

Ian McFee grew up on a dairy and chicory fam in Rhyll and remembers the days he could drive his tractor on the main road from Rhyll to Churchill Island – for a hay baling job – and not encounter any traffic. He's had a lifelong obsession with tractors and these days, his vintage tractor collection numbers almost 20. Read more on page 10.

\$52m pool proposed for Cowes

Phillip Island's long-awaited aquatic centre would include a 25m Planning Group – examines popu- level" 25m competition pool.

The study – produced by Otium recommends Cowes have a "district structed in the future.

The study recommends the Cowes x eight lane pool, learn-to-swim lation projections, environmentally The study states the option of aquatic centre would have a learn rooms. area, 24-hour gym, and two indoor sustainable designs, and operation- constructing a 50m pool "has been to swim pool (20m x 12m); a 23m x sports courts, at a cost of \$52 mil- al cost data to guide the future con- analysed but found to not be sus- 23m splash pad and a 60m² toddlers pool; two water slides; a 100-seat spectator area; spa, and dry and steam sauna; change rooms; and in the foyer area there will be offices, a reception, lounge, café, kitchen and storage.

There will be a large 24-hour gym (600m²) with two group fitness

The study recommends two stages of development with stage one being the aquatic, health and fitness facilities and a future stage two development - "or if funding allows it to be developed as stage one" - two indoor sport courts. Continued page 9

lion, according to a feasibility study. Bass Coast Shire councillors are tonight expected to accept the feasibility study and release it for community consultation, which will run from May 31 to June 27.

struction and ongoing operations of aquatic centres in both Cowes and Wonthaggi.

While the community has long lobbied for a 50m pool, the Phillip Island Aquatic Leisure Centre study

tainable", based on population size and on the extra \$8 million such a pool would require to construct, as well as the annual \$250,000 operation costs.

It adds a 50m pool could be con-





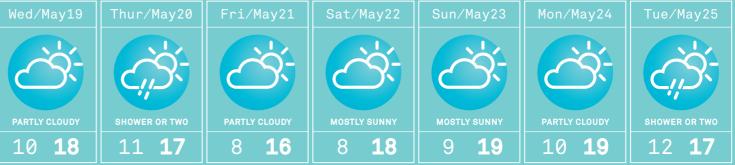


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Huge Cowes' gums felled

"Profits rule over environment"

Cowes west residents say they were shocked developers were allowed to cut down healthy, big gum trees, calling on the Bass Coast Shire to strengthen its powers to stop such "crazy chainsawing".

Loppers last week removed trees including one gum believed to be many decades old and home to numerous animals - from land that is set to be Cowes' newest housing subdivision

The 19-lot subdivision is planned for the former 1.7 hectare Cowes market site, with a frontage to 225 Settlement Road.

Resident Mike Skomina said he watched as arborists cut down "huge, well-established gum trees along the boundary fence, including four massive strong and healthy trees".

'They then proceeded to attack the huge old tree behind Betsy's Glass." Mike said.

ping continued.

these decisions.'

birds and animals.

"The council should be able to

halt processes like this and review

in the event of serious concerns

and complaints coming in," he said.

formed process about this that

clearly publicly advertises the

intentions and a sign onsite. The

community should be involved in

He said this was "another case

of money and profits ruling over

environment" on Phillip Island,

and the trees were home to several

"There needs to be a well-in-

"Others observing were surprised they had a permit (apparently) to cut it down. The old girl didn't go down that easy and they hacked and cut away for some time

Mike said the sound of the "massive trees falling and the crazy chainsawing was disturbing" and he knew of several residents who called the shire to complain about the number of trees being felled and their age and size - but the lop-



Residents say Cowes "looks more and more bare each day", with increasing numbers of mature trees removed for development. Last week healthy trees were removed at 225 Settlement Road.

> "Cowes looks more and more bare each day.

"The vista is ruined forever in favour of a suburbanised environment where in all probability insurance concerns from falling tree branches means trees are removed to avoid liabilities.

Permit

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said the planning permit for the land at 225 Settlement Road approved the subdivision of the land and the removal of vegetation.

"The applicant has fulfilled the commercial zone.

requirements to begin removal of the vegetation, authorised under the planning permit and endorsed plans," Ms Wastie said.

"The applicant is yet to fulfil the requirements of the permit, in order to start subdivision works such as drainage and road construction. Once these requirements are met, the applicant can begin civil con-

struction works." According to a planning permit approved in 2018, there were 21 existing trees on the site, and the developer proposed to remove 12 trees of low to moderate environmental significance, including two indigenous trees.

An arborists' report said a tree protection zone up to 15 metres is required to protect a significant southern blue gum.

All proposed lots will be more than 500m² in size and, according to the developers, have been created to accommodate a dwelling of 10m x 15m, facing north.

No public open spaces are being created as part of the subdivision, but the developer will contribute a cash payment via a Public Open Space Contribution to the shire, in lieu of providing a reserve.

The land is identified in shire planning policies as being "within the preferred location for increased residential density", although the land along the Settlement Road entrance is mixed use, near the

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Trees down after weekend of wind and rain

Rain, hail and strong winds saw trees down and blackouts across the island over the weekend.

Both the Phillip Island and San Remo SES units received multiple calls for assistance, the vast majority for trees that had come down.

"Crews worked quickly and safely to clear these trees," said unit controller Michael Kenny.

With more wet and windy weather predicted in the coming months, Michael said property

owners needed to be prepared. "Now is the time to ensure gutters are clean and clear.

"Don't park under trees - especially when there are wind warnings and ensure loose objects are secure, eg outdoor furniture, trampolines etc."



After the weekend storms, one Cowes resident found a trampoline in their front yard, prompting a reminder on the Phillip Island SES Facebook page: "This is why we inform you of wild weather ... please secure loose items for yourself and everyone else's safety.

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Vaccination clinic opens May 24

From May 24, anyone wishing to book in for a Covid vaccination will be able to go to the mass vaccination clinic in Wonthaggi.

CEO Jan Child said Bass Coast Health staff, with support from the Gippsland Public Health Unit will operate the clinic from the Wonthaggi Town Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

"Initially, the clinic will be open to people aged 50 plus and 1a and 1b community members

"We will start slowly but have the capacity to deliver up to 400 vaccines a day if demand requires it.

Ms Child said both the Pfizer and Astra-Zeneca vaccine will be available on specific days, and opening days will be modified based on demand.

Bookings for the new clinic opened on May 17. "We encourage everyone to make an ap-

pointment by calling 1800 675 398," said Ms Child

Callers will then be directed to the right irus day to attend the clinic, based on their age. Walk in appointments will not be available

in the first week of operation. "We encourage people to make an appoint-

ment wherever possible going forward.'

Once you're booked in, remember to bring proof of ID and your Medicare card when attending your appointment.

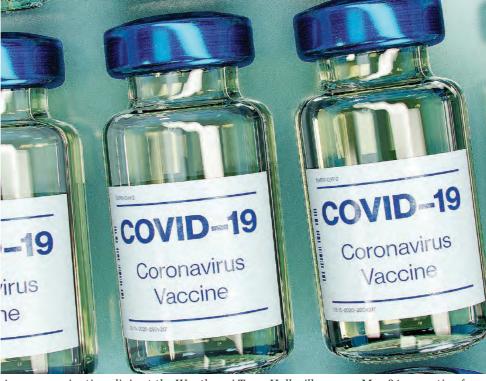
You will also be required to wait for at least 15 minutes after the vaccination for monitoring. The clinic is the latest to be set up by the

Gippsland Regional Public Health unit, based at Latrobe Regional Hospital.

The hospital's Executive Director Information and Regional Services, Jon Millar said the Wonthaggi clinic would gradually scaleup operations when it opens in the week commencing May 24.

"While we've learnt a lot from running our community clinic in Traralgon, we appreciate this is a new venue for our team so we plan to take our time in building our capacity and schedule of appointments day by day. As a result, the clinic will open three days a week," Jon said.

"Our GRPHU vaccination team is fortunate to have the support of Bass Coast cines to existing patients.



A mass vaccination clinic at the Wonthaggi Town Hall will open on May 24, operating from 9.30am – 3pm on Monday, Tuesday and Friday each week.

Health staff to run the new clinic. We expect up to 10 qualified staff will be at the Town Hall each day.'

The clinic will administer the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to adults over 50 years of age. The Pfizer vaccine will continue to be offered to eligible healthcare, emergency and high risk workers.

Island option

Depending on the response and if it was viable, Ms Child said BCH would then investigate setting up a clinic on Phillip Island.

At the moment, only a small number of local GPs are providing a vaccination service. Some clinics are only administering vac-

Although more GP clinics are expected to come on board, Ms Child said for many doctors, it simply wasn't possible to provide the vaccination service.

"The logistics are tricky, so you need to

have the right facility," Ms Child said.

"You need to be able to observe people for 15 minutes after the vaccination, so many GP clinics don't have the room.

'Everyone is keen for the mass vaccination clinics to pick up the excess."

Expanded program

Last week, the state and Federal government announced the roll out of the Pfizer vaccine to people aged under 50 would be expanded.

The new groups now eligible to receive the vaccine are:

 Critical and high-risk workers – such as emergency services workers, Australian Defence Force personnel and licenced meat and seafood processing workers

· Adults with specified underlying health conditions, or severe mental health conditions · Disability services workers and carers of

people with a disability, both paid and unpaid · Paid and unpaid carers of people who are

over 70, or who have specified underlying medical conditions

· Public-facing transport workers, including public transport, taxi and rideshare drivers (from May 24)

To view the full list of specified underlying health conditions under the Commonwealth's eligibility criteria, visit health.gov. au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/phase-1b.

More information about locations, vaccine and walk-in access is available at coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine.

To make a booking at the Wonthaggi mass vaccination centre, call 1800 675 398.

Vaccination clinic snapshot

- The community clinic is at the Wonthaggi Town Hall.
- The clinic will open in the week commencing 24 May 2021
- The clinic will be open Monday,

Tuesday and Friday each week 9.30am -3pm (subject to change).

- Bookings open. Call 1800 675 398.
- 'Walk-in' appointments will not be possible in the first week of operation.





Council unmoved by residents' pleas

Bass Coast Shire Council is standing firm on its decision to remove the dust suppressant seal from The Esplanade in Surf Beach.

CEO Ali Wastie said the seal is due to be removed on June 1.

She's rejected claims by residents that removing the seal will expose them to increased health risks.

"In 2020 the Assessments and Advice Environmental Public Health Team at Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria reviewed the product sourced for road making at Bass Coast.

"The assessment concluded the health risk to residents from occasional exposure to road dust would be considered low," Ms Wastie said.

She said the removal of the seal was in line with Council's management strategy.

"The application of dust suppressant seals were undertaken as a trial in Bass Coast Shire between 2005 and 2007.

"These seals were designed to be low cost and temporary, as minimal preparation was undertaken on the subgrade and base materials to keep costs low.

"At the end of the trial in 2010, an analysis was undertaken on the various treatments. This investigation found that the seal was not sustainable over the long term. A management strategy was adopted by Council in August 2013 to resolve this. This has triggered the works to remove remaining dust suppression seals."

Ms Wastie said the roads which were part of the trial program were all in differing condition levels.

"The roads which are being rehabilitated to pre-trial conditions have reached end-of-life condition, which requires Council's intervention to meet service targets."

Resident Lou Percora received an email from council officers in response to his concerns about the



With dust suppressant already removed from The Esplanade in Sunderland Bay, Council is set to remove the suppressant from the Surf Beach section of the road at the start of June. Residents of Sunderland Bay say they've been engulfed in dust since the suppressant on their road was ripped up five years ago.

health impacts of a crushed rock surface.

The officer also quoted the EPA assessment and said council had maintained a consistent approach to all roads involved in the dust suppressant trial, "with regard to maintenance and eventual removal".

The letter also confirmed consultation on the Special Charge Scheme project was due to start this year. Lou described the response as "un-

believable". "They still maintain their standard reply – what does it take for them to act responsibly?" he said. With the road due to be ripped up next month, the Advertiser asked if there was a process in place to alleviate dust issues for residents, such as a water truck to keep dust levels low, especially in summer.

"With water being a scarce resource and roads drying out very quickly on hot days, this practice is not viable," Ms Wastie said.

"Any spraying of water on the roads is limited to when the road is graded during summer or when additional crushed rock is first added to the road.

"In hotter months grading is lim-

ited as much as possible as this can lead to more fine material settling on the surface of the road and therefore increasing the amount of dust experienced by residents."

She acknowledged residents' concerns about increased traffic in the area and said further counts and monitoring would be undertaken along The Esplanade as part of the upcoming roads and drainage upgrade.

Special charge scheme

Residents of The Esplanade have asked for the dust suppressant seal

to remain in place while the consultation for a Special Charge Scheme in the area is undertaken.

Consultation is due to start this year.

However Ms Wastie said the decision to remove the seal wouldn't be reviewed.

Residents Rod Chapman and Lou Pecora are vocal critics of the council's actions, which they say are at odds with the objectives of its own Urban Drainage Policy.

They also say under the current system, it could take up to 100 years to seal the remaining unsealed urban roads in the shire.

"What about starting to think creatively about solutions to the problem," said Rod.

"On the current track, it will take decades to achieve. What about innovative solutions?"

Ms Wastie said Council would continue to investigate other options for funding the drainage and road upgrade projects.

"With increased growth in local areas, Council is investigating any opportunities for support from state and Federal governments to fund future upgrades.

"The rate at which upgrades can occur is currently constrained by funding available."

With no firm date for when the consultation will start, Rod and Lou are not confident enough residents will support the scheme to upgrade the roads.

"At the end of the day, I'd be happy with it. But I don't think it will get up here," Rod admitted.

"We have dozens and dozens of cars and tourists buses every day. "Two streets to the north of The Es-

planade, with five cars driving along it a day, and no direct wind off the ocean, it's a different situation.

"I can't see people in quieter streets voting for it. In which case you say, will we ever get a solution?"







The site of the new fire station on Ventnor Road, which will feature four motor room bays for fire trucks, a breathing apparatus maintenance room, meeting rooms, kitchen and offices.

CFA's new station underway

new \$2.2 million fire station has started on Ventnor Road and is expected to be finished by spring.

A CFA spokesperson told the Advertiser last week the new station will feature four motor room bays for fire trucks, a breathing apparatus maintenance room, meeting rooms, kitchen and offices.

The $6400m^2$ land at 110 Ventnor Road, west of McKenzie Road, was purchased three years ago by the state government, with a planning permit last year detailing a fourvehicle 728 sqm building, covering about 10 per cent of the site.

The proposed fire station is ex-

Construction of Phillip Island's pected to receive about 200 call outs per year and will be run by volunteers only.

The permit stated there will be 25 parking spaces, and overflow parking, with training sessions on Tuesday and Sunday nights generally attracting 25 volunteers.

A flora and fauna assessment report last year showed the project would see the removal of 24 mature trees.

A traffic report included in the planning permit stated the twoway average annual daily traffic on Ventnor Road is about 2000 vehicles per day, and the fire station will "not adversely affect traffic conditions

on the adjacent road network". The CFA's current site on Settlement Road, where they have been based since the mid-1970s, is now "outdated" and run-down, with volunteers calling for a new station for several years.

The current site is owned by the CFA and will most likely be sold once the brigade has moved. The neighbouring SES building will remain in its current Settlement Road headquarters.

The brigade has been running a fundraiser - with sausage sizzles and a buy-a-brick campaign - to purchase equipment for the new station.

Dust suppressant dumped

As Bass Coast Shire faces ongoing resistance from residents about the removal of dust suppressant seals, another Gippsland council contin-ues rolling out a dust suppression program.

East Gippsland Council's dust suppression program has been de-scribed as "ongoing" and in 2018/19 the council's Operations Director said it included investigating heavier primer seals to see if it will achieve a longer lifespan.

However in Bass Coast, what residents describe as a successful dust suppressant program is being wound back.

Dust suppressant seals were ap-plied across Bass Coast as part of a trial between 2005 and 2007.

Surf Beach resident Rod Chapman said he's amazed by the council's de-cision to abandon the trial and rip up the remaining seals. "The reports of the day in 2006 de-

scribed it as a dust suppressant trial.

"Going into a trial, surely they entered with some objectives in mind. What were they trying to achieve?

"It certainly suppressed the dust, so presumably it was a success."

He believes the council failed to do any significant remediation work on roads that were part of the trial. His neighbour Lou Percora agrees.

"A light primer seal is meant to last no more than 12 months on a normal road," he said, stressing council should have applied another seal within five years of the original application.

They've neglected to do that, either by desire or incompetence," he said.

"I believe it was a policy: let the road deteriorate to a point so we can show we can't afford to put down another seal.'

Last week, Bass Coast CEO Ali Wastie told the Advertiser a management strategy adopted by Council in August 2013 triggered the works to remove the remaining dust suppressant seals.

Ms Wastie said an analysis of the trial in 2010 found "the seal was not sustainable over the long term".

Both men said when they've questioned the council decision, the response is always to fall back on the Urban Roads and Drainage Policy.

"The objectives in the policy are full of nice words, that say things like "improve liveability of built and natural environment"," said Rod.

