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As many organisations celebrated their hard-working volunteers last week, the San Remo/Newhaven Lions Club 47-year run came to an end, with the club folding due to lack of membership. In a final act of community generosity which has been the trademark of the club, a cheque for \$10,000 was presented to Free 3D Hands. From left: Rebecca Nerosa (3D Print and Assembly Technician), Andrew Page (Lions Secretary), Mat Bowtell, Robyn Edmonds, Phylis Notley (24th year in the Lions Club), Michael Newton (President) and Caroline Wright. Read more on page 11.

# Vhy VCAT refused Vietnam Vets' muse

The proposed National Vietnam visitor spaces, café, offices, archive Veterans Museum at Newhaven would be "too obtrusive" and "irrevocably transform" the environment, according to the VCAT ruling that rejected the development.

While the museum proposal had Federal, state and local government support, in a 48-page judgement VCAT last week gave a final refusal to the museum permit, concluding it would set a precedent for further growth in the farm zone along the their neighbouring farm business.

and storage.

Bass Coast Shire councillors last May unanimously supported the museum permit, with five objectors then taking it to VCAT in February, which ultimately dwindled to two objectors.

One objector, a neighbouring business, who sold the land to the museum, argued in support of the farm zone, saying it would have potential flooding impacts, and adversely impact

second objector, a long-term Uses prohibited in a farm zone neighbouring resident, argued against the loss of agricultural land, saying the building was inappropriate and would have environmental impacts on the internationally recognised Ramsar wetland at

Churchill Island.

This objector told the Advertiser ultimately it was the shire's fault for approving the planning permit in a farm zone and an environmentally sensitive area (see separate story).

The museum was to be built on 40.1 hectares extending to the intersection with Phillip Island Road opposite the current museum, with access from the Cape Woolamai roundabout.

#### Decision

museum.

presiding member Peter VCAT

the farm zone, an area not designated for tourism - was unacceptable and could not "be addressed by minor design changes to the proposal".

"It requires a major redesign of the scale, size and appearance of the proposed building," they concluded. "The proposal, if approved, would substantially and irrevocably transform the existing landscape setting and character of the area.

Furthermore, they said approval of the museum "could lead to furher pressure for adjoining

planning of the area.

"We find, the proposal is a change that is simply too much for this open landscape setting ... in a location outside of any precinct nominated under the Planning Scheme for tourism purposes."

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include an education centre, retail premises and office.

The 4206sqm, two-storey building at 24 Churchill Road, Newhaven, was to contain exhibition areas,

be developed". Gaschk and fellow member Chris-

topher Harty acknowledged the "We consider the proliferation of war veterans and the work of the larger non-agricultural developments on the northern side of Phil-But they ultimately found the lip Island Road ... would not be conscale and size of the proposal - in sistent with the orderly and proper





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# Nen the principal of Our Lady Star of the Sea primary school asked local mosaic artist Heather Fahnle to trans

form a fibre glass cow into a work of art, Heather rose to the challenge.

"I'd already created an installation of beloved island animals, including koalas, Cape Barren Geese and penguins, for the school," she says.

"But this cow was next level."

Heather, whose work features in public spaces on and off the island, named the cow Martha and took her back to her Ventnor studio to begin work

"I bonded with Martha as soon as I finished making her eyes," Heather says

"I was scared to give her up in the end because we became so connected.'

The popular artist and penguin parade ranger wanted Martha to bring joy to the community, so she covered her in brilliantly coloured flowers.

"Every little flower had to be cut and shaped," she says.

"I used tiny black shards to create her hide.'

More than a year and a million mosaic cuts later, Martha dazzles all she meets in the school's kitchen garden. Martha can be viewed from the school carpark or from Rhyll Road.

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With a million mosaic cuts, Martha the cow dazzles all she meets in the school's kitchen garden.

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Once up on an island

The Savage brothers' hearing in the Melbourne County Court scheduled for May 18 has moved to June 8, at the request of both parties.

Talks have been underway between the men's lawyers and the prosecution to decide how the matter will proceed, including if the brothers would plead guilty to any charges.

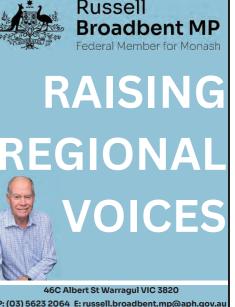
In August 2020, the two men were charged over 19 separate burglaries conducted over six months on Phillip Island and in South Gippsland. The men were arrested during dramatic early morning raids on four Cowes properties, with cash, jewellery, a boat, motorbike, jetski and vehicles seized.

According to the processes of the Victorian County Court, an accused can plead guilty to an offence (or range of offences) rather than going to a full trial.

By doing this, the accused will receive a reduction in their sentence - for taking responsibility for their actions and saving the "trauma, cost and time of witnesses giving evidence at a trial". At the next hearing, solicitors representing the

brothers can submit their plea proposal. If no plea is lodged, the brothers will face a full trial. Joshua and Taylor Savage remain on bail

but are prohibited from living in Bass Coast or South Gippsland. They cannot visit the area without police permission, can't stay overnight and have stringent conditions around any visit. Police said the men have been complying with bail conditions



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Councillors voted unanimously to support a First Nations' name for the new centre, seen here in an artist's impression, with the community now able to vote on one of four names nominated by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

### ture vultures swoop in on centre naming

of the Cowes Cultural Centre should understand it's part of national reconciliation with the oldest continuous living culture in the world, say Bass Coast Shire councillors

Councillors at last week's meeting voted unanimously for the community to vote on four names for the soon-to-be finished Cowes Cultural Centre, which were nominated by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC).

Votes close on June 19 for the four naming options:

1. Barmewoon (meaning: only my strength)

- 2. Mogarmarlarly Murk (lead me) 3. Berninneit (gather together)
- 4. Kummargee (rise up).

However Island Voice president Peter Paul last week said that Phillip Island or Millowl Cultural Centre should be the name, adding the com-

Critics of the First Nations' naming munity should not be "denied the right to suggest any name change". "How does this type of action show

our council operates with openness and transparency?" he said But Cr Letitia Laing said she was

"disappointed with some of the conversation"

"When there has been genuine engagement with traditional owners you can't ignore that and culturally appropriate names you like as suggestions when the traditional owners have proposed those," Cr Laing said. "This is the oldest continuous liv-

ing culture in the world and if we don't have a cultural centre that acknowledges that it would be disappointing.

Cr David Rooks agreed, saying council had approached BLCAC to name the centre and the community should be proud to live on Bunurong country.

"This is a further step to build an ongoing relationship with our First Nations' people and recognising their incredible contribution to art and culture over tens of thousands of years," Cr Rooks said.

"By naming our new cultural centre (this way), our community demonstrates its efforts to an ongoing respectful relationship with First Nations people and aligns with the national movement for reconciliation."

Cr Clare Le Serve said Bass Coast should be known as a "progressive council".

Cr Bruce Kent voted in support of the motion, but added he had "a couple of concerns" the community had not been part of the naming process. "I think this has been pushed through pretty quickly. I know we have a due date for the building," Cr Kent said.

"I'm disappointed there has been other language options, which is no consultation to get us to where we are now. I think the community would agree that if consulted that going down the path we're going down now is a great opportunity. But I believe they have been thrown into the opportunity to vote for four names."

Poll

Mayor Michael Whelan said the naming was appropriate for the cultural space.

'The naming of public buildings with First Nations language is a highly visible act of reconciliation and an opportunity to acknowledge First Nations communities in a meaningful and lasting way," Cr Whelan said.

He said it was a condition of the Traditional Owners that any language options provided to council were not offered as a choice against consistent with current practice.

Pronunciation guides will be provided through the engagement process

In the poll, participants can select their preference, indicate why it resonates with them, while offering the opportunity to make comments, suggestions and objections.

Once the community has voted, a report will be presented at a future council meeting to formally endorse a name for adoption, followed by submission of the final name to Geographical Names Victoria, which encourages acknowledgment of First Nations communities.

Construction of the Cultural Centre is expected to be finished towards the end of 2023.

Voting is open until June 19 at: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/firstnationsnaming

# Ventnor heli pad approved

A helicopter landing pad on a Ventnor property has been approved by Bass Coast Shire councillors - but with a community "safeguard".

The landowner, who is also planning to build a secondary home on their Victoria Road property, will build the landing site so they can cut their commute from Melbourne to 25 minutes.

The landowner will fly the chopper six times per year, or 12 (landings/ take-off) flights.

The planning permit received five objections - with submitters concerned the chopper will "terrify wildlife", "cause panic" in stock and exceed noise levels for neighbouring residents - however shire planners recommended approving the permit.

At last week's council meeting, Cr David Rooks successfully moved an extra clause in permit conditions, which will see the permit cease in five years, with all buildings associated with the landing pad to be removed.

"This is a new idea for a helicopter to land in a residential area," Cr Rooks said.

"It does fall within shire policy to allow it, but it's a new concept and I date and time of use, the pilot and the thought this safeguard would let it purpose of the flight, which will be happen for a couple of years and then



Despite objections. Councillors approved a helicopter landing pad on a Ventnor property, but with a clause which will see the permit cease in five years.

Submitters objected to the lack of airspace regulations, adding the limit of no more than two flights in any month was "meaningless"

Shire officers said the developer would keep a logbook recording the 'made available where necessary"

with "no dust issues anticipated". Concern was raised regarding the conflict of the land use with the purposes of the farming zone, but offi-

cers said the landing pad was exempt from planning permission under the farming zone. Nature Parks did not object to the helicopter landing but provided a comment, saying between September and early May, "flying between sunset and sunrise is not recommended (to be) permitted" because of shearwaters flying to and from their burrows.

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Last week, Bass Coast Shire Council announced a plan to select an indigenous name for the new cultural centre being built in Cowes, with the community now able to vote on one of four potential names.

The council approached the Traditional Owners, the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) to source four names for the community to choose from.

"The naming of public buildings acknowledges and recognises the deep cultural history and connection to country of the places in which we live," the council stated.

In the lead up to National Reconciliation Week, it was disappointing to see the level of hostility directed at the council for this decision. Much of it is cloaked in criticism of the consultation process. Unsurprisingly, some of the fiercest criticism has come from people who have not supported the new cultural centre project since the start.

Apparently to some sections of our community, the proposal to use an indigenous name is outrageous and "an absolute disgrace".

Council has been accused of wokeism and "appeasing the minority" and the names have been described as having no connection to

Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but many of the arguments put forward on social media against the decision have been profoundly depressing and sadly predictable. The hostile and belittling comments highlight an uncomfortable truth about how far we still have to travel to become an accepting and inclusive society.

Incorporating a word from the Boon Wurrung language is a simple way to acknowledge an important part of our history - that the Traditional Owners lived on this land for centuries before European settlement.

The councillors have chosen to be part of a greater movement across the country towards reconciliation, and are giving the island community the chance to come on board.

Could the council have handled the process better? Perhaps. But in the scheme of things council deserves criticism for, surely this must rank at the very low end.

People have legitimate concerns over the cost of the new building, the intergenerational debt and whether it will serve the community's needs. However, is the name of the building really a cause for outrage?

We are fortunate to live in a democracy and if you have concerns about having a First Nations name on the new building, or you don't like any of the suggested options, you are entitled so say so, but there is no excuse for abuse or unpleasantness. You are also free to ignore the voting process entirely.

we'll get community feedback.

"It gives us an opportunity to review and lowers the risk for the community." Cr Brett Tessari agreed.

"This (caveat) gives us a chance to look at it again," Cr Tessari said.

Objectors said the flights would impact adjoining residential properties, especially dust and noise.

Officers said the landing site was at least 90m away from the closest home and the pad would be in grassland,

this community, or being too hard to pronounce.

At a time when Australia is in the process of moving forward in its journey of reconciliation, it seems some people are caught in the last century.

For everyone else, I encourage you to visit the engage website and place a vote.



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Following last year's \$4.5 million upgrade of the Rhyll ramp, the shire has received a grant to scabble the ramp, to provide more grip on the dangerously slippery concrete surface.

### No more slippery customers at Rhyll ramp

ter boaties reported dangers from the upgraded facility.

Better Boating Victoria last week said new rubber fenders on the jetty and sopontoons were installed this month for "more protection for your boat when you're tied up and the lights enable launching pre-dawn or after dark"

BBV said Bass Coast Shire had also received a grant to scabble the ramp, to provide more grip on the concrete surface.

After reopening following the \$4.5 million upgrade last vear, boaties said the ramp was slippery at low tide, forc-

Mary said she was attempting to retrieve her tinny at low tide, holding the boat on the ramp as her husband lar lights on the floating she "slipped and dropped to my knees and continued to slip on my knees into the wa-

ter". "We'll only use the ramp at "Mory said. high tide now," Mary said.

BBV said the scabbling would address the slipperiness

"The work should be done in coming weeks, on time to handle some extra traffic while the Cowes boat ramp is closed for construction." BBV said.

Boaties reported other con- launching.

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The Rhyll boat ramp will ing drivers to do burn outs to cerns including on an outgo-receive safety upgrades af- get traction. ing tide there is the possibility of a boat being trapped or overturned under the northerly wall.

There are concerns the went to get the trailer when ramp entrance is too narrow, especially on outgoing tides that run faster, making it dangerous to manoeuvre three boats and risking collisions with other boats or pylons.

Some said cleaning sta-tions were too small, with less parking and no dress down areas.

One user was concerned there were no rails to prevent falls, especially children falling into the water or on to the cement where boats are



Home care involves providing healthcare services to patients in their homes and can help patients receive more personalised care.

# Integrating home and health care

portance of healthcare systems around the world.

As hospitals and healthcare facilities became overwhelmed with patients, it became clear there is a need for alternative ways of providing healthcare services. One potential solution is integrating healthcare with home care.

Home care involves providing healthcare services to patients in their homes. This can include a range of services, such as medication management, wound care, and physical therapy. Integrating home care with healthcare services could improve patient outcomes while also reducing the burden on hospitals and healthcare facilities.

One of the benefits of integrating healthcare with home care is it can help patients receive more personalised care. When patients receive care in their homes, they have access to a team of healthcare professionals

ual needs. This can lead to better outcomes and a higher quality of life for patients.

Additionally, integrating healthcare with home care could help reduce healthcare costs. By providing care in the home, healthcare facilities can reduce the need for expensive hospital stays and procedures. This can also help reduce the strain on healthcare systems, particularly during times of crisis. However, integrating

healthcare with home care also presents challenges.

One of the biggest challenges is ensuring that patients receive the same level of care as they would in a hospital or healthcare facility. This requires a team of healthcare professionals who are trained to provide care in the home setting. It also requires the development of new technologies and tools to support homebased care. Another challenge is en-

Elise then followed with

Both lawyers also dis-

The COVID-19 pandemic who can tailor their treat- suring that patients have has brought to light the im- ment plans to their individ- access to the resources they need to receive care at home. This includes access to medications, medical equipment, and trained caregivers

To address these challenges, healthcare systems will need to work closely with patients and their families to develop personalised care plans that meet their specific needs.

