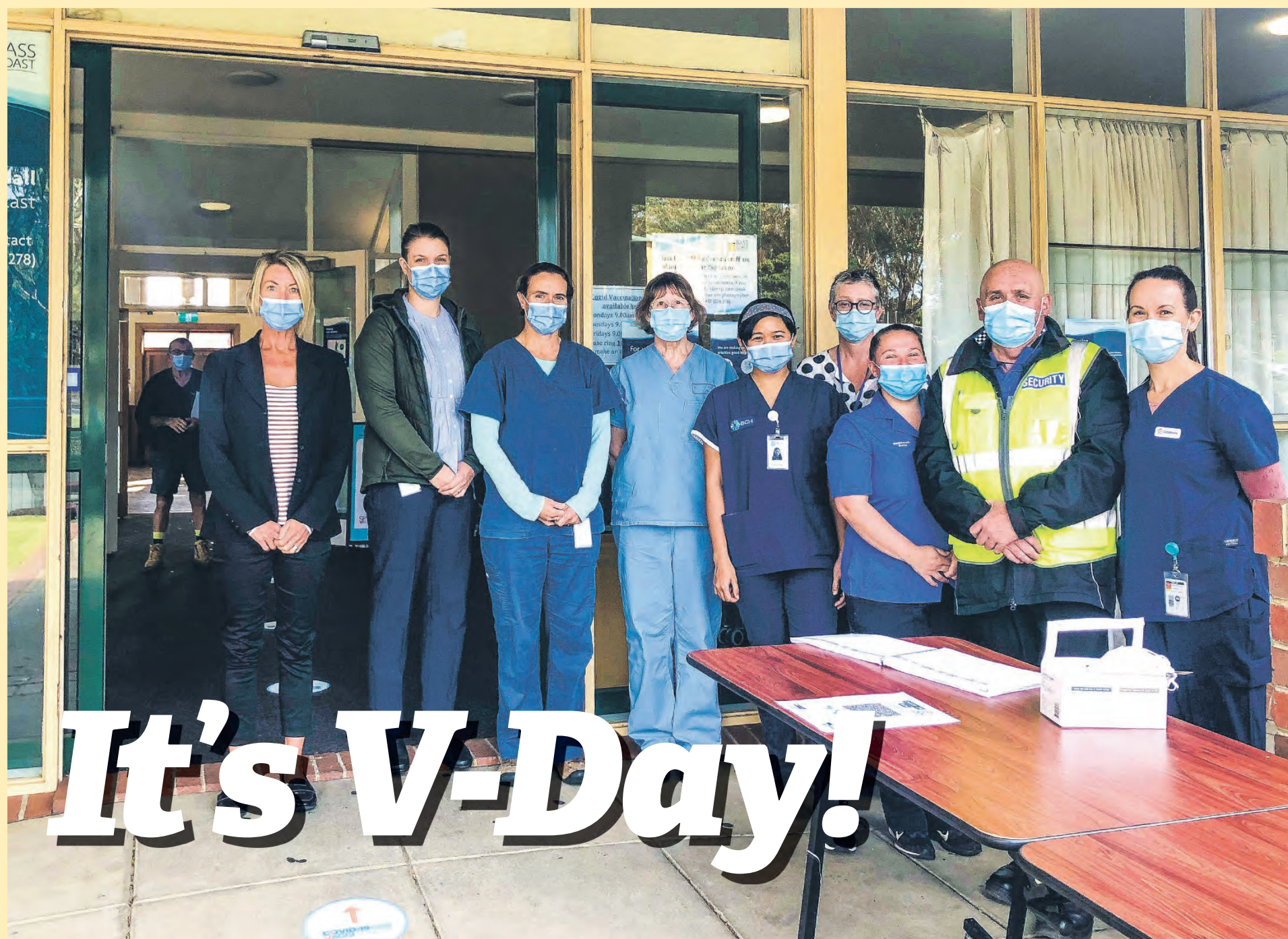


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It was all hands on deck when Bass Coast's mass vaccination clinic opened on Monday at the Wonthaggi Town Hall.

The clinic operated by staff

from Bass Coast Health and the Gippsland Public Health Unit is open to people aged over 50 and those in the 1a and 1b categories.

There may have been a hiccup

with the state-run phone booking service last week, but Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child was thrilled with the clinic's first day results, saying 102 people were

vaccinated.

Ms Child has urged people to ring the booking hotline on 1800 675 398 and make an appointment.

"Every piece of evidence says that it is safer to be vaccinated than to have Covid," she said.

*More on pages 3 and 4.*

## Pool duel likely: Island v Wonny

Phillip Island residents should start lobbying all Bass Coast Shire councillors to ensure Cowes gets a community pool.

That's the message from the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund after councillors last week voted to accept a feasibility study – for pools in both Cowes and Wonthaggi – and release it for community consultation, at the Phillip Island Leisure Centre, June 9 and 12, 9am to 1pm.

The feasibility study proposes Phillip Island should have a 25m x eight lane pool, learn-to-swim combined hydrotherapy area, 24-hour gym, and two indoor sports

courts, at a cost of \$52 million. The study recommends a \$41 million new pool for Wonthaggi – with the current pool built in 1975 – including 25m x 10 lanes, a larger gym, new spa and sauna.

While the shire will lobby state and federal governments for the combined \$93 million pool budget,

Cr Les Larke last week said it was unlikely the shire would successfully receive those funds. "Realistically we can't afford two pools requiring \$90 to \$100 million in funding, regardless of council's advocacy," said Cr Larke, the only councillor to vote against adopting the study.

"My belief is that one regional pool is a realistic objective."

Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund secretary Peter McMahon said while they supported the shire in seeking joint funding, if a decision had to be made on one pool, it should be Cowes.

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## PICAL fight: services under threat

PICAL's vital community services are under threat unless a budget issue is resolved before Bass Coast Shire Council adopts its 2021/22 budget.

For the past year, the PICAL Committee of Management said they've worked closely with the council on plans to relocate the community garden and Boomerang Bags to Blue Gum Reserve in 2022.

They were dumbfounded when no money was allocated in the current budget for the relocation project.

The Board has made a detailed budget submission to council outlining the estimated cost of the move, to try and get the project back on track.

PICAL General Manager Greg Thompson said the lack of commitment is leaving them in limbo, and the lack of urgency from council was creating huge issues.

"We were led to believe \$250,000 would be allocated in this budget for the relocation (of the community garden), and now council is saying there's no hurry, and they'll get to the move in due course."

Greg said council officers "just don't understand" the impact of the delays.

"I can't execute annual contracts for 2022. I can't even go out



*There is no room on the Warley Avenue site for PICAL to re-establish its community garden and the Committee say there was meant to be funding in the latest budget to help relocate the garden to Blue Gum Reserve.*

and fundraise if I can't be sure where and if we are going to be operating.

"Most of our contracts require long lead times, and if we can't renew those contracts, PICAL ceases to function."

The slow progress on PICAL's move to a new home means services are in danger of being disrupted and the organisation faces

losing some funding sources.

The PICAL Committee has written to members saying the "uncertainty around the timing and rollout of the move is causing real concern".

PICAL has to move from the Church Street site, as the land has been purchased by the state government for the new Community Hospital.

Bass Coast Shire Council purchased land at Warley Avenue and has budgeted for the first stage of a new PICAL building on the site.

Planning is underway and the building is due to be completed by Christmas or early in 2022.

However, the Warley Avenue site is about a quarter of the size of the space PICAL currently occupies and cannot accommodate all the current services.

This leaves the organisation without its community garden, a home for Boomerang Bags or enough training rooms.

Greg said the changing timelines have already impacted on the PICAL training schedule and unless council provides more certainty, he can only see more disruption ahead.

"In the original timeframe, we were going to be out of here (Church Street) by August 2021, so we were earmarked by the Education Department not to run classes in term 3.

"Now there's nothing in place and I'm trying to renegotiate the contract so we can run classes.

"This is a highly competitive market and we may already be too late to get money to run classes in Term 3."

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## Sand mining protests grow louder

The Grantville and Corinella community came out in force last Saturday, calling on the state government to put a stop to sand mining in the Lang Lang to Grantville forest corridor.

MC for the protest, Catherine Watson, of the Save Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) group, said the Corinella Hall was filled to a Covid-capacity, spilling beyond the main hall to accommodate numbers.

"If Victorian Planning Minister Wynne has any doubt as to the strength of community opposition to the ripping out of our coastal forests for sand for Melbourne, this first public meeting should dispel those doubts," she said.

"This campaign is just going to snowball from here; with so many in the community so com-



*The Grantville and Corinella community came out in force last Saturday, calling on the state government to put a stop to sand mining in the Lang Lang to Grantville forest corridor.*

mitted and so deeply concerned, it will be unstoppable."

Save Western Port Woodlands spokesperson Tim O'Brien said the meeting voted unanimously to present a petition to the Legislative Assembly of Victoria calling on the state government to en-

sure permanent protection of the last significant stand of mature forest in the Western Port and Bass Coast region, and to place an "immediate moratorium on sand mining to ensure no further expansion of mines".

The meeting also saw the

launch of a video produced by SWPW which uses drone footage to show the extent of the mines.

The meeting heard the Victorian Government's Strategic Extractive Resources Area (SERA) proposal, aimed to give special protections to sand miners to prevent local communities, councils and farmers from objecting to new mines and mine expansions.

Grantville residents Gail Callaghan and Gil Smith talked about what it was like living with a sand mine on their doorsteps, including noise, the cost to wildlife, and the risk to the foreshore.

Jordan Crook from the Victorian National Parks Association highlighted the endangered and vulnerable wildlife and flora in this coastal ecosystem, including the critically endangered finger fungus.

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# Vaccines good to go

The new mass vaccination clinic opened at 9.30am at the Wonthaggi Town Hall on Monday and quickly got to work.

By 3pm the new clinic had vaccinated 102 people.

A glitch last week with the phone booking service has been resolved and people can now book in.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child urged residents to take advantage of the new clinic and book in for their vaccination as soon as possible.

"We know there are many people who are hesitant to be vaccinated, but please don't wait.

"Every piece of evidence says that it is safer to be vaccinated than to have Covid."

She said people should not become complacent because there were currently no recorded cases in the shire.

"There is a view from some people that we do not need to be vaccinated because there is no Covid in our community.

"At some stage in the future, we will have Covid in our community again, because it is not eliminated, and we cannot close our borders completely. That time may not be far away.

"The quicker individuals get vaccinated, the less likely it is that they will be sick or die from Covid," Ms Child said.

"If more people in our community get vaccinated against Covid, less people will get sick or die from the next wave. This is most important for our vulnerable communities – older persons and those with other chronic health issues."

The clinic will be open Monday, Tuesday and Friday each week, from 9.30am until 3pm. To book in call 1800 675 398.



By Friday, the new mass vaccination clinic at the Wonthaggi Town Hall was set up and ready to receive the first patients on Monday morning.

## Side effects

Dr Dan Crompton, Clinical Director of Emergency Services at Bass Coast Health said he understood that people were worried about the side effects of the vaccines.

"Every vaccination has some side effects, but like AstraZeneca, most are routine and serious and fatal side effects are very rare," Dr Crompton said.

"We have had no reports of any person, of any age, getting blood clots related to the vaccination.

"Blood clots are a very common medical issue in our community.

"We see them routinely because of people travelling long distances in the air or in cars, where they are not keeping their circulation active. We also see blood clots as a conse-

quence of commonly used medications or other health conditions."

Dr Crompton said people experience side effects from both the Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccine.

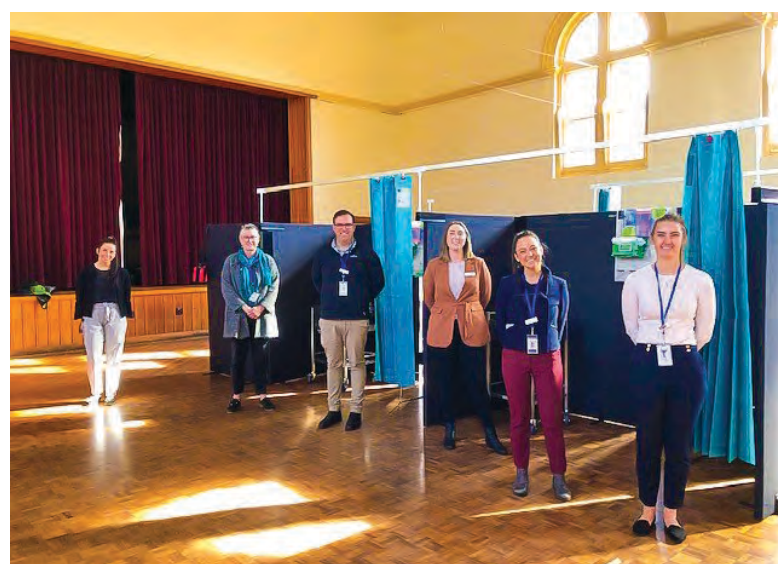
"It is relatively common that people who have the vaccines will have mild side effects," he said.

"They include such things as headaches and tiredness and discomfort at the injection site.

"Around 20 per cent of those people vaccinated have these minor side effects. Most people feel fine. The side effects are minor compared to getting COVID-19."

He stressed that serious and fatal side effects are "very rare".

"If anyone experiences side effects, our staff at the ED are well equipped to investigate and manage any medical issues and instigate



Staff from Gippsland Regional Public Health Unit and Bass Coast Health will run the clinic.

life-saving treatment, if required."

## Don't delay

He urged people not to delay getting their first vaccination.

"Both vaccines require two doses, which means the efficacy or effectiveness to combat the virus takes time.

"For the Pfizer vaccine there is 21 days between doses. For the AstraZeneca vaccine there is 12 weeks between each dose.

"So, to be fully immunised takes time and a Pandemic or third wave, as we have witnessed overseas, does not!

"When enough people in the community are vaccinated, it slows down the spread of disease."

He also reminded people not to underestimate the impact of Covid.

"Covid-19 can spread quickly and widely. It is much worse than the flu, and importantly, we are seeing new strains that are far more contagious than the initial strains.

"There are many people who actually had Covid in the first and second wave who are still suffering long-Covid today, and who still are not able to function like they used to," Dr Crompton said.

"Covid can have a very long health impact, even on the young, and the people who are usually very well."

To check your eligibility for a vaccine, visit [health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/phase-1b](https://health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/covid-19-vaccines/phase-1b).

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Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child says to continue to socially distance, maintain hand hygiene and wear a mask if you can't maintain social distance.

# Keep your distance

Bass Coast Health is reminding people to maintain good hygiene and social distancing to help protect the community from Covid.

CEO Jan Child said some experts believe it is “not a case of if, but when” the third wave will hit Australia.

“We have so far been so lucky, compared to other countries, but things can change quickly. Gippsland is not immune from COVID-19 and this pandemic is not over,” Ms Child said.

She stressed that vaccinations will help protect the community but the other Covid measures still applied.

“You still should socially distance where you can. You still need to maintain your hand hygiene.

“Get tested if you have any symptoms and

isolate yourself from others. Do not go outside your home if you have symptoms and get yourself tested as soon as you can at Wonthaggi Hospital or the Urgent Care Centre in Cowes.”

Ms Child recommended wearing a mask in a crowd if you can't maintain social distancing.

“And please get vaccinated because that is going to protect you, your family and all of us here in the Bass Coast.”

She also urged people to rely on reputable sources of information to keep informed and up-to-date about COVID-19.

“The Government websites such as Health.gov.au and Department of Health (dhhs.vic.gov.au) have up-to-date and trusted information.”

# Covid crackdown on business

The state government is cracking down on businesses not meeting CovidSafe requirements.

More than 2200 businesses have been targeted for compliance checks so far this month with seven businesses receiving fines of between \$1652 and \$9913.

Inspections have found around one-third of those businesses, largely in hospitality, have not complied with Chief Health Officer directions including not having Covid safety signage up, density quotients not being adhered to, customer tables too close together or QR code check-in systems not in place.

The government has warned Covid compliance and enforcement efforts will be ramped up across hospitality, retail, ride share and other businesses in coming weeks.

In addition to fines since May 1, over 200 enforcement notices have been issued including 59 written warnings, eight verbal warnings and 136 improvement notices issued for Covid non-compliance.

Businesses repeatedly breaking the rules can be issued with an additional fine of \$9913 or a prohibition notice shutting them down. They can also face prosecution in court for continued, blatant or wilful non-compliance with the rules.

“All businesses have a responsibility to provide a CovidSafe environment for their workers and customers – and we'll be checking up on them to make sure they know their obligations and are doing the right thing,” said Acting Minister for Police and Emergency Services Danny Pearson.

COVID safety breaches can be reported to the coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398, WorkSafe's advisory line on 1800 136 089 or the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

**Check yourself**

Dr Dan Crompton, Clinical Director of Emergency Services at Bass Coast Health, urged people to use the check-in system for the safety of the community.

“Currently there are no community cases in Victoria, but it only takes one person to have COVID-19 for it to spread rapidly,” he said.

“That's why people attending public places need to check-in because it makes contract tracing easier and quicker.

“Contract tracing allows us to contain an outbreak of COVID-19 quickly and effectively.”

Dr Crompton said there had been many recent examples where it had taken contact tracers days to identify a case because the person had not checked in through a QR code or booklet.

“In that timeframe of a few days, contacts, if exposed, will have spread it to their loved ones, workmates and community members.

“Some of those people will be vulnerable members of our community, eg older people, and for people like that who are unvaccinated, it will be deadly.

“With these new strains, the virus will move about quicker than ever because it is contagious.”

Victorians are being asked to download the Service Victoria app to make checking in simple and efficient.

The government said by checking in, it will make it possible for contact tracers to contact you if you've been in a venue declared an exposure site.

Information on the app is deleted 28 days after check-in, unless it is required by contact tracers.

For more information on the free Victorian Government QR Code Service, visit [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-victorian-government-qr-code-service](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/about-victorian-government-qr-code-service)

## Take the test

Everyone in the community is encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 if you display even the mildest Covid symptoms, to help contain the spread of the virus.

These include: fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, or loss of sense of smell or taste. Everyone who is tested is required to self-isolate until test results are received. Waiting times for test results may take 2-3 days.

**Cowes:**

- Phillip Island Health Hub (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). Call 5951 2101.

**Wonthaggi Hospital Drive Thru Clinic:**

- 9am - 1pm\*, 7 days a week.