"But when it gets down to it, it all just gets back to cost.

"It's more costly to have sealed roads, so they go back to crushed rock.

In January 2020, Council General Manager James Stirton said the cost to maintain the dust suppressant roads was "approximately six times that of an unsealed road".

Other residents in the area have also appealed unsuccessfully to council about continuing the dust suppressant program.

In January this year, Sunderland Bay resident Andrew Gott told the Advertiser he and other residents had repeatedly contacted council about the dust since the dust suppressant seal in front of his home was removed five years ago. "I've spoken to them about dust

suppression and the kind of products out there that are used by other shires.'

He's even gone as far as purchasing a dust suppressant called Rain-storm and applying it to the road out the front of his house and inviting council officers to come and view the results.

"I tried it in front of my block and it does stop the dust, but I can't do the whole street.

"If a car comes down, all this dust is swirling across, but as soon as it comes to the Rainstorm patch, it stops - there's no dust coming off the tyres."

In the past 18 months, dust suppressant seals have also been removed from roads in Smiths Beach and Sunset Strip.

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No straight solution for pathway issue

Bass Coast Shire Council has responded to concerns from a resident of Shearwater Estate in Cowes about safety issues on a council managed nature strip.

In a recent letter to the editor, resident Madeleine Pitt raised concerns after council's maintenance team taped off a patch of grass at the junction of Shelly Court and Shoalhaven Roads.

Madeleine said the area was a busy access point for pedestrians, cyclists, golf carts, joggers and dog walkers and the grassed area alongside the path was often used to avoid collisions or when the pathway was crowded.

"The footpath across this point is short, but has two sharp 90 degree turns," she wrote.

"The path is bordered on one side by a high fence which blocks any visibility for the users of the path to see oncoming 'traffic'

'The other side of the path is bordered by sturdy poles which pushbikes etc., can duck through to avoid an apparent collision should the need arise."

Taping off the area was "creating an unsafe junction" she said.

Bass Coast CEO Ali Wastie said council officers had met with residents on site to discuss the issue.

"Due to safety concerns, we will continue our installation of a garden bed and install some thick twisted rope barriers in between the existing timber bollards to discourage pedestrians, cyclists and other motorised vehicles from moving across the grassed area and encourage users to use the footpath and approved crossing points," she said.

We believe the maritime style rope barrier will be in keeping with the estate and Cowes in general. We will also trim the shrubs next to the path to improve sight lines in this area.'

However, Madeleine remains unimpressed. "This lovely, modern estate now has a barricaded anachronism representing town intelligent solution that reflects the needs of all residents."



planning from the last century. We need an The two sharp 90 degree turns in the footpath create visibility issues said resident Madeleine Pitt and should be replaced with a short, straight path. However council has confirmed it will continue work to install a garden bed at the intersection.



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An independent expert panel appointed to review the Wildlife Act 1975 is calling for public submissions.

The Act, which protects and conserves wildlife, has not been reviewed since it became law more than 45 years ago.

Visit Engage Victoria to read the issues paper and provide a general comment or a written submission by Wednesday, June 9.

Inclusivity grants

Applications are open for the 2021 Building Disability Inclusive Businesses and Community Organisations Grant Program.

Bass Coast Shire Council is offering grants of up to \$1000 to increase the accessibility of local businesses or community organisations for customers, visitors, members or employees with disability.

Eligible business or community organisations must be located in Bass Coast.

Applications close at 5pm on Friday, 25 June. For more information, or to download the ap-

plication form, visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ access, or contact Council's Access and Healthy Ageing Officer on 1300 BCOAST (226 278), (03) 5671 2211.

Sports grants

Applications are open for the Together More Active program.

Funding of up to \$120,000 per year is available over two years for all recognised state sporting associations, sport and active recreation bodies and regional academies of sport, for programs that support participation or build resilience and capacity.

Grants are also available to support sustainability and increase inclusive participation in sport.

For more information visit *sport.vic.gov.au*/ grants-and-funding.

Tell Gippsland PHN about dementia

Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) is continuing to work with Monash University to learn more about dementia in Gippsland.

Phase 2 of the project includes a survey that uses the information from interviews conducted during the first phase of the project in 2020.

In Gippsland, dementia is the second most common cause of death for women and the sixth most common cause of death for males. It is estimated that around 6000 people are currently living with dementia and that is expected to rise to around 22,000 people by 2050.

To access the survey and to read the summary findings from Phase 1 of the dementia project, go to the Gippsland PHN website at www.qphn. org.au/tell-gippsland-phn/. For more information or to be sent a copy of the survey, telephone (03) 5175 5444.

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Environmental volunteers grants

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Support grants of up to \$500 are also available for new and existing groups and networks to assist with operating costs for Landcare and environmental volunteering across the state. Applications close 5pm Wednesday June 16. For more information go to *environment.vic.gov*. au/grants/vlg



Members of the Phillip Island Golf Club were delighted to accept a cheque for \$3800 for paint and products to spruce up the exterior of the Clubhouse, from David Fusinato, owner of Haymes Paint Shop in Cowes. David (second left) is with (from right) Mark Jamieson (Club president) John Hannon (Board member) and Ross Payne (Club secretary).



Haymes Paint Shop Cowes owner David Fusinato (right) presents Phillip Island Cricket Club President Daniel Mc-Causland with a Helping Hand cheque for \$1250.

"Helping Hand l**aymes lends a**

Island Golf Club is about to be given a spruce up, thanks to a generous donation of paint from the Cowes Haymes Paint Shop

Back in February, Haymes Paints invited local businesses to take part in a statewide Haymes Helping Hand Project, an initiative it ran following the Covid lockdown to help local businesses in their area freshen up as they opened their doors and returned to regular trading.

Every Haymes Paint Shop in the state invited local businesses to nominate for the chance to win one of three prizes each had on offer, of not only paint, but volunteers to help get the painting job done.

The winners were selected by popular vote on social me-dia, with the Phillip Island Golf Club last week.

The exterior of the Phillip Club taking out the first prize of paint valued at \$3800; and the second and third awards of \$1250 each going to the Phillip Island Bowling Club and the Phillip Island Cricket Club.

Phillip Island Golf Club president Mark Jamieson was thrilled with the win and said the prize will be used to render and paint the west hall of the Club House, which he said would make a huge difference to the entrance to the Clubhouse.

The work was overdue, Mark said.

The offer of volunteer painters to lend a hand to get the job done, made by David Fusinato, proprietor of Haymes Paint Shop in Cowes, was very much appreciated, Mark said, as he thanked David at a special presentation ceremony held at the



Phillip Island Bowling Club accept a cheque for the purchase of paint from Haymes Paint Shop in Cowes. The Bowling Club was equal runner up with the Phillip Island Cricket Club in the Haynes Helping Hand project, with each club winning \$1250 to freshen up their premises with a coat of paint. At the presentation, made by Haymes Paint Shop Cowes owner David Fusinato (centre) are Bowling Club members George Mol, Wayne Barr, Chris Fricke and Sam Casia.

Rail trail repair

Audika

A section of the Bass Coast Rail Trail at Kilcunda, near the Lionel Rose car park, will be realigned this month, due to ongoing damage caused by coastal erosion.

The \$32,000 project is being funded by Bass Coast Shire Council and work will start during the week ending May 14. It's expected to take four weeks to complete.

The project involves diverting 155 metres of the trail inland, which means the works will require the removal of

some vegetation. However the council has advised new vegetation will be planted along the edge of the new trail.

The project will also include modification of the existing timber stairs leading from the

Lionel Rose car park to match up with the realignment of the Rail Trail, the construction of a timber retaining wall, relocation of a timber bench seat and post and wire fence works.

"The Rail Trail will remain open for all users while these works are underway, however some traffic and pedestrian control measures may be required," a council spokesperson said.

"Council understands that these works may present an inconvenience to the community and Rail Trail users and asks

for patience during these times." Bass Coast Shire Mayor. Cr Brett Tessari said this realignment is a short-term response to the ongoing coastal erosion impacting on this section of the trail.

"Council is currently overseeing an options analysis that will inform the response to erosion in the longer-term," Cr Tessari said.

'This includes an investigation into the coastal processes which are influencing erosion at this site. This project will be completed at the end of June."

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Audika Cowes Open Day



Councillor back on the job after stroke recovery

Bass Coast Shire council lor Ronnie Bauer has warned blokes not to be complacent about their health, describing his recovery from stroke as a "second chance at life".

Ronnie - who will today (Wednesday) take part in the council meeting – spoke to the Advertiser last week, after getting out of rehabilitation following a stroke while walking his dog on Cowes west beach in early April.

"This has definitely been a warning not to be compla-

cent," Cr Bauer said. "A stroke can kill you and I was just lucky enough the clot was small. But I'm taking it as a warning, a shot across the bow." Cr Bauer said he had undergone two hours of daily physio while in hospital and was still undertaking several hours a week.

He said his physiotherapist had commented he had made "a remarkable recovery" in just under a month, with recovery usually taking many months.

"I'm pretty determined. "I'm 95-98 per cent back to where I was. The biggest legacy is stroke fatigue, where the brain gets sleepy because it has to work so hard to make the muscles work again. So I just rest until it passes."

He admitted that before the stroke, he had been complacent about his own health, not having seen the doctor since before Covid-19, acknowledging that he had been overweight and sedentary.

Now, however, he said he was transforming his diet, cutting out alcohol in order to reduce calorie intake, avoiding processed foods such as white bread and carbs, while also exercising again with bike riding. "Before this I knew I was overweight but thought I'll

give up beer later. Men tend to put their heads in the sand. "Just before the stroke I got

tinnitus, ringing in my ears, ferred to Melbourne.



part in this week's council meeting, after recovering from a stroke in early April.

but now I've been on blood pressure pills it has stopped. So I only know now it was a warning.

'My goal is to lose 15kg through eating well and exercise, and I'm now educated on my blood pressure numbers."

Cr Bauer said he would return to council work this week after the four-week absence and would focus on the Island Ward rather than the whole shire for the immediate future.

He added that his work in his Melbourne CBD jewellery store had in the past been the most stressful part of his life.

"I'd work there until 9-10pm into the evening but now I'll stop at 7pm. If I don't finish everything in one day, I'll leave it to the next day.

"It's about being balanced, taking a breather.'

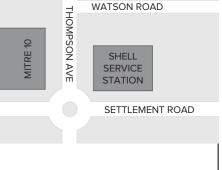
Stroke

Ronnie said he was walking near the Anderson boat ramp on April 12 when he found it difficult to walk and dropped to his knees.

"I knew if I didn't get down I'd fall down because I lost control of my legs and then I realised my left arm wasn't working and it must be a stroke," he said.

He called his wife Nancie, who called the ambulance and was then taken to Wonthaggi Hospital, before being trans-

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A second chance for three little penguins washed ashore

Three little penguins have been given a second chance at life after being washed ashore along the Mornington Peninsula in recent wild weather.

On April 12, hundreds of fledgling chicks were reported washed up on Phillip Island and other Victorian beaches after severe weather conditions.

While it is a natural occurrence for the time of year, with only 18 per cent of penguin chicks surviving their first year of life, it was a distressing sight.

But after being transferred from a nearby shelter and cared for at the Phillip Island Nature Parks wildlife rehabilitation clinic, three of the birds were released last week.

"Once the birds had gained enough weight and were able to pass the 'swim-test' to ensure that they had reached the all-important waterproof stage, they were ready for release over a couple of days last week," said Jodi Bellett, Wildlife Rehabilitation Ranger with Phillip Island Nature Parks.

"It is so pleasing to see these little penguins getting a second chance after their rough start. "Although they were a little unsure at first

when emerging from their box, they quickly did what comes naturally and headed straight back into the water."

The birds were microchipped before being released, which helps Phillip Island Nature Parks to build a history of individual penguins and track any trends across the colony.



After being washed ashore during recent wild weather and then cared for at the Nature Parks wildlife rehabilitation clinic, last week three little penguins were released back into the ocean.





\$52m pool proposed for Cowes Does size matter in a pool?

There are currently three outdoor

swimming pools within the shire. lo-

cated at Primary Schools, including

There are three commercial learn

The 2020/21 shire budget allocated

Otium Planning in 1996 wrote the

first feasibility study for the Phillip Is-

land Aquatic centre, paid for by state

Earlier this year the shire was be-

lieved to have paid \$2.7 million for

the purchase of the carnival land - at

the intersection of Phillip Island and

Ventnor roads - for the creation of a

32-hectare sports hub, including the

The feasibility study states the mas-

ter plan of the proposed Phillip Island

Recreational Reserve would be a

"separate piece of work scheduled for

Sporting groups last year said they

were "desperate" for expanded facili-

ties, including Phillip Island Football

and Netball Club's Chris Ross, who

said they had more than 460 footy

members and 160 netball members

who can't all fit on the current Cowes

\$2.8m for creating an aquatic centre

business case and planning.

to swim pools in the shire, including two on Phillip Island.

one at Cowes

Sports hub

government.

aquatic centre.

future years".

oval

From page 1

However, the council agenda - to be voted on tonight - includes two sports courts (but no squash courts) as part of the proposed overall project.

\$93 million lobbying

The Bass Coast Aquatic Leisure Centre Redevelopment Feasibility Study recommends a \$41 million new pool for Wonthaggi, with the current pool built in 1975.

The study recommends Wonthaggi's pool be upgraded from 25m x six lanes to 25m x 10 lanes, with a larger gym, new spa and sauna. The current indoor sports courts will not be included in the new design because a three-court indoor sports stadium was built at the Wonthaggi Secondary College in 2020.

Bass Coast Shire is expected to lobby both state and Federal governments for the combined Cowes and Wonthaggi costs of \$93 million.

Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund has for three decades lobbied for a community pool and as recently as last month opposed the shire combining the two aquatic projects.

However PIACF president Don Turner last week told the Advertiser they had reversed their previous opposition to the shire's proposal to seek joint funding, acknowledging the shire would not seek grants for the island alone.

'The committee is comfortable with council going ahead to seek funding for both centres," Don said.

But if this funding was unsuccessful "it would be up to councillors to vote on which gets the funding".

'Our committee will be working with council in seeking funding for both centres," he confirmed.

Costs

Base modelling shows the Cowes centre (stages one and two) is expected to operate in deficit in year one to vear five, break even in year six and then operate at an annual surplus from year seven. This is based on at-



The masterplan for the proposed aquatic centre and indoor sports courts on the corner of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads. sult in member dissatisfaction."

tendances rising from 290,000 in year one to a high of 320,000 in year ten.

In contrast, "optimistic" modelling shows the centre would have an \$18,000 deficit in its first year and then operate in surplus, with attendances rising from 319,000 in year one to a high of 352,000 in year ten. "Conservative" modelling shows an annual operating deficit for all years between \$517,000 to \$237,000, based on attendances of 261,000 in year one to a high of 289,000 in year ten.

YMCA

The feasibility study analysed operational costs of the Phillip Island Leisure Centre, off Church Street Cowes, managed by the YMCA (who has a management contract with council until June 30 this year).

YMCA annual statistics show total attendances decreased from 173.848 in '17/18 to 158,792 in '18/19, while the centre's operating deficit has been increasing annually and was at \$331,000 in '18/19.

"The current floor space would see the area suitable to meet the needs of 320 members to 480 members. The memberships base in March '19/20 was 691 which is above the theoretical capacity of the gym area and equipment," the study states.

"This over subscription of members use of the area may be leading to overcrowding at peak times which may re-

Last year the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund – which has been lobbying for a community pool for three decades - completed their own master plan, which recommended a 50-metre pool.

Planning However, Otium Group's new feasibility study said many aquatic centres in Australia were financially unsustainable because they had not been sized for current and future populations.

"Industry benchmarking for example indicates you need a 70,000 to 100,000 population catchment to attract enough users to help pay the operational costs of a 50-metre pool due to its high staffing, services and maintenance costs," the feasibility study states.

The study states Cowes' centre would cater for a likely catchment of 14,000 people increasing to 18,000 residents by 2036.

"At say an upper catchment of 20,000 people (including tourists) this is still well below the 70,000 plus population catchment required for a sustainable 50-metre pool and therefore we recommend an eight lane short course pool for this facility.

"From a long-term best practice planning perspective we would recommend that Council design the facility and place it on site to enable the potential future extension of the 25m competition pool to a 50m pool (as has been also planned at Wonthaggi)."

In 2016 there were 13,603 people living in the catchment zone of the Cowes aquatic centre, projected to increase to 17,774 by 2036.

Pool heating: all hot air?

Phillip Island's proposed aquatic centre could be heated with geothermal water, sourced from deep underground.

Bass Coast Shire commissioned consultants hydrogeological Rockwater to map the geothermal potential for both the proposed Cowes and Wonthaggi aquatic centres, with pool water and air heating likely to form the bulk of energy consumption.

"Where possible geothermal system installation can substantially reduce the cost of this energy while also returning significant environmental and emission benefits and savings," the study said.

The prefeasibility study found the Cowes site - on the corner of Phillip Island Road and Ventnor Road - is underlain by about 70 metres of tertiary rocks of the Mornington Volcanic Group, with the depth to water likely to be 10 metres to 20 metres below ground level.