Integrating healthcare with home care has the potential to improve patient outcomes, reduce healthcare costs, and reduce the strain on healthcare systems. However, it will require a concerted effort from healthcare systems, patients, and their families to overcome the challenges and ensure that patients receive the best possible care in the home setting.

With the right resources and support, integrating healthcare with home care could become an essential component of healthcare systems around the world. / Sponsored article /

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PICAL delivered a successful event on "Empowering Support: The legal processes and assistance for family violence and relationship breakdown", as part of Victorian

Law Week. While the expected audience size was down, due to the inclement weather, over a dozen attendees gathered to hear advice on this important topic, with some travelling from as far as Lang Lang and Warragul to attend. Presenters on the day were Shan Stevens, a lawyer at Gippsland Community Legal Service, and Elise Moseley, a solicitor at David Luscombe and Associates in Cowes. "All attendees were very enthusiastic and grateful for the wonderful advice imparted by der processes. Shan and Elise," PICAL manan overview of the processager Greg Thompson said. Proceedings opened with es and issues surrounding an overview of the family vio-Mediation, Child Custody, lence landscape in Gippsland Parenting Plans/Orders and Property Settlements. from Greg.



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Shan walked the audience

Shan Stevens (right) Lawyer, Gippsland Community Legal Service), Elise Moseley (centre) Solicitor at David Luscombe and Associates Cowes; and Greg Thompson (left) Manager, Phillip Island Community Centre at the PICAL Law Week event.

through the Family Violence cussed the ways in which Intervention Order and Per- legal advice can be locally sonal Safety Intervention Oraccessed in South Gippsland and on Phillip Island.

"After the presentations, most audience members stayed for another hour to ask personal one-on-one questions of Shan and Elise, who both did a fantastic job," said Greg.

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Martin, and his carer Lioba. Martin loves to socialise when she visits and always has a cheeky joke at the ready!



# Café caught in red tape nightmare

The popular Mad Cowes café on The Esplanade in Cowes is battling a bureaucratic nightmare as it fights to keep the business open

The café has been closed since a fire in March 2021.

The issue of repairs to the building is currently being negotiated by three separate insurance companies, covering the building, the contents and the owners' corporation.

For the past two years, Sharon Bridge and her team have operated from a caravan next to the premises, as they wait for the café to be repaired.

Earlier this month, she took the hard decision to close the caravan as well, for the foreseeable future.

She said it was simply not viable to keep going, particularly during the winter months, when trade drops off.

As tenants, Sharon said they were not a party to any of the negotiations around the future of the building, which had dragged on for two years, still with no resolution in sight.

#### Fire

The fire in 2021 in the exhaust duct of the café kitchen damaged around 25 per cent of the building.

Unfortunately, a straightforward replacement of the duct is not an option, as the existing system does not meet current fires codes.

With three different insurance companies involved, finding a solution that everyone agrees on has proved elusive.

There are many voices that have input into this," said Sharon, explaining the building insurance company initially argued they were not responsible for bringing the building up to code.

As she only leased the shop, she has not been part of any discussion, but said the final solution would have to be approved by all parties, including the owners' corporation which includes the owners of the café, the restaurant above it and all the apartments.

"Basically we are stuck in the middle and have no rights," Sharon said.

An initial solution to install an external exhaust fan on the café wall facing the adjacent garden was rejected by Bass Coast Shire aged to get the insurance to refund the rent Council in February 2022, on the grounds of money.



Sharon Bridge, with staff member Mary, outside Mad Cowes café. She said with three different insurance companies involved, there was still no date when repairs to the building, which caught fire in 2021, will get underway.

damage to future vegetation.

Sharon believes the business insurance has now agreed to cover the costs of a new exhaust duct, but there is no date for when work will begin.

"Our landlord has been great and now has taken the owners' corporation to VCAT, to try and get a resolution."

Despite being unable to use the premises, after the fire Mad Cowes continued to pay rent for 10 months.

While that rent was claimable against insurance, they had to wait for a fire report to be able to lodge a claim.

After an 18 months fight, they finally man-

The whole process has left Sharon exhausted and is partly behind the decision to close

the café's caravan this winter. "So many people have input into this situation - there really are too many cooks.

"The owners' corporation don't have an obligation to tell us anything, so they don't. They won't take my calls," she said.

"There's too many voices and opinions, and miscommunication is one of the reasons we are closed.'

#### Caravan

The Mad Cowes caravan, affectionately known as Mavis, has been embraced by the

café's loyal customers. Although Sharon said they are so grateful

for the support, it isn't possible to continue. 'We've been operating out of the caravan as a temporary measure, but we can't sustain another winter.

'We can't open the van when it's raining because it leaks. Every single day for two years, we've taken the cover off the caravan, and at the end of the day, we take the dishes home to our house and wash them.

'We are all tired. We can't do it again."

As well as the loss of income and loss of customers, Sharon said the disruption to the business has meant they've had to let staff go. "Our staff were so loyal and stuck by us, but now there are only three left.

'This business has run for 25 years, and we've had it for 16 years and built up a real community.'

That is all now in limbo, as they wait for a start date for the renovation to be confirmed.

#### Heartbreak

In the midst of all this upheaval, the Bridge family is dealing with the loss of Ian, Sharon's husband, who passed away in June 2021 from leukaemia.

As well as dealing with the troubles at the café, the family had to negotiate around the Covid lockdown rules, which saw Sharon and her daughters unable to be with Ian during much of his treatment.

The huge emotional toll of the loss, added to the continuing uncertainty over the café's future is hard to bear.

But Sharon remains hopeful of a positive outcome

'You just get up every day and see what the day brings," she said.

Her dream is to be able to open the café again, but that dream remains an elusive one. She's hoping this month's VCAT hearing

will provide some certainty on when the repairs will get underway. Until then, she said they will keep customers updated on the Mad Cowes Facebook and

Instagram page, and will post update signs in the café windows. "I just want to thank the loyal customers

who have supported us and the staff as well. 'We'll see you all again soon.'

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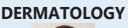
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# **Strong reaction to Kitty Miller resort plans**

There has been strong community opposition to a proposal for an \$8 million accommodation and restaurant development - for up to 100 guests at Kitty Miller Bay.

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

The proposal is for 36 hectares currently vacant - at 115 Kitty Millers Bay Road, Ventnor, on the corner of Back Beach Road, which is zoned farming.

On social media, Tricia correctly questioned how this resort would be allowed in the farm zone when last week VCAT "knocked back the application for a new National Vietnam Veterans Museum", a development also in the farm zone.

Heather said the plan was "terrible", calling for the southern side of the island to be "left alone" to protect wildlife, saying there were already plenty of attractions on the island.

Martin said "we need to be careful that we don't screw up what makes the island special and makes people want to live or visit here".

Many commented the island's infrastructure was already stretched. One resident summed up the sen-

timent of increasing island develop-ment with "OMG what next". Flynn supported the resort plans,

saving off-season tourists were needed, while Andrea said a "blanket no approach" to all development was "not the way to go".

According to the permit, the development will be an "eco-tourism retreat" aimed at international tourists. It proposes to create wetlands

which flow into the Swan Lake drain - into a local attraction, with extensive earthworks and revegetation.



The site of a proposed resort on the corner of Kitty Millers Bay Road and Back Beach Road. Proposed is regeneration of the wetlands - which flow into the Swan Lake drain - with extensive earthworks and revegetation.

manmade and created years ago by GP circuit developer Len Lukey, adding "hope the footings are going to be deep" for any buildings on top of the mounds.

There will be a central two-storey building, with 29 accommodation units, a 145sqm information centre and 217sqm restaurant for the use of

Diane said the wetlands area were private guests only, with kitchen and amenities.

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

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

## **Another Cowes** subdivision approved

A 59-lot subdivision - and re- Objections moval of vegetation - has been approved for Cowes west.

Bass Coast Shire councillors last week agreed with shire planners in approving the subdivision for 273-297 Church Street, opposite Anchor Belle Holiday Park, despite receiving 26 objections.

This new subdivision is near the development for 256 lots at 299-325 Church Street, which will be a retirement village.

The 59 lots on 3.6 hectares is zoned residential, with lots sized between 301sqm and 765sqm, with the permit approved with nearly 40 conditions.

Cr David Rooks moved the motion to approve the development, saying as Phillip Island's popula-tion continued to increase "we of course need more housing to support that", adding the land was an appropriate site for infill housing.

"It's far better to have the population in this area instead of extending the town boundaries, which the community does not want," Cr Rooks said.

"I appreciate there were 26 objections with 18 different areas of concern. I looked at the objections and I'm comfortable with the officers' responses.

He said he was "frustrated" by vegetation loss, but because shire officers had "pushed back" fewer trees would be removed, while there would be "significant net gain" with planting of street trees.

Objectors said they were concerned about the loss of character and density, but shire officers said the site was targeted for infill in policies, explaining the Bass Coast Planning scheme had no density limits.

Many submitters said Cowes' infrastructure and services couldn't cope with more population pressure.

But officers said no utility or service provider objected to the proposal and authorities were part of early discussions.

Concerns about traffic congestion were dismissed because the developers' traffic report found "negligible impacts will be generated to Church Street" and shire traffic engineers saw "no reason to dispute the analysis".

Submitters argued there was no public open space.

Officers responded the development was near the North Shore Reserve and the beach.

Questions about the loss of wildlife and the environment were dismissed by an ecologist who found common birds and rabbits on the site.

One objector even questioned payments made to council by the developer to assist with the application, with officers responding the total fee paid for consideration of this application was \$2675

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# **Regional skate park hopes gone**

Just one Bass Coast Shire councillor has voted against the skate strategy review, saying residents of San Remo, Cape Woolamai and Newhaven will be "bitterly disappointed" by the outcome.

About a decade after the Phillip Island community began lobbying for a regional skate park, the skate strategy review was adopted by the majority of councillors at last week's council meeting.

The review proposes two smaller sub-regional parks be built - at Wonthaggi in the short-term and Cowes in the long-term - but no larger, competition-size park.

While a sub-regional skate park measures 600-1000sqm+, a regional one is 1000sqm+ and more complex.

Cr Bruce Kent was the only councillor to vote against adopting the review, saying he had worked with the community on finding solutions that were detailed in the original skate park strategy adopted by council in 2018.

"I won't be supporting this because I feel my community - Cape Woolamai, Newhaven and San Remo - will be bitterly disappointed in this," Cr Kent said.

"I honestly feel Cowes will be built in 10-odd years and Wonthaggi will get a quick upgrade," Cr Kent said.

Cr Rochelle Halstead - who has also been an advocate for skate facilities - was not at last week's council meeting.

While Cr Clare Le Serve agreed, she voted in support of the review.

"There are families waiting for a regional skate park for competition but unfortunately that is not what they're going to get," Cr Le Serve said.

"We will get two sub-regional parks. That is where we find ourselves now."

The adoption of the review follows two failed attempts to find a home for a regional skate park: a proposal



Phillip Island resident Bucky Hamer was a passionate skateboarder when he became president of the Foreshore Sk8 Park group nearly a decade ago, to lobby Bass Coast Shire for upgraded skate facilities. His son and daughter (pictured) are keen skate park users.

following community opposition; with an alternative at Newhaven's Graydens Reserve again abandoned due to opposition.

Cr David Rooks supported the review saying it aligned with the community's surfing culture.

Cr Letitia Laing acknowledged while the community would like to have all projects "happen tomorrow", "we are limited in our budget", supporting Wonthaggi as the first park to be built.

#### Review

The review recommends Wonthaggi sub-regional skate park be built by 2024 at the site of the existing facility.

The review says a Cowes sub-regional skate park should be built be-

in San Remo was stymied in 2018 tween 2024-26 at the proposed future recreation reserve, on the corner of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads.

> The draft Cowes recreation reserve masterplan - which closed for community comment last Wednesday – has a section for the proposed new Cowes skate park.

> The skate review states Cowes should be built after Wonthaggi, because the local skate park near the Cowes oval has already been upgraded.

> The Cowes new facility will measure 600-1000sqm+, be designed for medium-sized events and competition, with complex obstacles, catering for beginner to advanced, with "potential for an iconic design and tĥeme"

> It will allow for night use, and there should also be bouldering, climbing,



The draft Cowes recreation reserve masterplan - which closed for community comment last Wednesday - has a section for the proposed new Cowes skate park.

#### games, kick about, basketball.

"It will cater to all styles of skate but focus on competition level bowls and transition to complement local park facility already at Cowes.

Design of a local skate park at Graydens Reserve will be undertaken in 2023/24, to replace the existing portable ramp, which will include community consultation.

According to shire officers, community feedback of the review found "resounding support" for the proposed subregional facilities in Cowes and Wonthaggi, from 237 respondents.

About 72 per cent of respondents said they would use sub-regional skate parks in Cowes and Wonthaggi, and almost 68 per cent said they would use the Newhaven skate facility.

Officers said a local level skate park at Graydens Reserve "met some resistance"

Last year almost 800 people signed a petition calling for a bike and skateboard pump track in Cape Woolamai.

#### Community

Phillip Island resident Bucky

Hamer was a passionate skateboarder when he became president of the Foreshore Sk8 Park group nearly a decade ago, to lobby Bass Coast Shire for upgraded skate facilities.

Now he has two children - a skateboarding "addict" and a keen rollerskater – he sees the need for upgraded facilities are more important than ever.

"It's now the younger generation who need these skate parks and the need is bigger than ever - not just skaters, but scooters, BMX, rollerskating - girls and women are the biggest growth category," Bucky said.

Bucky welcomed the new skate strategy review after years of delay and controversy.

"I'm all for getting this across the line in any way, shape or form, and I'm happy council seems to be trying to forge ahead given the difficulties they have had

"But I'm slightly disappointed they haven't managed to do what they set out to do in the first place, which is build a world-class skate park for the shire.

"Their field of vision seems to be a bit narrow.'

#### Emma Bäcklund

# Stay close, go further. VISIT GREAT OCEAN ROAD





The proposed museum site at 24 Churchill Road, Newhaven, with frontage to the Phillip Island Road. The museum board is dismayed that one of the two objectors to the proposal had sold them the property, yet insisted throughout the VCAT hearing that the land remain for farming use.

### What now for Vietnam Vets' museum?

The board of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum have met to consider how they can resuscitate their new museum development after VCAT last week scuttled their planning permit.

Board chair Kingsley Mundey said members were "flabbergasted" following VCAT's decision to overturn Bass Coast Shire Council's granting of a permit for a new museum, on 40ha at the intersection of Churchill and Phillip Island roads (see separate story).

And he said there was a degree of urgency in fast-tracking the next step, saying "we don't have two to three years to waste" given ageing and dying Vietnam veterans.

Kingsley said the board met last Thursday to outline three options: redesign plans on the 40ha site to meet VCAT's requirements; build a bigger museum on their existing Veterans Drive 1.5 acres, including buying more land; and buy another site on Phillip Island, potentially selling the 40ha.

"This is a speed hump, not a roadblock. Vietnam veterans are very resilient," Kingsley said.