You can also book a test with Wonthaggi Respiratory Clinic. Please book online or phone 0492 036 568.

People should phone their doctor or the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398 if their symptoms get worse.

\*times subject to change due to demand or extreme weather event

# History repeats for town hall

When the new Covid mass vaccination clinic opened its doors this week, it's not the first time the Wonthaggi Town Hall has been utilised during a pandemic.

During the Spanish Flu pandemic on 1918/19, the Town Hall was used as a hospital.

With no vaccine to protect against influenza infection and no antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections that can be associated with influenza infections, control efforts worldwide were limited to non-pharmaceutical interventions such as isolation, quarantine, good personal hygiene, use of disinfectants, and limitations of public gatherings.

By the end of 1919, at least 12,500 Australians – 30 per cent of them Victorians – had died of Spanish influenza.

A 2020 edition of Australian Story about the Spanish Flu pandemic of 1918-19, included the Wonthaggi Town Hall and the story of a 19-year-old nurse Elizabeth Beard (nee Evans), one of six nurses who volunteered to care for patients there, as told by her daughter Gwladys McLachlan.

Elizabeth was interviewed about her experiences by the Wonthaggi and District Historical Society in 1989.

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# Full steam ahead on Rhyll boat ramp revamp

Construction of the \$4.5 million new Rhyll boat ramp upgrade will start as early as next month after Bass Coast Shire councillors last week awarded the building contract. Simpson Construction Company was given the tender, which will include replacing the existing facility with a three-lane boat ramp extending deeper into the bay to allow all-tide operation.

There will also be two new fixed and floating pontoon jetties, as well as a car park upgrade and land infrastructure including a new playground, with the total \$5.2 million project paid for by the state government.

Shire officers last week said there would be two construction windows, starting with onsite works between June and August, which will focus on the car park reconfiguration and seawall replacement works.

Stage two will be the marine component – jetties, pontoons and boat ramp lanes – expected to be rolled out in February/March 2022 and completed by August 2022, to minimise disruption to boat users, especially around snapper fishing season.

“All possible measures are being undertaken to schedule the upgrade works around the important recreational fishing season timings in 2021 and 2022 and to keep the boat ramps open for users,” said the shire officers.

Cr Ronnie Bauer last week said he had used the facilities for 40 years, adding he hoped



Silverleaves resident Gerry Gibb – who has worked in the safety industry for 30 years – said he still has concerns about “pedestrians moving through an area where there will be vehicles moving.”

the Anderson Street boat ramp in Cowes would be next in line because “it needs urgent attention to be a useable boat ramp”.

Cr Les Larke welcomed the state government funding, with “not a dollar coming out of council coffers”, while Cr Michael Whelan commended the community engagement.

A Project Control Group – including the shire, Better Boating Victoria, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Maritime Safety Victoria, Parks Victoria and Victorian Fisheries Authority has been meeting monthly with the project team to monitor the project’s progress.

In addition, a Community Reference Group of local residents and groups has been providing

feedback on the upgrade.

## Support

Rhyll Angling Club president Albert Abram welcomed the new upgrade, saying it would reduce congestion at peak season and “relieve pressure and pinch points”.

Albert said the designs featured a rigging area, which will also decrease congestion, allowing boaters to park and quickly get boats water-ready without stopping traffic.

“Before there would be honking and flashing of lights so this will alleviate rage,” he said.

Rhyll Slipway Trust spokeswoman Cheryl Overton said there would be 15 historical signs – created by local historian John Jansson – to highlight the area’s heritage.

While engineers backflipped

on plans for vehicles with trailers to reverse into parks facing the playground – now requiring all car parks to be drive in and reverse out – Silverleaves safety expert Gerry Gibb said he still had concerns.

“My concern is there are pedestrians moving through an area where there will be vehicles moving,” Gerry said.

“There should be total exclusion of pedestrians from the vehicle manoeuvring area using a combination of signage, hard barriers to prevent pedestrians straying into the area and safe access to the playground away from the carpark.”

A playground has been designed by renowned Kilcunda landscape architect Karl Russo and will include a squid play tower, weather station and shipwreck cove.

# Patience needed on new skate park plans

Bass Coast Shire does not have a definitive timeline to build the delayed regional skate park, as well as a local skate facility in Newhaven.

In April councillors voted to dump plans for a \$1.5 million regional skate park at Grayden’s Reserve in Newhaven, the second abandoned attempt in four years.

Instead councillors agreed to build a local skate park at the reserve in consultation with the local community.

A community question at last week’s council meeting asked whether a local skate facility would be “fast-tracked” at Grayden’s Reserve, following the “loss of three years of planning”.

“What is a realistic timeframe for the upgrade to be completed?” the resident asked.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said “over coming months” they would once again review the Bass Coast Skate Strategy to determine a new location for a regional skate park for the shire – as

well as designs for a local park in Newhaven.

A new capital works budget would be created, following which new planning would begin.

In April skater spokesman and island resident Bucky Hamer said the shire’s regional skate park plans had been “bungled” from the beginning, with “unnecessary” community division firstly in San Remo and now Newhaven.

“It was mishandled from the start. By not doing the necessary work at San Remo so many people were put off-side,” said Bucky, who has been lobbying for upgrades to skate facilities since 2014.

“It has been such a waste of everyone’s time and energy. They should have just made sure it worked from the start.

“The third time they surely have to get it right.”

In 2018 the shire received a \$650,000 State Government grant for a regional skate park at San Remo, with that funding now withdrawn.

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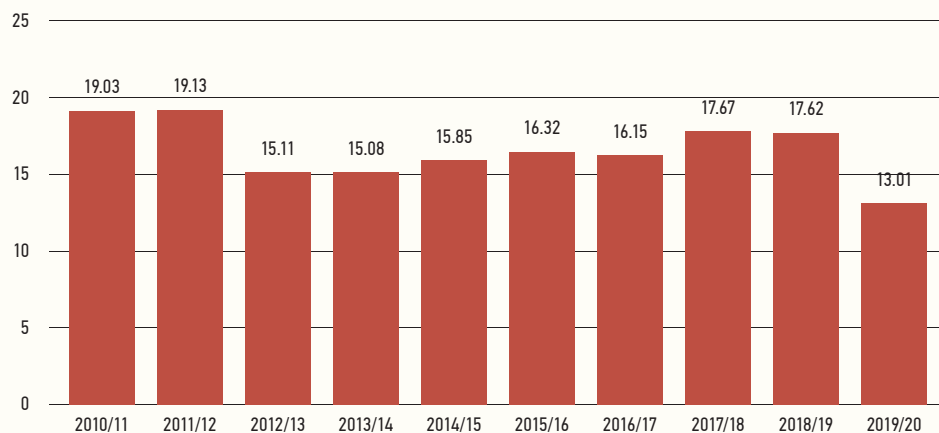
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**Bass Coast – Yearly Gaming Machine expenditure (\$million)**



The 10-year trend shows a reduction in gaming machine expenditure in the shire, from the high point of 2011/12. The lower figure for 2019/20 reflects the impact of Covid restrictions, however expenditure is now on the rise, with March 2021 figure well above the March 2020 and 2019 levels.

## Covid reprieve vanishes as pokies return

The use of pokie machines plummeted last year during lockdown, but unfortunately a strong revival is well underway. Last month, the amount of money lost in gaming machines in Bass Coast was over \$1.5 million.

According to figures released this month by the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation, the level of losses is back to pre-pandemic levels.

From July to October 2020, there were no machines in operation in Bass Coast, but when venues reopened in November, the five venues across the shire with gaming machines recorded \$520,630 spent on the 213 machines – about a third of usual levels for that time of year.

By December, that figure had climbed to \$1,407,982 and in March hit \$1,589,403, well above the figures for the same period in 2019/20 and 2018/19. The March figure represents an average spend of \$7462 per machine.

Paula Gibb, Manager of Behavioural Health Programs at Latrobe Community Health Service, said the figures show a worrying trend.

“Financial loss is the most obvious type of gambling harm, while other harms include feelings of anxiety or depression, relationship conflict, and diminished work or study performance.”

Paula said across Victoria \$7.5 million was spent on pokies per day.

In Bass Coast, the daily figure is just under \$49,000.

“It’s scary when you look at the largeness of the figures, and when you think about the demographics of our area.

“What are people going with-

out to spend this kind of money?” Latrobe Community Health Services offers therapeutic and financial help for gamblers and those effected by gambling.

“We also run Smart Recovery Groups for addictive behaviours,” Paula said.

“You can register to attend online and it isn’t just for gambling addiction, it could be any kind.

“When you look at the problem behaviour of gambling, it affects the same area of the brain as other addictive behaviours, and they can go hand in hand.”

### Financial impact

She said the return of the pokies had seen a dramatic increase in demand for their services.

“We’re seeing a big jump in people accessing our services, particularly financial counselling and planning services.”

She believes the end of Job Keeper and Job Seeker payments, as well as the end of the moratorium on rental increases and evictions is behind the surge in demand.

“We are getting a lot of requests for financial assistance for rental areas.”

Paula urged anyone impacted by gambling to seek help.

“You can either call the Gamblers Help hotline on 1800 858 858 or ring Latrobe Community Health on 1800 242 696.

“There’s no problem that we can’t help somebody work through,” she said.

“The hardest bit is making that first call.

“This is a no-fault system; there’s no judgement and our experienced counsellors are very familiar with the issues people are facing.

“People affected by gambling

harm often experience stigma, with many saying they would rather admit to an alcohol or drug problem. But if they feel able to seek help, professional counselling, both financial and therapeutic, can lead to positive change,” she said.

“Recovery from a gambling addiction is achievable and counselling can offer relief and hope. Finding a new way to think about gambling often starts simply by talking to someone who gets it.”

Last year Bass Coast Shire councillors voted to support the Australian Local Government Association in calling on the Federal Government to establish a Royal Commission into the gambling industry.

The shire does not have a gambling strategy but refers to their Health and Wellbeing Plan on gambling issues.

“Council understands the significant damage problem gambling can cause within the community and is committed to advocating toward greater local supports, to ensure those people who are impacted can access services within Bass Coast,” said Council CEO Ali Wastie last week.

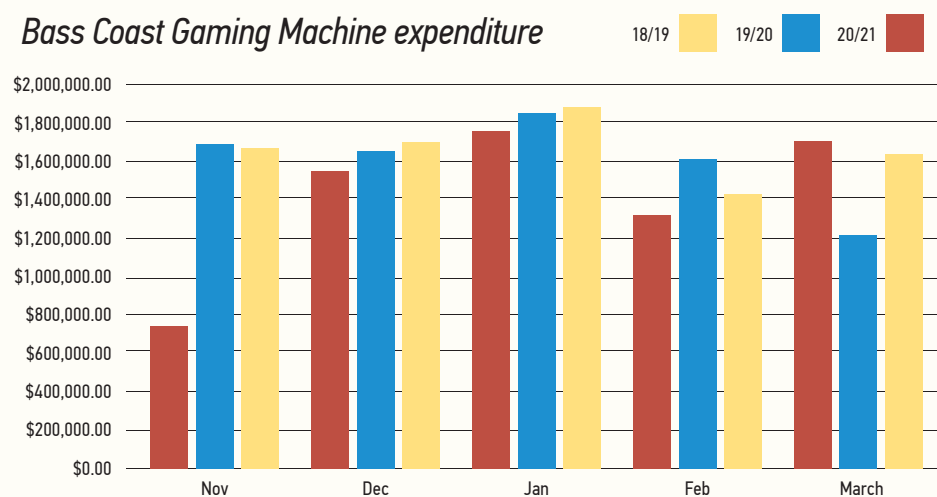
“Council’s Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan identifies Council’s role as advocating for these greater supports and linking with service providers, who are funded to support the community.”

Anyone on Phillip Island can access Latrobe Community Health Service gambling and financial assistance services at their Wonthaggi office.

Telehealth appointments can also be organised if transport is an issue.

Call Latrobe Community Health on 1800 242 696.

**Bass Coast Gaming Machine expenditure**



Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation figures show that since coming out of lockdown, figures in Bass have quickly returned to average. Expenditure in March was the highest for that month in three years.

## Phillip Island’s multi-million dollar problem

Since pokie machines reopened in November 2020, over \$1.2 million has been spent on the gaming machines each month in Bass Coast.

Almost \$49,000 is lost each day. And the pokie machines on Phillip Island are leading the charge.

Of Bass Coast Shire’s 213 machines, 58 are located at the Phillip Island RSL.

The club has the dubious distinction of recording the highest player loss of any venue in the shire between July and December 2020 reaching a total of \$644,064.

That averages out at \$11,104 lost per machine.

The next highest was the Wonthaggi Club, where \$637,283 was lost across 68 machines, equating to an average of \$9,371 per machine.

Between July and December 2020, \$1.93 million was lost on pokie machines in the shire, according to the Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation, despite the venues being closed for four of the six months.

Since Covid restrictions on gaming machines were lifted in November 2020, expenditure figures have quickly returned to normal levels (see separate story).

Paula Gibb, Manager of Behavioural Health programs at Latrobe Community Health Services said each year the Commission’s figures showed significant local use of the gaming machines.

While there was an increase in expenditure during the holiday season, the figure was usually around \$1.5 million each month.

“The continual spend amount is always consistent,” she said.

Paula said Latrobe Community Health Services support officers worked with local venues to try and address the issue.

“We deliver training modules from the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation to all the venues, on how to identify problem behaviour and then offer support,” said Paula.

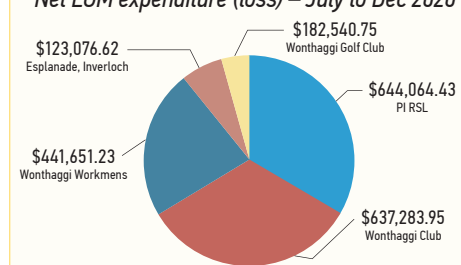
“The venues are open and supportive, and schedule time for their staff to attend and do the training.

“We support venues to identify people with problem behaviours, so they can help them.”

Despite this, the gaming machine expenditure figures appear to be on the rise.

“Problem gambling behaviours are incred-

**Net EGM expenditure (loss) – July to Dec 2020**



Phillip Island RSL recorded the highest gaming machine expenditure in the Shire for the period July to December 2020.

ibly complex and can’t be addressed really quickly,” she said, but stressed there were a lot of strategies that can be used to help.

“The first step is the hardest, but I encourage people to do it. The assistance is there if you just want to reach out.”

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# PICAL fight: services under threat

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## Blue Gum commitment

PICAL is calling for council to honour its commitment to relocate the community garden and some training rooms to Blue Gum Reserve this year.

However council has now told PICAL the move to Blue Gum Reserve would require an amendment to the reserve masterplan and any amendment means council would need to engage with the community.

Greg feels the relocation is no longer a priority for council.

"In the original working group, we had Ali (CEO Ali Wastie) and (director) Jodie Kennedy, plus Community Recreation Manager Mark Lindsay.

"Then we would only see Ali and Jodie when we were unhappy, and the day-to-day business was handled by Mark. But now we're being shunted down to middle management.

"We've provided everything they've asked for, been compliant and jumped through hoops. We presumed there would be funding in this year's budget."

He described seeing funding in the budget to rebuild the Croquet Club in Blue Gum Reserve, without community consultation or adjusting the masterplan, as "the straw that broke the camel's back".

For PICAL to continue operating in its current capacity, both the Warley Avenue site and Blue Gum Reserve relocation needs to be completed by the start of 2022.

Greg believes there is a lack of understanding of the work that PICAL does.

"We can't just pack up one Friday



The PICAL Committee want to have an expanded community garden on the new site, similar to the one established in Ashburton.

and magically reopen the following week on a new site.

"Plus, we currently have 900m<sup>2</sup> floor space and we're bursting at the seams. The new site is about a quarter of that."

Unless the community garden (which provides food for the PICAL Pantry) and training rooms can be established in the Blue Gum Reserve, courses like Horticulture and first aid training would have to cease, and Boomerang Bags would be without a home.

"There's no way we will have space to run community lifestyle programs on the Warley Avenue site," Greg said.

Under the current plans, the new site would include office space, the food relief pantry, Centrelink services, two smaller multi-purpose training rooms, a room for the suc-

cessful Women Connect program and a computer room.

In its letter to members, the Committee said uncertainty is impacting on the morale of staff and volunteers.

"It also has a number of practical impacts, such as the challenge of raising funds and in-kind support without a clear future roadmap", noting that one significant donor has already said unless PICAL can commit to spending funds by next June, the grant will need to be reconsidered.

The current premises and garden can also not be upgraded.

"Your committee and the staff at PICAL will continue to work hard to secure PICAL's future at its two new sites by early 2022," the Committee of Management told members and supporters.

# Dust flies at Surf Beach

Bass Coast Shire Council has shrugged off Surf Beach residents questions about the removal of dust suppressant seal from The Esplanade, pushing ahead with plans to start the removal next week (June 1).

Residents at last week's council meeting hurled several questions at CEO Ali Wastie.

Lou Pecora asked how the shire could justify spending about \$35,000 to remove the dust suppressant seal.

"But you won't spend a lesser amount to maintain the seal until the urban roads and drainage process is completed in four to six years' time at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay," Lou said.

"When dust is irrefutably a health hazard, can the council explain why it will deliberately expose the community to this danger by removing the existing dust suppressant seal on The Esplanade at Surf Beach?"

Rowan Pollock argued his rates had increased by more than 100 per cent since he bought his home in 2016.

"There has been absolutely no improvement in our area," Rowan said, adding he had been forced to dig guttering to drain rain from the road in The Esplanade at Sunderland Bay.

"Will the council stop brushing this problem aside, our roads need dust suppression and sealing."

Rod Chapman asked how many years it would take for the shire to upgrade the remaining 125km of unmade urban roads within Bass

Coast to dust free surfaces.

Ms Wastie responded saying at the current rate it would take about 40 years to complete the shire's road sealing program.

She said the shire remained focused on providing permanent bitumen upgrades to "meet the needs of the increasing population".

"Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay are the next project area and community engagement will commence in 2021," Ms Wastie said.

"We will continue to advocate to state and Federal government to assist Council address these legacy issues."

She said a dust suppressant seals trial between 2005 and 2007 found the seals were not suitable in the long term and in 2013 the shire began rolling out a plan that has seen the majority of roads returned to pre-trial conditions.