Underneath that is likely volcanic sediments, and these are thought to be then underlain by the basement rocks of the Woolamai granite, "which has been able to produce water at about 40C

Cowes' aquatic centre will likely need a total heating load of 1950 to 2000KW, which could be supplied by four complex types of geothermal systems, according to the Rockwater study, including deep boreholes, heat pumps and heat exchangers.

"All of these concepts have advantages and disadvantages and were rated having compatible geology with high potential to be developed at Phillip Island."

The study recommends further research to determine the best value for money and return on investment.

Other energy efficient systems to be explored include solar power and the use of shading and natural ventilation.



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Phillip Island's tractor collector

Ian McFee remembers the days he could drive his tractor on the main road from Rhyll to Churchill Island - for a hay baling job - and not encounter any traffic.

These days, though, the 72-year-old fourth generation Phillip Islander says there are a lot more cars to contend with.

"They're all impatient and when I'm on the road on my tractor carting firewood, for instance, they all just want to get past me in a hurry, even on bends or crests.'

And Ian has a lot of tractors to drive, although they're not all roadworthy.

All up he has a vintage tractor collection of just under 20, housed on his 23-acre sheep farm overlooking Western Port.

Ian-who has four grandchildren, who are the sixth-generation islanders - grew up on a dairy and chicory farm on McFees Road in Rhyll.

'You know where the gun club is now, on the land to the left there.'

He says he was three years old when he first determined he wanted to buy a Fordson tractor.

"My earliest memories are of dad (Malcolm) working the draft horses and me sitting on the superspreader.

"My uncle had a Fordson. Ever since I was big enough to know about tractors, about three years of age, I wanted to own one.'

He went to Cowes Primary when it was on the corner of Church Street and Thompson Avenue and then Wonthaggi Tech, but left school early. He worked as a labourer to earn enough mon-

ey to buy his first tractor at the age of 16.

Ian then ran a tractor contracting business doing agricultural work and earth moving, including working for the old Phillip Island Shire.

"I do it all: back-hoeing, hay baling, slashing, clearing gorse, cleaning dams, ploughing and



Ian with his 1948 Fordson major, part of his 20 strong vintage tractor collection.

making house foundations," says Ian who continues to work full-time around the island, but has slowed a little because of a crook hip and leg.

"I don't think there's a farm property on this island I haven't worked on.'

Chicory

From 1964 to 1971 he also grew chicory, which was used as a coffee supplement and supplied to the likes of manufacturers Bushells and Nestle.

"I would cut a lot of wood too, which we needed to run the kiln to dry the chicory. We'd use about three tonnes of wood to dry a tonne of chicory and we'd farm about six acres of chicory a year. He farmed chicory with his brother Jimmy, who went on to be one of the island's last chico-



Employees of the Commonwealth Bank in Cowes donated \$500 to the PICAL Foodbank. At the cheque presentation, from left to right: Michelle McKenzie - PICAL Pantry Coordinator, Lisa Potts – Branch Manager, Lyn Sheerin – Senior Home Lending Specialist, Jen Car-roll – PICAL Operations Coordinator and Kate Doolan – Customer Service Specialist.

Comm Bank backs PI Employees of the Commonwealth Bank ongoing challenges as a result of the coro-

Cowes branch have donated \$500 to the navirus pandemic, so it's important to us to PICAL Foodbank, as part of a national community donation program.

To help drive positive change in local communities, the Commonwealth Bank pledged Branch Manager. to donate \$500,000 nationally, to recognise those organisations that make a difference

give back to local organisations who continue to do good work within our community,' said Lisa Potts, Commonwealth Bank Cowes

"We are pleased to support PICAL Foodbank, in particular the great work they do feeding the less fortunate in the community "It's great to be able to support them in this great work."

ry farmers, finishing in 1985 (Jimmy now lives in Melaleuca Lodge in Cowes).

He bought and sold tractors about every five years and now only retains one bought 30 years ago: a second-hand Fordson super major (1963).

Most of his tractors he has bought as part of his vintage collection. The oldest is a 1937 Fordson, which still re-

tains singe marks on the magneto cap from the Ash Wednesday bushfires, thanks to a previous owner. His favourite is a 1968 Fordson dexta and his most modern is an A82 Valtra, made in Finland, while his 1943 Massey Harris once belonged to the Phillip Island Cooperative Society, a group of farmers who bought and shared agricultural equipment after the war.

Ian also makes DIY farm equipment.

"Like so many farmers, I think I make it better than you can buy.

"I made a dozer blade 36 years ago and it still works just as well. Whereas I had a couple of manufactured ones and they never did the same job. They would always lose their bolts."

He is a member of three tractor clubs, including both the Australian Ferguson and Fordson clubs, as well as the Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Club.

"A few years back I had my 1950 Grey Ferguson (pictured on page 1) trucked up on a semi to Birdsville and joined a group of vintage tractor enthusiasts driving from Birdsville to Alice Springs. It took about 10 days and most of it was on sand.'

Every year he takes part in competitions with the West Gippsland Ploughing Association (vintage class).

"There's a lot to know about it to do it properly - the straightness, burying the vegetable matter, consistency of depth, knowing your machine and adjusting for steepness, roughness and uneven or deep grass."

Ian says he fears for the future of farming on the island, with high land values making it "impossible" to buy land for traditional farming.

There are not many serious farmers left here now. In the '50s there were about 30 dairy farmers and now there's one, who is probably milking the same amount of cows as those 30 were seven decades ago.

"I think it will be hobby farms in the future or retreats for city people with lots of money, unless people inherit land. "It's nice soil here, not ideal for dairy but good fat lamb country.

New fine for businesses flouting **QR Code requirements**

Victorian businesses found intentionally flouting the Chief Health Officer's rules such as the requirement to use QR Code systems - will be slapped with a new \$1652 onthe-spot fine.

The government has said venues and facilities are required to maintain an electronic record-keeping system for all visitors - which is critical for ensuring quick contact tracing in the event of a new coronavirus case, as we have seen this week.

After a Victorian man was diagnosed with COVID-19 after returning from hotel quarantine in South Australia, the state government has been racing to identify the man's close contacts.

"As we've seen this week, it's essential every Victorian checks in when visiting a business, to help contact tracers quickly find those who could be at risk of coronavirus exposure," said Acting Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Danny Pearson.

"While most businesses are doing the right thing, those who aren't are letting down every Victorian who has sacrificed to get us where we are today.

"This new on-the-spot \$1652 fine sends a clear message that we will not tolerate any business ignoring its responsibility to help Victoria stay safe and stay open."

Blitz

During the Government's three-week CO-VIDSafe Blitz in April, more than 4000 hospitality and retail businesses were checked for compliance across metropolitan and regional Victoria.

More than 165 enforcement notices were issued throughout the operation and a further 300 verbal warnings - with common issues including failure to use QR codes, no COVID-Safe Plan and no density quotient signage. Enforcement checks over the past week alone continue to show a worrying trend of complacency, with 37 per cent of businesses visited flagged as non-compliant with QR Code check-in rules. The government said the new on-the-spot fine allows Authorised Officers to issue an immediate penalty to deter businesses from intentionally ignoring Chief Health Officer rules and putting Victoria's hard-won gains at risk. Authorised officers will be out and about throughout May and June, targeting compliance with record-keeping and QR code requirements. Businesses not doing the right thing will be issued with the \$1652 fine, along with an Improvement Notice which triggers a follow up visit. Where there are repeated breaches, a further \$9913 fine can be issued and businesses may be prosecuted in court for continued, bla-



To help with contact tracing, "it's essential every Victorian checks in when visiting a business," said Acting Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Danny Pearson. Businesses who intentionally flout the requirement to use the QR Code System face a \$1652 fine.

to the communities in which they operate.

Each branch was allocated \$500 to donate to important causes in their local community.

The Cowes team voted to use the money to support the great work of PICAL's Foodbank.

"Many communities across Australia face Coordinator.

At a special presentation, accepting on behalf of PICAL was Pantry Coordinator Michelle McKenzie and Jen Carroll, Operations

EPA sessions to learn about the new EP Act

Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) from July 1, the EPA will be hosting an information session for business and the community on June 1.

The new laws make protecting the environment everyone's responsibility and are the most far-reaching reforms in the space in 50 years.

EPA staff will be on hand to help people understand how they are affected and what they

With new laws set to transform Environment can do to contribute to the ongoing health of the environment.

> The session will be held at the Bass Coast Shire Council offices at 76 McBride Avenue in Wonthaggi from 10am - 3pm on Tuesday, June 1.

Council officers will also be available to help with local business opportunities.

To read more about the new EPA laws go http://www.epa.vic.gov.au

tant or wilful non-compliance with the rules. This approach will ensure the focus continues to be on helping businesses to follow the rules, while still enforcing fines on blatant breaches. The new fine bolsters the mandatory switch to the free Victorian Government QR Code Service through the Service Victoria app from 28 May 2021.

More than 91,000 Victorian organisations have signed up for the free Victorian Government QR Code Service across 125,000 different locations - with more than 21.5 million check-ins - an average of 280,000 a day.

Earlier this month, Bass Coast Shire Council announced it received \$60,000 from the state government to employ Covid Business Support officers.

The officers will help businesses to comply with CovidSafe requirements such as checking in, physical distancing and cleaning.



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Bass Coast supports reconciliation and acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land and waters on which we live, work and learn, the Bunurong. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.















Faith in their future

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College was founded to proclaim Jesus' message of God's love for all. Equally, enjoying school and being engaged in learning

Our Catholic faith calls us to embrace the contemporary world with a Catholic imagination and hope-filled view of the human person and all of creation. The staff at the College invite students to make sense of their world and their lives within a faith community that is faithful to the mission and message of Jesus.

The capacity to navigate the current landscape - to learn together, to work from evidence, to animate and support our learners – presents the staff with great opportunities and exhilarating challenges. Our staff meet these opportunities and challenges with courage, faith and hope for every student.

The community of Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College has a strong focus on Student Wellbeing. This is supported by a shared vision and range of programs whereby we strive to ensure everyone feels safe and well cared for throughout their educational journey

The College acknowledges that feeling comfortable at school and being happy and healthy has a direct impact on each student's capacity for optimal influences a student's wellbeing in particular their confidence and resilience.

The relationship between wellbeing and learning is critical to the development of the whole person and why the college chooses to focus on the holistic development of our students. Students are supported and motivated to develop their strengths, grow and learn from challenges and complexities and develop safe and respectful relationships.

Ensuring the holistic development and establishment of safe and respectful relationships sees our students well placed in Take Ownership, Make Connections, Think Deeply and Be Courageous in all facets of their academic, spiritual, social and emotional development.

This past week has seen the first classes take place in our new \$4.5 million Senior School building where our Year 11 and 12 students and staff share this innovative learning precinct to work together and create positive learning experiences. The Senior building is surrounded by outdoor landscaping that provides the students and staff with a contemporary space.



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Every student valued

Kindness and acceptance are at the heart of education at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cowes. Since opening four years ago with just 18 stu-

dents, enrolments have steadily grown to 89. However while the school may have expanded, the culture of the school remains unchanged.

'We have kept that family feel," Principal Cathy Blackford said.

"By focusing on each student's strengths and taking the time to get to know each child, we can adapt to their needs.

'We value each of our students and are accepting of all faiths and abilities.

Cathy said parents and children thrive in the welcoming environment created by the staff, which has a focus on the importance of respect.

When the school's stage two development is completed by mid-year, it will have the capacity for up to 180 students.

But it's not just the beautifully designed new buildings that provide a fantastic educational experience for the students.

Educational outdoor areas include a biodiversity area, vegetable gardens, a large sandpit, ovals and playing courts.

Looking after the environment is a key part of the school's approach.

'That's why science is a specialist subject for us, and the kids are outside every day."

The Pope has said we are to be stewards of the earth and we're teaching them to value our unique environment," Cathy explained.

Alongside the environmental focus, the school provides the standard Victorian cur-



Our Lady Star of the Sea Prep class with the beans grown in their Jack in the Beanstalk garden. riculum, as well as science, art, music, drama Grade 4 in literacy," Cathy said.

and digi-tech.

The school's designated second language is French and it takes a novel, school-wide approach to the subject.

"Instead of just doing one class a week, we learn French together - all the students and staff for 15 minutes every day," Cathy explained.

The school offers a stand-alone prep class, and composite classes for Years 1/2, 3/4 and 5/6. There is also the capacity for students to work

outside their standard grade. "For instance, catering for individual needs,

we might have a Grade 2 student working with

Most importantly, the school provides an accepting and tolerant environment, allowing children to thrive and grow.

"I've had parents say to me, our children don't have to change to come to you - you change for our children," Cathy said.

"Our school delivers the values of the Gospel compassion, understanding and to love one another.'

Our Lady Star of the Sea is located at 6 Cowes-Rhyll Road, Cowes.

Please ring the office and speak to Alison on 5951 1700 if you would like a tour.



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Alongside the environmental focus, the school provides the standard Victorian curriculum, as well as science, art (enjoyed here by Rylan and Madeleine), music, drama and digi-tech.



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As we celebrate dedicated volunteers in National Volunteers Week, we talk to local volunteers who are making a real difference in people's lives.

From raising funds, to working alongside emergency services, preparing meals, reading with children, and monitoring wildlife, the work of volunteers is a vital part of what makes our world go round.

Nature Parks recognises resilient volunteers

National Volunteer Week, Phillip Island Nature Parks recognises the resilience of its wonderful volunteers who, each and every day, reconnect with the Nature Parks to work with us to reimagine the future of protecting nature for wildlife.

This year's theme of Recognise, Reconnect and Reimagine is a perfect way to acknowledge the significant role that volunteers play in every aspect of the Nature Parks, said Helen Masters, Phillip Island Nature Parks Volunteer Coordinator.

In 2019-2020, the Nature Parks was supported by 303 volunteers who contributed 13,310 hours in conservation and visitor experience outcomes and the program was short-listed for two State Awards.

Volunteers assist the Nature Parks' Conservation team through wildlife rescue and rehabilitation and helping with monitoring of threatened species such as Eastern Barred Bandicoots.

"Our Visitor Experience volunteers are always smiling and stationed across each of our attractions - Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Reserve, The Nobbies Centre Antarctic Journey and Churchill Island Heritage Farm - ready and eager to share their wealth of knowledge with you," Helen said.

Turn the Tide volunteers also make a significant contribution in the fight against marine debris collecting, sorting and analysing tens of thousands of pieces of rubbish monthly. Volunteers at the Barb Mar-

Volunteers assist the Nature Parks' Conservation team through wildlife rescue and rehabilitation and helping with monitoring of threatened species such as Eastern Barred Bandicoots and the Hooded Plovers.

tin Bushbank collect and propagate seeds for revegetation, continuing Barb's legacy to establish, preserve and defend Phillip Island's indigenous flora and wildlife habitats.

The Nature Parks acknowledged the enormous contribution of Anne Davie who was a founding member of the Bushbank and recently retired after 23 years of volunteer service.

Dedicated surfers also contribute their time to the Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve and Volunteers support Friends of Churchill Island Society and Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Coast Action Group.

Volunteering for all abilities

"We are proud to offer volunteer opportunities for people of all abilities through a collaboration with Interchange Gippsland. Currently, nine Interchange Volunteers help us at Churchill Island and col-

lecting and sorting marine debris." said Helen.

Dale Olierook has been volunteering with the Nature Parks since March 2021.

"I love working for the Nature Parks because it's always different. I get to have new experiences, spend time with the animals and walk the dogs. My favourite animal is Rip, the Red Kelpie on Churchill Island," said Dale.

We just want to say a big thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who play a vital role and are looking forward to welcoming new volunteers everyone is welcome and together we can achieve great things," said Helen.

If you'd like to dip your toes in the conservation field or want to spend time out in nature with likeminded others, you can view the Nature Parks volunteer programs at www.penguins.org.au/about/volunteer

heartbeat of PICAL

for a variety of reasons. For Gay Findlay, who volunteers in PICAL's Women Connect, the opportunity to volunteer meant getting the chance to make a difference in local women's lives.

"It's so rewarding to be part of such a caring, supportive space where there's always time for a smile, a cuppa and some really practical help," she said.

As well as positively impact-ing the lives of others, volunteering can develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge.

Volunteers who commit four or more hours per week can attend pre-accredited Learn Local training programs free of charge. Pre-accredited programs are vocational training courses that provide a pathway to accredited training or employment and this term included courses in computers, barista training, horticulture and construction.

Job Seekers can also meet their mutual obligations by volunteering at PICAL.

"Volunteering is a great way to get back into the work force if you've had time away or need to build your confidence

People choose to volunteer or a variety of reasons. For Gay Findlay, who volunteers and skill set before applying for a job," said PICAL Man-ager Greg Thompson. McKenzie and Andy Daniels were recently awarded the 2020 RSL Community AN-

"It's also a valuable addition to your resume."

To improve the experience of volunteering at PICAL, new volunteers are introduced to the centre through an induction process then "buddied" with another volunteer who supports them in their new role.