"There were a whole range of issues in the 48-page VCAT decision. So if we were to redesign can we check off those boxes and still have a meaningful museum?

"Our museum needs to be a certain size and it needs to be educational, entertaining and informative. So we don't want to cut off our nose to spite our face and end up with something that is too small."

Kingsley said if they were to opt for the second choice - expand their current site - they would need to negotiate with Phillip Island Helicopters.

"The current museum is not fit for purpose, not a sufficient size and we need a modern museum.

"We don't know whether this is realistic or not. I think it is an option, but we'd need more land."

He said if they were to move to an-other site on Phillip Island (Vietnam veteran's "spiritual home") – or Bass Coast - they could face the same problems through VCAT.



An artist's impression of the proposed National Vietnam Veterans Museum on a 100-acre site opposite the current museum.

allowed to happen anywhere on Phillip Island."

Kingsley said lobbying the state government and shire to re-zone the 40ha land on Churchill Road was a "possibility" but the board was concerned at the potential lengthy process.

"My main concern is that veterans are dying and we don't have another five years - or even two or three years to waste, to potentially get another no." Kingsley said while the board discussed their next steps last week, they did not vote on a clear direction.

"People need time to get the emotion out of their system and explore options to see where the better path lies.

We have got to try and find a path of least resistance and at a reasonable cost because we are volunteers and not rich, so money plays a role in the decision making.

#### Dismayed

Kingsley said VCAT's decision to reject the museum permit was partly based on zoning - building a tourist attraction in the farm zone - but also primarily about design.

"It's not great farmland and part of the land is unfarmable.

"So it was about visibility and scale. But if we make it any smaller it won't serve our purpose.

He said they had received consider-able support from the shire and community, including a crowdfunding campaign through the VCAT case that raised \$45,000.

and \$190,000 on the VCAT case. The board purchased the 40ha in 2019 for \$2.6 million, following a \$5

Kingsley said he was dismayed that one of two objectors had sold them the property yet insisted throughout

the VCAT hearing the land remain for farming.

The flower farm sold us the land, yet they were a key appellant.

'They sold us the land to build a museum vet were resolute in VCAT it had to remain farming land.'

Kingsley said they had paid a premium for the land and he was uncertain whether it had subsequently risen in value.

"We looked at a whole range of issues at the time (of buying the land), including where would get the best chance of approval and this block was considered the best.

"We knew the risks in zoning so that wasn't surprising. What was surprising is that the seller was a main appellant.'

He added the shire had been fully supportive of the project and it had received unanimous support by councillors.

The new museum at last count was expected to cost \$50 million.

At the last state election, the state government committed \$10 million to the museum and the board were seeking a matching amount from the Commonwealth, while board members had been lobbying government te for fuu ministers and philar

# Why VCAT refused Vietnam Vets' museum

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Mr Gaschk and Harty found while tourism was important to the local economy it should not adversely impact the environment and landscape. The decision could be a precedent

for other projects in the area - such as the Newhaven West subdivision proposal.

The members referred to the state government's declaration of Phillip Island as a Distinctive Areas and Landscapes - particularly this protected zone around Newhaven and Churchill Island - and the importance of "retaining the undeveloped character of open rural areas and conceal buildings from view".

VCAT also paid tribute to war veterans and the work of the museum. "As with all tribunal decisions,

this decision was not taken lightly. "We accept and acknowledge the important nature and intent of this proposal to provide an opportunity to enhance the work of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, to inform and further educate Australians and others, on the Vietnam War ... The respondent provided a compelling community benefit submission along these lines."

#### Decade of work

The museum was started by veteran John Methven and his wife Krishna in San Remo when they built a trailer in 1994 and started taking it around Australia, before moving to a building at San Remo the following year.

Last week John said he was "devastated" and "bewildered" by the VCAT decision.

In 2014 the board adopted their National Vietnam Museum Master-



Founder of the museum John Methven started the museum in a trailer in 1994.

plan, planning for the expansion.

The new museum was to be about three-times the current museum's size, with the current site (on Veterans Drive) not big enough to house more than 40,000 objects, many of which were "nationally significant". The 40.1ha site was purchased in 2019 for \$2.6 million – paid for from a Federal government grant - after a long search for a new site to house the museum's expanding collection. Museum management looked at

more than 12 different sites in their search for a suitable location, wanting main road frontage and enough land for future expansion.

During the VCAT case, the museum argued the proposal would be "a significant enhancement of the tourism offering on Phillip Island" and was a legacy to veterans.

The museum said the development was of "high architectural quality" and was likely to be a building of national significance.



The one-acre site at 6-12 Warley Avenue was bought last year for an undisclosed price, believed to be in the low \$4 million-range. It is now for sale with the planning permit for \$6.75 million to \$7.42 million.

### Warley yet again for sale

approval to build a 91-apartment development, the owners of the former Warley hospital site have put the property on the market.

The one-acre site at 6-12 Warley Avenue, Cowes, was bought last year for an undisclosed price, believed to be in the low \$4 million-range.

The current sale - through expression of interest open until May 31 - is on the market with the planning permit for \$6.75 million to \$7.42 million.

Barely six months after being given the shire's recommended height limit for the former Warley hospital site.

Four objections were lodged to the plans, with submitters concerned about height and neighbourhood character.

But shire planning officers explained the height had been agreed by an independent planning panel in 2018

Last year Samuel Property managing director Illan Samuel told the Advertiser he understood the importance of the site to the community and was open to ideas on how to give a nod to its hospital past. Illan said had visited Phillip Island as a tourist for many years, saying it appealed not only because it was a "beautiful location" but because it had undergone a change in demographics and the real estate market had boomed. Last week the Advertiser contacted Illan with a range of questions but as of going to print did not receive a response. Warley Hospital closed in 2008. In 2017 a planning application for a psychiatric facility to be developed there was rejected by councillors. The building was subsequently demolished and the empty site was bought by Illan Samuel's company last year.

million grant in Federal funding.

is a danger our building wouldn't be \$1 million to get the planning permit ther funding.

This came after t

### Museum objector speaks out

One of the VCAT objectors to the "The island is very, very unique the museum. National Vietnam Veterans Mu- but people take it for granted," he "It was a m One of the VCAT objectors to the seum has told the Advertiser they don't oppose the development, but rather its siting in an environmentally-sensitive area.

The objector, who asked not to be named, but is a long-term neighbouring resident, argued the building was inappropriate and would have environmental impacts on the internationally recognised Ramsar wetland adjoining Churchill Island.

said.

"The value of the island is its natural resources. If you want big buildings go to Melbourne."

The objector said fault lay with Bass Coast Shire for approving the

planning permit in a farm zone.

Uses prohibited in a farm zone include an education centre, retail premises and office.

"It's their fault. They have misled watching."

"It was a miscalculated development.'

He said he was grateful for the "support and passion" shown by the community "against inappropriate development".

"The response and support of our community clearly shows we care about the environment that we are privileged to live in

"It shows we do care, and we are

According to the current owner, Samuel Property, last year's property sale wasn't due to settle until mid-2023.

Melbourne agent Jones Real Estate has listed the property, describing it as an "unprecedented opportunity for developers to tap into a vastly undersupplied market" in a "rapidly evolving coastal hot spot".

The agent states the Warley site is a block from the Cowes beach with a median house price of \$1.13 million (within a six-block radius of Thompson Avenue in the last 12 months, according to the agent).

The permit was approved by Bass Coast Shire councillors last December for five-storeys, 91-apartments and 117 carparks, with a maximum height of 16.2 metres, which is within

# Lions Club call it a day

After 47 years of community ser- up, the four members agreed unani- Traders Association and shop keepvice the San Remo/Newhaven Lions club has called it quits, falling victim to plummeting volunteer rates.

In its last official act, the club donated \$10,000 to local charity Free 3D Hands.

With just four members remaining, President Michael Newton said it was not possible to continue.

"After no interest in various membership drives to attract new members, we held an emergency meeting twelve months ago to decide the future of the club.

"We again advertised the meeting in an attempt to try and attract new members but there was not the interest needed to boost club numbers."

Michael said the club struggled through another year, continuing its fundraising work, but at a recent meeting the sad decision was made to wind up.

Research by Volunteering Australia showed across the board, volunteering levels are declining, with the Covid pandemic having a profound impact.

"Research commission by Volunteering Australia from the Australian National University estimated that two thirds of volunteers (65.9 per cent) stopped volunteering between February and April 2020," a key statistic paper released in 2021 stated.

Already dealing with declining numbers, for many clubs, the pandemic was a fatal blow.

Michael agreed the club lost momentum during the pandemic.

"We have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars just in my time and put that back into the community.

"It's disappointed that the community didn't rally to keep the group operating.

After making the decision to wind

mously to donate the remaining funds - \$10,000 - to Free 3D Hands, with Michael presenting the cheque to founder Mat Bowtell last week.

"Free 3D Hands is a great organisation, doing fantastic work. We love what they are doing.'

#### Legacy

Michael, who was club president for seven years, said that while it was a devastating decision to finish up, he takes solace in the fact they are far from the only club in this position.

He remains enormously proud of all the club has achieved over almost five decades.

"It is estimated the club raised more than a million dollars over its 47 years," he said.

That money was channelled back into the community, supporting projects with local schools, CFA, SES, BCH, Woolamai Beach Surf Lifesaving club, community members that needed a bit of help as well as supporting other clubs state-wide in difficult times of drought, fire, and flood.

He said while the remaining members gained a great deal of satisfaction raising funds and helping others, without interest in new membership 'the time has come where the current members need to step back and concentrate on other things

Over the years he calculated hundreds of people had been involved in assisting the Lions in their fundraising activities, with events like the San Remo Carols, Bunnings sausage sizzles and the dozens of other BBQs at various events.

"We have had great sponsors like the Bendigo Bank, Bass Coast Shire, Westernport Waterboard, San Remo ers, local newspapers and far too many more to mention," Michael said.

"Then there are the thousands of people who have purchased a sausage at one of our barbeques, bought a Christmas cake, a raffle ticket or simply donated to our club.

'To all these people we would like to send a huge thanks. It's because of your support the last 47 years have been possible.'

Michael also paid tribute to the members of the club over the years.

While others have assisted us with donations, none of the above would be remotely possible without those who put their hands up to be part of the Lions committees over the years.

"There have been lots over the 47 years and while I didn't know everyone I would like to pass on my thanks and gratitude to all past members,' Michael said.

"To the current members and members in my time, I would like to sincerely thank you for your efforts to keep the club afloat.

"Despite all of our hard work it is just a sign of the times we live in, where volunteers are difficult to find." He believes the loss of the local Lions Club is a sad outcome for the San Remo and Newhaven communities.

But it doesn't need to be the end. Although the club had disbanded, its charter had not been forfeited, and if there were volunteers interested in continuing the great work of the Lions, it could easily be reactivated.

"When you join a club like the Lions, there's a sense of being involved and putting in," Michael said.

"If it's done properly, it's not a chore. You are working with friends for a common cause.

### Driver "ambushed" by parking signs

A San Remo resident said she feels ambushed after being hit with a huge parking fine from Bass Coast Shire Council.

Charlotte Zinn-Zinnenburg says she received a \$185 fine in the mail, after stopping in a No Standing zone in Wynne Street, San Remo.

"I usually walk to the post office, but due to a painful arthritic knee episode, I drove," she explained. "I stopped in front of my mail-

box for less than one minute.

Two days later, the shock fine arrived in the mail.

Charlotte said the No Standing sign that was formerly in front of the mail boxes has now moved further up on Wynne Road, and is obscured behind a tree.

"It's now invisible from the corner turning into Wynne Road," she said, explaining anyone turning into the street from Marine Parade wouldn't see the sign if they stopped at the post office boxes.

She believes there have been other complaints and the Post Office has raised the issue with the council, without response.

"It's not about the amount of money, but this is wrong," Charlotte told The Advertiser.

She has since lodged a request with the council to have the fine reviewed

Bass Coast Shire Council was approached for comment, but did not respond by our deadline.



The No Standing sign previously in front of the post office boxes in San Remo (top) has now been moved further down the street and is partially obscured by a tree (bottom). One resident said she felt "ambushed" by a parking fine for stopping to collect her mail, where there was no signage visible (centre).



Nature Parks' cute and furry conservation dogs Flash and Macey are trained to help feral cat and fox eradications for Phillip Island.



Phillip Island have established successfully and are spreading in range.

The Bush stone-curlew is critically endangered in Victoria; records indicate it was last seen on Phillip Island in the 1970s.

# Endangered species thriving, some nosediving

Phillip Island Nature Parks still land itself is not big enough to supplans to re-introduce more threatened species to the island, according to a new report.

Nature Parks first released its threatened species plan in 2018, promoting the island as an "ark", a haven for endangered and threatened Victorian species, including long nosed potoroos, growling grass frog, king quail and swamp skink.

"Australia is experiencing the

port a large population, although we do currently have one pair living here and suggestions the island could hold up to two pairs, as the home range is large," Jessica said.

"State-wide plans for the longnose potoroo are being established and we are a stakeholder in this conversation. Although progress on the ground may seem slow, it is necessarily so."

were hatched in the past year at the KCR.

#### Bandicoot

The update also shows Eastern barred bandicoot recovery program success, with the bandicoot relisted as endangered rather than extinct in the wild.

The bandicoot was established on Churchill Island, Phillip Island and French Island, with their numbers now spreading across these islands. "The captive breeding programs that have been running for two decades have ceased," the update states, adding research on the species will continue.

Island in the 1970s and two chicks curlews, whose population has declined by more than 80 per cent in the past 40 years due to habitat destruction.

The birds fly from China to the Rhyll Inlet with Nature Parks continuing "to monitor this site".

Jessica said they will be carrying out research on feral cats' impact on the environment later this year, following the introduction of the 24hour cat containment in July.

cat monitoring.

Veteran detection dog Jazz retires this year.

#### Koalas

Nature Parks has dismissed calls to include koalas in its proposed threatened species plan, despite the much-loved marsupial under serious threat in the wild.

There are 17 koalas in the Koala Conservation Reserve, compared to 24 in 2019. There were less than 30 estimated around the island in 2019, and now that estimate has dropped to about 10.

### Populations of Eastern barred bandicoot on Churchill and

highest rate of species extinctions of any landmass ... This provides a significant opportunity for Phillip Island to play a key role in preserving the biodiversity of Victoria," the plan said.

This month PINP released the plan's annual update, explaining their short-term focus is on releasing the Bush stone-curlew, followed at a later date by the potoroo, and with plans for a powerful owl population shelved.

Conservation manager Jessica McKelson said while they were exploring options for different animals, "not all of them will be suitable for life on Phillip Island".

"We explored increasing the powerful owl population with experts from Deakin University, but the is-

She said they were researching whether the critically endangered Bush stone-curlew - currently housed at the Koala Conservation Reserve (KCR) – could be released.

"Work on this species over the past few years has been impacted by the need to do extensive genetic studies of captive populations.

"The Nature Parks exists to create a safe haven for wildlife, and part of that is making sure the environment is right for any species we introduce.'