"In the last 25 years more than 3000 property owners have been permanently upgraded."

Maria Pecora asked how the shire could justify spending \$20 million on the Cowes Cultural Centre rebuild, and millions more dollars on other projects, "but refuses to spend a relative (sic) small amount for an essential health needs to reinstate the dust suppressant seal?"

"If East Gippsland Shire with an area of 20,940 km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 47,000 can run a dust suppressant program using a primer seal, why is Bass Coast with an area of only 866km<sup>2</sup> and a population of 36,000 so opposed to maintaining its existing dust suppressant seals?" Maria asked.

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# No island surprises in state budget

There were no surprises for Phillip Island and San Remo when the state budget was released last week.

While the budget did confirm a \$556 million commitment to construct and expand 10 community hospitals, there is still no breakdown of the allocation for the Phillip Island Community Hospital.

Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale said a site breakdown wasn't possible yet, "as planning and land acquisition processes are still underway for some of these hospitals".

"While land has been secured for Phillip Island, service planning is yet to be determined with the local health services and community," she said.

However Ms Crugnale described the investment as good news for Phillip Island and said the investment in all the community hospitals would "increase capacity and ensure patients access to high-quality health care services in key growth areas."

She said the government was

"delivering on its promise to the people of Phillip Island, delivering an upgraded community hospital in Phillip Island".

"This investment will give locals the confidence that they can access the best possible care close to home – while also creating new jobs during construction."

Overall, \$675 million has been promised for the 10 community hospitals, with the government estimating \$35,861 million would be spent on the project in the next financial year.

In 2019, the government said the Phillip Island Health hub will be transformed into the new Phillip Island Community Hospital with an expansion of the services provided by Bass Coast Health.

Last month, the government confirmed it had secured the land next to the Hub, where PICAL is currently located, for the new hospital.

At the time, Minister for Health Martin Foley said the new community hospital will offer outpatient care, community-based health

and social care services, including medical and specialist appointments, women's health, paediatric, mental health, public dental, diagnostic pathology and imaging, day chemotherapy, dialysis, urgent care, day surgeries and rehabilitation support.

He also said designs for the new hospital were in, and Bass Coast Health (BCH) had put together a model of care that reflected the community needs, however plans have yet to be released to the public.

The budget's capital works program also included the new secondary campus in San Remo, with \$32.565 million expected to be spent on the campus in 2021-22, while noting the project was funded in the 2020/21 budget.

Wonthaggi Hospital's emergency department upgrade cashflow was "revised in line with a revised project schedule", with \$60 million of expected expenditure in 2021-22.

The budget also included \$4.5 million to build a new clubhouse for the Wonthaggi Life Saving Club.



Acting Premier James Merlino, with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, at the release of the 2021-22 Victorian State Budget.

## Transformational Bendigo Bank Community grants

The Woodleigh Hall Committee was one of many grant recipients in the San Remo, Cowes and Grantville Community Bendigo Bank 2019 grants program.

"It's incredible what a difference the grant has made. The Woodleigh Hall committee has done a great job and the before and after photos speak for themselves," comments Bruce Procter, director on the Board of the Community Bendigo Banks.

Inside, the hall has had a new kitchen installed, a new split system and an electric upgrade.

"To now have heating and cooling and a fully functional kitchen with hot water in the hall will be of enormous benefit to the community," Bruce said.

If you have a project in mind that could benefit our local community, be sure to pop into the San Remo, Cowes or Grantville Community Bendigo Banks for an application form for the 2021 Community Grants Program, or email [admin@srdfs.com.au](mailto:admin@srdfs.com.au) for more information.

But be quick, applications close Monday June 7.



The Woodleigh Hall before the grant.



Wodeleigh Hall was transformed after receiving a grant from the Bendigo Community Bank 2019 grants program.



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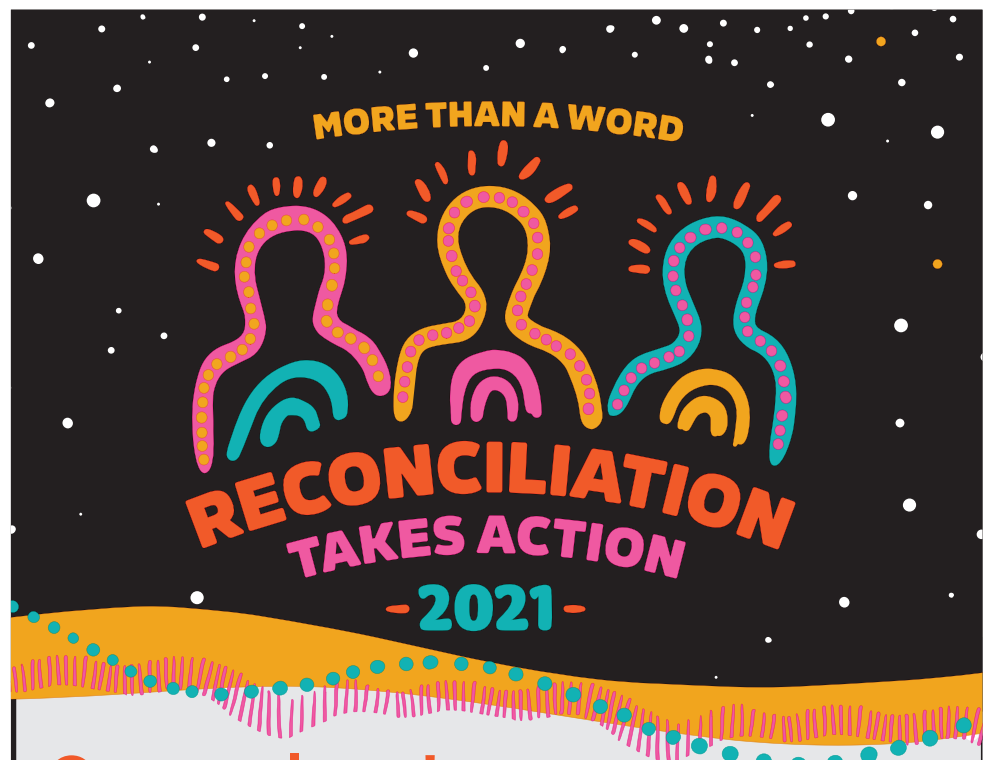
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## Come along! Reconciliation events

### Sorry Day

Wed 26 May 11am – 1pm

Join us for morning tea and yarns

Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club  
15 Legge Way, Cape Paterson

Registration essential.

### Walk Together for Reconciliation

Mon 31 May 11am – 2pm

Meet at San Remo Foreshore  
Marine Parade San Remo

### INFO AND REGISTRATION

[basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation](http://basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation) – Call Patrice on 0438 688 859







The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network has organised two community events: a morning tea at Cape Paterson SLSC for National Sorry Day on May 26 and a Bridge Walk across the Phillip Island Bridge on May 31 at 11am.

# Walk for Reconciliation

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network invites everyone to come together for two significant events to learn, heal and explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation.

The events commence with National Sorry Day which is held on May 26 each year. National Sorry Day is a day to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generations Survivors and reflect on how we can play our part in the healing process. Join us for morning tea and yarns at the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club from 11am (the event is free but registration is essential).

Each year National Reconciliation Week is held between May 27 and June 3. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey, the successful 1967 Referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

The theme for this year's National Reconciliation Week is 'Reconciliation Takes Action: More than a word'.



A smoking ceremony with Uncle Mik Edwards, Chair of Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation. The theme for this year's National Reconciliation Week is 'Reconciliation Takes Action: More than a word'.

More than a word' which encourages us all to explore how each of us can contribute to reconciliation by being active participants.

In a demonstration of solidarity we invite everyone to come together to walk side by side for a Bridge Walk across Phillip Island bridge on Monday, May 31. Please meet at the San Remo

Foreshore at 11am for a smoking ceremony and then, from 11.30am, we will make our way from San Remo and across the bridge to the Graydens Reserve, Newhaven, on Millowl (Phillip Island) for a BBQ, flag raising, mural painting and yarns.

This year marks 21 years since the monumental Sydney Harbour Bridge walk, re-

nowned as the largest political demonstration ever held in this country's history. Bridge walks held right across the country captured Australia's desire for change and reconciliation.

Bass Coast Reconciliation Network has members from Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bunurong Land Council, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Network and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members and is pleased to see organisations come together with community to acknowledge and celebrate such important dates of significance. The bridge walk is a symbolic act and reflects the theme of more than a word, it takes action – we hope to see you there!

To find out more about events and to register your free place, please visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation) /Sponsored article/

## Mobile support services comes to Cowes

A mobile Centrelink, Medicare and Child Support service is visiting Cowes this week.

Known as the Golden Wattle, the mobile service centre will be in Cowes on Friday, May 28 and Monday, May 31.

The truck, operated by staff from Services Australia is an opportunity to access face-to-face service and support on Centrelink claims, Medicare registrations and accessing online services.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services will also be available.

All services will be offered with strict COVID-19 safety precautions in place.

The truck will be in Cowes on:

- Friday, May 28 from 9am to 4pm
- Monday, May 31, from 9am to 3.30pm.

It will be parked near the site of the old Cultural Centre in Thompson Avenue.

For more information, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice](http://servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice)



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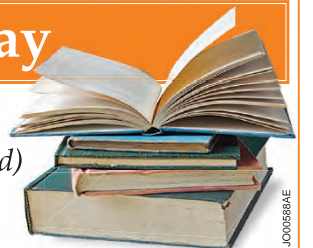
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## Council Update



### Have your say: Aquatic and Leisure Facilities

We have developed draft feasibility studies and concept plans for the Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Wonthaggi and the Phillip Island Aquatic and Leisure Centre and would like to hear what you think. The draft Plans are available along with a survey on our website at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/aquatics](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/aquatics).

We're also holding drop-in sessions where you can have your say:

**Wonthaggi** - Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre, 41 Wentworth Road

• Wednesday, 2 June: 9.00am – 1.00pm

• Saturday, 19 June: 9.00am – 1.00pm

**Cowes** - Phillip Island Leisure Centre, 10-12 Church Street

• Wednesday, 9 June: 9.00am – 1.00pm

• Saturday, 12 June: 9.00am – 1.00pm

For more information, please contact our Major Projects Team on the numbers below or [aquatics@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:aquatics@basscoast.vic.gov.au).

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# Pool duel likely: Island v Wonny

in seeking joint funding, if a decision had to be made on one pool, it should be Cowes.

“Both centres are needed and if they believe they can get two lots of funding, fantastic,” said Peter, who returned home last week from a month in hospital after suffering two heart events and two heart surgeries.

“If they can’t, then a decision needs to be made on which one is more vital. The only way we can push Phillip Island ahead of Wonthaggi is if the community gets behind this and makes some noise.

“People should contact all the councillors – not just the Island Ward – to express their concern and position. Councillors will only do something if they get hounded.”

### One pool or two?

Cr Bruce Kent agreed both pools would be “fantastic”.

“But they have to be paid for with multi-millions of dollars,” Cr Kent said.

“Which pool do we look at first or do we consider doing both at the same time, knowing the cost factors.”

Cr Michael Whelan said the community needed to “get together and show a united face to government”, to take the funding request to the next state and Federal elections and “hopefully the funds will be forthcoming”.

Cr Ronnie Bauer said he was sad neither pool was 50m, adding Phillip Island needed a dedicated hydrotherapy and learn-to-swim pool.

Cr Clare Le Serve acknowledged Phillip Island had been lobbying for a community pool for many decades.

Cr Leticia Laing said while pools were “sorely needed” in both towns, Wonthaggi’s was “leaking its guts out”.



The masterplan for the proposed aquatic centre and indoor sports courts on the corner of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads.

### Déjà vu

The feasibility study released last week was written by the same consultants, Otium Planning, who wrote the last feasibility study for the Phillip Island Aquatic centre in 2016.

Peter McMahon said in the 2016 study Otium recommended a dedicated, separate hydrotherapy pool and learn to swim pool.

However in this latest study, Otium recommends combining these pools with a moveable floor to raise or lower the water levels for children or adults.

“They need to go back to the original plans. I can’t understand why in a short space of time things have changed to bring about this short

cut,” Peter said.

“They need a dedicated pool for each of these, otherwise it’s counterproductive. They tried combining facilities at Wonthaggi and it failed.”

The study recommends the Cowes aquatic centre would have a learn to swim pool (20m x 12m); a 23m x 23m splash pad and a 60m² toddlers pool; two water slides; a 100-seat spectator area; spa, and dry and steam sauna; change rooms; and in the foyer area there will be offices, a reception, lounge, café, kitchen, storage

There will be a large 24-hour gym (600m²) with two group fitness rooms and two sports courts (but no squash courts).

The study states the option of constructing a 50m pool “has been analysed but found to not be sustainable”, based on population size and on the extra \$8 million such a pool would require to construct, as well as the annual \$250,000 operation costs.

It adds a 50m pool could be constructed in the future.

Peter said one pool in Bass Coast should be 50 metres.

### Case for Cowes

Peter acknowledged Wonthaggi’s pool needed to be upgraded, but the feasibility study said it had a further life of 10 years.

“So why would you knock it down now when it’s still in operational

condition?”

He said Cowes had been lobbying for a pool long before he started, dating back to 1984 when Cowes Primary built its pool to fill the void.

“It’s needed more than ever now with our ageing population and amount of kids needing to learn to swim.”

Peter questioned the figures used by Otium, including that Wonthaggi would receive more visitors than Cowes and that Cowes’ proposed facility would be more expensive.

He said now the shire had released the study, Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund would be approaching business for fundraising.

He said the buy-a-brick campaign still had more than \$100,000 in funds (with detailed financial reports on the fund’s website), adding he welcomed the proposed \$100,000 funding by the Bendigo Bank last week for a dedicated hydrotherapy pool in the proposed new aquatic centre.

### Sports hub

The 2020/2021 shire budget allocated \$2.8 million to create an aquatic centre business case and planning. Otium Planning in 1996 wrote the first feasibility study for the Phillip Island Aquatic centre, paid for by state government.

Earlier this year the shire was believed to have paid \$2.7 million for the purchase of the carnival land – at the intersection of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads – for the creation of a 32 hectare sports hub, including the aquatic centre.

The feasibility study states the master plan of the proposed Phillip Island Recreational Reserve would be a “separate piece of work scheduled for future years”.

For more information on the aquatics project, to view the Concept Plans, or to fill out the survey visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/aquatics](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/aquatics) or contact Council.

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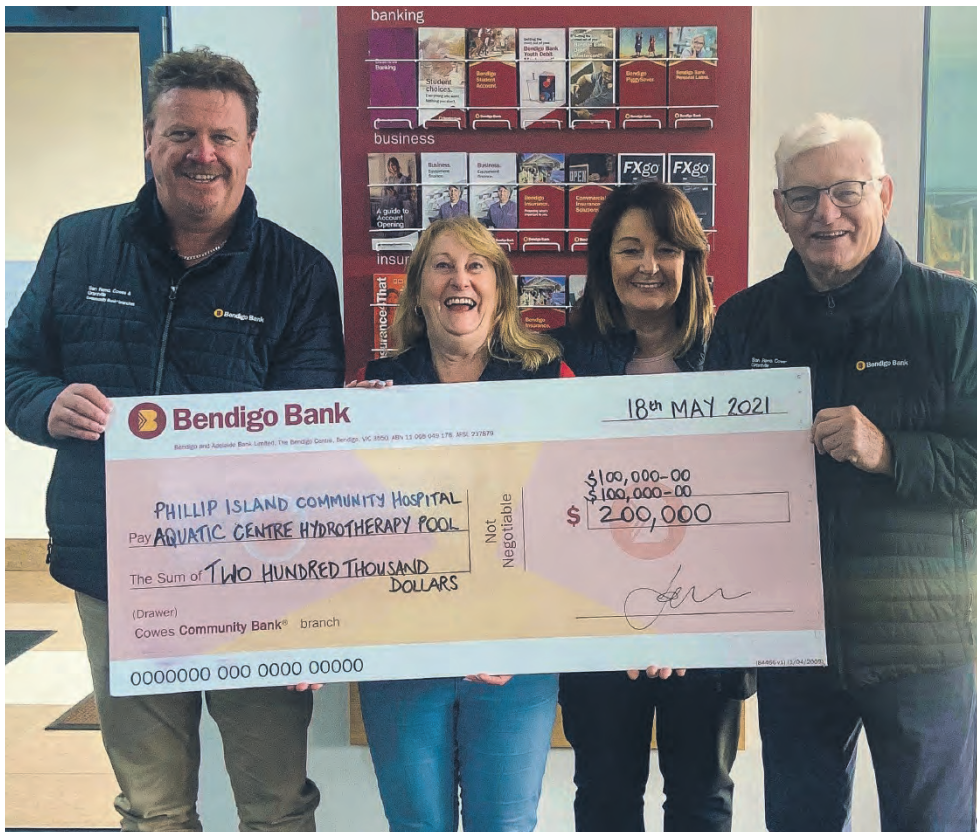
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A cheque for \$200,000 was presented by the Bendigo Bank last week, with \$100,000 for the planned Cowes community hospital, and \$100,000 to the proposed Cowes aquatic centre, for a hydrotherapy pool. From left: Michael Scott, manager of San Remo's Bendigo Bank, Joan Matthews chair of the San Remo District Financial Services, Cowes manager Tanya Donnan, and SRDFS vice-chair Peter Paul.

# \$100K teaser for aquatic centre

A \$100,000 donation would be made to Cowes' proposed aquatic centre by the Bendigo Bank, conditional on it being built in five years. The cheque would also be given to the Bass Coast Shire council on the proviso it is used to build a dedicated hydrotherapy pool. The shire's pool feasibility study – released last week (see separate story) – proposes a \$52 million aquatic centre for Cowes, including a combined hydrotherapy and learn-to-swim pool, with a moveable floor to raise or lower the water levels for children or adults.

However vice-chair of the San Remo District Financial Services Peter Paul said the centre needed to have a dedicated warm water hydrotherapy pool. "If it's combined with a learn to swim pool then at best it's problematic," Peter said. He said the donation had a timeframe of April 2026 because the community had originally been calling for a hydrotherapy pool as early as 1986 when the Cowes Primary School's pool was being built. "We have been waiting for 35 years for a pool in Cowes

and the need has increased in line with the island's growth in population." Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund secretary Peter McMahon agreed, saying it would be difficult to operate an aquatic centre with one pool for different jobs. "Just look at how Wonthaggi has operated with one pool being used for minimum times to satisfy normal water activity and warm water use for hydrotherapy," he said. "Should council not decide on the conditions of Bendigo Bank's donation we fully understand the withdrawal of the funds."

