure the strong victory for Phillip Island but what was really special to witness, was the team spirit of this bunch of young pups.

The club song sounded loud and proud from the clubrooms which was very well deserved, but these young guns know that some tough challenges lie ahead.

Under 12 Red

Another perfect day greeted us as we travelled down the highway to Kilcunda Bass for

our round four clash.

The team was red hot early, controlling the midfield battle and hitting up our forwards who were leading to the right spots. Ry Sheers opened the scoring in what would be the first of two quality goals for the day. His attack on the ball and second efforts were outstanding. Taj Piera added two more goals as we took control of the game and locked the ball in our forward line. Nash Hornsby Ramage and Miller Sund showed great forward craft leading to the right spots which opened the game up, creating scoring opportunities.

The second term saw Flynn Riley get in on the action with two goals of his own. We were outworking our opponents across the field and the way we blocked, shepherded and ran for our teammates was great to see. The team applied pressure across the ground and went into half time with a solid lead.

Kilcunda Bass turned up the pressure in the third quarter, but we were able score via great goals from Flynn Riley and Taj Piera. Speedster Ben Stephens was electric in the forward line and unlucky not to kick a few goals.

The last quarter saw our midfield get back on top led by Captain Kai Opitz who had another great game and is getting better every week.

Ziggy Wagner was on the end of a perfect entry and went back to snag a huge, long-range goal.

The backline saw more of the footy and stood up well to the pressure, working hard to clear the ball.

Xavier Holmes attacked the footy all day and had his best game to date. Jaxen Marshall kicked a cracking goal on the run and was quick to involve his teammates whenever he could.

Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful, hardworking mums. Hope you all had a great day.

Awards: Amelia Mahon, Xavier Holmes, Nash Hornsby Ramage, Ziggy Wagner and Kai Opitz.

Goals: Taj Piera (3), Flynn Riley (2), Ry Sheers (2), Jaxen Marshall (1), Ziggy Wagner (1).

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Leo Savona leaps for the mark in U18s. More footy action shots go to pisra.com.au/sport

The Island proves too hot to handle for the Demons

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The first quarter was even with Captain Finn Cashman busy around the stoppages and key forwards Jack Johnson and Jack Huther looking lively as they applied some initial scoreboard pressure.

The Island taking a small lead at the break.

Coach Huther was happy with the team's efforts praising Noah Muller, Braydy Ross and Brayden Kleverkamp for their attack on the footy.

The second quarter was a tighter contest with Koo Wee Rup playing their best footy but the Island weathering the storm through Benji Chihotski, Leo Savona, Darcy Thompson, Kohen Beaumont and Henry Peppard all playing "Dogs" footy.

The second half opened up and the Island started to shine, constantly switching the ball and opening up the fat side, unleashing the silky skills of key midfielders Ross and Cashman who were putting it on a plate for their forward targets.

Late in the third quarter Jack Huther lodged his contender for goal of the year with a baulking boundary banana and Birthday Boy Johnson who pulled down a screamer to the delight of the U16 throng gathered behind the goals.

The last quarter saw the Island well on top, Muller was everywhere, Chihotski playing up from the 16s looked at home, and Arceo, Davies, Goldsbury, Kennedy and Cafieri were all in great touch.

A great win banked, no ceiling in place for this group of Island lads who could achieve greatness if they keep working hard and playing for each other.

Scores: Phillip Island: 5.1.31, 7.4.46, 12.8.80, 15.13.103. Koo

Wee Rup: 1.0.6, 3.3.21, 3.3.21, 3.3.21.

Goals: Phillip Island: Jack Huther, Jack Johnston - 5, Kohen Beaumont - 2, Sonny Merryfull, Noah Muller, Leo Savona - 1. Koo Wee Rup: Brody Allen, Mack Brown, Ethan Neill - 1.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Noah Muller, Benjamin Chihotski, Jack Huther, Jack Johnston, Brayden Kleverkamp, Brady Ross, Finn Cashman. Koo Wee Rup: Robbie McMahon, Declan McFarlane, Dante Di Pietro, Luke O'Keefe, Zane Stanton, Ethan Neill.

Under 16s

A foggy Saturday morning cleared into a beautiful sunny day when Phillip Island Bulldogs U16s travelled down the highway to meet Koo Wee Rup.

It was a tough game of footy, but the team kept up their grind, opening up the game after the first quarter.

They were able to do this by thinking well under pressure and implementing changes as needed.

Displaying great teamwork, the boys ran the game out well, and each player contributed to bring home the win.

Go Doggies!

Scores: Phillip Island: 1.2.8, 5.2.32, 6.3.39, 8.5.53. Koo Wee Rup: 0.2.2, 1.3.9, 2.5.17, 2.5.17.