The update states a visitor survey was conducted in the past year of about 300 respondents, finding a "high level" – 96 per cent – of support for Bush stone-curlews to freely live on the island.

The bird was last seen on Phillip

#### Birds, plants

This summer was the second highest recorded for the number of hooded plover fledglings, after 30 years of monitoring nests.

During the 2021/2022 season. there were 19 pairs of hooded plovers, producing a total of 70 eggs. Of the 25 chicks that hatched, 14 survived to fledging, just short of the 2015/16 season (17).

Not so successful is the population of the critically endangered eastern

"Dogs, domestic and feral cats will always be a threat to wildlife on the island, if they are not man-

aged," she said.

"We have campaigns throughout the year that aim to educate people about the birds that nest on our shores and have on-lead regulations in place for dogs across our reserves that we manage.'

The update states threatened flora such as the critically endangered crimson berry are increasing, with six new plant species sighted in the past year and an exclusion fence built to protect plants.

Nature Parks' detection dogs Macey and Flash helped track down the fox that was found on Phillip Island last year, while the dogs are also used in continued fox and feral home to four koalas.

Jessica said koalas were not a threatened species in Victoria.

'There remains a very small population of wild koalas on Phillip Island and there is little we can do to improve the outcomes for these koalas due to the impacts of disease and urbanisation.

"The Koala Conservation Reserve has become a refuge to support the recovery and care for koalas that cannot be released back to the wild.' She said earlier this year a new sanctuary was built at the KCR for chlamydia-free koalas, which is

### Reconciliation Week

### **BE A VOICE** FOR GENERATIONS

#### Bass Coast community together Be a Voice for Generations for National Sorry Day Bass Coast will be celebrat-

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network is proud to be hosting a National Sorry Day event on May 26, at the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club.

The event will commemorate the Stolen Generations and encourage truth telling to promote healing and reconciliation.

"Sorry Day is an important opportunity for our community to come together and acknowledge the pain and suf-fering caused by the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children," said Kate Adams, Bass Coast Reconciliation Network Chair.

"The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network is pleased to see organisations partner with community and hope that this event will promote healing and reconciliation."

For Patrice Mahoney OAM, National Sorry Day is a day to remember "all the children and their families who were stolen, abused, and died are never forgotten".

"And to all those who waited patiently, advocated tirelessly, and to the brave who found the courage to find their voice and speak of the horrendous truth," Patrice said.

"Our role now is to make sure those stories are never forgotten. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the brave and courageous individuals who shared their personal experience and told their story.



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Sorry Day, also known as with music from Paul Patten. the National Day of Healing, The Bass Coast Reconcil is an annual event to acknowledge and remember the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, communities and cultures.

Everyone is invited to be part of the event at Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club from 10am to 1pm to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generation survivors and reflect on how we can play our part in the healing process.

The event will include a Welcome to Country, speeches from local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Leaders followed by a light lunch, yarns and a cultural performance

The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network is a group of organisations that works with community to promote reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous Australians in the Bass Coast region.

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network is pleased to see organisations come together with the community to acknowledge and celebrate this important date of significance. For more information on the

Sorry Day event, please visit: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ reconciliation or contact Patrice Mahonev on 0427 878 846. / Sponsored article /

ing National Reconciliation Week by hosting a Community Forum on June 2 with two special interactive discussion panels to raise awareness on how to become a champion for reconciliation.

This year's event, themed "Be A Voice for Generations," encourages everyone to act today for a reconciled tomorrow. The event is being hosted by the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network with the support of Reconciliation Victoria

The Forum will be held at the Inverloch Community Hub on Friday June 2.

The day's program will kick off at 10.30am with a traditional Welcome to Country and

Smoking Ceremony. The first panel discussion, "Community Voices", will begin at 11am followed by discussion time.

After a lunch break, the program will resume with the second panel discussion "Rec-onciliation Action Plans". The day will conclude with afternoon tea and a yarning.

"I invite everyone to join us for a thought-provoking panel discussion on reconciliation, ask questions, contribute to a meaningful discussion and learn how we can all play a part in this important journey," said Bass Coast Reconciliation Network Chair, Kate Adams

"Whether you are a business owner, employee, or community member, this is an opportunity to learn from real-world examples of how RAPs can contribute to reconciliation and create positive change."

#### Panel discussion 1: **Community Voices**

Listen to and learn from our esteemed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander panellists who will share their unique perspectives, experiences and



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the impact of historical injustices and current issues for their communities.

Panellists include the former CEO of the Healing Foundation and the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care, Richard Weston and Rueben Berg, Member of the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria and former Chairperson of Westernport Water.

#### Panel discussion 2: **Reconciliation Action Plans**

Discover the impact of Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs) on organisations as we hear from those who have undertaken the journey. Our panellists will share their experiences, challenges, and successes of implementing RAPs

in their workplaces. Panellists will be joined by Nicole Findlay, Chief Executive Officer of Reconciliation Victoria who's work history has involved working in consultation and partnership with Traditional Owners and First Nations peoples and communities.

The Reconciliation Forum is open to all members of the community, and admission is /Sponsored article/

insights on reconciliation and free. To secure your spot we encourage you to book your tickets at: www.trybooking.com/ events/landing?eid=1049667

National Reconciliation Week is celebrated annually from May 27 to June 3 and marks two significant milestones in Australia's reconciliation journey: the 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

The week provides an opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how we can work together to achieve reconciliation.

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network has members from Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bass Coast Shire Council, Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group, Myli, West Gippsland CMA, South Gippsland Water and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.

For more information on the National Reconciliation Community Forum, please visit: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ reconciliation

Vhat's with the Voice?

Strait Islander Voice.

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the details of how the Voice

will work. A referendum gives

the people's agreement to a

change in the Constitution,

and then the legislation to de-

fine how it will work is negoti-

The Uluru Statement from

the Heart requested that the

Voice be enshrined in the Con-

stitution rather than merely

legislated so that future gov-

ernments cannot abolish or

This is the second article in the series on the Referendum for the Voice to Parliament, by the Bass Coast South **Gippsland Reconciliation** Group.

The Australian people will vote in a referendum for the Voice to Parliament some time between October and December this year. A referendum is a vote to change the Australian Constitution which is the founding document of our nation, and the primary source of our law.

A referendum must be passed by a majority of voters nationally, and a majority of states. The simple yes/no question

We need structural reform

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tions, powers and procedures laws, only advise on their content. It will concentrate its advice on areas of importance like health, education, justice and jobs. Advice will be drawn from consultations in communities, and it is no more likely to be controversial than any other important legislation.

A structure for the Voice has been proposed through the Co-design Process 2019-21 and its Report, which was authored by Professor Marcia Langton and Tom Calma AO.

Whilst this is detail that will be worked out by Parliament, the Co-design Report recommends establishing local and regional Voices reporting to a national Voice.

# WE NEED YOU

The South Gippsland/Bass Coast Dhelk Dja Action Group are currently seeking new members to meet, discuss, plan, local approaches that Educate, Prevent,

Respond and Reduce Family Violence within Community



Be a voice for your

local community?

Can you advocate & identify issues / needs in the community?

Are you enthusiastic &

have time to engage with local events?

#### We are looking for a range of community members who can represent Elders, Men, Women, Children & Young People

For further information please contact Paul Patten South Coast/Bass Coast Dhelk Dia Chairperson on 0422 648 842

that we will vote on is:

"Do you support an alteration to the Constitution that establishes an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice?' The new words inserted in the Constitution shall read:

1. There shall be a body, to be called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

2. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice may make representations to parliament and the executive government on matters relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

3. The parliament shall, subject to this constitution, have power to make laws with respect to the composition, func-

to give First Nations people greater say in decisions affecting their lives. The right to self-determination under the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People has so far been ignored in Australia.

The Voice will give advice to parliament and to the public servants drafting legislation, based on the best advice possible from the ground up. Parliament is not required to take the advice, but they should in good faith listen. The Voice will be held accountable and under great scrutiny from parliament, from First Nations communities and the people. It will not be a third chamber of Parliament. It won't make

The Voice will comprise two members per state, plus five members for remote representation, and one member for Torres Strait Islanders living on mainland Australia. It will definitely not be an elite 'Canberra Voice'. Its membership will be drawn from everyday First Nations people from every corner of Australia.

The Voice is a common-sense response to years of failed policies and programs that do not take account of what First Nations people know about their communities. We need at last to listen to their Voices.

The next article will deal with the pros and cons of the Voice.

# JOIN US AT THE FOLLOWING TWO EVENTS:

**1 NATIONAL SORRY DAY** FRIDAY 26 MAY ~ 10am-1pm CAPE PATERSON LIFE SAVING CLUB A day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generation Survivors & reflect on how we can play our part in the healing process. Join us for morning tea and yarns.

- Welcome to Country
- Music by Paul Patten
- MC: Patrice Mahoney

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WEEK 2023

27 MAY — 3 JUNE



# **BASS COAST RECONCILIATION FORUM** INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HUB ~ FRIDAY 2 JUNE ~ 10.30am-3pm

Be part of two special interactive discussion panels to become a champion for reconciliation

10.30am: Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony

11.00am: Panel 1 - Community voices: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander special guests, including Rueben Berg and Richard Weston, and local community leaders yarn about truth telling and their perspective of the RAP process.

12.00pm: Lunch

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**1.00pm: Panel 2 - Reconciliation Action Plans (RAPs):** The people working on RAPs



in their organisations will share their experiences alongside Nicole Findlay, CEO of Reconciliation Victoria.

#### 2.00pm Afternoon tea and yarning

#### Info: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Bass Coast, the Bunurong. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.







#### THE PULSE\_ Events, entertainment and community news



The PIARC promoted Round 3 of Motorsport Australia Victorian State Race Series is at the GP Circuit this weekend. Expect to see some Ford verses Holden battles in the Sports Sedans and 22 Saloons. Photo: Alia Schonberg.

# Get ready to race

Australia Victorian State Race Series 2023 is providing "access to motorsport" this weekend at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

With 10 categories there are over 208 cars competing in the 30 races scheduled at Australia's most picturesque circuit.

The largest field is Improved Production Cars (including BMW E30) which has 37 diverse entries from a total of 50 permissible on the starting grid.

Formula Ford and Formula Ford 1600 have a fantastic 29 entries, Excels 25 Formula of four race meetings being

Series with 29.

Parochial Holden verses Ford fans have 22 Saloons to watch in battle, whilst support also comes from the Fast and Furious Sports Sedans, Porsche 944s and HQs.

Action a plenty is assured from 9am to 5pm daily on the newly upgraded circuit.

Family friendly admission via EventBrite online is great value with Adults weekend passes a mere \$40, Sunday only \$35, Saturday \$30. Kids under 16 admitted free all weekend.

This meeting is the second

The PIARC promoted Vees 23 and the new for promoted by PIARC (Phil- Winton event, earlier in the Round 3 of the Motorsport 2023 Toyota 86 Scholarship lip Island Auto Racing Club) vear at Benalla. lip Island Auto Racing Club) for 2023, and one of five for the year with Club involvement, all with the added importance of helping the Island's great history as a racing Mecca.

PIARC spokesman Geoff Bull says the club is hoping even more entries in total for this fantastic series which continues to get better by the year with great racing.

This event is Round 3 of the 2023 Motorsport Australia Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships which is being conducted at Phillip Island and Sandown throughout the year, with a

Note your diary for this weekend, great budget priced admission and action from 9am to 5pm daily at Phillip Island. Tickets: \$40 weekend, \$35 Sunday only, \$30 Saturday only. Advance Admission online via EVENTBRITE, by eftpos, but no cash.

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More Information www. piarc.com.au and vsrs.com. au/calendar/ / Sponsored article /

on the Ritz.



The Phillip Island Rotary Club hosted four couples from the USA who are in Victoria for the International Rotary Convention. The visitors loved visiting the Penguin Parade.

### International Rotary visitors

community.

A wave of tourists is set to descend on Phillip Island and San Remo as thousands of Rotarians arrive in Victoria for the International Rotary Convention in Melbourne from May 27 – 31.

Hundreds of international visitors, mainly from the United States and Canada, but also from other parts of the world including Finland, Japan, Switzerland. Israel and India are set to visit Phillip Island and San Remo.

On the weekend, Phillip Island Rotary Club hosted four couples visiting from the USA. The visitors were thrilled

to be taken to various sites around the island, and were lucky enough to be in town for the Rotary gala event, Puttin'

The dinner was a great opportunity for the visiting Rotarians to meet and connect with members of the local club and

Other Rotary members attending the convention are expected to embark on several tours bound for Philip Island, giving the island a chance to showcase its natural beauty, local hospitality, and culture to a global audience, while providing a much-needed boost to the local economy.

Conventions of this size have a huge impact on the visitor economy, with four in every 10 international delegates (38 per cent) visiting regional Victoria before and or after the conference they attend.

More than 14,000 Rotary members and participants from over 120 countries will gather in Melbourne from May 27 – 31 for the membership service organisation's annual convention.

For more information, visit Rotary.org

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### **MAY 27-28 Presented by the Philip Island Auto Racing Club**

#### Formula Ford

- Formula Ford 1600
- Formula Vee
- Hyundai Excel
- Improved Productionincluding BMW E30
- Sports Sedans
- MG/Invited British Sports Cars
- Toyota 86 Schoarship Series
- Saloon Cars
- Porsche 944 Challenge

Round 4 - Sandown/ASSA August 11-13

**Always great racing and** fantastic entries across many categories.

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- Round 5 Phillip Island/VMC Sept
- Round 6 Calder/Combined October 27-29 TBC

Spectators are always well catered for with full access to the paddock and the racers.



### For further information visit www.VSRS.com.au

#### PULSE\_ THE Events, entertainment and community news



Wendy Stapleton is bringing her Swinging Sixties show to the Wooli Tavern on June 17. Book your tickets now, as this show is sure to sell out fast.

### Get psychedelic with the Swinging 60s

After her sell out show last May, celebrating the show sold out in a flash, so get in quickly the songs of Dusty Springfield, Wendy Stapleton is making a welcome return to the Wooli Tavern on June 17.

This time, Wendy is bringing the Swinging Sixties to the island, along with special guests - the Australian Women's Choir.

Expect to be taken back in time, as Wendy showcases her favourite songs of the 60s, from Diana Ross and the Supremes, The Chiffons, Dusty Springfield, The Shirelles, Petula Clarke, Sandi Shaw and Lulu, just to name a few.

It will be a great night of singing and dancing, as Wendy and her band transport you back to the sixties

Last time Wendy played at the Wooli Tavern,

and book your tickets for a fabulous night out. Tickets are \$65, which includes entry and

canapes. There are prizes on offer for the best swinging sixties outfit, so drag the paisley shirts and mini skirts from the wardrobe and get your go-go boots going!

Canapés served from 6pm, show starts 7:30pm

Tickets on sale now at https://www.trybooking.com/CIDSH.

Wooli Tavern also offers a complimentary pick up and drop off service, so you can enjoy your night out without the worrying of driving home.