Volunteers can indicate their availability through an app downloaded on their phone and assist in a variety of ar-eas like the main reception or community garden, or for special events like the annual Christmas Hamper packing.

"We understand our volunteers need to balance their own commitments with the time they can offer at PICAL," said new Operations Officer Jen Carroll.

"By streamlining the volunteering process we can communicate where we need help on particular days and in what areas. Volunteers can then choose the times that work for them.

PICAL values and celebrates the achievements of volunteers. Two of PICAL's longest serving volunteers, Michelle ZAC Award for outstanding commitment to community service. Being recognised for their tireless contributions was a very proud moment for the whole PICAL family.

PICAL is overseen by a voluntary Committee of Management and Chairperson Jeff Floyd is an enthusiastic advocate of the benefits of volunteering.

"I have worked in volunteer roles for over 40 years, and I have gained as much as I have contributed, "says Jeff.

"Whether it's gardening, one-on-one support, making items to sell to raise funds, or serving on a charity board - if you contribute to something that you are passionate about everyone benefits.

"So, if you haven't volunteered yet, put up your hand and give it a try!'

On behalf of everyone at PICAL and in recognition of National Volunteers Week, we say thank you to the incredible PICAL volunteers for their dedication, compassion and invaluable contribution to our community.



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YOU

to all of our volunteers for your commitment and your passion.

You make a WORLD **OF DIFFERENCE**



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From assisting in the emergency food relief pantry to helping in reception or leading a social walking group, our volunteers are the life force of PICAL We thank them for their tireless commitment and dedication to our local community.

If you've been thinking about volunteering we'd love to hear from you!

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Firing on all cylinders

Phillip Island's Quarrell family is certainly fired up for CFA volunteering.

Dad, Terry, first began two decades ago, with his wife Sue starting soon after.

Daughter Bec began as a junior at the age of 11 and now at age 29 juggles volunteering with her partner Joe Myall, who is also a full-time firefighter.

"It is a way to give back to the community," says Bec, adding her brother for a time was also a CFA volunteer.

"It is important to help educate our communities about fire awareness and safety

"Even at a young age I enjoyed being a part of the CFA community, although as juniors we are not operational volunteers. We got to learn the same skills set from practical firefighting drills to first aid training and leadership development.'

Bec says she and the family first started volunteering in Mount Dandenong but transferred to Phillip Island CFA when they moved here about four years ago.

"Mount Dandenong was a bushfire prone area which made the summer season more intense. On the island we face different factors, such as a running grass fire."

The mother-of-one - who also works parttime – says having a partner who is a CFA volunteer makes the juggle easier.

"We make it work for us and fit it into our lives. We take it in turns, alternating who attends.

"If anyone is interested or passionate about becoming a volunteer, we always recommend they come along and check it out.

'We have different roles to suit people: operational and non-operational and they help like joining a family. The crew are always there with fundraising through to behind-the-



Phillip Island CFA volunteers Joe Mayall and his partner Bec Quarrell

scenes administration."

Bec says Phillip Island CFA currently has 40 operational members, 10 support, and five new recruits.

Training

New recruits take part in a five-month training program, run on the same days as regular brigade training: Sundays morning and Tuesday evening.

Recruits complete online and practical training with ongoing senior mentoring to help in he transition into operational activities.

Bec says in her 18 years of service she has learnt some valuable lessons including senior leadership skills, which were recently put to good use at a shop fire in Cowes, where about 30 firefighters spent more than three hours.

She says the CFA offers peer and welfare support if any member needs help.

"Everyone has each other's back, and no one goes through a situation on their own.

'When new members join, I like to explain it's to support you.

CFA volunteers celebrated this National Volunteer Week

CFA is celebrating its volunteers as part of National Volunteer Week, from May 17 until May 23.

The recognition comes following a challenging 2020 that saw Victorian volunteers front and centre due to bushfires and a global pandemic response.

CFA has more than 54,000 volunteers across more than 1,200 brigades in Victoria and is one of the world's largest volunteer emergency services.

Chief Officer Jason Heffernan, who was a volunteer firefighter himself, said it's an incredibly rewarding experience to give back to your community.

"The diversity of skills and expertise that our volunteers bring to their CFA roles bolsters their brigades and is a significant strength of the organisation.

"Our volunteers are tradies, lawyers, nurses and farmers. We're bakers, small or large business owners, and students.

"CFA is also about so much more than just firefighting. With volunteer roles such as community educators, health and safety specialists, or financial supporters, we're asking people if they can see themselves at CFA.'

This year's National Volunteer Week theme Recognise. Reconnect. Reimagine" calls for Australians to recognise the importance of volunteers, reconnect with our communities by giving our time, and reimagine how we can support our volunteers.

CO Heffernan recently completed a tour of Victoria to meet with volunteers across all 21 CFA Districts, and said he is immensely proud of CFA volunteers.

"Among the many benefits of the tour, it gave me the opportunity to personally thank our people for what they bring to CFA, and what they give back to their communities.

CFA Chief Executive Officer Natalie MacDon-



CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the "diversity of skills and expertise that our volunteers bring to their CFA roles bolsters their brigades and is a significant strength of the organisation".

ald said National Volunteer Week invites the entire Victorian community to join CFA in thanking volunteers for the fantastic work they do.

"This week, and every week, we thank our hard-working volunteers for the contributions they make to their local communities," said CEO MacDonald.

They sacrifice personal time with families and friends, put themselves in dangerous situations to protect strangers, and are leaders and educators in their communities.

CFA and the state government said they are investing heavily in infrastructure, training and equipment to improve the volunteer experience and the service CFA delivers.

\$126m is going towards 16 CFA fire stations, 50 new firefighting appliances, increased and improved training, new generation personal protective clothing and ICT upgrades.

Find out more about volunteering with CFA at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteercareers/volunteers













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Volunteers the heart and **A drive to help others** soul of the museum. Rob Blandamer's role as a volunteer driver for the Phillip

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island owes a massive debt to volunteers.

According to General Manager Phil Dressing, without them the museum simply wouldn't exist.

"Our volunteers are the heart and soul of the museum," he said.

With 93 members on its active volunteer list, the museum's daily activities and regular exhibitions are reliant on the hard work and enthusiasm of its volunteer crew.

Phil said the volunteers work across the gamut of the operation.

We have volunteers at the front of house, working in the café, and all the restoration work at the museum is done by volunteers.'

Phil said the team have restored and conserved close to 40 aircrafts and vehicles, covering every task from skin repair or replacement, engine restoration, and repair and replacement of parts.

Volunteer restoration has included the Canberra Bomber, jeeps and generators.

He said the team is always keen to welcome new volunteers, with a variety of differ-



Volunteers work at the front of house and in the café and do all the restoration work at the museum

ent roles available.

'There's such a diverse range of roles, from maintenance to gardening, collecting and cataloguing exhibitions and display development, to building shelving or framing photos for exhibitions."

volunteers The have brought a huge array of skills to the museum.

"We've had aeronautical and mechanical engineers, people with museum experience," Phil said.

"We even had the ex-gen-

eral manager of Westernport Water volunteer for us, so there's all sorts of skill levels and assets.

Not surprisingly, 10 - 20 per cent of the volunteers are Vietnam veterans, but most people volunteer out of a desire to give back to the community, Phil said.

Anyone interested in volun-teering at the National Viet-nam Veterans Museum can call 5956 6400, drop in any day between 10am and 5pm on visit www.vietnamvetsmuseum.org

Island RSL's medical transport service has made him feel a part of the local community. Rob and his wife Lis moved

to the island about three years ago and he says donating his time to help others gives him just as much back in return.

Although the role does provide him training opportunities such as first aid course, it's connecting with people that's the most rewarding.

"It's a good way of involving yourself in the community, and I like the interaction with people.

"Most people are lovely and you hear some good stories along the way. "You get a little history les-

son, especially how the island has changed over the years.

"One lady even baked me biscuits when I picked up her husband for an appointment."

His driver role means he could be taking people to appointments between two and four times a week and driving locally, across to Wonthaggi or even heading up the highway to Melbourne.

"I love driving, that's why I do it," he said, admitting he enjoys the long drives the best. ⁴I like to go for a drive. Today I went to Traralgon and it was

great. A nice drive and nice company. Every trip is different and it's never hard to fill in the time while people are at their appointments.

"Sometimes the appointment only takes half an hour. Other times I drop people off for an overnight operation and then go and pick them up

The best start to the day

RSL volunteers Cheryl Overton, Merrilyn Allen and Lis Blandamer on duty at Breakfast Club at Cowes Primary School. The Breakfast Club runs every Wednesday morning between May and December and helps ensure children start the day with a healthy and nutritious meal.

Rob Blandamer is a volunteer driver for the Phillip Island RSL, one of a team of drivers who take local residents to important medical appointments.

again," he said.

"I try to get people as close to the door (of the hospital) as I can and if they're unsure where they're going, I pull up and take them into reception,' he said.

"Most of the time, I get an indication of how long it will be, give them my phone number and then I go off and find something to do.

"I walk around the park or ring a friend and meet them for coffee."

Since taking on the role, Rob said he's realised there are a lot of sick people in the community, who need a means of transport.

Rob credits his wife with getting him involved in the driver program, saying her volunteer commitments dwarf his.

"She's part of the RSL breakfast program at Cowes Primary School, and does a reading program with the students.

"She also volunteers at the Vietnam Veterans Museum." Accompanying Lis on an constructive."

RSL volunteers outing to Sorrento, Rob met Andrew Tolley who coordinates the driver program.

"I told him I was semi-retired and I liked driving," Rob said. Andrew quickly convinced him to take on the driver vol-

unteer role. After getting a police check

and a working with children pass, Rob was ready to get behind the wheel of one of the RSL's vehicles, joining a team of about 16 drivers.

He's full of praise for the work Andrew does coordinating the patient requests and linking people up with drivers. The former automotive manufacturing worker, who also volunteers at the Grand Prix track, encourages anyone thinking about volunteering to take the plunge.

"I just really enjoy meeting people and you feel you're part of the community and you're helping people.

'You're doing something



Phillip Island Sub-Branch Inc

RSL VOLUNTEERS AFTERNOON TEA

Wednesday 19th May 2021 Phillip Island RSL ANZAC Room



COAST

2.30pm

The Phillip Island RSL would like to invite all of our Volunteers to attend an afternoon Tea on Wednesday 19th May 2021.

SEEKING NEW VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in Volunteering with The Phillip Island RSL, we welcome you to attend the afternoon tea, or alternatively please contact us on 5952 1004 or atolley@pirsl.com.au. Bass Coast Shire Council thanks all its volunteers for their contribution and dedication. Their service to the community is appreciated by the visitors and residents they assist.

Council volunteers are part of:

Thank You

- Visitor Information Centres
- Community Asset Committees
- Foreshore and Bushland Reserve Management Interested in volunteer work?

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, or for more information, please contact us on the numbers below.

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SES volunteers frequently work alongside other emergency services, including the CFA, police and ambulance.

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Wave a hand for our volunteers!



National Volunteer Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of our volunteers.

Volunteers are the backbone of our communities - local people volunteering their time with a vision to improve local lives.

The expertise, time, and commitment of volunteers reflects Australia's strong sense of mateship. We're quick to lend a helping hand – whether that be in response to a global pandemic, natural disaster, or anything in between. [insert pic of Russell waving a hand for volunteers with the caption: I encourage everyone across the Monash electorate to wave your hand in appreciation for our volunteers.

The theme for this year's National Volunteer Week is 'recognise, reconnect, reimagine'.

I encourage everyone in the Monash electorate to recognise and commend the work of

volunteers in our own local communities.

Volunteering allows us to reconnect by giving back to our communities and form meaningful connections with our neighbours. After the isolation brought by the unprecedented events of 2020, we know the importance of support and connection in times of hardship.

In the rush of everyday life, we need to reimagine what volunteering looks like today so we can better support and provide access to these integral services. For more information on how you can volunteer, please visit the website:

www.GoVolunteer.com.au

I'm proud of the volunteer organisations in the Monash electorate and the integral work they do for our communities, whether that be through sporting clubs, emergency services or youth and senior activities.

Incredible community service

As anyone affected by the storms on the weekend knows, when nature gets nasty, the local SES team is the one you can rely on.

What some might not realise is the entire team is run by volunteers.

Dealing with flooded roads, uprooted trees and roofs blown off is just part of the role of the SES volunteers, who also attend accidents and other road incidents, working in tandem with other emergency services.

Michael Kenny, the San Remo SES unit coordinator, is currently the acting coordinator for the Phillip Island unit as well.

He said the volunteer role is not just about the callouts.

"It's community engagement, training, deployment to other areas, tracking down grants, and fundraising.

"There's such a range of roles and we're always looking for more people to join us," he said.

"There's a job for everyone." That includes office-based roles as well as the ones that involve "boots on the ground".

He said volunteering is not just good for the community, it's good for the volunteers as well.

 $``People \,ask\,me\,`what\,can\,I\,get$ out of it' and I say, the more you put in, the more you get out of it.

"In any normal job, there's the daily grind, but the SES really challenges you - cognitively, emotionally and physically

"It's definitely life-changing. "The best thing about our first-time volunteers, wanting volunteers is we're all there to give back to the community." While the SES used to be for the same reason – to help the community.

"We're very like-minded, with the same sort of morals and principles, and we want to achieve the same goal," he said.

And joining the SES means credited unit for 15 – 18-yearbecoming part of "the orange family".

"Wherever you go, there's an instant SES connection. "I'm yet to find someone

who volunteers who has regretted it.'

With under 100 SES volunteers across Bass Coast, Michael admits it's a very small percentage of people who take on an SES role.

While the average time a volunteer remains with the SES is five years, he said in San Remo there is one member, Rod Legg, who has clocked up 37 years.

Others relish the challenge of being involved in the community.

"Our deputy controller Elise Biggs really embraces volunteerism across the board.

"As well as the SES, she also volunteers for the Nature Parks and a few other organisations," he said.

"She says she's busier now than when she was working.

"People want to join up, to help out. It's the Australian "In our area, we have a lot who are definitely more than five years and I know families where it's gone down the chain. It's almost a rite of passage.

"If we didn't have volunteers in Australia, we'd be stuffed. There's no one else that does what we do."

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spirit," he said.

"At San Remo, our manage-

'We also have a junior ac-

olds and we're starting to get

younger females interested as

the SES provides young peo-

path. They learn about deal-

ing with people, managing

stress ... technical skills they

can transpose into other parts

chance to be trained in a range

of areas, including land-based

swift water rescue, steep

and high angle rescues, land

searches for missing people,

Michael said members give

up their weekends and take

leave from work to under-

take training to increase their

skills and help keep the com-

2019/20 bushfires there's al-

ways a surge of interest in vol-

After big events, like the

and assisting other agencies.

SES volunteers have the

ple with great life skills.

He said volunteering with

"It puts them on the right

ment team is a 50/50 split.



The orange uniform of the SES volunteers is a familiar site after storms, as they clear trees that have fallen across roads, powerlines and driveways.

Covid quashes volunteer celebration

ebration of volunteers will have a different look this year, due to Covid restrictions.

CEO Ali Wastie said while volunteers made a significant contribution to council services, Covid restrictions made it difficult to prepare large celebrations.

'However, some of our council teams are acknowledging our volunteers through tions in the near future."

Bass Coast Shire Council's regular cel-bration of volunteers will have a different gatherings and public acknowledgements through local media and social media.

"Council acknowledges the significant contribution our volunteers have made and the important service they provide to the community and visitors of the Bass Coast region.

"We do hope to return to bigger celebra-

It is vital that we support volunteers and their mission to help sustain our communities. There are nearly six million volunteers nationwide, and their selfless work is testament to their vision for a better community.

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Sharon from O'Brien Real Estate in Cowes has just released her first book.

Property agent pens fantasy book

Postlewhite as the property manager of O'Brien Real Estate in Cowes.

But each day after juggling commercial tenancies and owner's corporations, Sharon has been quietly penning Australia. her first novel.

The Dumnonian Compass - to be released on May 15 and with a community book launch on June 12 at Turn the Page bookshop in Cowes – is a 145-page young adult fantasy fiction.

"I have a writing ritual I stick to. Every day, seven days a week, I write 300 words in the evening," says Sharon, who lives in Cowes with her husband Andy and dog Rollo.

"I come home from work and get myself in the mind frame. Both the book itself and the writing of it is escapism, I find it very relaxing."

It's a discipline that means

Most locals Know Sharon she is now part-way through journeys can be difficult, the second book in the series, which will be released in 2022, and will be followed by

the third and final book. The tome is not about real estate, nor is it even set in

Instead Sharon - who migrated to Australia from the UK in 2008 – has set The Dumnonian Compass in the beautiful English county of Cornwall, complete with Celtic mythology, fairies and other worldly creatures.

The main character Darcy Bennett just wants to be normal, "But between her parent's antics and the mysterious creatures that keep turning up, normal is not happening for her".

"Darcy is sent on a journey by a stranger and becomes trapped in an alternate world where the rules are vastly different from those she knows.

they're also rewarding.'

In the UK the mother of two worked as a teacher's assistant with special needs kids - "so I understand kids" - and says she was inspired by her youthful love of such fantasy writers as Tolkien and CS Lewis.