Goals: Phillip Island: Xavier Williams - 3, Noah Williams -2, Harrison Carlon, George McCausland, Charlie O'Garey - 1. Koo Wee Rup: Kynen Dore-Wilson, Harley Monckton - 1.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Xavier Williams, Charlie O'Garey, Noah Williams, Jack Briggs, Bailey Hennessy, Joel Robinson. Koo Wee Rup: Merrick Stewart-Wells, Chevy Simpson, Max Monckton, Seth Lawler, Luke Briganti, Cullen Anderson.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 17 MAY	THU 18 MAY	FRI 19 MAY	SAT 20 MAY	SUN 21 MAY	MON 22 MAY	TUE 23 MAY
LOW 3:17 am 0.93 m	LOW 4:24 am 0.80 m	LOW 5:28 am 0.67 m	HIGH 12:26 am 2.61 m	HIGH 1:19 am 2.63 m	HIGH 2:06 am 2.64 m	HIGH 2:47 am 2.65 m
HIGH 10:18 am 2.59 m	HIGH 11:34 am 2.74 m	HIGH 12:42 pm 2.92 m	LOW 6:25 am 0.55 m	LOW 7:16 am 0.47 m	LOW 8:01 am 0.44 m	LOW 8:45 am 0.45 m
LOW 3:44 pm 1.19 m	LOW 5:03 pm 1.25 m	LOW 6:16 pm 1.24 m	HIGH 1:40 pm 3.07 m	HIGH 2:31 pm 3.17 m	HIGH 3:16 pm 3.19 m	HIGH 3:56 pm 3.17 m
HIGH 10:21 pm 2.62 m	HIGH 11:26 pm 2.60 m		LOW 7:18 pm 1.20 m	LOW 8:10 pm 1.16 m	LOW 8:55 pm 1.13 m	LOW 9:35 pm 1.11 m

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Eli Richards in action in the Seniors match against Koo Wee Rup on Saturday. More photos of all matches pisra.com.au/sport

The Island proves too hot to handle for the Demons

On a spectacular sunny May Saturday, the Bulldogs ventured up the road to Koo Wee Rup to take on the Koo Wee Rup Demons for Round five.

Arriving at the ground without a breath of wind (a rare occurrence indeed), with the oval in superb condition, an exciting day of county football beckoned.

The second away game introduced a larger ground, so the new game style of the Bulldogs likely to be tested in the wide-open spaces again!

Seniors

Pre-game saw the presentation of the famous No 31 jumper to debuting young-gun Tom Niven, fresh up from last years Under 18s and some excellent reserves footy.

A wonderful speech from that professional speaker Andy Walton – is there any of the team that hasn't been coached by Andy one wonders – revealed Tom being the fourth generation of Nivens to represent the mighty Bulldogs.

Combined with Jack Papas returning, and Under-18-gun Zac Walker into the side, a significant youth injection for the Bulldogs.

Quarter one began in beautiful sunshine, and it was soon clear that the boys from Koo Wee Rup had come to play. The usual firm of Cam Pedersen, Hayden (Pencil) Bruce and Eli Richards led the way for the Bulldogs.

Jason Wells was showing his class in the forward line for the home team, testing the combined skills of Alex Duyker, Sauce Tomada and Tarqs Macmillan who were tested to keep things even.

Zac Walker was repelling attacks regularly from defence, and



Jasper Cashman keeps control under pressure in the U16s.

with Jack Papas, Max Blake and Bryce Hindhaugh goaling, the scores were a close 27-22 at the quarter time break.

The locals continued to be competitive, and after an early Bulldog goal, the locals pushed hard and evened things up with an excellent goal.

Mid-way mark saw the margin still within 10 points, and some concern from the Bulldogs bench.

Some changes to personnel saw Pedersen head to full forward, which saw the beginning of the Daniel Bourke and Pencil show.

Taking over in the middle, young Bourkie was able to direct the ball to his on-ballers at will and the Bulldogs took charge.

Goals to Trav Woodfield and coach Pedersen saw the Doggies up 60-31 at the big break.

For the first part of the third, the locals fought hard. Captain

Cammarano took the bull (and some Bulldogs) by the horns and led the charge and the Voss boys stepped up, with early goals going to the Demons.

But then that Bourkie and Pencil show resumed – aided and abetted by a sublime performance from Daniel Pearce, in concert with Eli Richards and Max Walton.

The Bulldogs surged with goals from coach Pedersen, captain Taylor and Trav Woodfield amongst others.

Ball movement from end to end on several occasions also resulted in goals, and a 97-40 lead at three quarter time.

The last quarter saw continued clean ball movement, switches, and precision kicking across the field.

Captain Taylor took over completely wherever he was on the

ground, coach Pedersen doing as he pleased and Trav Woodfield continuing his way.

The locals clearly tired as the final progressed, offering relatively little resistance.

The Bulldogs finally running out clear winners by 82 points.

So, it appears that the question posed at the beginning of the day has an early pointer.

The Bulldogs of 2023 are playing a game style that – when executed as directed by coach Pedersen – suits the wide-open spaces on the larger grounds even more than in 2022.

An exciting ride beckons for the rest of the year!

Scores: Phillip Island: 4.3.27, 9.6.60, 15.7.97, 20.9.129. Koo Wee Rup: 3.4.22, 4.7.31, 5.10.40, 6.11.47.

Goals: Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen – 5, Travis Woodfield – 4, Max Blake, Jack Papas, Jack Taylor – 2. Koo Wee Rup: Luke McMaster, Nathan Voss, Jason Wells – 2.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Daniel Pearce, Daniel Bourke, Max Walton, Hayden Bruce, Damien Holmes, Jason Tomada.

Koo Wee Rup: Nathan Voss, Mitchell Cammarano, Matthew Voss, Timothy Miller, William Battams, Fletcher Mcmillan.

Under 18s

Mother's Day round at Koo Wee Rup, sun shining and goals galore.

A great win from the Under 18s against a strong determined opponent.

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