## Council's energy collaboration

**Bass Coast on the path to zero net emissions**

Bass Coast Shire Council is one of 46 Victorian councils to sign on to VECO, the Victorian Energy Collaboration, the largest ever emissions reduction project by local government in Australia. VECO, led by Darebin City Council in Melbourne's north, will provide 45 per cent of all Victorian councils' electricity requirements with 100 per cent renewables, reducing greenhouse emissions by 260,000 tonnes of CO2-e every year. Provided by Red Energy, the 240GWh of clean power is equivalent to powering 48,000 homes with renewables or removing the emissions from 90,000 cars every year. Initiated by and facilitated with the Victorian Greenhouse Alliances, VECO recognises the benefits of renewable energy for the environment and the economy. The ground-breaking project claims it will reduce each of the council's current energy bills and reduce electricity prices by using clean renewable energy generated right here in Victoria. By joining the project, Bass Coast Shire Council will power its entire electricity use with 100 per cent renewables,

including streetlights, town halls, visitor centres and civic centres. Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said that VECO is a great start towards zero net emissions by 2030, as set out in Council's recently adopted Climate Change Action Plan. "We are dedicated to reducing our environmental impact and signing up to VECO is one way that we are able to demonstrate that. It is incredible to be a part of this Australian first," Cr Tessari said. Darebin Mayor Cr Lina Messina said the project was proof of what can be achieved with collaboration. "This is a collective effort formed by staff and councillors from across the state, for the benefit of our communities," Cr Messina said. "By powering councils with affordable renewable energy, we're making ratepayers' dollars go further. Every dollar we save on energy bills is a dollar we can put towards improving roads, footpaths, libraries or community programs." Red Energy will provide 240 GWh of electricity per year to the 46 councils in the VECO purchasing group over a period of 9.5 years, beginning July 1. Owned by Snowy Hydro,

Red Energy is a 100 per cent Australian owned and operated energy retailer based in Melbourne. "Given Red Energy is born and bred in Victoria, we are really excited to be a part of a project that is supporting Victorian councils, their ratepayers and two new Victorian wind farms," said Red Energy CEO Iain Graham. "Our owner Snowy Hydro has been a leader in renewable generation for decades and Red Energy is delighted to partner with Victorian councils to provide a long-term energy contract that will enable councils to purchase renewable energy at a competitive price," Mr Graham said. The renewable energy will be provided by two wind farms in Victoria – Dundonnell wind farm near Mortlake, which started exporting power to the grid in March 2020, and Murra Warra II wind farm near Horsham, which commenced construction September 2020 and will be fully operational by June 2022. Both wind farms have and will continue to deliver economic benefits to the regions during construction and ongoing operation, and form an important part of state, regional and local economic development.

## Troubled waters? Locals respond

There was a mix of scepticism, cynicism and excitement at the news a Bass Coast Shire feasibility study recommended a \$52 million aquatic centre for Cowes (see separate story). Residents posted dozens of comments on the Advertiser's Facebook page, with many not getting their hopes up. "How long can this possibly drag on for?" asked Kelly Legge. "Where's the 50m pool and hydrotherapy originally proposed and designed over 25 years ago?" "Do you think there will be a Phillip Island Aquatic foundation 50 year reunion soon?" Kelly said a 25m pool was "a ridiculously bad investment", to which Cassandra Fretz agreed, saying "If we are investing that much, do it properly". Paul Kelly wrote that unless the main pool was Olympic spec "why bother", adding the smaller size set the pool up for failure. Business owner Jo Hosken said "it's a joke" a hydrotherapy pool was not included in the feasibility study. "I get around 20 enquiries a week for hydro use," Jo said. Robyn Montague said the community need-

ed a pool "with all the good stuff", not a gym or sports area. "We already have all of that." Graham Jolly asked why the council didn't start building a sports oval on the land they have owned for years. Richie Jongejan said given the lack of funding, it would be another 20 years of "gunna do it", while Wayne Wagland said if the government could pay \$58 million for a new penguin parade, why not less for a community pool. Several people referred to the buy-a-brick fund, with more than \$100,000 still sitting in the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund's bank account. Craig Martin said he was "still awaiting for my name on a brick; more likely to be on a headstone first". Kaye Chaplin said she bought a brick for her young daughter who is now aged 41. The owners of the carnival land, which was bought earlier this year to make way for a sports hub on the corner of Phillip Island Road and Ventnor Road, also added a comment. "\$52 million for a pool but (the shire) could only cough up \$2.7 for the land," Amanda McPherson wrote.

## New pool – have your say

Bass Coast Shire Council is looking for feedback on the Bass Coast and Phillip Island aquatic and leisure centre feasibility studies and concept plans. A drop-in session will be held in Cowes on Wednesday June 9, from 9am to 1pm, at the Phillip Island Leisure Centre in Church Street. A second session will be held on Saturday, June 12 from 9am to 1pm. In 2015, Council adopted a 10-year Bass Coast Aquatics Strategy that recommended the redevelopment of the Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Wonthaggi and the construction of a new district aquatic leisure centre at Phillip Island. In 2020, Otium Planning Group were appointed to develop feasibility studies and

concept plans for both centres. Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said that engagement with the community is considered crucial and feedback received will be critical in shaping the design and operations of both centres. "It's really important that the community has the opportunity to have their say on these significant projects," Cr Tessari said. Drop-in sessions will also be held in Wonthaggi on June 2 and June 19, at the Bass Coast Aquatic Centre. For more information on the project, to view the Concept Plans, or to fill out the survey visit [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/projects/aquatics-in-bass-coast](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/projects/aquatics-in-bass-coast) or call 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 5671 2211.

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From Left to Right: Vern Stone, Mick McMullen and Terry Heffernan at the Phillip Island Mens Shed in Cowes preparing whale tails as part of the upcoming Island Whale Month.

# We're in for a whale of a time

It is all hands on deck at the Phillip Island Men's Shed as they create 200 whale tails to be displayed across Phillip Island and San Remo as part of Island Whale Month.

From June 11 to July 11, townships across Phillip Island and San Remo will fly Island Whale flags, display posters and the whale tails, which are a new innovative addition to help celebrate this time of the year.

The volunteers at the Men's Shed have been working hard cutting whale tails out of plywood to form part of this year's Island Whale celebrations.

The Whale Festival Committee will distribute the tails to local shops, artists and venues to decorate and display in

shopfronts to herald this special month in the calendar.

The Island Whale Festival committee called on the Men's shed co-ordinator Terry Heffernan who enthusiastically took on the challenge. Each week tails are being cut out, sanded and prepared for the event.

Island Whale Month sets out to celebrate the arrival of migrating humpbacks and visiting Southern Right whales to our local waters.

Winter Whale Cruises with Wildlife Coast Cruises will commence on the Queens Birthday weekend, and the Festival committee is working on a range of events across the month.

The award-winning Island Whale Festival will be held on the second weekend of the winter school holidays, from July 2-4. With some changes to meet Covid event requirements and the closure of the Cultural Centre, the Festival events will be spread across various venues including the Penguin Parade, The Nobbies Centre and St Philips Church. There will be an extensive range of science talks, Whale out of Water presentations and much more.

The program will be launched officially on Thursday, June 10.

Catch up on all the news by following @IslandWhales on Facebook/Instagram and the official website [islandwhales.com.au](http://islandwhales.com.au).

## Newhaven art celebrates maritime history

The community of Newhaven will soon be the custodians of a significant sculpture, created by renowned Australian artist, Geoffrey Bartlett.

Bass Coast Shire Council holds an annual Public Art Program, which is guided by Council's Sites and Themes Plan and this year's instalment is in Newhaven.

The council said Mr Bartlett's work was selected by a Selection Panel made up of local community members, members of the Newhaven Residents and Ratepayers Association, local artists and members of Council's Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. The Expression of Interest for the Newhaven Public Art Commission was open nationally, to suitably experienced artists.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari, explained that each year, Council's Public Art Program funds a new piece of public art.

"It's wonderful to have a program dedicated to investing in public artwork across the Shire, with a Council allocation of \$50,000 per year committed to these fantastic initiatives," Cr Tessari said.

"These artworks enhance the experience of a space for all who pass through, residents and visitors alike. Over time they become a part of the landscape, integrated into the community and our memories of that place."

Mr Bartlett is an established artist with an international reputation. He has been practicing professionally for over 40 years. His sculptures are poetic constructions, made from robust metals. They are strong, elegant and durable.

Mr Bartlett has pieces on show across Australia and internationally and he has also lectured in Sculpture at numerous Victorian Universities.

"My proposal for the sculpture draws a connection between the past and present of the Newhaven precinct, through the poetic interpretation of the local maritime history," Mr Bartlett said.

"The name for this sculpture, Alpha, pays homage to the first locally owned vessel, a cutter built in 1841. Alpha makes direct connections to the area's maritime past, whilst communicating through its contemporary aesthetic with the area's new and dynamic future."



This illustration of Geoffrey Bartlett's work "Alpha" shows the materials that will be used and illustrates how the sculpture maintains the views to the harbour at Newhaven.

## How will we achieve zero CO2 by 2030?

A youth climate group on Phillip Island and a roll-out of electric cars are among the projects underway to help Bass Coast Shire achieve zero carbon emissions by 2030.

Councillors at last week's meeting voted to adopt the final Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP) 2020-2030, which details how it will respond "to the climate emergency already impacting our region" over the next decade.

The CCAP - created after councillors in 2019 declared climate change "poses serious risks to Bass Coast and Australia and should be treated as an emergency" - was finalised last week but has already seen projects rolled out.

Last week councillors announced from July the shire will use 100 per cent renewable energy, while Climate Emergency Community Grants have been developed for the current grant round open to July 2021, "to strengthen local community groups to take climate action".

Councillors said the shire also had a 10-year plan to move all vehicles to electric.

They said a study was underway to examine urban vegetation cover in five shire towns, on private and public land, to be followed by a planting blitz.

Cr David Rooks announced he was spearheading a Youth Climate Group for the Island Ward, with other councillors hoping to establish similar groups in Westernport and Bunurong wards, with the three groups able to "speak as one".

"I will facilitate it but I would like them to be the decision makers," Cr Rooks said.

"It's in its early stages and they will decide the ages, how it will work, what they'll achieve."

Anyone interested can contact Cr Rooks on 0448 590 943 or email [david.rooks@bass-coast.vic.gov.au](mailto:david.rooks@bass-coast.vic.gov.au)

### Households

Cr Les Larke argued the CCAP failed to consider transport emissions generated by vehicles not registered in Bass Coast, such as freight, sand mining B-doubles, and tourist vehicles.

"The proposition that this would involve double counting, in my view, is not an argument to avoid this necessary data gathering for Bass Coast," Cr Larke said.

Cr Michael Whelan, who has driven the climate plan, said he welcomed an audit of external transport emissions.

Cr Bruce Kent said he would like to see incentives for households to reduce their emissions.

"Unless we all come along for the ride we won't achieve this," Cr Kent said.

"Council can assist through incentives, but also through planning. For example, when people replace their hot water systems they must upgrade with a heat pump."

Cr Leticia Laing urged the Federal Government to reduce national emissions faster than 2050.

The Plan identifies actions individuals, community groups, businesses, the agricultural sector and council can take to achieve zero net emissions over the next 10 years to ensure a climate resilient community.



## COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Council, not public, to meet face-to-face

Bass Coast Shire council meetings will be livestreamed to the community for the rest of the year.

However, while ratepayers can watch online, councillors will have the option of meeting face-to-face in the council chambers or dialling in remotely.

Councillors voted unanimously for this "hybrid" model, with shire officers explaining that while Victoria had been "fortunate to have several consecutive months of no, or very low, cases of COVID-19 we know that the situation can change rapidly".

"With the strong community take up and support of council's meeting livestream, it is recommended that the location of the remaining meetings for 2021 be set as virtual," officers said.

Cr Leticia Laing said 80 people could sign in to watch livestream, whereas 80 people couldn't fit into the council chamber room.

"It's a silver lining to the Covid pandemic," she said.

It was bad timing to announce continued livestreaming, however, with last week's meeting delayed about 20 minutes because of technical difficulties and many people

unable to access the video for the duration of the meeting.

### Community grants

Nearly 40 community projects have successfully received grants up to \$5000 in round one of the shire's 2021 community grants.

A total of 53 applications sought funding, totalling \$241,065, but 39 projects were successful, receiving a total of \$127,000.

### Financial year

About \$23 million worth of major projects have been delayed in the 2020/21 budget because of Covid-19 lockdown restrictions.

Councillors adopted a progress report on the three quarters' performance for the past year's capital works program, which detailed that lockdown combined with pre-election caretaker mode and a delayed budget meant project funding would be rolled over to 21/22.

Cr Les Larke criticised the rollover for lacking "performance consequences".

"This practice of carry overs occurs financial year end on financial year end, not just 2021 because of Covid and the caretaker period, and I find this practice unsupportable," said Cr Larke, who abstained from voting on the

progress report.

"I wish to reiterate, there is still need for further structural reform of council's financial and accounting practices, including operating budget and long-term financial plan."

Cr Michael Whelan said Cr Larke was a "harsh judge" but "I appreciate where he's coming from".

"I think we are doing pretty well. There's a sweet spot with state government grants and we need to capitalise on it," Cr Whelan said.

### Larke won't rollover

Cr Les Larke was also critical of the shire's borrowings.

Cr Larke was the only councillor to abstain from voting on a motion to rollover the shire's \$11.7 million loan with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia for another year, at an interest rate of 1.1 per cent.

Loan repayments will be about \$137,000 in 2021/22.

Cr Larke said he was concerned about "the nature and level of borrowings" compared to other large rural councils "with consequences for future generations across the shire".

"The borrowing is symptomatic of the lack of operating budget structural reform to enable internal financing of capital projects in lieu of accumulating more debt," he said.





# Cowes Primary building connections

This year's Education Week 2021 - Building Connections theme celebrates the connections between schools and local communities.

Cowes Primary School is proud of the many partnerships they have established with the broader community. Students in years one and two enjoy regular visits to the local library which is helping to build the students' love of reading and develop their familiarity with this fabulous community resource.

In past years, students have also visited local aged care facilities (Banfields and Melaleuca Lodge) where they have shared work and delivered performances for the residents. These visits have brought many benefits to both the students and local residents. We hope to see these visits continue in the near future.

Cowes Primary School students also enjoy programs supported by the Phillip Island Bicycle Users Group, Phillip Island RSL, Men's Shed, and emergency services including Police, Fire and Ambulance as well as local sporting clubs including the Phillip Island Lawn Bowls Club. All of these services help to foster community relationships and strengthen our curriculum.

Cowes Primary School is highly regarded in the local community and within educational circles as a high achieving school. It is a vibrant school, where parents and staff work together to support our 561 students with their learning and a wide range of extracurricular activities. The school has strong community values and a reputation for innovation, which ensures students enjoy a rich curriculum in a stimulating, safe and supportive environment. The staff are committed to providing high-quality education to prepare students to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community.

The school's focus is on providing a nurturing environment in which individual students are valued and encouraged to develop the highest standards in personal and academic achievement.

Parental involvement is valued and parents are encouraged to enrich the curriculum by sharing their skills and participating in all facets of school life.

At Cowes Primary School, there is a collaborative culture where dedicated teachers work in Professional Learning Teams to combine their



Year 2 students Frankie and Mila enjoying the new playground.

expertise to ensure high quality curriculum planning and implementation. All staff have high expectations for every student and this is reflected in students' positive attitudes towards learning and belief in themselves, regardless of their circumstances.

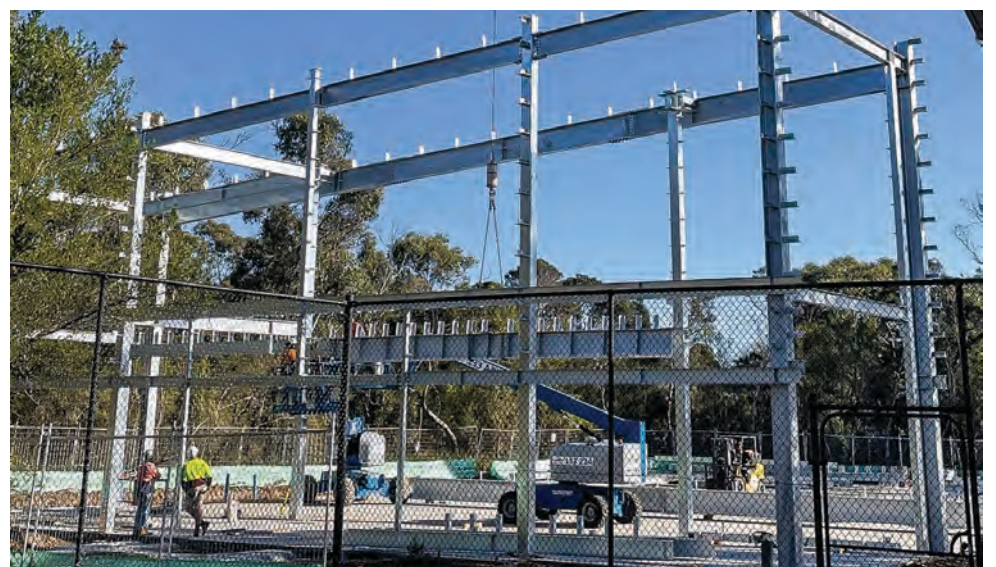
As part of our Education Week celebrations, students in years five and six will be participating in various workshops to learn about different careers. Members of our local community will be delivering an information session on their profession and discuss links to our community.

## Electives

Students in years five and six are currently participating in an electives program which includes bike riding, cooking, LEGO robotics, photography and drama. Community members are also assisting with the electives program such as illustrating with a local artist and learning communication skills using AUSLAN.

## Academic achievement

Cowes Primary School is proud of its achievements in student learning and strives for continuous improvement. National testing data



Construction of the new gymnasium is well underway at Cowes Primary School.

over recent years has highlighted that our students are performing 'higher' than those in like schools across the State. These results illustrate the benefit of their comprehensive curriculum and strong relationships, which have translated to excellent educational outcomes.