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### Jake squeezes in home show for album launch

Musician Jake Amy is play ing a special show to launch their new album "Squeeze" at The Shed, Wonthaggi State Coal Mine, on Sunday June 25.

After finishing VCE at Newhaven College, Jake moved from Bass Coast to Melbourne to study music, and has now carved out an impressive career as a session pianist, producer, audio engineer and social justice journalist.

Jake obtained a Bachelor of Music specialising in Jazz Performance from Monash University in 2019. As part of this course, Jake travelled to Manhattan to complete a short summer course on jazz and improvisation at New York University.

Earlier this year, Jake was one of the artists who performed at the state memorial for Olivia Newton John. alongside tributes by Delta Goodrem, Dolly Parton and Elton John, and has also appeared on shows such as ABC TV's Spicks and Specks and Studio 10 breakfast show.

Well know to many local music fans, in 2014, Jake received the Senior Jazz Encouragement Award from the



Jake Amy is playing a special album launch show at The Shed, Wonthaggi State Coal Mine, on Sunday June 25. Photo: Bailey Judd.

and in 2017 received the Bass Coast Community Foundation's Performance Award.

Jake has performed with international and local artists and is currently an active member of over 20 musical projects.

The album launch, featur- at linktr.ee/jakeamy

Phillip Island Jazz Festival ing Jake and band, is presented by the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group.

Doors open at 3pm - show from 3.30pm. This event is wheelchair accessible and offers discounted tickets for First Nations Peoples.

Tickets are available online

### Sing us a song Piano Man!

The Billy Joel Story returns to the Newhaven College Blackbox Theatre on June 10. Following on from their sold out shows at the Blackbox and at Bunjil Place in March, the Billy Joel Story returns to celebrate the hits and incredible career of the American musician, who has sold over 160 million albums worldwide.

The band is made up of a group of friends, local musicians and teachers from Newhaven College and the show is an incredibly faithful recreation of Billy's timeless hits.

James van Cuylenburg is at the piano, backed by his "Big Shot" band featuring Dave Prideaux, Steve Gijsbers, Matt Goss and Trav Thompson.

Behind the mixing desk, making sure it all sounds sweet and smooth is Rob Turton. The two act show features over 20 of Billy Joel's hits and audiences will be singing along to such classics as



The Billy Joel Story returns to the Newhaven College Blackbox Theatre on June 10, with tickets available now through Trybooking.com.

"Piano Man", "Uptown Girl", and "She's Always a Woman", while the show also highlights the musician's triumphs and challenges throughout his decades-long career.

The Billy Joel Story has been delighting audiences wherever they play. Don't miss this opportunity to see what all the fuss is about! This is a licensed event.

Doors open at 6pm, with drinks and snacks available at the bar, and again at interval. The performance runs from

7.30pm until 9.45pm.

Book your tickets now at www.trybooking.com/events/ landing/1057944.

This is a general admission show, so please arrive early to secure your seats. / Sponsored article /



### **Tickets \$65** (Includes show & Canapés) With special guest The Australian Womens Choir





### **Damp but** not down

Despite the weekend's dismal weather, The Bass Coast Sustainability Festival on May 21 attracted a steady stream of visitors throughout the day. As well as workshops, demon-

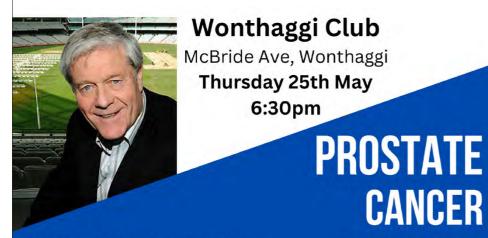
strations, presentations and performances, the Kids Zone kept the young ones entertained, while older visitors were able to explore information about climate, green energy, gardening, electric vehicles, purchase green and organic products and enjoy some delicious food.

More photos at pisra.com.au



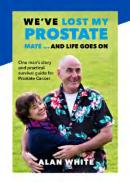
Phillip Island's Zoe Geyer and Jeni Jobe were having a fabulous time at the Sustainability Festival.

Rick Coleman attracted plenty of interest as he demonstrated how to build a no-dig garden bed. Later in the day, he hosted another presentation on how to build a wicking garden bed.



Tickets are \$25 per person, which includes a 2 course meal

All proceeds will go to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia & the **Male Bag Foundation** 



Do Bass Coast men need a Prostate **Cancer Support Group?** 

**AWARENESS** 

# Ultimate glamping experience comes to Phillip Island

Phillip Island Park Lane Holiday Park is thrilled to introduce its brand-new deluxe Safari Tents, available from June 2

The Safari Tents are an opportunity to immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Phillip Island while enjoying the amenities and comforts of premium accommodation.

"Our beautifully appointed Safari Tents are designed to offer you the ultimate glamping experience," said Dan Wallwork, Park Lane Marketing Manager.

"Each tent can accommodate up to six people, making it perfect for families, friends, or couples seeking a unique getaway.

"A super soft and handmade queen size bed awaits, while the kiddos will love the rustic bunk beds.

If you book in for an island safari stay, here's what you can expect. Spacious and stylish, the Safari Tents are thoughtfully designed with space to relax and unwind.

The stylish interior decor creates a cosy and inviting provided for your comfort.



The new deluxe Safari Tents at Phillip Island Park Lane Holiday Park are available from June 2.

ambience, ensuring a truly memorable stay.

Each tent features a fully equipped kitchenette, complete with all the essentials needed to prepare a romantic meal for two or a scrumptious feast for the whole tribe.

Say goodbye to shared campground facilities. The Safari Tents come with a private bathroom, featuring a shower, toilet, and vanity with fresh linen

Face any season head-on with reverse cycle air conditioning and heating.

Whether it's a hot summer day or a chilly evening, you can rest easy in comfort.

Located next door to A Maze'N Things, the Safari Tent sleeps up to six guests and is pet friendly.

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# **Community energy**

The Mycelia Energy Collec-tive is launching an energy pilot program and is holding an information session on May 27 at the Corinella Community Centre.

Imagine being able to do good with your energy bill. What if there was a way to share your excess solar with friends, family and people in your community doing it tough? Or at the very least, a way to ensure some of what you pay for electricity is redirected back into your community?

The Mycelia Energy Collective was recently selected for WWF Australia's ambitious Innovate to Regenerate Program rolling out across Australia.

The Program aims to sup-port regenerative, community-led solutions that encourage impact investment in priority areas such as food, biodiversity and climate, and to establish a powerful network equipped to regenerate Australia through linked projects.

The Mycelia Energy Collective is in its pilot phase and is seeking a combination of 100 households and businesses to participate. By joining up, you'll help shape and test the model for further rollout across the state, and potentially communities across Australia.

An information session will be held on May 27 at Corinella and District Community Centre from 10.30am – 12.30pm.



Mycelia Energy Collective's Morag McKay and Sierra Dunton at the Sustainability Festival on the weekend.

or other dwellings unsuitable for rooftop solar, the outlook is less promising.

"While most power companies offer 'green' energy, it's often charged at a premium price, further excluding lowincome earners from accessing renewable energy," the spokesperson said.

"Furthermore, high household energy bills can be the result of inefficient homes and appliances, which is often a feature of older homes with poor or no insultation, singleglazed windows or no coverings, and older appliances, such as hot-water units, gas heaters and fridges.'

While a home energy audit and subsequent upgrades can help reduce energy bills by 20-30 per cent, many of the Regenerate Program and is upgrades required come with proudly being delivered alongbarriers for low-income earn-

or family member or anyone in the Collective being badly impacted by high energy prices is also being developed.

"Ultimately the Collective will be empowered to set real targets for local energy generation, use and storage that yields benefits to members, their communities and the grid, as we navigate the ups and downs of transitioning to renewables,' the Collective stated.

Any profits will be directed back into partnering communities through energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives

The Mycelia Energy Collective has been funded in part by the Victorian Government's New Energy Jobs Fund #6, WWF-Australia's Innovate to side partners Sunscape Solar, Ecoliv, Maximum Energy and

ly affiliated with **Prostate Cancer** indation of Australia

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#### Listen to David Parkin (AFL legend) & Alan White (author).

Enjoy a great meal while you learn about prostate cancer & how easily you can get tested for this lifethreatening disease. You can also learn how to start a Support Group for the

men in your region. Two Support Group leaders will be available to discuss your options and offer guidance.

Purchase your tickets online: https://www.trybooking.com/CHRCW or via email: rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com or contact Nicky on 0475 871 589

#### Benefits for all

The Collective said the renewable energy transition is happening quickly and promises a range of benefits for people who can afford it.

"Homeowners are lapping up opportunities for solar and/ or battery installations, with plenty of financing options, timely government incentives, and reduced energy bills for years to come," a group spokesperson said.

"With electricity rumoured to spike by 20 per cent this winter, and 30-40 per cent over the next few years, it's a smart move." For renters, low-income earners, people living in flats their feed-in-tariff to a friend

#### ers and renters.

The Mycelia Energy Collective is community or social energy with equity and community-wealth building at its core. Open to all, it offers 100 per cent certified renewable energy at no extra cost, so nobody is left behind. Members include people with solar panels, some with solar and batteries, and some without either.

The Collective uses energy matching technology provided through their partnership with The People's Grid, as a vehicle for sharing energy amongst members of the Collective. A pay-it-forward option to enable members to donate

The People's Grid.

The Mycelia Energy Collective is also supporting the Totally Renewable Tenby Point community in achieving their target of zero emissions by 2030.

An information session will be held on May 27 at Corinella and District Community Centre from 10.30am - 12.30pm. All are welcome.

Mycelia is a profit-for-purpose social enterprise and registered charity. Mycelia supports regional communities to lead change in the areas of environmental and cultural governance and renewable energy. www.mycelia.org.au

### National Volunteer Week The Change Makers



Laura Town-Hopkinson from Coast Care Victoria with David Martin of Bass Coast Shire Council planting a symbolic Moonah from the Barb Martin Bushbank.

# **Restoring the** Ventnor foreshore

In spite of the pouring rain, over 30 community members gathered together last Friday to celebrate the achievements of Ventnor Coast Care Association's two-year project about how to recognise garden to Restore the biodiversity of the Ventnor Beach Road Foreshore Reserve.

And what better timing than during National Volunteer Week

Judy Glover, president of the volunteer group gave a brief overview of the project, before being joined by David Martin, Natural Resources Officer from Bass Coast Shire Council, to unveil the group's uniquely designed Interpretive sign, now installed in the Ventnor Beach Road carpark. Design input came from

Bunurong artist, Adam Magennis who designed the

group's logo - Moonah and of materials, equipment and Midden, and by local graphic advice) then led the guests on artist Jeni Jobe.

The sign aims to raise awareness and educate people escapees, such as Agapanthus and Arum Lilies, which spread and smother native vegetation.

With less than 15 per cent of indigenous vegetation left, the group's passionate volunteers are keen to spread the message about how to make better planting choices.

Laura Town-Hopkinson from Coastcare Victoria then joined David to plant a symbolic Moonah, provided by Nature Park's Barb Martin Bushbank. These used to be common around Ventnor.

David, (who provides support through the provision

an informative tour of the extensive weeding and replanting works achieved through the project, at Jaycee Picnic Reserve.

Volunteers have contributed more than 500 hours towards this project, which equates to about \$20,000 of worker time. Guests were later treated to yarning and singing up country, by local Ventnorian and renowned singer and songwriter, Kutcha Edwards.

The project was funded by the Victorian Government through Coastcare Victoria. For any further information about this project, or how to

become involved with Ventnor Coast Care, please email: ventnorcoastcare@gmail.com. More photos at pisra.com.au



PICAL president Graeme Turner (centre) addressed the volunteers at a special thank you afternoon team, during National Volunteers Week.

**PICAL's dedicated** 

# Nature Parks thanks volunteers

Phillip Island Nature Parks recognised the dedication of hundreds of volunteers during National Volunteers Week, Australia's largest annual celebration of volunteering.

A 'Breakfast with a View' was held on Saturday May 20 at The Nobbies Centre to celebrate more than 250 people who have volunteered over 16,000 hours with Nature Parks in the past year.

The event was attended by 40 volunteers who heard from Phillip Island Nature Parks CEO, Catherine Basterfield, Conservation Manger,

Jessica McKelson, and Volunteer, Peter Wag staff, on this year's theme 'The Change Makers'.

Whether propagating threatened flora at Barb Martin Bushbank, helping Turn the Tide on marine debris, assisting rangers to count koalas, monitoring shorebird nesting season or assisting with Millowl's first Penguin Study Group, the volunteer team makes an invaluable contribution matched with hard work, commitment, and a passion for conservation.

For more information, visit penguins.org. au/about/volunteer/



More than 250 people have volunteered over 16,000 hours with PINP in the past year, including at the Barb Martin Bushbank.



# **THANK YOU**

The Phillip Island RSL Committee, Management and Staff thanks its team of amazing volunteers who dedicate their time to assist the RSL and the local community with pride and passion.

We value their support in the following services:

### volunteers applauded

PICAL took the opportunity to celebrate its incredible team of volunteers during National Volunteers Week. On Tuesday, May 16 PICAL hosted a thank you afternoon tea for the charity's army of volunteers.

It currently has 113 active PICAL each week or at least once a fortnight.

New PICAL president, Graeme Turner addressed more than 40 PICAL volunteers who attended the afternoon tea.

teams and diverse range of activities undertaken by the volunteers, the afternoon tea was a rare chance for the PICAL volunteers to catch up with one another.

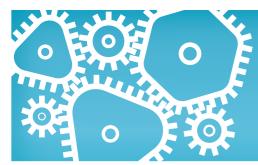
Attendees included Denise McGill, PICAL Deputy-Presvolunteers, who contribute to ident; Suzi Morris-Ashton, volunteer in the PICAL Office; Catherine Robinson, volunteer in the PICAL emergency food relief Pantry; Mick Piening volunteer in the PICAL eers who attended the after-Community Garden; Neil take, Graeme reitera wilmot, volunteer Chair; volunteers are the life Given the many different PICAL Community Garden charities like PICAL.

Sub-Committee and Judi Pay, volunteer on the PICAL Committee.

President Graeme Turner reflected the momentous year PICAL had experienced, and outlined the exciting new opportunities that lie ahead, with a new headquarters building and the soon-to-be-completed new Community Garden.

In thanking all PICAL volunteers for the challenging yet rewarding work they undertake. Graeme reiterated that volunteers are the lifeblood of





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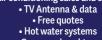
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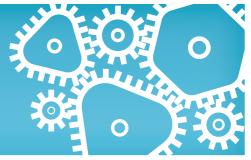
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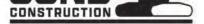
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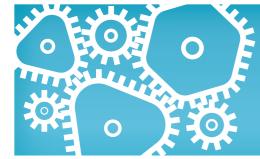
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#### Historic home to go

The historic home built by Rudi Coels 90 years ago at 100 Church Street (opposite Mon Dieu) is to be demolished.

A master builder, Coels built the Parish Hall with builders Walton and McLardy and also the Continental Guest House (now Hotel), and many other homes. The Coels Shed, the oldest shed on Phillip Island was built around this time.