Sharon actually had the idea for the book more than 20 years ago on holiday in Cornwall when she, for the first and only time, saw a solar eclipse.

"The eclipse had a massive effect on me. It's such a strange experience, otherworldly.

"I thought about the book, the plot and characters over the past two decades, but it was only 18 months ago that I realised I needed to put my big girl pants on and do it, to not be afraid."

The Dumnonian Compass, "The theme is that although by SB Postlewhite, RRP: \$22.95.



Probus members give a rousing cheer to the staff at the Wing Lock Restaurant in Cowes for all their hard work putting together the 35th Birthday feast. Event organiser Rhonda Burston, with restaurant manager Mei, and staff members Tommy, Freddy and Pauline.

Probus birthday bash

The Phillip Island Probus Club celebrated its 35th birthday with a six-course feast at the Wing Lock Restaurant in Cowes last week.

Living up to the club motto of "Friendship, fellowship and fun", there was plenty of laughter and conversation as the group of 48 members enjoyed a sumptuous feast served up by Mei and her team at Wing Lock.

For new President Maureen Mortlock, the lunch was a welcome chance to get together after being on hold for most of last year due to Covid.

Marking the milestone was a massive birthday cake, cut by Maureen and David Harrison, the longest serving club member at the event, to great applause.

The group meets every fourth Wednesday, at 11am at the Phillip Island RSL and every second fortnight they organise to dine out together.

With membership currently at 105, Maureen said the club tried to do exactly as the motto stated - provide friendship, fellowship and fun.

"It's important for older people," she said. "A lot are now on their own and it's wonderful

to socialise and meet people with similar ideas." Maureen is hoping with Covid restrictions easing, the group will be able to plan more excur-

sions together. In June, 30 members are setting off for a week in Barham, on the border with New South Wales.

"It's a Magic Tour bus trip," Maureen explained. "The bus comes to Phillip Island and picks us up

and drives us there. We stay at a hotel for a week and go out every day to places of interest." She said anyone looking for new activities and

outings should come along to a Probus meeting. We welcome interested people to come along

to one of our meetings and check us out. You will find us a friendly bunch and we will immediately make you feel at home and relaxed.'

The club has interesting speakers at each meeting and the membership fee is \$35 per year. Contact President Maureen Mortlock on 0402 829 398 or Secretary Coral Lindupp on 0404 002 297 for any further information.



President Maureen Mortlock and David Harrison – the longest serving member at the event – cut the cake to celebrate the 35th birthday of the Phillip Island Probus Club.



From left: Elaine, Lucy, Marilyn, Geoff, Betty, Joyce, Robbie and Jan at the 35th Birthday celebrations for the Phillip Island Probus Club.

Phillip Island Movie Club (PIMC) news

An update from the PIMC committee

The PIMC committee would like to let its members know the current state of play.

We were very excited when the new Covid changes came in on April 9, only to find that those changes didn't cover community/ church halls.

At the time of writing, these halls are still under a QR Code that limits numbers through the two square metre rule and the Covid cleaning rules. So, for example, St Philip's Church Hall still can only have 60 people seated.

We have written to the Victorian Health Minister, Mr Martin Foley and our local member Jordan Crugnale, to ask what the health issues are here (when we can have 100 people the film. There will be more to come on that to your home) but have no reply to date from the health minister. Jordan got back saying she was following it up. The committee has come to the decision that we will not show films at St Philip's Church Hall until the Covid rules have changed as only a third of our membership could attend and the committee would be responsible for enforcing the Covid QR rules. In light of this, we have been working with the Nature Parks since April to show our films in the interim at the Penguin Parade. We have secured a Sunday afternoon, starting from May 23 For our first session at this new venue, we are excited to present "A Boy Called Sailboat", a film written and directed by Cameron Nugent and produced by Andrew Curry, who are both local Victorians.



Moving to their new venue at the Penguin Parade, the Phillip Island Movie Club returns, showing "A Boy Called Sailboat" on Sunday, May 23.

as we confirm all the arrangements. At our last meeting it was suggested that two \$25 Phillip Island RSL vouchers, generously donated, to our club by the RSL would be given to two lucky PIMC members. The lucky ticket numbers were 43 – Betty Stevenson and 99 - Helen Dennis. They have both received their vouchers. So all in all, we are moving to a venue that meets our needs under the current Covid restrictions and we hope this will be an exciting restart for our club, after a horrendous 2020. We realise that some people will not be able to drive to the Penguin Parade and so if you need a lift please call 5956 8607 and leave a message and we will get back to you. Keep May 23 free to see the film. Arrival from 1.20pm, doors will open at 1.30pm and you must have your blue 2020/21 ticket with you for entry. Next films days are Sunday, June 20, Sunday, July 25 and Sunday, August 29.



Council Update

Access Grants now open

Applications are opening soon for the Building Disability Inclusive Businesses and Community Organisations Grant. Funds of up to \$1,000 (including GST) are available to assist you to increase the number of people with disability accessing your business or community organisation as customers, visitors, members or employees. Application forms, guidelines and ideas are available on Council's website atwww.basscoast.vic.gov.au/access. All applications must be discussed with Kathryn Pryor, Access and Healthy Ageing Officer, prior to being submitted. Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday, 25 June 2021. For more information visit our website, contact Kathryn on the numbers below or basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Have your say: Proposed Budget 2021/22

Council has prepared a Proposed Budget 2021/22 for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 and is now seeking your feedback. Feedback is also being sought on the Revenue and Rating Plan which has been released in parallel with the Proposed Budget. The Proposed Budget 2021/22 can be downloaded from Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget or can be viewed at the Bass Coast Civic Centre, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi or Cowes Customer Service Centre, 154-156 Thompson Avenue. Submissions are invited and can be made online through Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget. The submission period will close at 5.00pm on Thursday, 20 May and submissions will be considered by Council on Wednesday, 26 May. If you wish to present your submission to Council, please indicate where prompted in the online submission form. Presenters will be provided a five-minute allocation between 1.00pm to 2.00pm on Wednesday, 26 May. A specific time allocation will be confirmed via phone, following the completion of your submission. This year, Budget submissions will only be accepted online. If you require assistance with this process, please contact Kristen Stewart on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211. The final Budget 2021/22 will be presented at the Council Meeting on Wednesday, 16 June for adoption. Responses to Budget submissions, including any funding changes will be incorporated into the Council report.

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We are very excited to announce they will attend the film showing on the May 23 to introduce the film and have a Q&A at the end of





Mother and son duet, Oksana and Markiyan Melnychenko are performing at St Philip's Church on May 22, playing songs inspired by the Orient Express. Markiyan Melnychenko has performed in 17 countries and is currently the Principal First Violin with the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra.

All aboard a musical Orient Express

Music lovers are in for a treat when internationally acclaimed musician Markiyan Melnychenko performs in Cowes on May 22.

Currently the Principal First Violin with the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra, he has performed in 17 countries, including as part of a quartet that played at the US Capital for the Inaugural Luncheon at Barack Obama's inauguration.

For his performance in Cowes, Markiyan will be accompanied by his mother, Oksana Melnychenko, herself a highly acclaimed pianist.

The theme of the concert is the Orient Express.

"We'll be playing music connected with each of the original train stops ((Istanbul, Bucharest, Budapest, Vienna, Munich and Paris) with music by Mozart, Brahms, Schumann and others," Markiyan explained.

The pair have played together ever since Markiyan Oksana returned to settle ko.com

started learning violin. "I owe her an incredible amount as she's a wonderful musician and she's been instrumental in my development as a musician since childhood," he said.

"When I went to study in America I got a rude shock when I realised that most people have to pay for their accompanists!"

The concert at St Philip's Church Hall in Cowes starts at 5pm. Tickets are just \$20 and can be purchased at the door.

The performance is a rare opportunity to see musicians of this calibre in our own backyard.

Oksana began her stage career at the age of five. By 10 she'd received first prize in the Ukrainian National Youth Piano Competition, then gave her first full piano recital at the age of 14.

Following a successful national tour of Australia in 1992 there permanently.

Markiyan has performed around the globe including performances with the Lviv Orchestra, Philharmonic Kobe City Chamber Orchestra, Collegium Musicum, Melbourne Chamber Orchestra, Corpus Medicorum and Orchestra Victoria.

The event has been organised after Markiyan visited friends in Cowes and fell in love with the area.

"I've been looking for an opportunity to share some of my music with the people down here and it's delightful that it has finally become possible.

"Hopefully the concert will bring some joy to those that attend.'

After the concert, the team at St Philip's is organising refreshments. Tickets are available at the

door for \$20, but please note, there is no EFTPOS facility at the venue.

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Busy week at your library

This week West Gippsland Libraries has a busy line up of events and activities for all ages.

May 17-23 marks three significant calendar events including Law Week, National Volunteer Week, Library and Information Week and National Simultaneous Story Time.

Law Week (May 17-23) is all about making learning about the law, easy. It's not a conference, careers expo or just for industry professionals - it's for you. During this week, your local libraries are hosting some events in branch to help you discover how the law affects your life, help you find answers to your legal questions and opportunities to meet the people who resolve your disputes and enforce our laws.

The Scam Awareness and Fraud Prevention webinar shown on May 17 is available on-demand at wgrlc.vic.gov.au. Guest speaker, Kathy Sundstrom from IDCARE talks about the support their service provides, types of fraud and scams to be aware of, understanding your rights, tips for prevention and what to do if you or someone you know becomes a victim.

National Volunteer's Week (May 17-23) celebrates the significant contribution of Australia's volunteers. During this week, organisations including libraries will recognise, celebrate and thank volunteers for the vital?role they play in our community.

Across Australia, it is estimated that nearly six million people volunteer each year. That's almost one in three people aged 15 years and over that commit their free time to a variety of organisations.

Volunteers help make library services even better by extending the service provided to our communities. They do all sorts of things from ioining Friends Groups that help with fundraising and host special events to delivering books for people who can't visit libraries. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact your local library to find out more

Library and information Week (May 17-23) is an opportunity to learn more about what library and information workers do and the important roles they play in our local community, work and personal lives.

On Wednesday May 19 at 11am Give Me Some Space by Philip Bunting will be read by astronauts from the International Space Station to celebrate National Simultaneous Story Time.

Over one million kids across Australia and New Zealand will join in the event designed to spark enjoyment of books by creating a sense of excitement around reading.

Connect with your local library this week to find out more about all these events: wgrlc.vic. gov.au

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Wonthaggi Theatrical Group 28th of May-13th of June 2021 MUSIC& LYRICS BY BEVAY ANDERSSON BUORY ULY AFLS And some songs with Stig Anderson BOOK BY: CATHIOUSE JODNSON ORIGINAL CONCEPT BY: II DA CRAAMINE

Wonthaggi Theatrical Group presents, Mamma Mia! 28 May - 13 June

The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter and friendship, creating an unforgettable show. A large cast, non-stop laughs and explosive dance numbers combine to make Mamma Mia! a theatrical experience.

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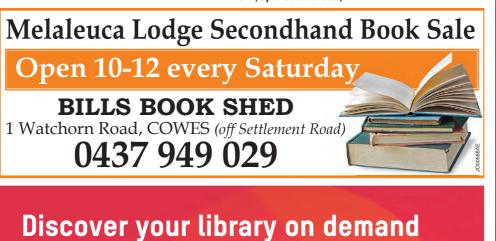


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Frank Biviano, a volunteer at the Phillip Island Cemetery, enjoying the fruits of his labour with a rest on one of the new seats.

No bones about it. recycling at cemetery

The Phillip Island Cemetery has installed three new bench seats made from single use plastic bags.

Secretary of the Cemetery Trust Pamela Rothfield said the seats replaced unsafe old wooden ones, and had been partially paid for through a Bass Coast Shire community grant.

"They are amazingly comfortable – the feedback we receive from community members is very positive," said the former shire mayor.





In a world of post-truths, pandemics, ironic memes and anti-social media, this highly intelligent and warm-hearted show is the ultimate therapeutic experience.

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The home features two living areas with an open plan kitchen and family room, big north facing windows overlook the inground pool and open pasture.

There are four large bedrooms all with built in robes and a renovated bathroom. Sheltered entries at front rear and side.

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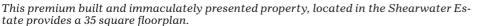
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Entering this spacious, single-level modern brick home you are ing in mind. The enormous central island stone bench, stainless steel appliances, electric oven, gas hotplates, dishwasher and stylish pendant lights are finished to the highest of standards. The butler's pantry with floor to ceiling cabinetry provides an abundance of storage and bench space. Skylights complete the bright, airy and inviting kitchen zone.

The spacious open plan living, and dining area includes a cosy gas fireplace and African volcanic rock

flow out to an alfresco outdoor entertainment area, complete with ceiling fans and merbau decking.

The master bedroom offers walk in robe and full ensuite, superior double vanity, glass shower screen and modern tiles giving it a luxurious feel. With three additional bedrooms all with built in robes and a second bathroom with free standing bath, there is plenty of room for the whole family.

To keep the home comfortable all

feature tiles, bringing character year round the property has two and warmth. Double sliding doors split system heating/cooling units, acoustic insulation, ceiling fans, quality blinds, LED down lights and a 22-tube solar hot water system.

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What is the Family Home Guarantee?

With the release of the 2021 Federal budget last week, we were introduced to the new Family Home Guarantee; a helping hand for single parents to enter into home ownership with as little as two per cent deposit.

But how does this new policy work and what does it mean in the long term?

The FHG is available to single parents meeting selected criteria (being at least 18 years of age and with a taxable income of no more than \$125,000 to start) regardless of being first home buyers or re-entering the market after a divorce or family break-down.

Currently, home buyers pay Lenders Mortgage Insurance on deposits under 20 per cent of the purchase price of the home. Under the new scheme from July 1, 2021, the Government will guarantee up to 18 per cent of the deposit so borrowers won't have to pay the Lenders Mortgage Insurance.

What is Lenders Mortgage Insurance?

Put simply, it protects the financial institution vou borrow from, in the event that you default on your home loan and there is a "shortfall" on the pro-



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ceeds of the sale of the home. LMI is calculated based on the price of the property and your deposit and added to your loan as a further borrowed amount.

With 50 per cent of single parents currently renting, saving an acceptable deposit amount is near impossible and the government has recognised that with a growing population ageing towards retirement with no assets and a reliance on government funded pensions; this is a short-term solution

the increase in homelessness amongst predominately ageing single mothers.

With around 125,000 eligible applicants of the one million single parent families Australia-wide and only 10,000 places available over the next four years, the government has kept their options open hinting that further places would be made available if demand is high and the original 10,000 exhausted.

However, with the 10,000 places not being available all at once, instead spread over the full four-year period, this may leave eligible applicants on waiting lists.

Those with additionally eligibility for first homeowner grants will also be able to gain from both schemes to secure their new home with the Government announcing an additional 10,000 spots under the First Home Loan Deposit Scheme, also to be rolled out Julv 1.

With this the latest measure designed to fuel the construction industry and boost home ownership, only time will tell if this offering is a long-term game changer or a short-term band-aid solution impacting for a long-term issue, to tackle only a small number of people.



John White and his grandchildren formally opened the Battle of Ngok Tavak Exhibition on May 6, 2021. Around sixty guests attended, including members of the Australian Army Team Vietnam (AATTV) the unit John belonged to and his colleagues from the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

Ngok Tavak Exhibition launched at Vietnam Vets museum

A phone call from Queensland helped the National Vietnam Veterans Museum uncover an incredible story and create a new exhibition.

In November 2019, the museum received a telephone call from a John White, who was living in Brisbane.

"I am a Vietnam veteran and was involved in the Battle of Ngok Tavak, South Vietnam in April 1968," John told them.

"I have a pennon (a small flag) and a shield I wish to donate to your museum. I'll be down at the museum in two weeks' time to hand deliver."

Research into the Battle and in particular, Captain John White, revealed an incredible story involving an amazing soldier.

In March 1968, John White, a regular army captain and his 200 strong company was moved west from its base in Da Nang, South Vietnam to the mountainous border region of Vietnam and Laos.

Twenty-six-year-old, Captain White, a member of the Australian Army Team Vietnam, (AATTV) was tasked with reconnaissance and intelligence gathering. By the end of April 1968, it

was clear the enemy – up to 5000 North Vietnamese Army (NVA) soldiers - was massing to attack the Special Forces base located at Kham Duc, South West of Da Nang and some 17 kilometres from the Laotian border. Ngok Tavak was in their way.

At 3am on Friday, May 10, 1968 the attack on Ngok Tavak began. Captain White's force was confronted by 500 Iron Brigade soldiers of the 2nd Division of the NVA.

After suffering substantial company losses Captain White ordered evacuation from Ngok Tavak. Some 55 allied soldiers were killed and over fifty-three seriously injured. Seventy soldiers were evacuated along with the battle survivors. Captain John White was the last to board the evacuation helicopter.



Greg Ross - (an18 US marine) who now lives in Wauchope, credits John with saving his life in the battle



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In 1995, 27 years after the battle, Captain White returned to the battle site, and met Major Dang Ngoc Mai, the commander of the opposing NVA force. They talked about the battle and the tactics deployed by each. Mutual respect was very evident.