## New playground and competition sized gymnasium

A new playground was completed in term one which has provided some exciting equipment for our junior students to enjoy. Student voice was used to help determine what equipment should be included in the new playground.

The construction of our new competition sized gym is well underway. We look forward to sharing our multipurpose space with members of our broader community.

## Artist in Residence

We are very fortunate to have been accepted to have an Artistic Creative Worker in our school during Terms 2 and 3. Lizzy Rich will be working alongside our art teacher and our students to help develop their skills and passion for art. The students will undertake a creative proj-

ect where they will collaborate on a design and then participate in the making of ceramic tiles that will go into a mural on the school grounds.

## PIELC

The Phillip Island Early Learning Centre offers a range of education and care programs and an extensive transition program with Cowes Primary School. There are four funded Kindergarten programs that have a strong literacy and numeracy component. The programs also include bush kindergarten activities at the school sanctuary. The centre also offers dental, speech and occupational therapy screenings and a perceptual motor program.

The Long Day Care offers education and support for children and families from six weeks of age. Centre management are currently in the process of extending the facility to accommodate the increasing demands of families wishing to access the service. A new purpose-built facility will be integrated with the current building and accommodate an additional 30 children. A tender process is currently being finalised and works are expected to commence before the end of the financial year.



# More than just a small school

Being intentionally small is an important part of Phillip Island Village School's (PIVS), approach, but an understanding of the school's other values can help families decide if it is a good match

A small, human-scale democratic primary school located in Ventnor, it has always fostered independence and supported students to develop their 'sparks', but a project-based learning program has recently been introduced to further empower students to be more active participants in their learning.

PIVS is now in its sixth year and due to our limited building capacity can only place enrolment enquiries on a waitlist, as all year levels are full.

The school remains intentionally small to foster strong relationships between students and mentors, however size is only one component of the teaching and learning approach. A good 'match' between the values and expectations of families and the school is important in determining whether PIVS is a good option for each child.

"Sometimes we find that families seek us out purely because we are a small school, but they don't realise that there's a lot more to the learning model than our small size," says Lien Sim, the school's Community Leader. "Our approach is not the right option for some students because it relies on them developing the skills to manage themselves and their learning in a relaxed and flexible environment."

PIVS places a strong emphasis on social and emotional development and on choice and decision-making, which are all integrated into the



PIVS students nature journaling at Swan Lake, part of the school's project-based learning program.

school day together with academic learning.

"In order for children to thrive in the Village Schools model, it is important that family values align with the school's Guiding Principles and there is a shared focus on development of the whole person.

"We also feel strongly about protecting our students' right to childhood; providing lots of opportunities for play and to explore interests that help foster self-awareness and may lead to the development of lifelong passions." Lien explains.

The program at PIVS has evolved

with the expectation that students will move from the primary school to Village High School, where they need to have a developed ability to work independently and an understanding of their own 'sparks'.

Principal, Jo Hockett explains: "Students at PIVS learn to be confident decision-makers and to know themselves well, and they use these skills in the context of pursuing their own goals. They develop confidence in their abilities to work independently and thrive in an environment where they are treated with respect by working in partnership with their mentors."



Each year, the Phillip Island Dance Studio presents an end of year performance, such as the Wizard of Oz. This year's ballet will be Cinderella.

## Dancing into 2021

Phillip Island Dance Studio has had a great start to 2021 with a return to dance.

Our students have been so happy to be back in the studio dancing. After a year of so much screen time it's been fabulous to see our students using dance as a way of expressing themselves while building up fitness levels.

We are all looking forward to Term 4 to start work on our 2021 performance of our ballet Cinderella as well as our Jazz and Contemporary works.

Phillip Island Dance Studio is a highly experienced school and has been teaching local children of Cowes and Bass coast for over 20 years.

It offers over 22 classes a week in many styles of dance, catering for all students from fun and fitness to the more serious dancer wanting to dance vocationally.

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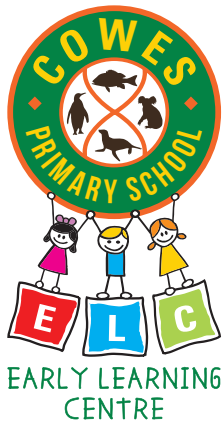
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The Kids Hope program at the school was launched in May and is funded by the Bass Coast Community Foundation.

## Newhaven Primary School salutes volunteers

The work of volunteers is a vital part of school life, says Newhaven Primary School Principal Sharyne Munday.

"At Newhaven Primary School we have so many beautiful volunteers who donate their precious time to support our school community.

"The two lovely ladies pictured Lynne and Anne are part of a group called Kids Hope who work with students as their mentors," she said.

"The organisation, Kids Hope train the mentors. This is superbly led by Clive who trains and co-ordinates the 10 volunteers that come into the school each week.

"They meet with their student and do some reading or writing and then they may play a board game, sit and chat or make something together. It is a lovely hour for our students to get some special time with a kind and generous person.

"Last year we really missed their energy and smiling faces so we are loving having them back in our school," Sharyne said.

"On behalf of the Newhaven Primary School community thank you for your time and your friendship. Your visits make lots of people very happy and put a smile on our faces."



Lynne and Anne, part of Kids Hope who work as mentors with Newhaven Primary School students.

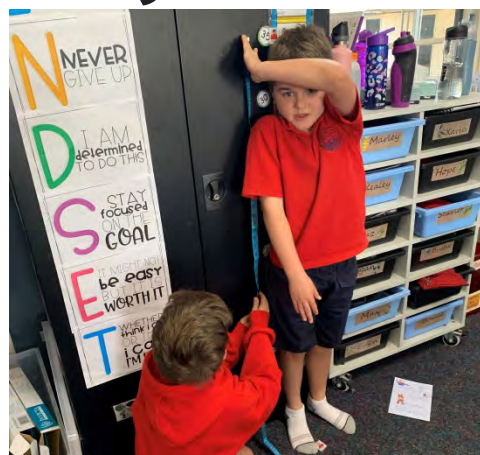
## The best for every student

San Remo Primary has a strong focus on ensuring each student can achieve their best both academically, socially and emotionally.

We work with families to achieve the best for every student. Classes cater for individual needs of all children within the class, with small group, hands-on, one-to-one feedback and on-line resources just some of the ways teachers facilitate children's learning. Our teachers care for our students and do their best to ensure students feel that they have the best learning opportunities at school.

This year we are excited to be part of the Primary Maths Specialist program with two of our teachers training in this program run by the Department of Education with a focus on the best maths practices and working with maths professionals. Our teacher leaders will be working with our staff and also in classrooms to give our students the best practice in Mathematics.

We are also excited to be introducing Respectful Relationships into our school. This program extends the wonderful work that we have been doing with our current social skills program, our school values and school counselor. We care about our students, their families, our staff and support them to develop skills and



Grade 3/4 students working on a measurement in class.

values that are expected in our communities.

We welcome families to come and visit our school and see for themselves the inviting classrooms, students engaged in their learning and caring staff at our open day on Monday, May 31 from 9.30 - 10.30am. Please contact the school to confirm your attendance on 5678 5354.



Grade 3/4 students showing off their 3D shapes.



## Newhaven Primary School

Your local neighbourhood School



**At Newhaven Primary School the following programs and facilities are offered:**

- Modern well maintained classrooms with the latest technology
- Strong Focus on Literacy, Numeracy and Science
- A mini hall and a gymnasium
- Open space playground for all students to play and smile
- Buddy program
- Vegetable garden
- Art
- Beautiful library
- P-6 Music Program
- Science
- Physical Education
- Excursions and Camps
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- Breakfast Club every morning
- Prep Transition Program
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## SAN REMO PRIMARY SCHOOL





Quality educational programs that engage and support our children to achieve their best. Students are given many opportunities to grow and learn academically and socially in a safe and caring environment.

**San Remo Primary offers:**

- Comprehensive and engaging curriculum prep to year 6
- Specialist subjects of Art, Japanese, Music, Physical Education and Library
- Dedicated and caring teachers
- Nurturing OSHC, Before School and After School program

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# Challenge, motivate, engage

Newhaven College is an independent, ecumenical and co-educational school catering for over 900 students from Prep to Year 12. The College offers a diverse academic curriculum with a caring pastoral approach, our students enjoy excellent facilities at the magnificent Phillip Island Road campus.

Every student is challenged, motivated and engaged in their learning

## Music

Newhaven College has a proud musical tradition and offers comprehensive music education from Prep to Year 12. Year 5-7 students learn an instrument of their choice in a small group setting, on instruments provided by the College. Classes in Year 8 and Music Electives through Years 8-10 extend students' understanding and abilities. From Year 10 students can choose to complete a Certificate III in Music Industry (as a full VCE subject) alongside the option to complete the VCE Music Performance subject across Years 11-12.

In addition to the curriculum, Newhaven College offers an extensive program of individual or shared instrumental music lessons conducted by the College's professional music tutors. Tuition is available in strings, woodwind, brass, percussion, drum kit, piano, guitar, electric bass, and voice.

## Drama

Drama is taught at Newhaven College to encourage creativity, confidence, and social interaction. Students develop confidence and performance skills through speech and movement and perform to their peers in group and solo activities. Year 7-8 students have the opportunity to join the Middle School Drama



*Newhaven College has a proud musical tradition and offers comprehensive music education from Prep to Year 12.*

Club and Year 10-12 students have the opportunity to study Drama and Theatre Studies as VCE subjects.

Middle and Senior School students have the opportunity to audition for the annual College Musical Production. Non acting opportunities are also available in crew, lighting, sound, costume, set design and set construction.



*The Newhaven College Surfing Academy offers a structured, sequential competency-based program for all surfing levels from first time beginners to elite competitors.*

## Equestrian

Newhaven College provides Year 4-12 students the opportunity to train with their own horses and experience the excitement of representing the College during events. There is a strong focus on the overall development of the team, students are encouraged to support and

motivate other team members.

The College encourages students to compete at inter school events throughout the region and the College hosts the annual Newhaven College Inter School Show Jumping Championships.

## Surfing Academy

The Newhaven College Surfing Academy offers a structured, sequential competency-based program for all surfing levels from first time beginners to elite competitors.

For many students, first contact with our Surfing Academy is through the Year 5-6 Water Safety and Surf Awareness Days, but all Middle School and Senior School students can get involved at any year level or competency level.

The Surfing Academy aims to reflect, cater for and build on this strong aspect of our community, by providing opportunities for our students to engage in surfing at all levels with awareness, respect, safety and a sense of fun.

## Scholarships – open now

Newhaven College is currently offering General Excellence and the Joyce Enid Scholarship for applicants entering Secondary School at any level in 2022 who are able to demonstrate outstanding abilities across a broad range of areas including academic, sporting, performing arts, leadership and community involvement.

To apply please see application details on our website: [www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships](http://www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships) or contact our Registrar Belinda Manning [belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au](mailto:belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au) or 5956 7505.

Applications close Friday, June 25.



## Newhaven College General Excellence and Joyce Enid 2022 Scholarships



**For information and to apply, visit**  
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**Applications close Friday, 25 June 2021**

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The stage two extensions include a library/discovery centre, as well as new classrooms, landscaping, a purpose-built outdoor kitchen and a roof over the basketball courts.



Our Lady Star of the Sea provides an accepting and tolerant environment, allowing children to thrive and grow.

# Exciting times for Star of the Sea

It's an exciting time for Our Lady Star of the Sea. Since its early days, opening with just 18 students in portable classrooms, the new school campus has expanded and currently caters for 89 students.

When work is completed on the current construction, the school will have the capacity for up to 180 students.

The stage two extensions, due to be completed in late July, include four classrooms and a library/discovery centre, as well as landscaping, a purpose-built outdoor kitchen, a roof over the basketball courts.

A new synthetic oval includes goals for soccer and football, as well as cricket pitch markings and a three laned running track.

A new soft-fall surface has been installed in the school amphitheatre, and a bird hide added to the biodiversity area.

As part of the latest work, the school's car-

park is also being upgraded with extra parking spaces, as well as providing a new walkway for students to safely access the pedestrian crossing on the Cowes-Rhyll Road.

The new classrooms and outdoor areas will help the school cater for an influx of new families moving to the area.

"This year we've welcomed families that have moved from Melbourne, Traralgon, Bendigo, Ballarat and Shepparton," said Principal Cathy Blackford.

### A great environment

The spacious and light filled school buildings provide a warm and welcoming environment for students.

There's a strong focus on each student's individual strengths.

"We value each of our students," said Cathy, stressing the importance of respect in the

school's culture.

"Our staff are compassionate, accepting and not judgemental. I'm very proud of the inclusive community in our school."

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

The school grounds provide another learning space, with classes incorporating the vegetable garden, orchard and biodiversity area.

"We are teaching the students to value the environment, and that's why science is a specialist subject for us, and the kids are outside every day.

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

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

riculum, as well as science, art, music, drama and digi-tech.

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

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

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

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

"And it provides a vibrant and inclusive learning space for children, adapted to their needs and abilities."

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



## Our Lady Star of the Sea

### Catholic Primary School – Cowes



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Louis Paydon spent a week at the Advertiser learning what goes into putting a newspaper together.

## A news experience

As part of his work experience role at the Advertiser, Wonthaggi Secondary student Louis Paydon interviewed fellow work experience students at various businesses across Cowes, as well as documenting his own experience.

By Louis Paydon

Having just finished my week of work experience at the Advertiser, I've come to realise how much effort really goes into putting a paper together every week.

Growing up, I enjoyed writing about real things going on in the world. Photography is also a big hobby of mine, so I thought why not put them together and do my work experience at a newspaper.

Over the years I have read through the paper admiring the writers' work. I found it interesting how they could make the simplest reconstruction of a building or a primary school sports day sound so exciting.

I wasn't too sure what to expect, but it's

been amazing.

Throughout the week I got to edit articles, go out on interviews, help manage the website and social media, and see the stages of the paper being put together.

I had no idea I would get such an input. My first job was editing small sport stories from around the island and that led to interviewing students for my very own article. Even though I was quite confident what I wanted to do, I was nervous, as it was something I had never done before. I think everyone was somewhat nervous about work experience, as most of us were trying something new.

I have loved seeing the process of how the paper is put together, and the input in the paper made my whole experience so exciting. From the interviews to the writing, editing, layout and presentation, I have enjoyed the whole experience so much.

I think work experience is important as it gives students a taste of what it is really like to work a full-time job. For me, I think this experience will make me appreciate the paper much more.



YMCA Phillip Island Leisure Centre had Wonthaggi student Mica Geronimo for her work experience last week.

## Y work experience is a good thing

With five years of gymnastics and casually helping the younger kids, Mica Geronimo from Wonthaggi Secondary College thought the YMCA would be a good choice for her work experience.

"I've always liked working with kids, so I wanted to do my work experience in that sort of environment.

I applied at the Royal Childrens Hospital, and the local primary schools, but Covid limited me," she said.

"Because I did gymnastics here and helped coached the kids, that encouraged me to come back."

Throughout Mica's week, she helped with a variety of jobs at the gym.

"I helped with Zumba and Pilates classes with elderly clients and did Ed-Gym with the younger kids on other days.

"I thought I would just run a few classes, but I did other activities such as cleaning and working at the register."

Although she kept busy, Mica was the only student working in an adult only environment.

"It was quite scary at first, but it benefited me

as I could focus without the distraction of my friends."

Even though the gym may come off as a relaxed job, Mica explained her favorite part of her week was seeing how a business environment is so different to the familiar school environment and how fast paced it is.

"I was surprised by how much work goes into just running a business. Aside from the fact that people come here to exercise, there is so much more than that going on."

Mica said every trainer really cares about every client and goes to a lot of effort to plan their sessions.

"For example, with elderly clients they have to be wary of injury and with kids you have to take into consideration that everyone learns differently.

"Apart from the physical side, there is also a theory side to the job that includes forms and working at the register. And if you are working in that physical side of it you have to be reasonably fit, so overall its quite full on.

"Essentially, I got to do what I wanted to do so I'm very happy," said Mica.

## Experiencing teaching

Wonthaggi Secondary College Students Jorja Newman, Jolie Van Berlo and Tahlia Gallyot experienced the complexity of being a teacher at Cowes Primary last week.

The girls were among three of the eight students who completed their work experience at the primary school. Being locals on the island, the school was not only close by, but the familiarity helped them through a fun but eventful week.

"I knew most of the people here, so it helped with the whole experience," said Jorja.

All the girls agreed their time at Cowes Primary was a great first experience, but said they "would definitely consider going to another school to see the difference".

From helping with office type work to assisting in classrooms, the work experience students were able to do a variety of activities within the school.

"A lot of us struggled with certain learning tasks when we were in primary school and it's great to see how well structured the whole system is now," said Jolie.

Although the experience was thoroughly enjoyable the students have come to realise how serious being a teacher is and how many responsibilities come with it.

When asked what difficult things came with the job, they all agreed "it's definitely mentally challenging because every student learns differently, and the school has to cater for that".

"It makes us not want to take our teachers for granted," they said.

"The teachers seem very organised and dedicated to their classes and its definitely opened our eyes to how time consuming being a teacher is," Jorja said.

"I've done some student teaching at Phillip Island Dance Studio," added Tahlia.

"It has helped me see how it is to work with kids."

All three girls said their work experience was great and was extremely helpful in deciding what they want to do as a future career.

"Aside from other things I want to do in the future, I will definitely keep this in mind as the experience has been great," they said.



Wonthaggi Secondary College Students Jorja Newman (left) Jolie Van Berlo (centre) and Tahlia Gallyot (right) experienced the complexity of being a teacher at Cowes Primary last week.

## A nurturing experience

Returning to the kindergarten environment has been an amazing experience for Wonthaggi Secondary College Year 10 student, Millie Bennett.

Along with other students working in child-filled environments, Millie's week at Nurture One Cowes Children's Centre was one of the most rewarding.

Even though she was very excited, Millie said: "I was really nervous actually, I think it's because I'm coming into a new environment."

Millie was working seven-hour days but enjoyed every moment of it. Her favorite thing was spending time with the kids because she got a chance to work with different age groups.

"I'm going to be quite sad when I leave actually, as I've become close with the younger kids which is great. It made me look forward to coming back every day."