The house at 100 Church Street was built for Dr Cross and had many features ahead of its time. For example, warming rails in the bathroom and an extensive study with sea views and a built in large round table in the kitchen.

Dr Don Hopkins raised his family there and had his medical rooms at the front. Noel and Audrey Nicol purchased the home next and the first meetings to plan for Homes for the Age were held at 100 Church Street, with Don Hopkins, Bill Hopkins and Noel Nicol in attendance.

Another connection with Phillip Island history is the magnolia tree in the courtyard which is believed to have come from WE Thompson's garden at "Talofa" when the estate was divided up. WE Thompson being our largest benefactor, giving Cowes the first hospital, the Presbyterian Church and the Avenue of the Gold Cypress in the main street, which now bears his name.

As one of the oldest houses in Cowes, possibly the oldest, 100 Church Street has a number of historic Phillip Island connections and is worth preserving. Julie Box, Cowes.

#### Council confusion

I'm confused. This week we read according to the Bass Coast Council they have no jurisdiction over the completion of the Shoalhaven Estate Wetlands. This admission after ten years of delays. Alternately, our local MP Jordan Crugnale insists that "it's a matter for Council who must endorse their planning scheme".

Who is correct here?

Councillor Ron Bauer recently stated that he voted for the 100 Church Street development although he disagreed with subdivision.

Once again I'm confused. Personally speaking, I think there is a lot of improvement required at Council level.

Roy Brooks, Cowes

#### Covid caution

Having finally caught Covid in a big way I can honestly say I would not wish this on my worst enemy, if I had one. Case numbers are ramping up as the cold weather hits us, so please mask up and keep your hands really clean to protect yourself and others. That's not 'draconian', it's just common sense.

Name and address supplied

#### Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach scheme

This issue seems to have divided a community, with many people objecting to the proposed works on the basis of costs to the individual and also the loss of the rustic nature of the area.

I like the rustic nature of unsealed roads (with a grass verge), in our area but also understand the need to reduce dust and speeding vehicular traffic in general and address water drainage in particular. Regardless of whether the whole project was to be shelved indefinitely, drainage works need to be undertaken in both areas as there is often large volumes of stagnant water on the roadside; a breeding ground for Ross River Virus carrying mosquitoes.

If the project is shelved, then the cost of just the drainage upgrade would rest solely with the council (and/or VicRoads? - another grey area).

Am I being cynical here or is the council's strong push to have the whole area sealed, along with kerb and channel, just transferring the cost of works to each individual property owner rather than the council digging into council coffers and using our rates to carry out the works? I believe it is the former! As it is, I am paying close to \$4000 per year just to have my rubbish collected. At least twice a year I have to dig and clear the roadside drains to allow water run-off (that's not to mention some street signs that have fallen over and need to be replaced). The council needs to accept responsibility and dredge the roadside channels and gutters (sooner rather than later), rather than hiding these necessary works in a total upgrade of the area at local residents' expense. Rowan Pollock, Sunderland Bay

David Parkin is a football legend. Come and get David's life story. It's not all about football but most people know about his life as a player, captain and coach of Hawthorn and Carlton and the great results he had.

He will talk about his football life. But David has many other achievements - Associate Professor at Deakin University, well recognized teacher. But one of his biggest battles was dealing with prostate cancer.

As David will tell you he was lucky. He knew what his father and grandfather died of, so he did his doctor's check-ups from when he was in his forties. In his sixties, (no symptoms) his blood test showed movement and then his journey began, but he now is in his eighties and is able to lead a full life.

David wants to share his journey with you, so you don't become another statistic. Prostate cancer is one of the biggest killers of men in Australia, and Bass Coast has one of the highest incidences in Australia.

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Allan Cunningham, Latrobe Valley Prostate Support Group

#### Shearwater destruction

Residents and ratepayers who do not want to wait until the last council correspondence to view the plans before council decides to proceed with the special charge scheme, can see the concept plans (aerial photo overlay), in the records of the March 2023 Council Meeting, Attachments 8.1.

These plans have areas of contention that will undoubtedly be modified further. Council proposes road narrowing at the swim centre parking area in Batman Avenue. Questions arise, is the parking area to be removed? The plans show the area has a footpath immediately behind parked cars, a sure recipe for injury or death to pedestrians, especially children, with reversing vehicles. Proposed sealed carparking at a private holiday rental residence. Addition of a carparking area at the site sensitive Shearwater rookeries between Pine Avenue and Beach Street that will destroy hundreds, possibly over 1000 burrows. As the shearwaters attempt to return to the same burrow each year to breed, possibly 1000 will be homeless following roadworks. An increase of road width from 4.5m to 5.5m sounds acceptable but this width is to the invert of the gutter. Add on to each side of the road 0.3m for the layback of the kerb, add another 0.7m minimum for drainage, add another one metre for backhoe or excavator tracks. If you take into account these additional widths, then the total width of earthworks will be 9.5metres. Add to that another minimum of 2.4 metres if parallel parking is adopted, if 90 degrees, add another 5.5metres then another minimum of 1.2+metre for a footpath.

These figures add up to a minimum construction destruction width of between 13.1-16.2 metres, not 5.5 metres. This section of The Esplanade should be closed to through traffic as has happened between Dunvegan Crescent and Glen Street. The island is promoted for its wildlife, why destroy precious wildlife habitat? Philip Davy, Surf Beach

Editor's note: from PISRA 10.05.23: In April, the council stated the plans (Concept Option1: Base case - with modifications) would be sent to ratepayers in July/August.

#### Sharing the national cake

With the formidable rise of lower income people in what is often referred to as the lucky country, not all the ordinary or disadvantaged citizens have been able to avail themselves of the luck. Unfortunately we are hearing accounts of 500 people who for many and varied reasons are now homeless in our region of the Bass Coast. Surely in a country, with the wealth that exists such as is the case in our Australia, people can get a roof over their heads in a safe and comfortable abode, plus sufficient cost of living payments for those that couldn't get jobs with viable incomes. Now that the public and politicians have had a week to digest and think about the budget figures, common sense exercised by all parties involved can combine to alleviate the burden of homelessness from the underprivileged and those that have slipped through the poverty net. There have been good suggestions from all sides of parliament, now it is time for action to unite to bring all the necessary measures to solve this increasing urgency to have a better and more compassionate carve up of the national cake.



Age Champion award winners L to R back row: Cooper Quaife, Rex Brocklesby, Will Simmons, Zac Sherar, Mostyn Lumsden and Hayden Barnes. Middle row: Sienna Hunt, Freya Berry, Callum Hackett, Sophie McKenzie, Olivia Holmes, Sienna Matheson. Front row: Ethan Lynch, Emily Croatto, Austin Lynch, Abbie Saario, Rahni Matheson (Absent: Josie Richer and Gemma Cook).

### **Team success celebrated** at SGB presentation night

The mood was one of celebration, as South er at training, who has cheered them on and Gippsland Bass wrapped up their 2022/23 season with their presentation night at the Wonthaggi Workman's Club on Saturday May 13.

It has been a successful year for the club, with their largest teams ever going to both Long and Short Course Countries, Long and Short Course Age State Championships, Nationals and State Sprints.

The fourth-place finish at the Short Course Countries followed by the third at Long Course Countries was the highest placing the club had ever had.

"This club gives something for all swimmers, from our grassroots swimmers to those striving for Nationals," said President Janelle Croatto.

"There is something for all, no matter your swim goal and that is what makes it a great place to be.'

Many speeches thanked the parents, who work tirelessly to get kids to and from training and to meets.

"Our club is here because of you, the parents, and our kids love it so much," said Janelle.

Captains Hayden and Maddi added to the praise.

"We are thanking the parents for the countless hours of selflessness you give to your children. The hours you put in doesn't go unnoticed.'

The captains talked of the pleasure they had leading the club.

"There is a great vibe around the club," said Maddi

"It doesn't matter if you made the finals, or achieved medals. What matters most is that you supported each other, tried your best, made memories and left a positive impact on someone else.'

The club had a number of finalists and medallists at these prestigious events. Head Coach Dylan spoke to the families and swimmers there of how proud he was of the club's achievements.

"The club has worked as a team to achieve goals. Everyone who has supported each oth-

### Trevor into the Hall of Fame

ber of the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC), Trevor Clauscen was elevated to the Victorian Surf Rowers League "Hall of Fame"

The function was held at the RSL Belmont, Geelong.

At a function on Saturday May 13, Life Mem- in Surf Boat Competition for nearly 50 years. As well as his WBSLSC life membership, Trevor is a Life Member of the Victorian Surf Rowers League.

Trevor has been a Sweep (steers the Boat) for all this time and numerous crews both male and female of which he was a member have won two

#### helped them grow has helped us send the largest teams to the major competitions, helped us celebrate a medallist for the first time in seven years at nationals and saw us break 70 club records and five Gippsland Records.'

Dylan spoke of his joy in watching the club grow so much, of seeing the swimmers work as a team to achieve goals, such as winning the Ashley Delaney trophy for most points for Under 14s in Gippsland.

To celebrate this, every swimmer who swam at the Gippsland Championships and helped the team get second place overall, got a silver medal and those who swam as part of the Under 14 age group also got a gold medal for helping win that trophy.

The 61 swimmers who swam at Long Course Countries also received a bronze medal for their efforts, with the club achieving their highest placed result ever.

Awards were given out for the age champion male and female swimmers of each age group.

#### Award winners:

Club Champions: Zac Sherar and Olivia Holmes.

#### Age group Champions:

8 & U: Abbie Saario and Austin Lynch.

- 9 & U: Josie Richer and Ethan Lynch.
- 10 & U: Emily Croatto and Callum Hackett.
- 11 & U: Gemma Cook and Rex Brocklesby.
- 12 & U: Sienna Hunt.
- 13 & U: Olivia Holmes and Will Simmons.
- 14 & U: Rahni Matheson and Zac Sherar.
- 15 & U: Freya Berry and Mostyn Lumsden.
- 16 & U: Sienna Matheson and Cooper Quaife.
- 17 & O: Sophie McKenzie and Hayden Barnes.

#### Coach's awards:

Dylan: Asha Chalmers. Sam: Amy Hodson. Lorri: Lachie Grimes. Sarah: Olivia Allen. Caiden: Billy Fisher. Most improved: Amalia Lofgren.

SPORT

#### Don't miss David Parkin

David Parkin is the guest speaker at a prostate cancer awareness dinner at the Wonthaggi Club in McBride Avenue, on Thursday, May 25 at 6.30pm.

Dave Hoffman, Cowes.

Trevor has been an active member of WB-SLSC for over 60 years and has been involved Championships plus numerous placings.

Trevor Clauscen early in his career. He is now a Life Member of both Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club and the Victorian Surf Rowers League, and is in the Surf Rowers League Hall of Fame.

Australian Championships and 10 Victorian



Trevor being presented with his Victorian Surf Rowers League Hall of Fame award at an event in Geelong on May 13.

### SPORT





Gabe Smith took out the Under 18 National championships making him back-to-back Under 18 Australian Champion.

Australian Championship.

# Two island champio

Two Phillip Island Pony Club mem- ponies Blu and Honey. bers shone at the National Championships for the Australian Mounted Games Association recently held in Wentworth NSW, coming away champions.

Gabe Smith was named Under 18 Australian Champion, for the second consecutive year, with his sister Gisele Smith now the Under 15s Australian Champion.

Gabe and Gisele rode their trusty riders.

Unfortunately, Honey was kicked a few days before she was due to be ridden, but the great attitude Gisele had, accepting she may have to ride a different pony and the day of treatment was enough to see her pull through and recover to 100 per cent.

Gabe and Gisele rode consistently in the two days of heats to secure a place in the A final with seven other

In the finals, their accuracy and speed did not fail them.

Gabe took out the Under 18 championships making him back-to-back Under 18 Australian Champion.

Gisele had already secured the win before the final race winning the Under 15s, giving her the title of Australian Champion.

This last weekend the Champs backed up their win with A first in the State championships.

### Two new life members for basketball club

At the recent Phillip Island and District Basketball Association AGM two new Life Memberships were presented to two long standing volunteers. After many hard years of service and dedication to our club, we would like to congratulate the welldeserved awarding of Life Membership to Jo Robinson and Anne-Maree (Diddy) Cuthbertson.

Diddy was a member of the inaugural Phillip Island Basketball committee in 2000 and has been contributing ever since. She has been a coach, coordinator, referee, recruiter and positive role model for junior basketball for over 20 years.

Diddy is modest, understated and gets along with people and sets a high standard for sportsmanship and community service.

She also contributed to Phillip Island being named as Outstanding Referee Development by a Small Association at this year's Victoria Country Awards.

We are lucky to have her involved and Diddy thoroughly deserves this recognition.

Jo has been involved with the bas-



Life Membership Awarded to Phillip Island long standing volunteers Anne-Maree "Diddy" Cuthbertson (right) and Jo Robinson.

coach, committee secretary, Cowes and San Remo competitions coordinator, Rips coordinator, team manager, grants writer and advocate for basketball on the Island.

Jo has volunteered thousands of hours, contributed to many areas and was instrumental in bringing basketball back to Cowes 10 years ago. She is highly respected by everyone that

Both Diddy and Jo have made such a great impact at the club and continue to do so. We could not be more

A huge thank you to both for all club.



Winners of Midweek bowls were Mark Andreatta (S), Sue Stansfield (3), Bill Williams (L) and Gwen Jeffrey (2).

### Midweek bowls results

San Remo Bowls Club and what a surprisingly good day for 31 of our family of bowlers.

With the weather looking bleak, and with a reasonably high expectation of rain, we were presented with a lovely day.

No rain, almost no wind and quite a bit of sunshine for most of the time.

Lots of laughter across the green along with, as usual, a fair amount of friendly banter.

Only a few wrong bias deliveries today, but it helps with our RCH dona-tions, so keep up the good work.

Winners on 35 points were: Mark

Andreatta (S), Sue Stansfield (3),

The Midweek game was held at Gwen Jeffrey (2) and Bill Williams (L). Runners up on 34 points were: Peter Gratton (S), Phil Wright (3) and Michael Waring (L).

Best One Game on 24 points were: Ken Barnes (S), Gillian Harper (3), Robyn Coulson (2) and Ruth Waring

Many thanks to Mark for looking after the bar and also to Gwen for looking after the kitchen.

Thank you also to Peter. Pauline and John who keep our group playing each and every week.

Next week we will be at Koo Wee Rup at 10am for a 10.30am start.

Please be on time to allow Peter adequate time to select the teams



Best One Game winners were Robyn Coulson (2), Ken Barnes (S), Ruth Waring (L) and Gillian Harper (3).

### Social bowls results

With the rain holding off our bowlers enjoyed the day with some excellent bowling.

Runners up for the day with +31 were Clive Smith, David Saric and Bruce Puncher.

Congratulations to our winners with +36, Rob Tyers, Brian Manndergeddes and Sam Treacy.