Arguably an injustice, Cap-tain John White finally received the Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) in 2018 after lengthy bureaucratic pro-

John White pictured with Wendy Anderson who did an amazing job putting the exhibition together.

cess. It confirms the actions of a soldier who went well above and beyond.

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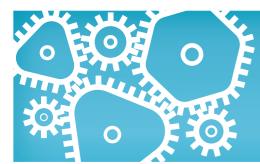
Around sixty guests attended, including members of the Australian Army Team Vietnam (AATTV) the unit John belonged to and his colleagues from the Royal Military College, Duntroon.

It was the first time that John had told his incredible story in front of his family.

Museum General Manager, Phil Dressing explains

"This Exhibition tells the amazing story of a young Australian Army Officer, well and truly thrown in at the deep end, leading an undermanned force attacked by a numerically superior enemy.

"He survives the battle and receives just recognition of his brave actions some fifty-one years later."



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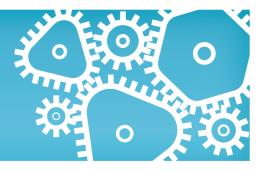
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New research shows a chemical used in firefighting foam could threaten the survival of Australian fur seal pups at Phillip Island's Seal Rocks.

Seal pups under fire

partially banned in firefighting has and in an adult male. There was also been found in endangered Australian sea lion and in Australian fur seal pups.

This could have serious implications for Phillip Island's fur seal colony

Known as PFAS (Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) the chemicals are used in firefighting foams, industry and commonly used products.

The title PFAS covers around 4700 chemicals that don't break down, instead accumulating in soil, water and human bodies.

The chemicals have been banned in many countries, including New Zealand.

In Australia, PFAS were banned in South Australia in 2018, partially banned in New South Wales this year, but are still in use in Victoria.

The new research from Sydney University, published in Science of the Total Environment, is the first study to report concentrations of these chemicals in fur seals and sea lions in Australia

It is part of a long-term health study of fur seal and sea lions in Australia and identified the chemicals in animals at multiple colonies in Victoria and South Australia from 2017-2020.

As well as in pups, the chemicals

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A chemical that has recently been were detected in juvenile animals evidence of transfer of the chemicals from mothers to newborns.

The findings incorporate research undertaken by the Phillip Island Nature Parks, University of Sydney and the National Measurement Institute into the seal colony at Seal Rocks since 2006.

Last week, Nature Parks research scientist Rebecca McIntosh told the ABC that the number of pups at Seal Rocks had dropped by about 25 per cent.

It's believed the high concentration of PFAS chemicals could be a factor, as they can affect development, stunt growth, reduce survival and impair immune response.

PFAS have been reported to cause cancer, reproductive and developmental defects, endocrine disruption and can compromise immune systems.

Exposure can occur through many sources including through contaminated air, soil and water and common household products containing PFAS.

In addition to being used in firefighting foam, they are frequently found in commonly used products including stain repellents, polishes, paints, and coatings.

The researchers believe the seals

and sea lions ingested the chemicals through their fish, crustacean, and octopus and squid diets. High concentrations of the chemi-

cals were found in newborns transferred during gestation or via their mothers' milk.

"This is particularly concerning, given the importance of the developing immune system in neonatal animals," said research co-lead, Dr Rachael Gray from the Sydney School of Veterinary Science.

"While it was not possible to examine the direct impacts of PFAS on the health of individual animals, the results are crucial for ongoing monitoring.

"With the Australian sea lion now listed as endangered, and Australian fur seals with colony-specific population declines, it is critical that we understand all threats to these species, including the role of chemicals, if we are to implement effective conservation management.

"There is also the potential for humans to be exposed to PFAS, by eating contaminated seafood, drinking contaminated water, or even through eating food grown in contaminated soil," said Dr Gray. "So, not only do PFAS threaten

native endangered species like the Australian sea lion - they could pose a risk to humans too."

Snake in the grass

out on assignment at Surf Beach last week.

Copperheads are the only snakes known to breed on Phillip Island.

Dr Duncan Sutherland, Deputy Research Director at Phillip Island

Nature Parks said the snakes were a valuable part of the ecosystem. "They are an important predator

of frogs and other small prey which includes rats and mice.'

Dr Sutherland said female copperheads produced an average of $\frac{1}{20}$ young during their lifespan and the reptiles were ovoviviparous - which means the young hatch from the

Our intrepid photographer en- egg inside the mother's body and countered this island resident while emerge live.

"They're cold adapted, so can be active even in cool and rainy conditions," he said.

"Copperheads are in no way aggressive. If there is a concern, you will need to call a registered snake handler that can remove problem snakes if needed."

Need help with a snake? Colleen Gilbee from Wildlife Rescue and Rehab Shelter Bass Coast is a qualified snake catcher and can be contacted on 0409 428 162.

For more information about copperheads, visit: australian.museum/ learn/animals/reptiles/copperhead/



This copperhead was spotted in the grass at Surf Beach last week.



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WEBSTER, Winifred May

(May): Passed away peacefully 12/5/21 aged 92 years. Beloved and loving wife of Jack (dec.), loved mother and mother-inlaw of John and Sharon, Lance and Pauline, Alan and Gen and Newt and Elaine.

Adored Nan of Ben, Kathryn and Jamie, Lauren, Sarah, Bud and Aimee, Tim and Renia, Sam and Kate, Maxim, Holly, Jessica and Grace.

Proud great grandmother of Ethan, Mia, Lacey, Raven, Jasper, Kayla, Logan, Tahni and Phoenix.

Sleep peacefully on the hill Maisie.

WEBSTER, Winifred May (May):

Passed away peacefully a week before her 93rd birthday.

Dearly loved mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great grandmother of John, Sharon, Ben, Kathryn, Lauren, Jamie, Ethan and Mia.

How we will miss you Maisie! The sparkling blue eyes, quick laughter, interesting stories, spilling on the black, good times, energy, love of life and so much more. You will be with us

forever in our hearts.

WEBSTER, May:

18.5.1928 - 12.5.2021 A life well-lived. Now reunited with Jacko.

Our family will always remember sharing so many fun times full of laughter and larger than lifes stories with Mum/Nan.

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WEBSTER, Winifred "May":

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Holly, Jessica and Grace,

Great Grandmother

'Maisie' to Phoenix and

darling Mother-in-law

to Elaine.

Will be very missed by

all and will always be in

our hearts.

WEBSTER, May:

Loving Sister and Sister

in law to Heather and

Neil (dec).

Loving Aunt to Nola,

Stewart, Faye, Don (dec),

Carol and their families.

So many years of Shared

Family times with lots of

fun and laughter. xx

WEBSTER, May:

A long-time member

of the Phillip Island and

San Remo Legacy Club.

She will be missed by

Legatees and

members alike.

Rest in peace May.

WEBSTER, May:

Passed away peacefully

on May 12th 2021.

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Great Club person with

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You were a legend May.

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From page 32 Harry Anderson finally gets his 'Eddie Betts' moment and banana's a goal.

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Well done, Harry. Bet you're still talking about it ... Dog's easy winners 59-16.

Phillip Island: 1.6.12, 4.10.34, 6.11.47, 9.17.71.

Garfield: 0.2.2, 0.2.2, 2.4.16, 2.4.16. Goals: Larkin 3, Thompson 3, McKenzie 1. Anderson 1 and Shaw-

cross 1. Best: Thompson, Bee-Hickman, Fuller, Larkin, Mattock and Black.

Under 18s

In bleak and wintery conditions our boys started the game in dominant fashion with an early goal to Jude Grace then after a series of behinds, Will Taylor-Eagle roved the back of the pack brilliantly to bring up our second goal. Garfield scored early in the sec-

ond term, but the Bulldogs replied through Kyle Griffin and seesaw battle for the rest of the term saw our backline standing firm led superbly by Jack Opitz.

match after reading the play beautifully.

The game was up for grabs in the scrambly last quarter however we were unable to hit the scoreboard despite some great work by Tully Dickie who was rebounding from

defence. Garfield scored two goals, two points and kept us scoreless in the last term to run out winners by seven points.

Garfield: 0.1.1, 2.3.15, 4.5.29, 6.7.43 Phillip Island: 2.2.14, 4.4.28,

5.6.36, 5.6.36. Goals: Taylor-Eagles 2, Griffin 2

and Grace. Best: Opitz, McMillan, Merryfull,

Griffin, Dickie and Dayson.

Phillip Island Lawn bowls

done boys.

games one would think.

Murray McClymont and Marga-

Bowls this week.

ret Rogers.

The winter season of Saturday the team of Alan Beddows and Mi-2-4-2 commenced last Saturday and continues through to the end of August.

This event has weekly winners and runners up with cumulative scores maintained through the season.

The top three players win the Audika Hearing Clinic Cowes sponsored prizes, which is very much appreciated, and they have been sponsoring this for approximately seven years now.

Saturday provided a very pleasant afternoon with players very keen to make a good start, with four two game winners unfortunately there were two teams who missed a place.

Bad luck to David Snare and Norm Waters with 30 points plus 13 shots as well as John Mathews and Lance Wearne with 31 plus 14.

In the runners up position was Reg Excell.

Will T-E kicked his second for the Reserves player Henry Shawcross breaks clear. More photos available at www.pisra.com.au.

Under 16s

It was a Top 4 clash that was eagerly anticipated.

The weather was atrocious, rain, hail and wind greeted the boys as they ran out on the ground.

It was a tight first quarter with the Bulldogs kicking into a stiff breeze yet making the most of the early skirmishes.

Henry Peppard was revelling in his pet environment (the wetter the better) and Kohen Beaumont looked like he had snuck his goal keeping gloves on the ground as he handled the ball beautifully in the wet

Garfield breaking the early deadlock with three goals aided by the

stiffest of winds.

Coach Griffo remained cool at the break and implored his charges to continue to run and overlap, they answered the call with Lucas Chihotski kicking the first of the second term.

The pressure had increased with the Island getting first use from its Skippers Rossy and Cashy, yet Garfield making the most of their opportunities.

The third quarter saw the weather gods shine on Garfield as hail came down sideways, and the boys battled to move the ball forward with any real penetration.

The backline was doing a power of work with Bernie Vince, JMac,

Blake and Zak in the ruck competing for everything.

Unfortunately, by the fourth quarter, the margin had become too wide, and the Bulldogs were left to lick their wounds and reset with the upcoming bye.

Overall, the boys have made a great start to the season and Coach Griffo is doing a sensational job leading this young group.

An exciting season lays ahead.

Garfield: 8.6.54. Phillip Island: 3.7.25.

Goals: Chihostski, Barbarti and Savona.

Best: Beaumont, Peppard, Olarenshaw, Ross, Walker, Muller and Chihotski



Winners of midweek bowls this week played at Tarwin Lower were John Nicholson (S), Peter Thorley (L) and Jim Nunan (3).

However, they were not quite good enough on the day to pip the Midweek bowls winning team of David Snare, Clive Smith and the evergreen

South West midweek bowls and a special thank you to Wilma was played at Tarwin Lower with Coleman for her beautiful home-

could be heard across all rinks. Thank you to Jan, Pauline and Wilma for helping in the kitchen

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2-4-2 bowls winners: Steve Farrelly and Barry Grazules.

19 souls coming out to brave the terrible weather forecast and it did not disappoint us.

We managed to play our first game of twelve ends in dry weather but with a fierce wind after lunch we played only four ends before the rain started coming down in earnest, still it is winter bowls, and we have to expect some inclement weather.

The green ran fast which saw many bowls in the ditch.

We only had one wrong bias, one of our gun bowlers Michael Dady, fell on his sword and contributed to Royal Children's Hospital donation tin.

As bad as the weather was it did not curb our enthusiasm for bowling and the same happy banter

made scones and fruit cakes for our free raffle table.

Wilma has been making them for many years now for midweek bowls.

A thank you to Bill in the bar for our well-earned drinks.

At lunch time and after the game next week, we will be playing at San Remo.

10.30am at the club for an 11am start, as per winter program BYO lunch, two games of twelve ends. Please be on time so as the organisers can be ready.

For more information or to register please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 the night before to put your name on the list. Everyone welcome. See You on The Green.



Newhaven College Equestrian Captain, Anna Scott.

College Show Jumping Success

It was a fantastic day for Newhaven College Riders at the 2021 Autumn Interschool Show Jumping held on May 7.

The event was held at Boneo Equestrian Centre with the First Round being jumped at 8am. That meant a 4am early morning rise for riders and their parent supporters to ensure horses were fed and ready to be loaded onto their floats by 5am, ready for the two-hour drive to Boneo.

Olivia Curtain had another successful ride on her two ponies Meg and Dalgangle Hug and Kisses, finishing the day as Reserve Champion on Dalgangle Hug and Kisses from 17 riders.

had a wonderful day finishing tenth in one round and then fourth in the Grand Prix on her mount LH Rhonda to finish fourth in the improvers class overall with 26 riders in the class.

Gabe Smith on his new pony Blu in a huge class of 40 combinations came out to ride some very fine lines in the first round to snare fifth place and Zoe Reiter's horse Valley, had the best bascule of any horse present on the day.

At the end of Round Two, Newhaven College sits in seventh place on the Interschool Show Jumping leader board. There are often over 200

Anna Scott, our Team Captain schools represented over the three rounds so sitting in seventh place is a wonderful achievement.

> It was super to have new team members Chris van den Burg and Isla McLean come along to support the team and get a feel for ISJ competitions.

Olivia Curtain and her team just couldn't get enough of the Equestrian Interschool Competition and headed down to Werribee Park for the Geelong Grammar Interschool Show Jumping freshman's at Werribee Park coming away with two first places and overall Champion on Popeye and fifth place on Meg in the Grand Prix.



Winners – Phillip Island tennis club – 2021 Autumn Men's Night Competition. From Left to Right: Geoff Clements, Kevin Donnelly, Luke Zoanetti, Frank Bilson.

Men's night tennis grand final

Phillip Island tennis club has com- was running out to secure a decisive pleted another successful Tuesday night men's competition with the recent grand final play-off between the teams finishing first and third on the ladder after a 10 round 'home and away' season.

Some very exciting tennis was on display during the final between competition leader – Rally Cats (Luke Zoanetti, Geoff Clements, Kevin Donnelly, Frank Bilson) and the third team challenger - Grand Slammers (David Rooks, Bluey Jacobs, Anthony John, Henryk Struk).

The first two sets ended with a win to each team and the Cats in front by a game.

By the end of the fourth set, it was two sets all and the Slammers had taken the lead by the same margin. With the final two sets to be played, greater tension was a factor and time advantage. At the end of play, each team had

won three sets, but the Cats were ahead 25-23 games and, therefore, were crowned premiers for the season. This was an intra-club competition

comprised of six teams of four playing six sets of doubles each Tuesday evening at the club's synthetic-grass courts in Chapel Street, Cowes.

Following a competition recess over the winter period, it is expected the next season will commence early September.

Meanwhile, weather permitting, men's social tennis and grading hitups will be held at the courts on Tuesday evenings from 6pm.

Anyone interested in playing in the coming Spring season should attend these hit-ups or leave their contact details with John O'Brien on 0419 104 259.

Midweek lady's tennis ladders

47, Inverloch Emeralds 40, Westernport/Grantville 38, Leongatha 37, Wonthaggi Chooks 30 and

Bena 24. Section 2: Korumburra 58, Nyora lip Island Green 21.

Section 1: Inverloch Diamonds 38, Phillip Island 33.5, Bena 31.5, Foster 29 and Inverloch 26.

Section 3: Wonthaggi Owls 49, Inverloch Blue 45, Phillip Island Red 37, Kongwak Kookies 28 and Phil-

Big boost for Breakers

Soccer has been given a boost on Phillip Island with the state government announcing funding to Bass Coast Shire Council to upgrade facilities at Newhaven Reserve

Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale announced \$399,440 towards the Newhaven Reserve Soccer Pavillion upgrade from the government's 2020-21 World Game Facilities Fund.

The reserve is home to the Phillip Island Breakers Soccer Club.

"We're upgrading this great club's facilities to encourage girls, boys and people of all ages - to get out there and have a go at this great game, to join a welcoming and inclusive club and enjoy all the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle," said Ms Crugnale.

A keen soccer player herself. Ms Crugnale said the funding would provide "more opportunities for passionate football fans to play the sport they love"

She acknowledged Bass Coast Shire Council for their commit-



The state government will contribute \$399,440 towards an upgrade of the Phillip Island Breakers Soccer Club facilities at Newhaven Reserve, and the Under 6 team is thrilled with the news!

ment and financial contribution to delivering the Soccer Pavilion up-grade at Newhaven Reserve.

The next round of the World Game Facilities Fund will open for applications in August 2021.

Island boys win silver

Phillip Island's Patrick Rvan and Keith Robinson won silver medals with the Victorian under 20 men's basketball team at the Australian Championships held in Mackay Queensland last week.

Both boys started each game and played important roles in the team's success with Keith leading the tournament in three point shooting percentage.