Millie said working with people has been something she's always wanted to do.

"I've always wanted to go along the lines of helping people.

"Growing up I always wanted to be a doc-

tor, but then as I got older, I wasn't 100 per cent sure," she said.

Work experience was the perfect opportunity for Millie to try something new.

Throughout the week, Millie got the chance to follow the kinder kids through their daily schedules and participate in lots of activities such as playing with them outside, reading with them and helping them learn.

"Everything was quite relaxed, apart from the first day because I was someone new to them.

"But over the last few days I've formed lots of bonds with the kids."

After her week at Nurture One, does Millie think childcare is an easy job?

"I don't think it's easy, but at the same time it depends on what I was doing. I came in with an open mind so that made it easier for me."

Millie said this experience has encouraged her to work with kids in the future.

"I would definitely be willing to work here in the future and have been asked to come back next year for VCAL, so this is something I have my mind set too."



Year 10 student Millie Bennet chose to do her work experience at Nurture One Childrens Centre in Cowes.



# Learning together

## Across South Gippsland

Together, we aim to provide every student with the knowledge, capabilities and attributes that will see them thrive throughout their lives.



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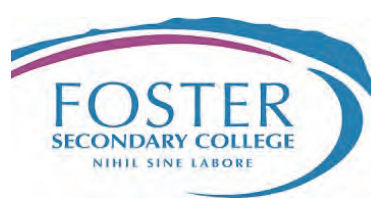


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# Students come first

The community of Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College has a strong focus on student wellbeing. It is supported by a shared vision and programs in order for everyone to feel safe and well cared for throughout their educational journey.

The college acknowledges that feeling comfortable at school and being happy and healthy has a direct impact on each student's capacity for optimal learning – and for them to flourish in their chosen field.

Equally, enjoying school and be-

ing engaged in learning influences a student's wellbeing in particular their confidence and resilience.

The relationship between wellbeing and learning is critical to the development of the whole person and why the college chooses to focus on the wholistic development of our students.

Students are supported and motivated to develop their strengths, grow and learn from challenges and complexities and develop positive relationships as the foundation for their learning.

A commitment to fostering positive behaviour with the college underpins wellbeing at the college.

The new \$4.5 million Senior School building is an innovative learning precinct where year 11 and 12 students and staff can work together to create positive learning experiences.

The building is surrounded by outdoor landscaping that provides students and staff with a contemporary space.

Take ownership, think deeply, make connections, be courageous.



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# Taking ownership



Mary MacKillop College  
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## The biggest morning tea

The Phillip Island Gallery is hosting a Biggest Morning Tea on Saturday May 29 at PICAL, to raise money for the Cancer Council.

The event is also celebrating the 20th birthday for the Gallery, marking the date it was incorporated 20 years ago.

Everyone is welcome to attend the event, which will be held in the Garden Room 3, 56-58 Church Street in Cowes, from 10am until 2pm.

There will be plenty of tasty treats and great conversation on offer.

"We couldn't run a morning tea last year because of Covid so we really want this one to be special and make up for missing last year," said Aleta Groves from the Gallery.

### Cancer cases

In 2019 there were 45 registered morning teas in Bass Coast, however due to the impacts of COVID-19, last year there were only 21.

Cancer Council Victoria Head of Fundraising Lyrian Fleming-Parsley said national fundraising income for Australia's Biggest Morning Tea had dropped by more than \$9.6 million in 2020.

"This will have a direct impact on the funding available for our vital cancer research, prevention programs and support services, such as the 13 11 20 Information and Support Line, wig service and peer support programs," she said.



The Phillip Island Gallery is hosting a Biggest Morning Tea on Saturday, May 29 at PICAL, to raise money for the Cancer Council and celebrate its 20th birthday. Photo: Jess Bailey-unsplash.

On average 303 Bass Coast Shire residents are diagnosed with cancer each year, while 36,000 people are diagnosed in Victoria.

Ms Fleming-Parsley said Australia's Biggest Morning Tea gives people a chance to catch up with loved ones, while also supporting an important cause.



Retiring members from left to right: Olga Bolitho, Merlyn Muir and Val Roberts. Between them, the three women notched up 74 years with the group.

## San Remo garden group birthday celebration

Fifty-four members of the San Remo Garden Group celebrated the group's 37th birthday at the Rusty Waters Brewery recently.

Owner Neil Gillin opened the restaurant especially for the special occasion.

"He was extremely kind opening especially for us, even when he was recovering from a recent operation," a group spokesperson said.

The club took the opportunity to also thank and acknowledge the work of three retiring members: Val Roberts (33 years), Olga Bolitho (23 years) and Merlyn Muir (18 years), sincerely thanking them for their contribution to the club.

The delicious meal was shared and then followed by a fabulous birthday cake.

## Breast cancer Bombshells in the pink

A group of local women are adding a dash of pink to their fundraising efforts for the Breast Cancer Foundation.

The women, Kylie Hosking, Angela Cracknell, Brya Geiberras, Lizzy Duguay and Eden Addison, who are also Glowb Ambassadors, hope to raise \$5000 for breast cancer research.

Calling themselves the Bombshells Down Under, next week, as part of their fundraising commitment, they're dyeing their hair pink.

Team member Eden Addison is a hairdresser and she'll be overseeing the transformation.

"We all have our own personal reasons

for Going Pink, but as a Glowb team, it hits close to home with one of our girls enduring the battle," said Kylie Hosking.

To support their fundraising effort, go to [fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/BombshellsGOPINK5479](https://fundraise.nbcf.org.au/fundraisers/BombshellsGOPINK5479)

In June, the National Breast Cancer Foundation is challenging all Australians to Go Pink and raise funds in support of the thousands of women and men whose lives have been affected by breast cancer.

## Offshore auditions

Offshore Theatre is excited to announce auditions for its upcoming play reading of an Australian Classic - 'The One Day of the Year' by Allan Seymour.

Things have been a bit tough for the Arts on Phillip Island over the past eighteen months. The group had to cancel its last production a week prior to opening night in March 2020 due to the arrival of the COVID-19 epidemic.

While other theatre groups are tentatively staging productions, Offshore Theatre has had to contend with the loss of a performance space with the demolition of the Cowes Cultural Centre. There has been much deliberation by the committee as to the best way forward for our local community theatre and they are now excited to produce this wonderful Australian classic.

Offshore Theatre requires the following cast members:

- Alf Cook - middle aged, working class, returned soldier
- Dot Cook - Alf's wife and the anchor of the family
- Hughie Cook - Alf and Dot's son, a university student conflicted by the attitudes and values his upbringing imposes and those of his new world at university
- Wacka Dawson - Alf's best friend
- Jan Castle - Hughie's privileged north shore girlfriend who he met at university.

The publisher says of the play that it is "Undoubtedly one of Australia's favourite plays".

"The One Day of the Year explores the universal theme of father-son conflict against the background of the beery haze and the heady, nostalgic sentimentality of Anzac Day. It is a play to make us question a standard institution - Anzac Day, the sacred cow among Australian annual celebrations - but it is the likeability and genuineness of the characters that give the play its memorable qualities: Alf, the nobody who becomes a somebody on this day of days; Mum, the anchor of the family; Hughie, their son, with all the uncertainties and rebelliousness of youth; and Wacka, the Anzac, with his simple, healing wisdom."

Auditions will be held at St John's Uniting Church Hall on the corner of Warley Avenue and Chapel Street Cowes from 7.30pm on Tuesday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 16.

Please check Offshore Theatre Facebook page for further information.



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# A Phillip Island treasure

Award winning author Sue Saliba's new novel, set in part on Phillip Island, is about creativity, friendship and losing what you treasure.

Although it is categorised as a young adult novel – Alice the central figure is a sensitive 15-year-old – “Once, at the edge of the sea” will resonate with people of all ages.

Sue said the inspiration came from her own experiences volunteering to protect the island's endangered Hooded Plovers.

“Working with Hoodies actually can be really distressing when you think about the species as a whole and where they're heading,” she said.

“I did that for 10 years at Red Rocks and my starting point for the book was thinking about the dilemma of whether to do your own thing, or whether you try and help in some way and step in.

“When you step in, a mixture of things happen. You can have great joy, but you also have to deal with a lot of disappointment and great sadness.”

In writing the book, Sue used her own experiences of not knowing how to deal with the difficult emotional elements around the devastation of the natural environment.

She deliberately decided to make Alice a teenager because of what the age represents.

“It's a very intense time, full of promise, yet in some ways, a lot of terror as well.

“There's a push and pull between childhood and adulthood, between safety and uncertainty.”

In the novel, when Alice's experience with the Hooded Plovers goes wrong, she runs away, both from her home and herself.

“More profoundly than leaving geographically, she leaves herself,” Sue explains.

“She creates a character who is someone else. Someone who doesn't feel things the way she feels them.”

Writing the book was a way to explore the way we deal with uncomfortable emotions, how we run away from ourselves ... and then how to return and reconnect.

Sue believes the book will appeal to readers from teenagers and adults, particularly those concerned for the



Local author Sue Saliba launched her sixth book “Once, at the edge of the sea” at Turn the Page book store in Cowes on May 8.

environment.

“I'm writing this in my 50s, very much thinking about my own life.

“There's definitely a part of me in there.”

The loss of her own mother while she was writing the book made her think deeply about how humans respond to difficult and devastating situations.

“It's about self-protection.

“And it's a character's journey of accepting herself, the reality of the world and her place in it.”

## Self-published

Over her career, Sue has received

national attention winning the Victorian Premier's Literary Award in 2009, and her novels have been short-listed for the Prime Minister's Literary Award and selected as a Notable Book by the Children's Book Council of Australia.

Despite releasing her previous books with a major publisher, this time she made the decision to go it alone.

“The benefit of self-publishing is you can choose exactly who you work with and you have complete control over everything.

“That's attractive, to have control over all aspects of the book.”

Working with an editor, illustrator

Ann Shenfield, a designer and type setter, Sue has created a gorgeous book, printed by Print it Fast in San Remo.

She said the poetry-style layout of the book evolved over successive drafts.

“I like to write in lower case, there's a flow to it that just seems right, a bit softer.

“Through the redrafts, I became a bit more playful with it and it just seemed to fit the story.”

She said the spacious layout “allows for a certain sort of energy” and the illustrations dotted throughout the book create a whimsy that eases readers into the more serious con-

cepts it explores.

“I hope it will resonate on an emotional level with people.”

Sue's grateful for the support the book has already received from the local community, with people from across Bass Coast attending the launch.

The book is dedicated to writer and friend Phyllis Papps, for “her unwavering emotional support”, and Sue said the support of Lois Gaskin at Turn the Page has also been incredible.

“It is so great to have an independent bookstore on the island, and Lois is so supportive of local writers.” “Once, at the edge of the sea” is on sale now at Turn the Page in Cowes.



Due to a Nature Parks program, Eastern barred bandicoots are now living as a wild population on Phillip Island, but have been declared extinct in the wild in the rest of the state.



This graphic shows the distribution of Eastern barred bandicoots on Phillip Island. Locals and visitors are being asked to report any bandicoot sightings (alive or dead) on the web portal at [www.penguins.org.au/bandicoots](http://www.penguins.org.au/bandicoots).



Eleven Hooded Plover chicks fledged this year. “The community has worked together to all play a part in their ongoing survival,” said Threatened Species Officer, Thomas Nixon.

## Nature Parks helping save endangered species

As the world recognised Endangered Species Day on Friday May 21, Phillip Island Nature Parks said it was proud to play its role in assisting to bring species back from the brink of extinction

Eastern barred bandicoots (EBBs) are one of Australia's most endangered mammals and in 2015, a small population of about 20 captive-bred EBBs was released onto fox-free and feral cat-free Churchill Island – just off the coast of Phillip Island.

In 2017, with the declaration that Phillip Island was also now fox-free, a second population of 67 individuals was released onto the Summerland Peninsula.

This endangered species continues to thrive and is effectively now living

as a wild population after being declared extinct in the wild across the rest of the state.

Nature Parks researchers monitor the population with the help of volunteers who have now contributed more than 3100 hours, assisting in over 3000 ‘captures and releases’ across both Churchill and Phillip Islands.

“We are seeing many signs of success from this Eastern barred bandicoot program, with the population thriving, and beginning to distribute more widely across the island,” said Phillip Island Nature Parks' Threatened Species Officer, Thomas Nixon.

“We have received verified sightings of EBBs in Newhaven, Cape Woolamai, Surf Beach and even near Pyramid Rock, all outside their initial

release zones of Churchill Island and Summerland Peninsula, so locals can expect to see bandicoots in their neighbourhoods and backyards in the near future, which is great news for our ecosystem.”

A recent study of the digging behaviour of the Eastern barred bandicoots on Churchill Island demonstrated their importance in the environment by acting as ecosystem engineers, as they turn over soil in their tiny, conical shaped digs each night, searching for food like insects and worms.

“Phillip Island Nature Parks is committed to protecting the island as an ark for endangered plants and animals through its Threatened Species Plan, and we are especially grateful for the role the community plays in

helping to protect endangered species.”

A good example is the breeding success of the threatened shorebirds, Hooded plovers.

“The community has worked together to all play a part in their ongoing survival with simple acts like putting dogs on a leash, or keeping cats indoors, making a world of difference,” Thomas said.

A total of 11 Hooded plover chicks fledged in the 2020-21 breeding season and many of these birds will go on to live on beaches across Victoria effectively making Phillip Island a source population for the state.

“The time to act for Endangered Species is now and I am super proud that the Nature Parks is playing a role

in protecting species for future generations,” he said.

The top five ways to help Endangered Species:

1. Watch for wildlife when driving.
2. Be a responsible pet owner.
3. Recycle and buy sustainable products.
4. Plant native and make your garden and home wildlife friendly.
5. Never purchase products made from threatened or endangered species.

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# Corinella Probus celebrates 200 meetings

Members of the Probus club of Corinella and district celebrated their 200th meeting on May 1.

Always on the lookout for an excuse to celebrate with cake and the odd libation, the Committee of Management purchased a splendid commemorative sponge cake.

For some time now, the committee has been working towards obtaining a fully portable automatic defibrillator. With the most suitable device identified and available, it seemed most appropriate to present the

potential lifesaver at the 200th celebration – who knows what medical repercussions might have resulted from such excitement?

To put the proverbial icing on yet another cake, Michelle from Australian Defibrillators, supplier of the HeartSine Samaritan 500P defibrillator, gave a very instructive and literally hands-on talk on the use and care of the device.

The club would like to thank the following local businesses for their most generous donations of fund-raising raffle prizes: From Wonthaggi, Har-

vey Norman, Townsend Nursery, Dan Murphy, Autopro, Bunnings Warehouse, Kaiser Craft, Revive Beauty Spa, and K Mart. From Cowes, Coles, Woolworths and Autopro and The George Bass Hotel.

Thanks are also due to the following committee members who were instrumental in making club meetings safer – Rob Parsons, who first identified the need for such a device and carried out the initial feasibility study and the team of Margaret Stewart and Judy Pitcon, who went to tender and identified the best unit for the club.



From left President Graeme Cambridge with members: Margaret Hoy, Thelma Churchill, Heather Reid and Rosalie Oldham, cut a cake to celebrate the 200th meeting of Corinella Probus club.

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# Farewell to island pioneering family member

The funeral service for third generation Phillip Islander May Webster was held last week in St Philip's Anglican Church in Cowes, on what would have been her 93rd birthday.

The church had very special significance for May, as it was built by her grandfather, and she was also married there, 71 years ago.

May (nee McLardy) spent all but a few of her ninety years, living on Phillip Island.

Born in 1928, the same year that Phillip Island achieved separation from the mainland and became its own municipality as the Shire of Phillip Island, she was the fourth of five children born into the island's pioneering McLardy and Walton families.

May's grandfather Alex McLardy settled on the Island in around 1888 and her father Newton (Pop) was born on the Island in 1900, just a year before Federation.

Her great-grandfather on the Walton side was George, who settled at Rhyll in 1869.

Her grandfather was Bill Walton who married at Cowes in 1881, and his daughter Polly, May's mother, was born in 1901, one of 11 children.

May and her five siblings grew up very happily on Belmont Farm in Ventnor.

She always had stories to tell of farm life in the 1930s and 40s, of attending Cowes Primary School on horseback, and working in the poultry sheds and chicory paddocks after school with her brothers and sisters.

The "McLardy girls" as May and her three sisters were universally known were always good fun and involved in the island's social life.

May met her husband to be Jack, a motor mechanic, while he was down here on holiday.

He had returned at the end of six years of service in World War 2, and sometimes visited Phillip Island with his mates for time away.

It was on one of these occasions, while staying in the Yackatoon Guesthouse, that Jack



May and Jack Webster. May, a third generation Phillip Islander was buried last week on what would have been her 93rd birthday.

met the young May McLardy, who was waiting on tables in the dining-room.

As the story goes, Jack offered to walk May home.

This involved walking down Lovers Walk to Linga Longa, the name of the family property.

Perhaps Lover's Walk weaved the magic it was named for, as Jack did indeed "linger longer" and the couple married in 1950.

Once married they moved to Caulfield near to where Jack worked, and soon after John (1951) and Larry (1952) were born.

But May longed to return to her beloved Island and they moved back where Alan (1955) and Newton (1961) were born.

Her sons remember a wonderfully happy

life with May doing a great job as mum.

Jack worked as a mechanic, and like so many islanders, did extra work at night with the tourists at the Penguin Parade.

May waitressed, worked as a housekeeper at various guesthouses and motels, and in later years cooked beautiful meals for the island's frail elderly in the Meals on Wheels kitchen at the Senior Citizen's Clubrooms, established in the 1970s.

The meals were sent out daily with volunteer drivers with a happy wave and greeting.

May and her siblings were excellent sports-women growing up in the 1930s and 1940s and excelled at golf and tennis, and in fact anything they set their mind to.

As the years passed by, May's community

legacy was enormous, and life-memberships of the Phillip Island Tennis, Golf Club, RSL and Football Clubs are testament to this.

There were also many other community and school groups she was involved in.

The Island Bulldogs was a particular love of May's – and this is no wonder given the history of the McLardy footy family on the island.

Her contribution to the Cowes Golf Club – both on and off the field during its formative years when the course transformed from nine holes to 18-and a new clubhouse was established, was also enormous.