#### Winter 2 Bowl nominated triples

The first round of the Phillip Island Bowls Club Winter 2 Bowl nominated triples was held and except for some wind the weather behaved for a great day of bowling. Third place: George Pargeter Scot-

ty Miller and Frank Cimino.

Second place: Ray Astbury, Dave Hoffman and Bev Hislop.



Winners of Bowls Club Winter 2 Bowl nominated triples competi-



Ladies' winners from Wednesday: C Grade winner Joan Nicholson, A Grade and Monthly Medal winner

### Phillip Island golf results

#### Tuesday, May 16

#### Mens 18 Hole Par

A grade winner: Steve Earl (13) with +1 from Neil Williams (14) with square.

B Grade winner: Alf Micallef (20) with +1 c/b from Joel Panozzo (16).

C Grade winner: Rob Purcell (22) with -3 c/b from Warren Dickie (22). BDL to -3 c/b.

NTP: Mens: Steve Earl, 7th Mike, 10th Mark Dykes and 17th Alf Mi-

putts. NTP: 7th Jackie Langsford, 10th and 17th Emma Hall.

BDL to Nett 80 c/b 9 Hole competition winner was Sandra Barker (45) with 16 points c/b to Kim Cooper (32) BDL to 14 points.

#### Thursday, May 18 Open Stableford

A Grade winner: Peter Cartwright ) with 40 points from John Enbom (15) 37 points.

ketball club for over 12 years as a knows her and was a key reason Phillip Island was named Victoria Coun-

try Small Association of the Year in 2017.

grateful for their contributions.

their time and commitment to the

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#### Mens o Hole Stableford

Basil Moloney (14) was the winner with 18 points C/b Dave Henstridge (21)

BDL to 16 points c/b.

#### Wednesday, May 17 Ladies Stroke Monthly Medal

Sponsored by EMG Consulting (Club Member Liz Gleeson and Marilyn Johns).

A Grade and Monthly Medal winner: Lorraine Hammon (20) with nett

B Grade winner: Cathy Jones (30) nett 73.

C Grade winner: Joan Nicholson (46) with nett 72.

Best Gross Emma Hall (9) 85. Least Putts Lesley Meadowcroft 26

B Grade winner: Glenn Botterill (20) with 36 points from Ian Rowell (19) 35 points.

Ć Grade winner: Shane Palmer (23) with 40 points from Greg Stewart (27) 34 points.

BDL to 32 points c/b.

NTP: 5th Shane Palmer ,7th Greg Stewart, 10th Geoff Williamson, 17th Neil Buttery.

#### **Open 9 Hole Stableford**

Winner was Alan Tindale (31) with 22 points c/b from Brian Carvell (28) 19 points

BDL to 14 points c/b.

#### Saturday, May 20

**Open Stableford** 

A Grade winner: Lucas Piera (3)

Lorraine Hammon, B Grade winner Cathy Jones.

with 34 points from Neville Thurgood (6) 32 Points c/b.

B Grade winner: Terry Crumpton (15) with 36 points from Konstantinos Kalogiannis (15) 35 points.

C Grade winner: Glen Marshall (23) with 39 points from Phil Foster (22) 36 points.

BDL to 32 points c/b. NTP: 5th Daniel Hall. 7th. 10th and

17th Glen Marshall.

NTP: 5th Debra Orr and 10th Rhonda Bovd.

9 Hole Open Stableford winner was Reg Browne (35) with 18 points from Brian Carvell (28) with 17 points c/b from Len Fenton.

BDL to 16 c/b.

Congratulations to the winners: tion were Jim Kirk, Ray Pepper and Jim Kirk, Ray Pepper and Alan Price. Alan Price.

#### **Cross Country** Champs

Kate McCausland and Fergus Tillotson from Cowes Primary School ran their whole school cross country last Friday.

All students from grades Prep to six participated in the event.

Kate (13.56 minutes) and Fergus (13.03 minutes) were the fastest girl and boy over the three km event.



#### Netballers shine bright in 2023 LDNA Winter competition wet conditions at Bunyip U15 take us to a two-point vic- teaming up in goals again tory. Wintery conditions in Le-Best on court award – Tilly ongatha today for our Under

#### A Grade

Great game by the A Grade netball girls against Bunyip, a good win for the team. Final scores, Phillip Island

#### 62 def Bunyip 49. B Grade

While Phillip Island was unable to secure the win on Saturday, their performance was a testament to their commitment and resilience.

Standout performances by Ahlee, Sophia, and Ruby, show this is a team that is up and coming. Ahlee and Sophia's defensive prowess was unmatched as they tirelessly guarded the goal circle, intercepting several passes and disrupting Bunyip's attacking plays.

Their quick reflexes, strategic positioning, and impressive agility frustrated the opposing team's shooters and earned them accolades from teammates. The team are sure to bounce back and impress in future encounters.

positions.

up middle finger.

ond quarter and absolutely

smashed it. Bella is a true

legend in the ring. Her mov-

ing and attacking the ball is

always fantastic, helping to get

a couple of years off netball,

and made it look like she never

Lawri, coming back from

our final score to 30.

Phillip Island 26 def by Bunyip 51.

#### C Grade

The C Grade girls came out raring to go after an intense game of knockout and tunes pumping.

The starting seven were Taylah in GK, Karina in GD, Chloe in WD, Tori in C, Rose in WA, Bella in GA and Lawri in GS. The Island came in hot scor-

ing the first few goals against Bunyip!

Taylah's height in GK helped to rebound any missed shots by Bunyip. Karina intercepting left, right and centre in GD. left, just changing ends of the Karina does an amazing job in courts, Lawri was born to be a



Ella Duggan goes for goal against the Bunyip defence.

All in all, our girls gave it their absolute all and should be very proud of their efforts. Phillip Island 30 drew Bu-

Best on court – Bella Ross and Nikki Williams.

Well done to the D grade from everyone defensively and attack was incredible.

Everyone should be very proud of their efforts as it really showed, and it was still such a great game.

Phillip Island 3 def by Bunyip 24.

For U17, U15, U13, U11 report go to pisra.com.au/sport

15s match against St Law-

rence White. Some great defence in the first quarter by Tahlia in wing defence and intercep-tions by Pepper in centre and Mia in goal defence made for some fast passing down the court which saw our shooter Scarlet score the first goal of the match.

The wet, slippery ball and blustery winds made gameplay challenging for both teams with our team ahead by one point at the end of the first quarter.

The second quarter proved difficult for both teams to gain control with only one point being scored by the opposition despite our de-fenders, Makenzie, Tilly, and Mia's best efforts.

Our girls refocussed going into the third quarter and some fantastic interceptions by Mia, Izzy and gallant efforts by Ashby in centre and Tilly in goalkeeper, got the ball to the circle for Scarlet and Izzy to tie up the score by the end of the quarter.

The temperature dropped at the start of the last quarter, but that just seemed to fire our girls up. Two quick goals by the op-

position were then followed by our girls dominating the court.

Fast passing, jumping, and arms up at every opportunity made for thrilling spectating. Makenzie showed some awesome defending in wing

defence and Pepper's speed around the court in centre helped the ball to the goal circle and to Rose who shot an amazing seven goals to

Patton and Makenzie Summers

Phillip Island 15 def SLNC White 13.

#### U13

The under 13s girls came out with guns blazing this week.

Sera and Georgia's speed and powerful passes through the centre proved too good for the opposition.

Scarlette and India's fast steals ensured they never missed a rebound.

By the third quarter Ava and Georgie's smart positioning helped move the ball effortlessly to Verity and Frankie for some sensational on point shooting.

Indi the queen of defence saw the opposition stop short at three goals.

The girls walked away with a 14-point win. Awards to Georgie and Sera.

Phillip Island 17 def SLNC

U11

Phillip Island U11s took the court in Leongatha on Saturday against Mt Eccles in windy and bitterly cold conditions, for a rematch of game two in which the Island girls had secured the win.

The girls have been working hard at training and have become a close-knit team which was evident as they took the court with smiles galore.

The first quarter showed that the game was once again going to be a thrilling one for the crowd as both teams fought for the ball.

the team was off to a stellar start as they both scored solid goals to take the lead at the end of the quarter.

The second quarter showed just how strong our defence is growing with Ella and Sophia putting strong pressure on the opposition with excellent tactics and powerful intercepts, finding many rebounds to return the ball to their team.

With strength throughout the centre positions, Ruby, April, and Riley launched hard attack and defence manoeuvres as they battled for the ball and secured it down our end for Sienna to score her first goal of the game with an ecstatic smile, and level the score.

The third and fourth quarters saw our girls battle as the wind gained strength causing balls to not follow their intended path and our opponents put up a determined fight, scoring quick goals to take the lead.

It was a repeat of two weeks ago as the game became a nail biter for both sides.

Hard defence was bought from Phillip Island as they wrestled to get back in front with great communication and smart play, but at the final whistle Mt Eccles took the win.

Special mention goes to April and Ruby for their stellar passes and intercepts throughout the game,

Sienna for her excitement and strong shooting and Ella for her outstanding defence in goals.

Best on Court: Ella, Riley, and Sienna.

with Claire and Aliza Eccles Pink 9.



PHILLIP ISLAND & DISTRIC, **CRICKET CLUB** POSITION VACANT: SENIOR COACH - 2023/24 Season PHILLIP ISLAND & DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB The Phillip Island District Cricket Club (PIDCC) affiliated with the Leongatha District Cricket Association (LDCA) are seeking expressions of interest for a Club Coach (Playing or Non-Playing) for the 2023/24 season and beyond. The PIDCC is a successful and rapidly growing club which currently consists of 4 x Senior Teams and 4 x Junior Teams. Our A1 team is the reigning Premiers, having won the past 2 x A1 premierships and LDCA T20 Championship titles. The successful applicant will be required to play an active role in developing training programs for both Junior and Senior players and will also assist in implementing a

with the successful applicant, based on qualification, skills and prior experience. All applicants must demonstrate the following skills to be considered for the role:

that position, as she does all shooter.

Chloe working hard in WD to help keep the pressure on against Bunyip's attackers and bringing the ball down to nvip 30. Lawri and Bella. Tori, our true Captain, knew exactly what to

do in C and played her game to D Grade perfection, even with a banged Rose, doing what she does best, feeding into our shoot-ers from WA flawlessly. Nikki girls this weekend, unfortunately our goals weren't dropping but the continuous effort came on into WA in the sec-

- Strong leadership, communication and people skills
- Efficient organisational skills
- The desire to drive performance and success
- Tactical and technical skills, catering to individual needs and player's ability, alongside being a mentor to junior coaches
- The ability to develop and implement training and match day structures, including preseason training
- · Current Working With Children's Check or willingness to obtain one

For more information regarding the position or to submit an application, please contact:

Andrew Finlayson President, Phillip Island & District Cricket Club 0480 425 810 pidcc@mail.tidyhq.com

### SPORT



A muddy affair for the U12B Blue soccer team. Back: Alasdar, Kayde, Blair, Cooper, Judd, Ariana, Ebony, Hailey. Front: Bailey, Henry, Harry. More photos at pisra.com.au

### **Big weekend for Island** soccer despite the wet

#### Go Girls soccer begins

The Go Girls soccer kicked off this weekend, the first day of Female Football Week. It may have been a wet night, but the girls still had fun. With the Women's Soccer World Cup being

held in Australia July this year for inspiration we are keen to get our local girls to come join us to see what all the fuss is about in this great game and get involved.

The Go Girls program is a fantastic social game and starting point for those interested but a little nervous about signing up to play the regular season.

If you are keen to join in, see ad on this page for more details and register at Gofootball. com.au

#### Mini Roos

Unfortunately (or fortunately for families not wanting to get drenched) the wet conditions proved too much for the Wonthaggi pitch and round four of the Mini Roos hub was cancelled to due to flooding. This week our Minis will head to Lang Lang in hopefully what will be somewhat drier conditions.

#### U12A

The Phillip Island Breakers U/12A team played a great home game today defeating Korumburra 5-0.

The rain thankfully held off and our players showed great positioning and passing skills throughout the whole game.

A number of Breakers players tried for goal with Seb getting three and Toby bagging two.

Well done to everyone for your great teamwork and helping each other down the pitch. The improvement this season already has

been amazing. Thanks Coach Callum for another great

game. Go Breakers!



U12B - Red and Blue

U12B Red defeated Korumburra 9-3. U12B Blue had a great game of football, great

skills were on display in some tough, wet condi-tions. Both teams had the lead at various stages of the day, but in the end the Breakers came out on top defeating Drouin 6-2.

Goals were shared amongst Blair, Ebony, Cooper, Harry and Henry.

#### U14

It was a nail biter for the U14s against top placed Korumburra. In the biggest test, the team were able to stand and deliver.

The Breakers didn't get the three points but proved that they can compete with the best teams in the league. With the score 1-0 in the opposition's favour at half time the Breakers eset, ready to strike back.

Despite lots of high-speed running from Lochie through the game, another goal from Korumburra saw the team down by two but kept chasing, kept hassling and Jasper finally managed to get the ball past the keeper.

A penalty shot set up with another opportu-nity and with an excellent assist from Jarvis to Jasper the scores were level. It was a tense last few minutes on the sidelines, but Hamish D-H continued a great defence in the nets and at the final whistle scores were tied 2-2

According to coach Frank Liccardi "We came in with a game plan and we went out and ran it perfectly. There is still work to be done but I believe the best is yet to come from us!"

As promised this week's training will be a parent versus players game with a bye coming up this week for the team.

#### U17

The Phillip Island Breakers hosted Inverloch on Sunday, and once again were slow to start, with Hugo Norton first to find the back of the net for Inverloch. The Island boys and girls didn't give up and managed to score the equaliser through Xavier Godena, into strong wind. Score 1-1 at the half time whistle.

The second half was a lot different to the first. as the team now had the wind advantage, and players were instructed to play their positions, and move the ball around.

### **Great win for Breakers**

After a dominant start to the season the Breakers were elevated into Premier Division this week.

With a big task ahead - facing Frankston the top placed team first up - the Breakers were up for the challenge.

Despite heavy rain and a full complement of Dalyston Football Club games earlier in the day the ground was still in pretty good condition making for a good contest.

Immy Bradford was busy early getting on the end of a couple of really good scoring opportunities which fell just outside range with a wet footy

The Breakers went into quarter time with a narrow 0.2-2 to 0.0-0 lead and big confidence boost.

The fierce contest continued all over the ground with the wet conditions and high intensity leading to stoppage after stoppage with Sophie Bolding and Kate Thompson driving the ball forward at every opportunity.

Ella Cargill broke through for the first goal of the match - converting a set shot from deep in the pocket.

With just a goal in it at three quarter time it was still anyone's game.

Frankston came out firing in the last quarter doing most of the attacking however it was Cargill again who was able to deliver with another strong chest mark and set shot conversion.



Breakers celebrate the win, defeating top placed team Frankston at home on the weekend.

Under pressure the Breakers stayed composed - continuing to find targets and work hard to lock the ball in. Frankston broke through with their first goal for the match and the intensity from both teams once again lifted.