They began in Aussie Hoops in Cowes as five-year old's and played all their junior basketball in the local competitions and with the Phillip Island Rips.

The Phillip Island Basketball Association is very proud of their achievements and wish them well on the next step in their basketball careers



Patrick Ryan (left) and Keith Robinson (right) at the Australian Championships held in Mackay Queensland.

Clay Target Shoot results

their monthly shoot.

Two events were held on the same day: the Keith Tooley Memorial Side x Side with 45 competitors and the Mark Brenton Memorial Under/ Over Handicap with 39 shooters. Thank you to our sponsor Trodan Industries.

Westernport Field and Game held (50),2nd - Sharee Chaplin (34), 3rd Judith Kent (23).

Veterans: 1st - Tony Power (59), 2nd - Kevin Archibald (54), 3rd -Len Box (53).

Mark Brenton Memorial Under Over Handican. 1st – John McFee 74. 2nd – Ves Dubocanin 71. 3rd – Rodney Hill 70. 4th - Don Fyfe 69. 5th – Sandra Jarvis 69. 6th - Craig Smith 68. 7th – Ash Moat 67. Our next shoot will be held on Sunday, June 20 consisting of 75 targets with nominations commencing at 9am. Due to the limited duck season, the Steve Bettoni Memorial, which was to be held on Sunday, May 30 has been postponed. It will now be held on Sunday, August 30.

Soccer scores a win in Leongatha

After our 12-4 loss to Inverloch the week before last, we found ourselves on the road again travelling to Leongatha, with just enough players to field a team.

From the first kick off the Phillip Island Breakers showed great skill and team play, passing the ball to teammates, and moving to space to create options.

When the ref blew the half time whistle the team sheet showed we were four goals to nil.

The second half Leongatha got an early break and found the back of the net, midfielders Jake Munday, Oscar Healey and Matt Thornborough had the ball on a string and just kept running.

Hunter Vanterzwet, Bailey Crook

and Jamie Liatos were solid in defence, Abi McCulloch and Jacob Liatos were always presenting up front, Adam Dean and Coco Stafford played well in the Midfield/ defensive roles.

We managed to get another three past the Keeper and into the net while Leongatha scored once more. Goal kickers were Adam Dean (2), Oscar Healey (2), Abi McCulloch (1), Jacob Liatos (1) and Jake Munday (1). Final score Phillip Island 7 goals to Leongatha 2.

Best on ground: Hunter Vanderzwet and Oscar Healey, with special mention to Jamie Liatos, Jake Munday and Matt Thornborough. Our next game is at home. Go Breakers!

Euchre results

Men's winner: Mario Amato - 8 wins, well done. Women's winner: Fave Fletcher – 6 wins.

Encouragement award: Graeme Kelsell - 0 wins. Dining tables booked for those wishing to have dinner prior to games at 6pm.

Games begin at 7.30pm. Please come and have a great night.

Please contact Bob Hee on 0418 173 388 for further details.

Please join us for some fun. Everyone welcome.

Overall scores Keith Tooley Memorial Side X Side Classic. High Gun, Wade McGirr with a score of 60.

Grade winners were:

AA Grade: 1st - Robert Passarin (60), 2nd – Matt Harris-Spenser (54), 3rd – Alan White (50).

A Grade: 1st - Murray Huitson (60), 2nd - Michael Little (55), 3rd -Rhys Martin (53).

B Grade: 1st - Troy Passarin (55), 2nd - Peter White (52), 3rd - Robert Glenn (44).

C Grade : 1st - Barry Hubbard (36), 2nd - Jonathan Whyte (34), 3rd – Paul Minogue (32).

Clay target shooting is suitable for 34), 3rd – Paul Minogue (32). all genders, ages and fitness levels Ladies: 1st – Sarah Fritsch with juniors shooting for free.



February 19 has been locked in as the date for the 2022 San Remo Channel Challenge.

Boardriders battle it out

A Phillip Island Boardriders Club team travelled to Newcastle on the weekend to take part in the National Boardriders Club competition.

The team of Glyndyn Ringrose, Carl Wright, Harry de Roth, Sophie Fletcher, Codie Jeffery and Sage Goldsbury made it through to the second round, before being knocked out by eventual winners North Narrabeen.

Twenty-four teams from across the country battled it out for the title, with the finals being held in four-to-six-foot pumping waves.



Sage Goldsbury in action at the National Boardriders Battle in Newcastle. Photo courtesy Surfing Australia.

Challenge date locked in SUP titles return to Phillip Island

the sporting calendar, moves are already underway to schedule the 2022 Channel Challenge.

The 2021 event was cancelled due to ongoing Covid restrictions, however organisers are keen to see the event, part of the Bass Coast Series, go ahead next year.

Preliminary discussions between Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club, Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club and the Phillip Island Football Netball Club have come up

After a one-year absence from with dates for the 2022 events. ne sporting calendar, moves are Sunday, January 16 – Cape Paterson Aquathon, 10am

Saturday, February 5 - Cowes Classic and Little Penguin Dash, times tbc

Saturday, February 19 - San Remo Channel Challenge, 3.15pm

The early notification means there's plenty of time to develop a training schedule in the lead up, so all those keen athletes out there, put

Victoria plays host to the Australian SUP Titles returning to Phillip Island from October 12th with five days of amazing surf and race action. Offering both bay and beachside locations the island events are sure

to keep spectators happy. The SUP dates were announced

alongside dates for Shortboard and Longboard titles, Para Surfing and Bodyboard titles.

Surfing Australia CEO Chris Ma-ter said: "We are happy to be able to run our traditional national titles once again in 2021 after a tough year of cancellations in 2020.

"Australian Surfing is blessed with amazing locations like Bells, Phillip Island, Port Macquarie and

day.

Eden Goldsbury.

quality opposition.

North Stradbroke Island to host epic national titles.

"Good luck to all competitors across the board and I look forward to watching everyone rip in!"

All events and event dates are subject to change. Surfing Australia strictly adheres to any Federal government directive regarding the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Upcoming events include:

Australian Surf Championships Port Macquarie, NSW - August 6 23.2021

• August 6 - Opening Ceremony for the Australian Shortboard Titles • August 7 - 11 - Period for the

Australian Shortboard Titles (Further division scheduling to follow)

 August 11 - Opening Ceremony for the Australian Longboard Titles • August 12 - 20 - Period for the

Australian Longboard Titles (Further division scheduling to follow) • August 21 - Australian Para Surfing Titles (All divisions on standby) • August 22 - 23 - Period for the Reflections Holiday Parks Australian Bodyboard Titles (Further division scheduling to follow)

Australian Indigenous Surfing Titles – Bells Beach, May 28 – 30 Australian SUP Titles - Phillip Island, Oct 12 - 17 (All divisions on standby)

Australian Junior Surfing Titles North Stradbroke Island, Nov 27 - Dec 4, (All divisions on standby)

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The Cowes Primary team recently competed at the School Sport Victoria State Swimming Championship at MSAC in Melbourne. From left to right Kate, Macy, Mika and Miranda.

Eighth in the state!

from Cowes Primary school swam at the School Sport Victoria State Swimming Championship at MSAC in Melbourne.

The girls raced in the 10-yearold girls 4 x 50 m freestyle relay. To reach this amazing mile-

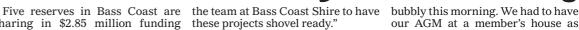
Rec reserves score \$2.85 million in funding

sharing in \$2.85 million funding from the state government's Community Sports Infrastructure program Blue Gum Reserve and the Cowes

to thank Glyndon Ringrose for his

support before and during the event.

Recreation Reserve are two of the beneficiaries, along with the recreation reserves in Wonthaggi, Dalyston and Inverloch.



Newhaven College Girls Surfing Team brought home the trophy after win-

ning their final at the Victorian Independent Schools Titles in Jan Juc.



Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, May 11 Men's Stableford: Danny Hibbert (15) won with 38 points from Colin Morris (19) 36 points on countback from Chris Cannin (33).

Nine-hole winner was Tony Pullan (32) with 22 points from Peter Matthews (30) with 21 points.

Wednesday May 12, Ladies Foursomes championships: The winners of the Foursomes championship were Helen Coghlan and Rhonda Boyd, congratulations ladies. Nett winners were Jen Bilson and Naoko McRae with 77.5 nett. runners up were Judy Magill and Jo Disher. Thursday May 13, Open Stableford: Barry Melven (27) had a great score of 43 points from John Watt (31) 42 points. Nine-hole winner was Charles Mizzi (29) with 20 points from John Niven (23) with 19 points on countback from Clive Scott (20). Saturday, May 15, Men's 4BBB stroke, final of the J Niven Trophy. The J Niven Trophy is played over two weeks and the winners were Isaac Batty and Heath Kolac who won on the first hole playoff to defeat

Early this term four students stone the girls had competed and placed first at the District, Division and Regional Swimming carnivals. This was the first time that the girls had competed for their school and performed exceptionally well to finish eighth in the state.







The ladies foursomes champions were Rhonda Boyd and Helen played at the Phillip Island golf course on Wednesday

Lucas Piera and Anthony Johns. Both pairs were tied on 148 nett. Daily winners were Neville Thurgood and Scott Sheers with 67 nett from Bob Niven and John McKechnie with 68 nett.

NTP: 5th Glen Marshall, 7th Rob Hayden, 10th Tony Gay, 17th Gino Manfredi.

Next week is May monthly medal sponsored by Bob Fabiny.

c Reserve lux LED lights installed, while Blue Gum Reserve will have a new croquet pavilion constructed.

Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale congratulated the clubs involved and said the "funding is significant and will go a long way to support our local clubs, grow their membership, expand their programs, training, host matches and run events".

Ms Crugnale said the projects are expected to create new full-time jobs during the planning and design phase and additional jobs when construction commences.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari thanked Ms Crugnale and the government for its support.

"These financial announcements complement the great work done by

It was all smiles at Phillip Island Football Netball Club when Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale visited to announce their recent grant, with President Chris Ross and Auskick coaches and children.

Pauline Leditschke from the Phil- our 45-year-old clubhouse is just too lip Island Croquet Club described the funding as a great thing for the club

"There were tears of joy and lots of to sport.vic.gov.au.

small. We are so thrilled," she said. For more information about the program and details on projects, go

Clean sweep for Island netballers

A Grade

Phillip Island took to the court in dry, albeit cold and windy weather against Garfield.

Enthusiasm and motivation were high, as Phillip Island fielded a full A grade team with nine players for the first time.

The Island welcomed newcomer Kodee Le Vae to the team, who strengthened our goaling circle, and offered composure and consistency in our attack end.

Christie Edwards returned to the court this week, after a three-week absence due to a calf injury.

Christie was dynamic in the attack end, directing play and making a notable impact in both WA and GA.

Ella Duggan was again consistent in the goal circle. The ability to rotate Ella Duggan, Kodee Le Vae and Christie Edwards through the goal circle in future games will provide great flexibility for the Island.

Hayley Roberts was a standout performer in the mid court, offering precise feeds and spectacular intercepts.

Jess Gysberts dominated in ŴD; her ability to read the play against Garfield was brilliant and she was rewarded with several intercepts throughout the game.

Midcourter Claise Janssen entered the game at half time, adding spark to the attack end.

Lucy Monahan and Anthea Bennett combined well in defence to work as a unit deflecting ball and causing hesitation in Garfield's attacking end. Long-time Island player, Stephanie

Long-time Island player, Stephanie Sivori took the court for the first time this season after injury. She seamlessly fitted into the defence end and will continue to find form as the season progresses.

The Island finished the game with a comfortable win.,

B Grade

Maintaining their dominance from the last few weeks B grade didn't skip a beat in their comprehensive win over Garfield.

The Island was the better team at both ends with the relentless pressure of Cass and Abby in defence and straight shooting of Kylie and Emma down the other end.

Charli Ross showed her versatility taking on wing defence this week.

Once again leading from the front, coach and captain Maddie and amber combined well during the first half feeding into the ring. Island had the luxury this week of bringing on young guns Lexi Walton and Soph Gysberts, slotting beautifully into defence.

B grade are certainly shaping up as the team to beat in 2021! Best on: Abbey and Kylie.

C Grade

Finally. the three Ps came to the forefront – perseverance, persistence, patience – as coach Jodie and Jules knew they would.

But with three big, big, big outs, James, Ross and Kalis would the remaining seven be able to step up? Solid warm up on a freezing day,

Solid warm up on a freezing day, with the stage set as all PI teams were on a winning streak, don't be the ones to break it. Quick start this week with Moxey H banging in goals, stand in mosquito GA Briss and little Chado WA the forward half were firing.



C Grade team celebrated their first win of the season against Garfield.

Captain SK(C) and BB (WD) had complete control of the mid court, attacking and defending as needed, with Tori L(GK) and Moxey C (GD) rebounding, hassling and getting bumped around but covered their opponents with flair and skill.

But as we have seen this season so far, fade outs late in the games have been costly, but not this week, with all players working hard until the final siren.

So, with a fourth P for performance by all girls, a great and well-deserved win was achieved. The side looks balanced and capable of many more wins. A highlight of the game was Briss's first goal, but I missed it!

Thanks to Niki Jo and Katie J for benching and Garfield for an honest game.

PI 37 def Garfield 7.

Best on: Sunday Brisbane, Brooke Blundy.

D Grade

Yeow! Winners are grinners, and we are smiling. In less than ordinary weather, we

were lucky the rain held off. Passes had to be short and sharp

(like crispy pasta) all over the court, to get to the target player. Without captain Tori – out this

week through injury – Katelyn and Nikki filled centre position and were key links down the court.

Karina in WA positioned herself well around the goal circle along with Ash both feeling in beautifully to our goalers.

Accuracy by Jaz and Shaz bagged 19 goals to 6 by half time.

Jade was quick on her toes and put pressure on Garfields WA and intercepted their passes.

Sarah and Nikki were strong in defence, dominating the play and keeping Garfield to only two goals at first break, and six by half time. Ruby took up GK and shadowed her opponent well, nice holds and those long arms made it hard for their shooters. All-rounder Nikki also had a quarter in GA- shooting goals and feeding well to Shaz who netted some more. All girls should be proud of their efforts today.

With four points on the board, this will hopefully be the propelling win, to ensure we all get to training and continue to work hard at home on our fitness, strength and agility to be a force to be reckoned with.

Go Doggies!

Phillip Island 33 def Garfield 17. Best on: Nikki Williams, Ash Haringsma.

U175

With the Super Coach Cath away this week the pressure was on for the U17's to keep up their great form.

The weather was not on our side and was miserable, pelting rain and gusty winds which made it extremely hard for our shooters Ella and Lily to even feel their fingers in the first quarter.

With a clearing in the weather the girls were able to pick up the speed a little and we're back to their great plays of passage. The rain didn't stay away for long, but the mid court and defence were working well, proving to be very strong and rebounded the ball over and over into our goalies.

Makayla Morris had her eye in, and her shooting was on. Ahlee and Sophie finished off strong in defence keeping Garfield to only one goal for the game was amazing.

The girls showed once again what a strong versatile team they are, and all played great in all positions, even with the terrible conditions.

Well done girls. PI 53 def Garfield 53.

Best on: Ahlee Penry, Makayla Morris.

U15s

Another sensational weekend for coach Anna and our 15s netball team, which started with a hailstorm as they were preparing to hit the court to take on Garfield and finished with

f- game.

In the first half, Sienna's impressive defensive and passing skills meant that the ball was fed back to her teammates to maximise the opportunity to add to Island's score.

Isla effortlessly moved from attack to mid court in the first half to set up great plays and into defence in the second, showing her versatility and athleticism.

Paige worked well with the defensive team for three quarters to tenaciously intercept passes and feed them back to her teammates, before Maya took over in the fourth.

Maya's slick ball skills as centre, in the first and third quarters, helped the team in both attack and defence, shifting the ball back into attack after most of Garfield's centre passes.

Hazel came on in the second quarter and played the rest of the game in attack to consistently set up play for the shooters.

Isabella came on in the first quarter as shooter and for the entire second

half, scoring 17 of Island's goals with Meika taking on the role in the second quarter.

Meika also showed her brilliant versatility by interchanging roles for each of her three quarters in the game scoring 13 goals in the second and third, then moving into centre for the last quarter.

Lily scored 19 goals in the first half and was back again in the fourth quarter to add another eight goals to have an amazing 27 goals for the game.

Phillip Island 57 def Garfield 4. Best on: Ruby Anderson, Isla Cousins.

U135

The girls were feeling the nerves prior to the game, with it being cold, windy and a strong chance of rain to come.

The girls started strongly by incorporating things we have worked on at previous training sessions.

There was such positivity and encouragement towards each other on the court, which boosted the team's cohesion.

Despite the conditions, both Aisha (GA) and Mia (GS) shot accurately, which in turn had the team leading all game. The defensive pressure by the girls down the court was very impres-

sive and created plenty of turnovers. Special mention to Jya (GK) and Matilda (GD) for their exceptional work together in the ring and the ability to have eyes on the ball for intercepts.

Every single player on the court tried their best, despite the cold, rain and change of positions.

We are very fortunate to have such a versatile side and it will be very ex-

citing as the season continues. Best on: Matilda Feehan, Aisha Hibbert.