Her name is inscribed on the Club's A Grade Championship honour board no less than 19 times.

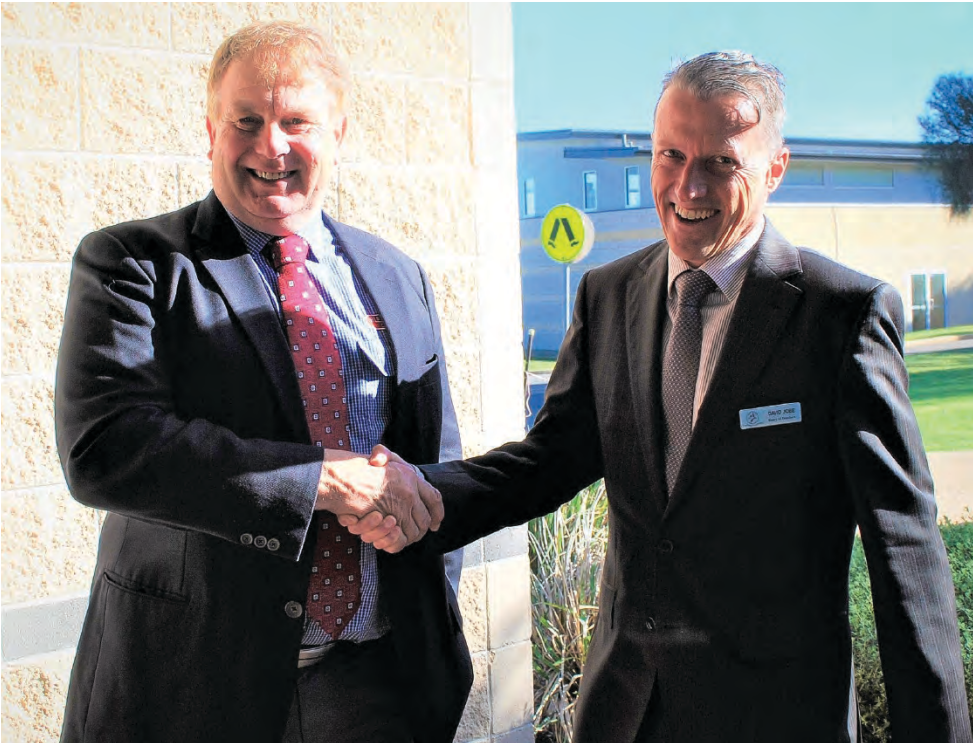
Between 1964 and 1996 she won 15 A Grade Ladies Club Championships. She also played pennant golf and won the prestigious South Gippsland Championship on a number of occasions.

The club presents the "May Webster Perpetual Trophy" named in her honour in June each year. Also, the club established the annual Betty Noonan/May Webster 4BBB Knockout Championship.

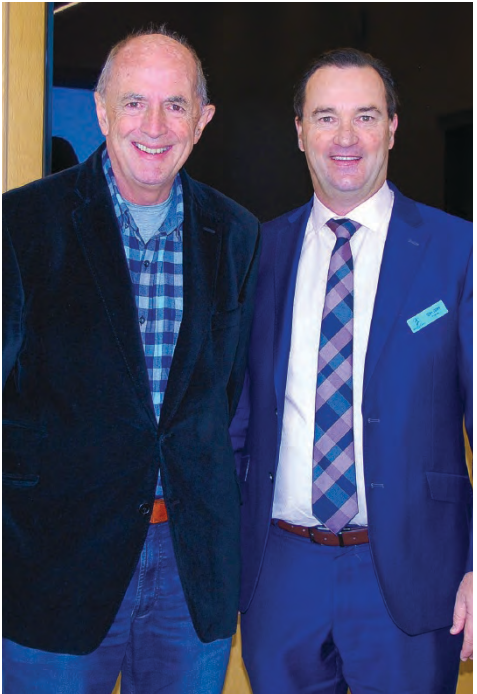
The local RSL Club was another passion for May.

She was a founding member of the Ladies Auxiliary, when in 1948 Mrs Sylvia Patten contacted her, along with her sister June Stephens, Alice Delahaye, Meg Cameron and other ladies to assist in raising money and supporting (those) returned servicemen from the Second World War. Anzac Day was always a big day for May and Jack over many decades, with May's thoughts also including her two uncles, Bill and Alec McLardy who fought and returned after WW1.

Both are mentioned on the Honour Board on the rear wall of St Philip's Church, from where May was taken last week to the Phillip Island Cemetery for burial alongside her husband Jack, and other members of her Phillip Island pioneering family.



Greg Price congratulates David Jobe, who is taking over as Chairman of the school board.



The Honourable Peter Reith AM and Principal Tony Corr at Newhaven College's Foundation Day celebrations.

## Foundation Day Celebrations

Newhaven College celebrated Foundation Day during a special whole school assembly on Friday, 21 May.

Principal Tony Corr paid tribute to the College Founders who showed dedication, vision, and faith and said it was wonderful to see many Life Governors and members of the Board at the event to help celebrate the College's history.

The College was thrilled to see Life Governor, The Honourable Peter Reith AM at the event.

In October 1976, Peter initiated discussions for a secondary college to be built on Phillip Island. Reverend John Leaver also saw the possibility for the establishment of a school which upheld Christian values to be built at Newhaven on Phillip Island.

In 1977 a public meeting, chaired by Mr W.G. Papworth, was held with approximately 350 people attending. The Plans and Articles of Foundation were adopted, and a steering committee was elected.

Mr Corr concluded his speech announcing that Greg Price had retired from the position of Chairman of the Board.

A former student, board member and parent, David Jobe, has now been appointed to take his

place as Board Chairman.

The College was established in 1980 in Boys Home Road at Newhaven.

In 2004 the 82-acre Phillip Island Road property on which it is now sited was purchased, and in 2018 the school came together on the one new site.

The National Anthem was performed by the College orchestra and choir. College rock band, Jade Avalanche perform The Who's – The Real Me and the Concert Band performed the show stopping ensemble from Hairspray – You Can't Stop the Beat.

This year's Alumni speaker was 2001 College graduate Rhys Uhlich. Rhys spoke about special memories of his time at the College and paid tribute to the many teachers who helped and inspired him.

Rhys went to university and became a primary school teacher. In 2008 he won the hit reality TV show – Make Me a Supermodel – which launched his media career. Since then, he has starred on Neighbours, Coxy's Big Break, Just Go and travelled the world modelling for brands including Hugo Boss and Calvin Klein. Rhys has since moved back to Phillip Island with his family. He stills surfs, does some

modelling and owns Island Healing and Shed House Australia.

Charity recipient guest speaker was CEO Simon Benjamin from The Lighthouse Foundation.

Simon informed students and staff of the important work they do helping homeless youth, providing homes and therapeutic care programs to children and young people impacted by long-term neglect, abuse and homelessness. Their focus is to create caring communities where kids can feel safe, form meaningful relationships and begin to heal from traumatic experiences.

For the past 30 years, their proven model of care has successfully transformed the lives of over 1000 young people. Funds raised by the College Cabinet may be used to provide warm meals, bedding, furniture or counselling therapy for youth staying in one of the Lighthouse Homes.

Celebrations continued as the Prep students were presented with their House Badges by the Year 12 House Captains. The ceremony concluded with a blessing by College Chaplin, Reverend Ian Turnidge and the orchestra and choir performed the College Song.



Steph Thornborrow and a team of volunteers take over the Parish kitchen each Wednesday to prepare meals for the PICAL Foodbank.

## Making a meal of it

A partnership between PICAL and the Parish of Bass Phillip Island is helping deliver meals to those most in need in the community.

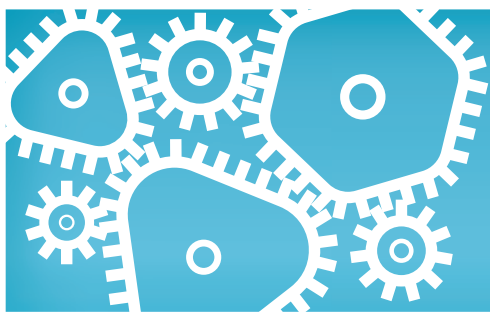
The Parish of Bass-Phillip Island kitchen is used every Wednesday by PICAL to prepare meals for the food bank. The volunteers make between 180-200 meals each week, which provide emergency food relief to the neediest in our community.

In March this year, coordinator Steph Thornborrow, was busy with her team of cooks and bottle washers baking cakes and making all manner of pickles and preserves for a special stall at the Market on Chapel. This impressive effort helped raise funds to support the important work of PICAL.

A spokesperson for the Parish of Bass-Phillip Island said it was pleased to support the work of PICAL through the provision of its excellent commercial kitchen facilities.

"This forms part of our mission to the local community as we do not ask for rental for the use of the kitchen," the spokesperson said.





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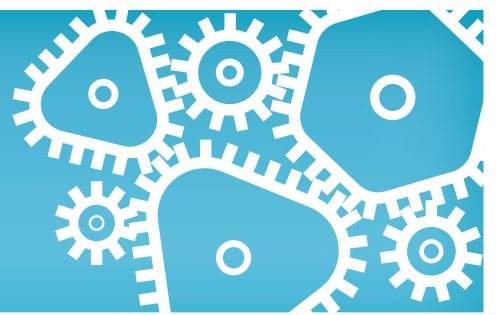
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## Preserve Silverleaves trees

Comments by Mr John Matthews about old trees in Silverleaves on Phillip Island ("Warning on Silverleaves trees" PISRA 28/4/21) contain a number of worrying inaccuracies.

Silverleaves is a significant Banksia and indigenous woodland located on a fragile dune. It was subdivided some 60 years ago with modest beach shacks relying on tank water set in amongst the trees. To my knowledge, though this is a woodland, thankfully, there has never been an injury caused by a falling limb in the area.

We note that both Bass Coast Shire Council and the CFA regularly prune and trim overhanging trees along the roads of the area frequented by walkers and cyclists.

This unique environment is home to the area's namesake 'silver leaves' species – Banksia integrifolia, commonly known as coastal banksia.

These trees are most important as they provide a vital habitat for many animals, birds and insects and are an important contributor to biodiversity.

With a stout dense trunk, the older trees tend to grow tall and straight and are actually robust. When they come down, they tend to come down slowly.

Silverleaves has been significantly affected by climate change impacts with drying soil and strong winds much more prevalent in recent years.

That means these iconic banksias have been more compromised by these events – as well as by the human footprint. In the area, the increase in the number of cleared blocks for large-scale out of character houses has also been a major negative contributor to the decline of coastal banksias and other species. Removing these trees actually sets an unfortunate pattern of degradation of the whole understorey in train. Instead of removing Banksia integrifolia, the community should be replanting the trees.

Silverleaves is not a park; it is incorrect to suggest 'new trees could be replanted with sturdier root systems and limbs'. Mr Matthews is a 'businessman'. Perhaps he is therefore unaware of the fact that indigenous vegetation cannot be replicated by replantings such as in a park or private garden of exotics. Once original vegetation is gone, it's gone forever. Save, don't destroy, Silverleaves and its banksias.

M Johnston, Silverleaves

## Panorama despair

Panorama Estate is a complete eyesore – no maintenance of property, a few part-finished buildings. Then you see what they are doing with View Estate or new estates off Backbeach Road which is how an estate being developed should look.

In Panorama, the walking paths are more overgrown than ever and clearly break local council rules yet this developer has got away with it for years and Bass Coast Council do nothing about it. Some work going on around the water catchment area on Backbeach Road that's about it! The green conservation area is a disgrace. Bass Coast Council should be ashamed of what they have allowed to happen. I sent photos some months ago to the CEO and only got an automatic online message to say it was received, but never any follow up by anyone from council.

Rochelle Halstead is the only one of our three Councillors in this ward to ever follow up through Council and clearly hits the same brick wall the San Remo community have. This estate doesn't only affect Breyleigh Haven residents, it affects many residents as we saw when parts of San Remo were flooded.

Chris Day, San Remo

## Unsatisfied pathway

The junction of Shelly Court and Shoalhaven Road in the Shearwater Estate (an estate popular with golfers) is now barricaded.

An onsite meeting was arranged by the Shire with three employees and also Cr Michael Whelan.

The Horticulture Manager was adamant he had a "Duty of Care" not to create a short path for e-types of transport. He didn't want to direct this type of traffic onto the road. Both roads are short and only carry local traffic – they are very quiet.

A zig zag path crosses what is supposed to be a public thoroughfare and that path is officially only for foot traffic. When I asked where the e-types of transport are supposed to go – the answer was "on the road". This type of traffic is now directed to the busiest road on the estate: Boardwalk Boulevard. So all pushbike riders who don't have a child with them (Pushbike riders are not allowed on footpaths unless they are accompanying 12 year old, or under, children),

e bikes, e scooters, golf carts are denied access to the thoroughfare and are directed to the nearest through road which is Boardwalk Boulevard. Where is the "Duty of Care"?

This lovely, modern estate now has a barricaded anachronism representing town planning from the last century. We need an intelligent solution that reflects the needs of all residents.

Madeleine Pitt, Cowes

## Thanks to our volunteers

Congratulations, and thank you to all the hundreds of volunteers in the Bass Coast Shire community.

A personal appreciation of the services rendered by these volunteers to all the bodies involved in this year's Volunteer Week whose contribution makes this a very special place to live and enjoy, like the RSL, Hospital Medical Hub, all sporting clubs for youth and adults, Aged Care, Red Cross, Country Women, Vinnes, Salvos, Rotary, Lions, fund raising Aux, Op Shops etc etc

All need new volunteers to grow and continue the good work. If you are bored or idle, this could be for you. Join in now!

G Cock, Cowes

## Climate disregarded

As Nats arrive at State Conference, at Working Mens' Club Wonthaggi, how good was it when Deputy PM, recently pronounced "we're not worried, well I'm certainly not worried, about what might happen in 30 years time".

Disregarding all other losses, in recent drought and fires and floods, up the east coast, three million animals were toasted. First priority of government is to keep us all safe. How safe do we feel these days?

After US President Biden's Climate Summit, how embarrassing, again, was our PM not rising to occasion, like other leaders, committing to sizeable emissions reductions by 2030. Now world leaders and our state leaders are committed to it, PM is mumbling, maybe, we might, possibly, get to net zero by 2050 ... or even sooner! Don't we need to let him know how we feel about being so inadequate?

In "Year to change the world, Greta Thunberg", the biggest event was fronting up to G20 world leaders in Davos. She explained her exasperation with world media always report-

ing that, despite presenting accepted science, she's portrayed as chucking another tantrum over something she can't understand. Her presentation is deliberately short sharp and simple, to an audience which still refuses to understand very basic science.

For no more than 1.5 degrees warming, there's a limit to how many more emissions we can release into the atmosphere. It's usually expressed as uncertain percentages. However, climate science chooses certain tonnes, with just 420Gt (Giga or Billion tonnes) remaining, determined in 2018. World emissions are still increasing and close enough to 40Gt/year, so 420/40=10.5 years, so the whole world needs to be net zero before 2028.

Greta visited many sites to show drought and famine, huge melting of glaciers and permafrost, monster sources of coal, oil and gas, agriculture at industrial scale, bush fires even in Arctic Circle and innovators with methods to get emissions back out of the atmosphere.

Conclusion? Obviously technology cannot deliver, it's too late.

So last resort now, taxation, big reduction in consumption and emissions.

Bernie McComb, Cowes

## How does council get away with ...

How does council get away with maintaining a policy that affects the wellbeing, liveability and compromises the health of its community, contrary to its declared values? And how does it get away with:-

- Providing essential dust suppressant seals on busy collector roads and gradually and wilfully removing them after more than 10-15 years of service.

- Placing a paltry amount of money ahead of the health, wellbeing and liveability of the community. It takes approximately an extra \$40,000 to seal a 1km length of road.

- Dismissing the health concerns of dust on busy roads as an inconvenience which must be tolerated until the Urban Roads and Drainage Program (URDP) comes to the area over the next 40 + years.

- Dismissing every serious material and questions put to council, with the same irrational scripted response of the URDP.

- Using the erroneous lop-sided cost comparison between maintaining an unsealed surface with that of a light primer seal which intentionally hasn't been appropriately maintained.

- Refusing to acknowledge that a properly maintained seal costs 50 per cent less to maintain than an unsealed surface.

- Refusing to explain why East Gippsland Shire with an area 24 times larger and with only 30 per cent greater population than BCS, can provide a dust suppressant program and BCS won't.

- Dismissing world studies on the health concerns of road dust, by referring to an erroneous opinion from an EPA officer that road dust is not a problem.

- Dismissing the appalling dust problem as a local concern when the majority of traffic and pedestrians are not local.

- Not acknowledging that the key collector roads which were selected for a dust suppressant seal, are roads extensively used by the community afar particularly those servicing popular surf beaches. Consequently, they should be treated as a general community asset to be maintained by general rates rather than condemning locals for expecting a hand-out.

- Not endeavouring to lower speed limits in residential areas particularly on unsealed roads, with the excuse that it is too difficult to gain approval from RRV.

Lou Pecora, Surf Beach

## Volunteers vital work

It was great to see the articles on volunteering in last week's Advertiser. Without the work by volunteer drivers like Rob Blandamer many of us would be unable to stay on this wonderful island. Thanks Rob on many occasions as well as Ian from BCH and Robert from Red Cross being there to get me to medical appointments without any fuss. Some time ago The Advertiser ran an article on a mural I painted on my back fence. This was picked up by Gardening Australia and is being featured on Friday, June 11 at 7.30pm. So Rob, Ian, Robert and all who enable me to live here, this is an opportunity to see the rewards from your efforts.

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### MILKINS, Les Ronald (Milko):

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Jonathan Rea celebrating his win, making him the first man to win 100 races in a single class of FIM road racing world championships. Photo: GeeBee.

## A Top 100 for Rea

Honorary Phillip Islander Jonathan Rea notched up his 100th win at the World SBK event in Spain on the weekend.

The six-time World Champion continues to make history with a lights-to-flag victory at MotorLand Aragon

Rea, racing for Kawasaki Racing Team WorldSBK, is the first man to win 100 races in a single class of FIM road racing world championships.

Rea led a Kawasaki Racing Team WorldSBK 1-2 with Alex

Lowes coming home in second place, four seconds away from Rea after challenging him in the early stages of the races.

Rea described the race as incredible.