The backline – which hasn't been tested a lot so far this season – played smart footy, conceding a couple 6.40pm on Saturday.

of points and working as a team with Nico Randall solid on the last line of defence. Final Score: Breakers 2.2-

14 def Frankston 1.5-11. Goals: E. Cargill 2.

Best: S. Bolding, K. O'Neill, C. Connell, K. Thompson, N. Randall, E. Cargill.

This week the Breakers venture to Warragul for a grand final rematch at

### Island girls back on the winners list

due to illness, city site and holidays, the Island girls made the long trek to Toora to take

underfoot.

The Island girls began strongly.

With smaller numbers (15) on the ground the Island girls took advantage of the extra space in the forward line and were quickly able to make their intentions clear, with a strong running goal from the

elusive Qiarshi Adams. Not to be outdone in her first game back from injury Macy Stubbs, presenting well up forward, was able to snap her first goals for the season. Lily (Elbow) Bow was solid down back, following coaches' instructions to a tee when kicking out from defence and

Ricardo were heaping on plenty of tackling pressure down back.

In the second quarter after a bit of confusion about which way were kicking and a great save from Sienna Steiner, the Island girls continued to apply forward pressure.

Jorja (Jorga) Newman was dominating in the ruck and making her presence felt around the ground, narrowly missing a goal, Lily O'Loughlin and Mikki Leary were making life difficult for the opposition defenders.

The third quarter saw Bella Gude make the most of the space in the forward line driving the ball into attack on several occasions and snagging a lazy three goals for the day.

Mackenzie Wain and Jade Ricardo continued their solid form both in defence and on ica Bartels

#### Zoe Carr was consistent on the wing and in defence, while Sienna Steiner turned on a great last quarter finding plenty of the ball in the middle.

Mia Boost slotted two great goals, and Monica Bartels made the most of her opportunity up forward to mark and goal.

The was a strong all-round performance from the girls who never stopped running the whole game without a bench. Great team effort.

Final Score: Phillip Island 9.6.60 def Woodside 3.4.22.

Best: Bella Gude, Jorja (Jorga) Newman, Mackenzie Wain, Jade Ricardo, Qiarshi Adams, Mia Boost, Macy Stubbs.

Goals: Bella Gude 3, Qiarshi Adams 2, Mia (Boosty) Boost 2, Macy Stubbs, Mon-

#### Phillip Island & Districts Dart League results Lots of movement with The

#### LADDER AND RESULTS Vikings taking over top spot Te

# Undermanned once again the sister act of Tess and Jade the ball.

on Woodside Football Club. The conditions were cool, with a strong cross breeze and the ground a little soggy

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Virleally 2 victor

The Breakers put the ball into the net another six times and moved the ball around well.

Solo Scarlet kicked one from long range and was solid in Defence, Xavier Godena slotted another one with his great run throughout the whole game scoring two goals, Nate Anderson put one in and also ran the game out well, and Jad Ellaz jagged two.

The U17s are starting to work well as a team and play unselfish football.

Dean Rizzo also played well in the midfield and with his goal assists.

Final score Phillip Island 7 to Inverloch 1.

To Inverloch's credit they played with 10 players the whole game. Well done, Breakers.

#### Other results

Reserves defeated Korumburra 3-1 Senior Men defeated Korumburra 6-1 Women's team - Bye

and The Riverboys moving into second.

Storm with a solid win over The Clangers and That's All slipping down to fourth. Singles competition next week.

New players are always welcome, so if you are interested in being involved and enjoy a friendly environment with young and old alike, male and female. Please contact Scott Lethbridge 0407 543 154 or scott@glpc.com.au

Team	Points	For	Against
The Vikings	13	35	21
Riverboys	12	26	23
The Clangers	11	31.5	24.5
That's All	11	30.5	25.5
Storm	7	27	29
Joe's Hornets	6	20	29
Newbies	3	19	37

#### ROUND 9 - MAY 15

Storm – 4 Def The Clangers – 3. The Vikings – 6 Def That's All – 1 Riverboys - 4 Def Newbies - 3. Joe's Hornets - Bye

**Euchre results** Ladies' winner: Sandy Slaney - 6 wins. Men's winner: Bob Hee-7 wins.

Encouragement award: Bev Baulderstone. Please Contact Bob Hee for any further information on 0418 173 388.

Come along everyone and have a great night out. Tables booked for those wanting dinner before games start.

### SPOR



Under 12 Red singing the song with Captain Zac Basterfield.

# **Great weekend** of Junior footy

#### U14 Blue

The Under 14 blue travelled down the road, to battle Inverloch/Kongwak, in what was sure to be a great contest.

With Inverloch sitting second on the ladder, the Doggies had to come out strong and that they did.

Great ruck work by Hayden, sent Maxy Jess forward and Heater Bowen snapped truly for the Doggies first.

Inverloch came back with their own and we sure had a tussle on our hands

Good work by Cub Cantwell, Sammy O and Joe Kelsy off the backline held Inverloch to one goal for the quarter.

On his return game, Harvey Strachen got some good touches and with Jem Hennekam and Sam Fairthorne moving well.

The second started much the same. Strong centre work had the Doggies pushing forward at every turn.

Levi Addison, Henry Dean and Archie Williams continued working hard, driving the ball in deep.

The Doggies managed to hold the ball in the front 50, for most of the quarter.

The third quarter presented a change in the Doggies' fortune. Inverloch came out strong and

kicked four goals to none for the quarter

The Doggies battled well with the siege, but Inverloch's height was telling

Fifty gamer Al "the wrecking ball anski Angue McLure a 01Doggies revved up for a challenge that was before them in the last. Good work from Flynn Dengerink, Duke Lawrence, Lewis De Fazio and Captain Kai Cashman, moved the ball really well.

The Doggies kicked four goals in the last and they thought an Essendon type win was on the cards.

Inverloch settled with two of their own to take the win by 13 points. Best: Ollie, Al, Max, Jess, Cub and Zane.

#### U14 Red

Round 5 had the Red U14 with a home game versing the undermanned but enthusiastic Dalyston Magpies. There were all sorts of personnel

changes to the team this week, some major ins with team Fisher, Charlie and Gemma starting their season, but sadly some major outs with Bailey Parry breaking an arm at school and Darcy Optiz rolling an ankle also.

Coach Tarryn hustled some Under 12 young guns to the line-up, Jaxen, Zane and Flynn (thanks boys) while also providing Daylston with two or three kids per quarter which helped provide some fresh legs and a slightly more competitive game.

With what talls we have wiped out with injuries, Charlie started in the ruck, 20 seconds later after a perfect tap to Felix, a short pass to Zac Hughes and beautiful long kick we had the first goal.

The coach's box is stunned by the zhat a combo

a perfect lead and mark from Jack Edge saw him kick a beauty from 25m for his first for the season, well done Jack.

Quarter time and it's a mercy.

Tarryn reminded the pups to keep doing the things they are learning at training, which they did, building walls and locking the ball in, running handball chains and keeping space for the forwards.

Daylston were working hard and combined well at times with some of our loaned players but with Tav, Maddi, Gemma, Zac Sund and Jack Mascaros hunting tackles and the on-field structure set by Zac Hughes, Felix and Max Nicka the flood gates were open.

The island were scoring freely with and against the breeze, a high note being Jacob's 50m (or 3m?) bomb that hit the post!

Lucky, he had plenty of chances and snagged one moments later.

In the fourth quarter Felix, Nicka and Tilley joined the Pies and worked super hard against their usual teammates in a great show of sportsmanship, which resulted in three late and well celebrated goals by the Pies.

Their effort was applauded by the Daylston coaches.

A much anticipated first of the season goal for Blocka from a mark and set shot saw it headed straight through, only to be caught in the breeze and touched on the line, by Tilley in a Pies jumper.

All in all, a very solid win with



Cam Brown in action in the Seniors match at Bunyip.

## Island Bulldogs prove too strong in goal-filled Bunyip clash

#### From page 28

A final scoreline of 164-3, with a 161-point margin was ultimately a fair reflection of the gulf between the two teams.

Scores: Phillip Island: 6.7.43, 12.13.85, 17.18.120, 24.20.164. Bunyip: 0.0.0, 0.3.3, 0.3.3, 0.3.3.

**Goals:** Phillip Island: Tyce Kleverkamp – 6, Tully Dickie, Jett McMillan, James Nicolaci - 3.

**Best Players:** Phillip Island: Tyce Kleverkamp, Tom Aylett, Saxon Mau, Tully Dickie, Jett McMillan, Samuel McRae. Bunyip: Patrick Davis, Nick Roberts, Mitchell McKenzie, Tyler McMillan, Finlay Pinkster, Noel Mollison

It was a wet and soggy road trip to take on Bunyip on Saturday morning, for the Under 16s Phillip Island Bulldogs

The rain was relentless, as were the Bulldogs.

Hunting the ball tirelessly in the conditions, working together as a team and maintaining their underdog mentality, secured them a big win.

#### Go Doggies!

Scores: Phillip Island: 4.5.29, 8.9.57, 15.13.103, 20.16.136. Bunyip: 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 0.1.1.

Goals: Phillip Island: Jasper Cashman, George McCausland, Joel Robinson - 3, Harry Arceo, Bailey Hen-

### Best Players: Phillip Island: Charlie

O'Garey, Joel Robinson, Benjamin Chihotski, Finn O'Brien, Harrison Carlon, Harry Arceo. Bunyip: Jaylen Grace, Dean Schultz, Heath Mollison, Callum Kennedy, Toby Ronaldson, Samuel Hughes.

#### Veterans

In front of a big crowd at Killy Bass, St Kilda legend Stephen Milne pulled on a Panthers jumper for the Kilcunda Bass Veterans side to take on our boys on Saturday, however, it wasn't enough to bring home the win.

A thrilling last quarter got the Bulldogs back into the game and a nailbiting finish saw the Island get home winners.

Well done Doggies on their first win for the season!

Scores: Phillip Island: 1.4.10, 4.4.28, 4.5.29, 8.6.54. Kilcunda Bass: 2.2.14, 4.3.27, 7.3.45, 8.3.51.

Goals: Phillip Island: Leigh Woolford -4, David Ivey, Rod McKenzie, Kevin Taylor, Aidan Williams - 1. Kilcunda Bass: Stephen Milne - 4, Christopher Lacey - 2, Tim Grenness, Rodney Tack – 1.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Leigh Woolford, Andy Austin, Mark Riky, Rodney McKenzie, David Ivey, Aidan Williams. Kilcunda Bass: Daniel Hawking, Stephen Milne, James Evans, Simon McHenry.



Under 16s

lie Bain tried their best, but Inverloch got their run on

The wind was with Inverloch, and this certainly helped.

A good rev up from Brendan "Coach Carter" Cashman, had the

A fluke? No way. This is repeated five times in the next five minutes with Ethan Ree, Stewy, Blocka and basically the whole mid and forward line running amuck.

Teirlie kicked two on the run and

great effort by all on a wintry footy kind of day.

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Bailey Hennessy feels the heat in the in the U16s match against Bunyip. More photos at pisra.com.au/sport



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Alex Duyker was happy to get the ball clear against Bunyip on the weekend. More football action photos at pisra.com.au/sport

# Island Bulldogs prove too strong in goal-filled Bunyip clash

Off to Bunyip to meet the 'other' Bulldogs of the West Gippsland competition at their home kennel in Bunyip, the disparate positions between the two clubs on the ladder was uppermost in the minds of the Bulldog faithful.

What was the real difference between the two teams and would the ladder positions bear that out?

With the Under 16s starting later than normal due to the Bunyip Bulldogs not having an Under 18 team, a spread of Under 18s into the Reserves and some changes in the Seniors needed to also be considered.

#### Seniors

Pre-game saw a couple of changes in the senior side, with young guns Jack Papas and Daniel Bourke being managed as of Thursday night, and some further late changes.

Elder statesman Damian Holmes also out with what could be described as a hole in his foot as a result of an errant nail at his building site.

Matt Jones came into the side for his first game of the year, and Brendan Kimber a welcome addition back after several games on the sidelines.

Heavy rain made conditions slippery and hard to keep your feet.

After teams felt themselves out Kimber opened scoring with two

goals in a minute. Trav Woodfield then followed

suit kicking two more. kicked his Kimhe

Oliver Johnson gets the kick away in the reserves match.

Bill, Ben) kicked a goal and Kimber goaled again for four first half goals of his own.

Half time saw a 112-0 scoreline. Much of the same in the third quarter but less scoring from the Island.

The highlights were a dashing goal from Kai McKenzie off half back and three consecutive goals "Sauce" Tomada making his to

semi-regular switch up forward. Kimber kicked his fifth, and a 146-0 lead.

The Island kicked nine goals in the last to finish with 16 individual goal kickers for an even team performance, only conceding one goal for the afternoon at the 21-minute mark of the last. So, the gulf between top and bottom in this competition was clearly revealed. The test for the Bulldogs will be gest teams of the year, with four

tally to four. Each Taylor (Jack, to continue the focus when games against the bottom sides come around, with the first test passed with a 199-point win.

Scores: Phillip Island: 10.3.63, 17.10.112, 22.14.146, 31.19.205. Bunyip: 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 0.0.0, 1.0.6.

Goals: Phillip Island: Brendan Kimber, Travis Woodfield - 5, Jack Taylor, Jason Tomada - 3. Bunyip: Ned Ashton - 1.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Brendan Kimber, Max Walton, Daniel Pearce, Travis Woodfield, Cameron Pedersen, Jason Tomada. Bunyip: Curtis Jenkin, Jason Williams, Alex Dijkstra, Adam Banks, Mitchell Sproles, Aaron Miles

Under 18s - Brady Ross, Finn Cashman, Kohen Beaumont and Eden Goldsbury - providing a further youthful injection in the side.

With the locals bringing upwards of 11 players into the side, it was always going to be tough.

And so it was to be, with an opening of six goals seven behinds many of which could easily have been goals - the Phillip Island boys jumped out to a 43-0 lead at the first break.

The trend was continued through the rest of the game, with the first - and last - scores for the locals being three behinds in the second.

No further scores meant a depressing scoreline for Bunyip at the end.

Meanwhile, the Phillip Island Bulldogs showed remarkable consistency through the entire game.

With scores of 6.6, 5.5 and 7-2 in the quarters 2-4 respectively, the Bulldogs were able to continue scoring at will through to the end of the game.

Led by Tyce Kleverkamp running riot through the forward line with six goals, ably supported by Tully Dickie, Jett McMillan and evergreen coach James (Nico) Nicolaci, goals flowed throughout.

Feeding the forward line were Tom Aylett in the mid, and Saxon Mau continuing his impressive improvement week-on-week.

Whenever the ball ventured towards the Bunyip forward line, newly anointed vice-captain Sam McRae led strong defence turning home-team thrusts



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Phillip Island were on their way to a 10 goal first quarter.

Second quarter started similarly with Max Blake opening the scoring. Trav Woodfield then kicked two more to take his first half

#### Reserves

were able to select one of its stron- showings.

tack for the visitors.

The Under 18s boys showed With the Under 18s having a they are more than ready for seweek off, the Bulldogs' Reserves nior football right now with strong

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