U115

The U11 girls played an amazing game. They moved the ball down court, found the open spaces and worked well as a team.

Their hard work at training has paid off, with a win against Garfield 22-1.

The win is the confidence boost the girls needed going forward.



to take on Garfield and finished with a deluge of goals.

Ruby was strong under the ring, denying Garfield opportunities to score and generating turnovers with some well-read intercepts for the whole

U11s Ciara Santorini scoring one of many goals in the game in cold and wet conditions at Garfiled on Saturday morning.



Ripper games for Blues footy this week

U105

This week the under 10 blue pups hit the road to take on Wonthaggi on their home turf.

After a wet week on the training track and a couple of kids out with injury we knew we were in for a hard match with Wonthaggi at full strength with plenty of kids

Captain for the week was Sera Szymanski, the way she has attacked training and the games so far this season has been great, and she led from the front once again.

We started well from the first bounce and made sure we were first to the ball which is exactly what was asked of the pups before the game.

Kai Opitz took a great and followed up mark with a better kick straight through the middle for a goal.

Our mid field was linking up and pushing the ball forward at all costs.

With plenty of defensive drills at training the kids are putting them into play on game day with our back line holding up for the full four quarters holding up to the attacking play from Wonthaggi.

We managed another goal from Arch Robbo who was everywhere marking everything that came his way in another great game from him.

Award winners for the week were Xavier Holmes who had his best game for the season, his confidence enough to continue this abis growing with every



U14s Blue players Connor Macmillian and Lincoln Smith laying hard fought tackles against Wonthaggi on Sunday. For more photos, visit www.pisra.com.au.

touch he gets, and he was unlucky not to kick a goal. Bodhi Cooper for his in

and under work around the ball and four quarters of hard running.

Chuck Cameron for his never give up attitude and super skills in the wet conditions and Jax Marshall who racked up possessions all over the ground and impressed with his second and third efforts at the ball all day.

The blue pups will train as usual this Thursday but will enjoy a sleep in and a week off as it is an all stars round and no game on Sunday.

1125

Well, the frost was in the air in Wonthaggi on Sunday morning and the parents had to question whether they loved their children surd occurrence.

The Wonthaggi lads are always strong competition, and the crowd knew we were in for a treat.

Tension was high in the first quarter with Wonthaggi dominating. Their height advantage and great team play let

them comfortably take the lead and 14 points up heading into the second quarter. Brinkleys petite frame in the ruck was a sight for

scared eyes taking on a Wonthaggi lad tall enough to be her father who made her work for the ball harder than a local in Cowes finding a carpark in BWS on New Year's Eve.

Henry "Henhouse" Dean was a strong captain with one goal in the first quarter and another strong boot through the centre during the second, and the dogs had brought it back to an eight-point margin by half time

Max Nicka and Charlie Nooy adding to the goal tally.

The crowd was on the edge of their frosty toes by the fourth quarter with the pups in the lead by a fivepoint gap and possibly a terrible number to be up by. Charlie Fischer and Dar-

cy Opitz getting in on the goal action and allowing the Island crowd to relax for a fraction.

Sadly, a quick goal from Wonthaggi sent them in the lead by one point with one minute to spare in the final quarter.

The dogs fought to the very end carefully keeping the ball in their own goal square, but by then, time was up, and the dogs were forced to congratulate their rivals.

However, heads were held high and what a ripper of a game.

U14s

This Sunday saw an end to previous week's perfect weather conditions however this didn't put an end to PI U14 Blues winning streak.

At the siren a clear tap out of the centre saw PI move the ball quickly down the field to set Connor Macmillan up for a sure thing, scoring the first goal.

Wonthaggi Power (WP) couldn't seem to break the Doggies fast paced play in the opening quarter re-maining scoreless to PI's five goals.

WP entered the second quarter with increased determination and pressure hoping to subdue the Dogs.

PI managed to hold them off to just one goal, with Harry Arceo owning the wing and a team of forwards including Ollie Duggan dominating WP's defence.

Entering the third quarter with scores at 41 to 6, PI relished the intensity of play with Drew Fusinato and Ziggy Bowman-Kissane standing out as key players, always right on the ball.

It was a well fought battle from WP but in the end the Dogs proved that good communication and a strong sense of team just couldn't be overcome.

Another win for the Blues

Well done team and thanks to all of our supporters.

For Red's game report and photos, visit www.pisra.com

Youth girls footy

Phillip Island took on a new look Dalyston team from previous years.

Debuting a number of new players, the Dalyston girls showed great endeavour and promise against a much more experienced Island team.

The Island gave Dalyston two girls each quarter to top up their stocks and it was a great first term for Amelie Wragg playing for Dalyston.

She racked up a number of early possessions for the opposition and was best on ground in the opening quarter.

Poppy (Dukes) Marshall continued her sensational form, providing a target up forward and snagging 2 goals in the first quarter, like a training drill. while Kara Nasilasila and Mia (Boosty) Boost were continually attacking the ball when it came to ground. Stevie Hower continued her run of a goal per game, ball today. snapping a goal from a tight angle. The second quarter saw captain Sunday Brisbane and vice-captain Imogen Bradposition. ford head across to the Dalyston team to provide some leadership and experience. The girls combined well for the other team, however the Island continued to dominate with Jorja (Jorga) Newman taking some Sunday Brisbane. strong marks and Zoe Carr and Alaska Dixon put plenty of pressure on up Penry and Mia Boost. forward.

Lexi Walton moved to the forward line in the third quarter, and it wasn't long before she hit the scoreboard, Nikki (Jo Jo) Williams and Lily Huther also pressured the ball in the forward line, making it difficult for the Dalyston defence.

While Ahlee Penry in ruck provided Maya Huther, Sunday (Brizzy) Brisbane and Jade Ricardo with first use of the ball.

Millie Marshall played a solid game in defence taking a crucial mark on the goal line.

The final quarter saw a great passage of play with Jorja (Jorga) Newman tapping the ball to Isla (Cuz) Cousins who hit Poppy Marshall on the chest in front of goal. It looked just

The Island girls continue to improve each week and it was great to see many of the younger and newer girls getting plenty of the Thanks to all girls for showing great sportsmanship by playing for the op-Final score: Phillip Island 8.12.60 def Dalyston 0.0.0. Goal kickers: Poppy Marshall 3, Stevie Hower 2, Maya Huther, Romi Purdey, Lexi Walton, Nikki Williams, Mia Boost and Best: Fantastic team effort - Awards: Amelie Wragg, Zoe Carr, Ahlee

THIS WEEKEND DRAWS

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION Round 7, Saturday 22nd May Phillip Island vs Warragul Indutrials Kilcunder Bass vs Cora Lynn

SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION - Bye -

- Bye -

YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION - Bye -

- Bye -

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

SENIOR FOOTBALL

Phillip Island Tooradin-Dalmore Inverloch-Kongwak Nar Nar Goon Garfield Cora Lynn	W 5 5 5 5 4 4	L 1 1 1 2 2	% 307.66 196.12 170.26 127.34 116.18 104.81	PTS 20 20 20 20 20 16 16
Warragul Industrials Bunyip	3 2	3 4	142.55 69.41	12 8
Kilcunda Bass Korumburra-Bena Dalyston Koo Wee Rup	1 1 1 0	5 5 6	63.29 52.50 44.28 35.68	4 4 0

RESERVES FOOTBALL

	w	L	%	PTS
Tooradin-Dalmore	5	1	468.03	20
Bunyip	5	1	395.83	20
Warragul Industrials	5	1	160.96	20
Inverloch-Kongwak	4	2	165.38	16
Phillip Island	4	2	120.46	16
Nar Nar Goon	4	2	112.21	16
Cora Lynn	3	3	134.73	12
Koo Wee Rup	3	3	82.61	12
Kilcunda Bass	2	4	74.68	8
Korumburra-Bena	1	5	37.19	4
Garfield	0	6	29.02	0
Dalyston	0	6	18.89	0

THIRDS FOOTBALL

I-Kongwak Garfield Korumburra-Bena Phillip Island Nar Nar Goon Bunyip Cora Lynn Kilcunda Bass Koo Wee Rup Dalyston	W 4 5 2 4 4 2 2 1 0 0	L 0 1 2 2 4 4 2 5 4	% 1565.52 311.61 388.06 332.16 149.45 53.94 41.01 19.10 27.79 11.48	% WON 100.00 66.67 66.67 33.33 33.33 33.33 33.33 0.00 0.00
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Tooradin-Dalmore	W 5	L O	% 1547.83	% WON 100.00
Cora Lynn	э 5	1	345.59	83.33
Garfield	3 4	1	345.59	80.00
Phillip Island	4	2	185.03	66.67
I-Kongwak	3	2	139.06	60.00
Kilcunda Bass	3	2	117.03	60.00
Nar Nar Goon	3	3	61.76	50.00
Bunyip	2	4	44.93	33.33
Korumburra-Bena	1	4	25.96	20.00
Koo Wee Rup	0	6	18.02	0.00
Dalyston	0	5	13.57	0.00
Warragul Indu	0	0	0.00	0.00

NETBALL						
A-GRADE	Pts	%	TEAM	Pts	%	
Bunyip	20	230.00	Bunyip	20	152.60	
Dalyston	20	152.15	Dalyston	20	136.22	
Kor-Bena	16	161.90	I-Kongwak	18	146.83	
Tooradin-Dal	12	110.00	Warragul Indu	16	188.14	
Nar Nar Goon	12	78.78	Cora Lynn	16	109.66	
Koo Wee Rup	12	77.86	Tooradin-Dal	14	136.31	
Phillip Island	8	97.60	Nar Nar Goon	12	136.36	
Cora Lynn	8	84.30	Koo Wee Rup	12	97.46	
Warragul Indu	4	117.16	Phillip Island	8	137.86	
I-Kongwak	4	55.42	Kor-Bena	4	90.95	
Garfield	0	45.00	Garfield	0	27.86	
Kilcunda Bass	0	0.00	Kilcunda Bass	0	25.48	
TEAM	Pts	%	TEAM	Pts	%	
Phillip Island	24	224.53	Kor-Bena	22	151.39	
Tooradin-Dal	24	133.92	Koo Wee Rup	20	254.00	
Warragul Indu	16	149.37	Phillip Island	20	220.56	
Bunyip	16	120.11	Warragul Indu	16	236.26	
I-Kongwak	16	119.60	I-Kongwak	16	186.21	
Kor-Bena	12	113.84	Cora Lynn	16	161.46	
Cora Lynn	10	90.76	Tooradin-Dal	10	77.34	
Dalyston	8	90.23	Dalyston	8	112.88	
Garfield	8	82.03	Bunyip	8	70.21	
Koo Wee Rup	6	94.09	Nar Nar Goon	4	87.93	
Kilcunda Bass	0	51.08	Kilcunda Bass	0	32.89	
Nar Nar Goon	0	45.31	Garfield	0	6.36	



Kelly O'Neill kicks one of her four goals for the game against St Kilda.

Bass Coast Breakers victorious over St Kilda Travelling to the Peanut numbers back in the sec- by Chelsea Connell and

Farm to take on the St ond making goals harder Oona Shepherd. Kilda Sharks the Break- to come by. ers weren't bothered by the journey - getting off working hard with Lisa only able to add one more to a great sta

The midfield kept goals, the Breakers were perg providing major with Kelly O'Neill

Despite peppering the

This was enabled by the strong ruck work of Sophie McCracken-Evans who was getting the ball to the Breakers mids early despite facing a much taller opponent.

With first use of the ball Poke and Russo kept driving the ball forward with Kelly O'Neill making the most of the good delivery and open forward line to kick two first quarter goals.

Ella Cargill delivered the Breakers third for the quarter via a great soccer goal off the ground.

St Kilda dropped extra

Scharn good run and continuing to improve each week. The third saw St Kilda trap it in their forward line for most of the quarter but solid defence didn't allow them to score.

A nice switch from Kate Caughey and end to end

running play created by Jess Bolding down the open wing allowed Tess Angarane to convert

from the goal square. In the last quarter the Saints again threw numbers behind the ball. The Breakers were able to hold it in their half with slot vacant as there are a solid half back line lead no junior matches.

registering her fourth for the day.

Breakers 6.11-47 def St Kilda 1.1-7.

Best: Poke, O'Neill, S Bolding, McCracken-Evans, Scharnberg, Connell Goals: O'Neill 4, Cargill, Angarane.

Next week the Breakers take on Karingal at 10am at Cowes.

In what is sure to be a great contest the 1v2 clash will feature before the Phillip Island Football Netball club senior matches with the time



Senior's player Max Blake breaks through a tough tackle on Saturday against Garfield. More photos available at www.pisra.com.au.

ogs shake off Stars and weather

Round 7 saw the Bulldogs head back to the Eastern block of the West Gippsland League, this time to Garfield to try and deal with the emerging Garfield Stars.

The elements were, let's say, testing. Safe to say that The Stars have taken over as clubhouse leaders from Cora Lynn in the race for being able to turn on the best weather event.

The Island blooded another under 18s player for his debut game and congratulations go out to Coby Olarenshaw who gets rewarded for outstanding form in the thirds.

The first term was all Philip Island but very scrambly as players battled to handle the conditions.

Pederson was strong in the ruck as usual and Wizz Richards was making his presence felt but scoring was proving harder than it sounds.

The second term saw the dogs continue to dominate general possession.

Jamie Youle was attacking the contest with ferocity and debutant Coby was getting involved.

A nice Zak Vernon passage of play results in a Harry O'Brien goal as the dogs started to put the foot down.

A string of possessions originating from defence found Jesse Patullo but unfortunately J2 could not convert.

Another defensive launch goes through Kai MacKenzie to Harry O again for another major.

The Stars at this point were not shining too brightly on the scoreboard

Coby Olarenshaw was looking comfortable with a spoil on the Stars' 200 gamer, followed by another and then a perfect clearance

a glutton on clearances.

At the main break the dog's comfortable leaders, 36 - 1. The second half commenced

with the bulldogs pressing hard but for little reward as The Stars lifted their pressure as the game turned into a dour struggle.

Some nice passages of play, like another Coby spoil to J2 to Youle via Eli Richards only manages a behind.

The Garfield bench was getting pretty vocal as their team was upped the ante on pressure acts and they erupted into utopia when The Stars scored their first goal at the 12-minute mark of the third quarter.

They backed up straight away with another to indicate the contest wasn't over.

A Zak Vernon goal followed by another from Pearce steadied the dogs who went into the final break holding a commanding lead, 57-14.

A spirited opening to the final quarter resulted in a Garfield goal. Max Walton picked up what seemed to be his 99th clearance

Max Walton was picnicking like but Garfield got on the board again O'Brien, Richards, and Tomada. and showing lots of spirit. Reserves

Pearce and Harry O'Brien combined with what should have been a major, but the dogs were finding scoring a bit difficult.

Despite not being a realistic winning chance, Garfield was very willing, and a hard contest resulted in a concussion for them – a Stars player seeing stars but hopefully he's OK.

The Island ended a frustrating quarter with a rare use of the corridor through Cam to Nando and a Pearce major.

The dogs eventually win 63 - 32. Not a pretty win, but a win none the less.

There will always be scrappy games and if you can pocket the four points on those days, move on to next week without checking the mirror

to the pavilion side crowd on the Phillip Island: 3.5.23, 6.6.42, half forward line, brave enough to confront the conditions - all one of Half time scores see the dog's comfortable leaders 32-2. More of the same in the third. After the usual 3-4-minute slog

Dale Larkin plucked a miraculous one hander that had the crowd thinking he might have shares in a fly paper company – but missed the conversion.

Harry Anderson's set shot was a forgettable banana but then a clear passage of play, against the flow, find big Rocket on the lead and a nice conversion has the dogs 30 odd points up at the final change.

Quarter four saw a quick Garfield goal and then another to bring the score back to 41-16 as the dogs seem to get a bit lost for a short while.

They quickly shook that off and



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8.9.57, 9.9.63. Garfield: 0.0.0, 0.1.1, 2.2.14, them. 5.2.32Goals: O'Brien 3, Pearce 3, Pederson, Blake and Vernon. Best: Youle, Pederson, Walton,

The reserves set out to break the 'away ground' voodoo in an attempt to string a couple of wins

through the first term.

dogs break the shackles.

The first quarter was a very even

contest in wet conditions, but a

Henry Shawcross set shot saw the

dogs break the shackles midway

The play was not pretty but Kirby

Fuller was defying the conditions

with his marking across half back.

The second term saw the bull-

Connor Thompson was proving

elusive up forward and Dale Lark-

like goal from a tight angle saw a

nice 'Eddie Betts' like celebration

ing scored two for the quarter. The second a nice 'Éddie Betts'

together.

Cam Pedersen was the conduit between Eli and Pearce for another major

at the 22-minute mark, so the defence was certainly holding up.



The Stars first score was a point Tullie Dickie drives the ball towards goal and helps the reserves team to a well-deserved win at Garfield in very cold conditions. More photos available at www.pisra.com.au.

played relentlessly for the remainder of the game.

Connor Thompson chimed in with his third and then the play of the day.

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