"What a race! I just felt from the start, I really wanted it, so I put my head down and it just came," he said.

"To reach 100 victories ... that's a career milestone. I'm so, so happy with that and to do it here in World SBK is amazing."



Honorary Phillip Islander Jonathan Rea notched up his 100th win at the World SBK event in Spain on the weekend.



ASBK Management has confirmed the 2021 championship Grand Finale will be held at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, November 5 – 7. Photo: Russell Colvin, ASBK.

## Australian Superbikes return

The Australian Superbike Championship is set to return to Phillip Island at the end of the year.

Over the past 18 months snap lockdowns and border closure have impacted on the 2021 m-bike Motorcycle Insurance Australian Superbike Championship, presented by Motul (ASBK).

Back in February, organisers, riders and fans were disappointed when the opening round of the season at the iconic Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit was postponed.

Since this postponement, ASBK Management Team has been working closely with circuits to find new dates to replace the missing round and ensure that the 2021 ASBK Championship can complete its intended full season.

A revised calendar for 2021 is now available, which sees the competition return to Phillip Island in November. The new schedule includes two additional venues and confirms the postponement of the round at Symmons Plains, Tasmania. Initially scheduled as the final round of 2020, the Tasmanian round will now be postponed until the 2022 season due to lack of circuit availability on a revised date.

ASBK Management said it was pleased to announce that the ASBK Grand Finale – Round 8 will now be held at the world-famous

Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit on November 5 – 7.

Motorcycling Australia CEO Peter Doyle said Phillip Island is always an ASBK rider and fan favourite and it was great that ASBK can return to the circuit.

"COVID-19 has caused many delays over the past 18 months. We have rebuilt the calendars on many occasions, and this has required flexibility by teams, riders, the circuits and ASBK ourselves," he said.

"It's just the situation in this COVID-19 environment which still remains today.

"It's disappointing that we aren't able to get to Symmons Plains this year, but we remain focused on getting there in 2022 and putting on a great event for Tassie fans.

"We need to make the best of the situation and heading back to Wakefield Park in October and finishing off at Phillip Island in November provides a very exciting conclusion to the 2021 ASBK Championship.

"We look forward to welcoming the ASBK fans and riders back to these two popular circuits."

ASBK Management also confirms the ASBK Night of Champions at Phillip Island on Sunday, November 7.

For details of the revised ASBK calendar, visit [www.asbk.com.au](http://www.asbk.com.au)

# A life saving contribution

Life Saving Victoria has thanked its 37,000+ volunteers for their huge efforts during season 2020-21 at their Valuing Volunteers Evening at URBNSURF Melbourne on the weekend.

Life savers from the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club picked up 14 awards at the event, which recognise LSV's most outstanding volunteers in areas including Special Contributions to Lifesaving, Long Service Awards, 100+ Patrol Hours and State Services.

The presentation coincided with the end of National Volunteer Week.

"We are incredibly proud of our volunteers for stepping up to the challenges of season 2020-21, including continuing patrols as an essential service during the COVID-19 pandemic," LSV President Paul James ASM said.

"This season has shown how integral every volunteer role is in holding our lifesaving clubs together and continuing our water safety education and drowning prevention work. Without volunteers, our organisation simply could not exist, and I thank every one of you for your efforts.

"We are extremely grateful for the continued commitment and dedication of our volunteers, which enabled LSV to continue our mission of preventing aquat-

ic related injury or death across many diverse communities."

### Bass Coast award winners:

Special Contribution Award: Membership and Leadership Development Hannah Tzimokas (Woolamai Beach SLSC)

Charlie Crawford-Rust (Cape Paterson SLSC)

### 100+ Patrol Hours Gold

Zane Smith (Woolamai Beach SLSC)

Nick Vouk (Woolamai Beach SLSC, South Melbourne LSC, Lorne SLSC and LSV Comms)

Terry Aslanidis (Inverloch SLSC, Wonthaggi LSC, Woolamai Beach SLSC and LSV Comms)

Charlie Crawford-Rust, Charles Dunnachie, Sarah Prendergast and Alexandra Schapper (Cape Paterson SLSC)

### 100+ Patrol Hours Silver

Martin Buttery, Liam Comber and Emma McCoach (Woolamai Beach SLSC)

Alan Hailes (Woolamai Beach SLSC and LSV rescue water craft service)

Brendan Smart (Woolamai Beach SLSC, Westpac Lifesaver Rescue Helicopter, LSV Comms and LSC rescue water craft service)

Katherine Canet (Cape Paterson SLSC, Williamstown S&LC and LSV Comms)

Nicholas Foon (Cape Paterson SLSC, Aspendale LSC and LSV rescue water craft service)

Kealan Hamilton-Sturdy and Terry Prendergast (Cape Paterson SLSC) Matthew Madeley (Wonthaggi LSC and Anglesea SLSC)



Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club picked up 14 awards at the recent Life Saving Victorian Valuing Volunteers event, recognising the most outstanding volunteers, including long service and over 100+ patrol hours.

Kiara McJames-Court (Venus Bay SLSC and Wonthaggi LSC) Tara Scott (Wonthaggi LSC)

### 100+ Patrol Hours Bronze

Christos Argyropoulos, Ryan Box, Nick Reynolds, Evan Richter and Joshua Williams (Woolamai Beach SLSC)

Rhys Bartlett (Inverloch SLSC and LSV rescue water craft service) Paul Caddaye (Wonthaggi LSC and

Frankston LSC)

Andrew Canet, Moara Smith and Caitlin Westerling (Cape Paterson SLSC)

Alexander Goss, Thomas Jackson and Denis McDonald (Wonthaggi LSC)

Bailey Mercieca (Cape Paterson SLSC and Port Melbourne LSC)

Sarah Seddon (Inverloch SLSC, Waratah Beach SLSC and LSV Comms)





A Grade netballers fought hard throughout the match, but unfortunately Warragul proved too good on the day. Meika White from U15s shoots for goal. More photos at [www.pisra.com.au](http://www.pisra.com.au)

# Perfect conditions for netballers

## A Grade

This week we came up against a strong Warragul side.

The sun was shining, and our girls went out firing in a fast and skilful game of netball scoring 15 goals in the first quarter.

It was in the second quarter where the Dusties got up over a few turnovers and converting them into goals which put them eight up at half time.

The girls kept fighting against their opponents but the Dusties proved that they were the winners.

There were many positives to take away from the game which the girls should be really proud of.

Next week we come up against long-time rivals Korumburra, so let's make sure we train hard at training and give it all we've got.

We send our condolences to the Warragul Football netball club and family of Liza Pharaoh who sadly passed away late last week.

Final Score: Dusties 54 def Phillip Island 42.

Best on: Steph Sivori and Christie Edwards.

## B Grade

It was a really difficult game for Warragul on Saturday, we would like to start off with saying how sorry we are for the recent passing of the club's B grade coach.

There was a lot of emotions on the court which shows how much of a respected club member she was and how much she impacted these players lives.

The score definitely did not reflect the game at all!

It was still high intensity, and everyone gave it their all!

Phillip Island played their game and that's all we could ask for!

Final Score: Phillip Island 75 def Warragul 27.

Best on: Charli Ross and Abbey McCaughan.

## C Grade

What a day!

Perfect conditions for some com-

petitive netball and that's exactly what it was.

The girls came out firing in the first quarter, the defensive pressure was phenomenal while Hayley Moxey and Steph James worked their magic in goals.

Chloe Moxey, Bella Ross and Tori Legg played amazing against tall shooters and even managed to get rebounds.

Steph Krainer, Brooke Blundy, Sunday Brisbane and Alice Chaston worked tirelessly through the midcourt, intercepting and putting pressure on their players.

It was such a close game, goal for goal at one stage, you wouldn't have known who the clear winner was unless you were looking at the score board but unfortunately the Dusties came away the better team in the end.

Good luck for next week girls!

Final Score: Warragul 39 def Phillip Island 31.

Best on: Tori Legg and Chloe Moxey.

## D Grade

Things are looking up!

The girls are playing great netball and are finding their position on the court well and how to monopolise the play.

Without our sensational coach Sarah, captain Tori (still injured) and Ruby who broke her nose, we were down to seven girls.

But a huge thank you to Zoe and Ahlee who stepped up to help out from U17.

Ahlee rushed in to WD when Jade took a massive tumble mid court and had to leave for a suspected broken arm ... thankfully all ok.

Zoe also stepped up to give Karina a rest who had played strongly in centre, with accurate feeding into the goal circle.

Ash and Katelyn worked the transverse line well for receiving centre passes.

Katelyn working consistently in GA to be a strong feeder into Jaz.

Jaz had good leads and held strongly under the ring to put scores on the board.

Ahlee played a very tight game and made sure their WA didn't get the ball.

Nikki (GD) and Shaz (GK) what a duo! They played a tight defensive game.

Nikki with some brilliant interceptions and chasing of loose balls. Shaz was ferocious pulling in the rebounds and her strong passing out of the opponent's goal circle.

With everyone's super efforts, we came away with another sensational win.

With everyone sticking hard on their opponents in the defensive game, we put a lot of pressure on the ball all over the court.

Congratulations girls on a very well-deserved win!

Final Score: Phillip Island 34 def Dusties 27.

Best on: Jaz James and Nikki Williams.

## Under 17s

With the weather absolutely perfect this week the U17s was able to play a much faster game style which gave them a great start.

Warragul had a few key players out but that didn't deter their effort.

The game was a lot tougher on court than the score was showing.

Ella Duggan had a great game in goals, slotting them with ease from anywhere in the ring.

Amelie as always showed her versatility from WD to GA without a moment of hesitation and played another great captain's game giving it her all.

Zoe and Jarrah both worked hard in mid court creating great plays for the girls in goals.

By half time the girls had a great lead, but Warragul kept them working hard, showing they will be a force with a full team.

Lexi and Sophie worked beautifully together in defence, locking down and proving very tough to get

through for Warragul's goalies.

As usual all the girls got around each other and all players had a great game.

Well done girls, keep it up for next week.

Final Score: Phillip Island 50 def Warragul 18.

Best one: Sophie Gysberts and Ella Duggan.

## Under 15s

In the first quarter against Warragul, the scoring machines of Lily and Meika strode on to court to team up in goals with the support of Isla, while Sienna, Ruby and Paige were industrious on the defensive side with Maya playing beautifully in centre.

The ball was flying around the court in what was a fast-paced quarter, with the girls needing to settle, however the scoreboard showed a healthy nine goal lead with the defenders keeping the visitors to two goals.

After resting an injury at the start of the season, the team was excited in the second quarter to welcome Sophia back into the fold.

Sophia joined Ruby and Isla on the defensive side to keep Warragul from building their score. Isabella joined Lily in goals and Hazel hit the court as WA and Maya continued displaying her outstanding skills in centre.

Warragul showed great defensive skills – challenging every pass from our Island girls and working out front to go for easy intercepts.

Despite their effort our girls held strong and were up by 16 goals.

Showing versatility as a team, Meika and Isabella were put in goals with the ongoing support of Hazel.

Isla took on the responsibility of centre and Sienna and Sophia joined forces on the defensive side with Paige.

This quarter saw Warragul add six goals to their tally, however the scoreboard at the end of the quarter

saw the Island team up by 19 goals.

To cap off the game, Lily and Meika slotted back into goals with solid support from Hazel in the fourth, while Ruby, off with an injury, saw Sophia on the defensive side again with teammates Sienna and Paige.

Maya reigned in centre again to feed and intercept the ball well to continue Island's scoring opportunities and secure a convincing win.

Final Score: Phillip Island 36 def Warragul 14.

Best on: Meika White and Paige Riley.

## Under 13s

It was a beautiful sunny morning on our home court at Phillip Island.

The Warragul team were all much taller than our Under 13's, however, the girls didn't let the height affect them from challenging the strong Warragul side.

With amazing defensive pressure down the court and utilising turnovers, our shooters Aisha Hibbert (GA) and Mia Hughes (GS) were extremely accurate and the times they did miss, they followed their shot and got the rebound.

With Abbey Clarke taking the centre position, she was able to compose the team and slow down the play.

Our defensive third of Olivia Holmes, Jya Donohue and Pepper Burke tried hard all day, especially when challenged against the tallest player on the court.

We had Matilda Feehan with her excellent feeding into the shooters and composure down the court.

Shout out to Ciara Santorini from the under 11s, for jumping on court when one of our girls had a fall, it's exciting to see such talent at such an early age within the club.

Final Score: Warragul 20 def Phillip Island 12

Best on: Pepper Burke and Abbey Clarke.





Andrew Burgan in action at Point Impossible, where he defended his Longboard title.

# Burgan retains Longboard crown

Phillip Island surfers acquitted themselves well at the 2021 Victorian State Longboard titles on the weekend at Point Impossible, bringing home several state titles.

Reigning State Champion Andrew Burgan took the State Title with a win in Round 1 and a second place in Round 2.

Island women took out several divisional championships – Niamh Moore (U18 Girls) and Natalie Van Der Heyden (Over 40 Women).

Other island surfers to secure places included Tate Russell (fourth Under 18 Boys, third Under 18 Boys Logger), Jackie Chambers (runner up Over 40 Women), Andrew Lidsey (fourth Over 50 Men)

Surfing Victoria said the event took place in perfect conditions, with “incredible displays of surfing across the weekend”.

Standout of the weekend was Point Lonsdale surfer Bea Conroy who posted a perfect 10-point ride in the Final of the Open Women Logger division and backed it up with a 9.73 to give her the highest heat total of the weekend (19.73 out of a possible 20).



Natalie Van Der Heyden won the Over 40 Women Longboard title. Photo: Katey Shearer

Conroy also claimed the Open Women Longboard division and was awarded State Champion in both Longboard and Logger divisions.

On the Men's side of the draw,

Will Cousins (Torquay) was unstoppable in the Open Men's Logger final, locking in two excellent scoring rides to claim victory and the State Title.

Other divisional state champions



Andrew Burgan (left) the Victorian Longboard Champion, with runner up Will Cousins

include Ted Conroy (U18 Boys Logger), Anna Thompson (U18 Girls Logger), Tim Edwards (O40 Men Logger), Niamh Moore (U18 Girls), Carolyn Lalor (O50 Women), Penny Andrews (O50 Womens Logger),

Heather Peck (O60 Women), John Lane (Over 60 Men), Natalie Van Der Heyden (O40 Women) and Greg Brown (O40 & O50 Men).

Final Results for the event can be found on [www.surfingvic.com/live](http://www.surfingvic.com/live)

## Armful of trophies for Jarvis

Jarvis McDonald, 11 years old from Cape Woolamai, came away with an armful of trophies for his efforts at the 20/21 Wonthaggi Little Athletics Season.

Jarvis received three trophies – Age Group Champion, Junior Boy Club Champion and Junior Boys Athlete of the Year.

A year 5 student at Newhaven

Primary School, Jarvis has been a member of the club since he was five years old.

His favourite events are long distance running, but he loves all the varied track and field events.

He would love to see more people join the club to make more new friends.

The idea of Little Aths is to try

your best each week and you will gain “personal bests” and feel good about your own efforts.

Jarvis will be representing Newhaven Primary School in the 3km race at the Division Cross Country held at Stony Creek Raceway this Thursday too.

Good Luck to all the competitors from our local schools!



Jarvis received three trophies at the 20/21 Wonthaggi Little Athletics: Age Group Champion, Junior Boy Club Champion and Junior Boys Athlete of the Year. Photo: Kellie McDonald.

## RSL Euchre results

Men's winner: Les Walton – 7 wins, well done.

Women's winner: Faye Fletcher – 7 wins.

Encouragement award: Graeme Kelsell – 1 win.

Dining tables booked for those wishing to have dinner prior to games at 6pm.

Games begin at 7.30pm.

Please come along and have a great night.

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

Please join us for some fun. Everyone welcome.



# Around the Bay

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE

There is no denying that the last two weeks for fishing have been somewhat of a sad but hopeful tale.

There still remains that uncertainty that you're going to catch anything at all every time you step out but with the weather we have been having, it has almost been worth it!

Not all was completely lost this week, as I stated already the weather has been good, very fishable and consistently good for more than one day in a row (I know, super rare).

Does that mean heaps of fish were caught?

Yes and no.

I get vast number of people coming through the door giving me reports almost daily over summer.

As we enter the cooler months, the number of people coming through the door and those fishing begins to dwindle.

Yet still the expectation is when you have a tackle store you know everything. I don't want to disappoint anyone, but we don't have the fish on the books, we don't slip them some notes under the table, they don't tell us where they are.

We rely absolutely on our customers. If you asked our fishing gear the last time we used it, it would tell you that it has forgotten what water is.

The good days to fish, we are here

at the shop, helping others fish, so unfortunately, if we do not have reports for you when you call or come in it doesn't mean there is no fish out there. It just means there isn't anyone telling us.

Lucky for you guys we have had some people out fishing and they have been catching fish!

Whiting: The whiting has really been the most predominate species of the last month, which has slightly changed over the last week.

Again, those doing okay have been getting up earlier in the morning and chasing them as the sun rises, typical to the form you would traditionally use in summer.

There isn't that one magic spot for them of late. Land based off of the Rhyll jetty and back beach at Cape Woolamai have been the hotspots.

Flathead: Everything, from everywhere.

Salmon: Still very quiet!

There has been a few nice 3kg ones coming from Anzac's beach, but these are the product of a lot of hours sitting in the wind and the extremely large swells we are continuing to have.

Kilcunda's cemetery beach has been crystal clear water just a bit weedy still, a few trevally but that's the extent.

Snapper: Don't put away that snapper gear as they seem to still be hungry!

No, I am not talking about large pinkies but in fact actual snapper, a lot of 70cm, a few 7kgs again this week and a large number of 3-4kg ones to go.

Most of these are coming from up the top of the bay, just past the red pole, with the 7kg a by catch from down in Cleeland Bight.

Sharks: Whilst the gummy sharks are starting to become more dominant, it's hard to look past the size of the school sharks that are being caught.

Plenty from inside the bay towards Elizabeth but majority of the bigger ones coming from outside in the Strait.

Of those offshore schoolies the biggest report was 18kg.

Tuna: It seems our tuna friends have decided to make our waters their permanent home, not a great number of sightings have transitioned into actual catches, but they are still there.

In my last report I stated the big bait balls that were keeping them here had subsided, but they're back.

The ocean is currently sitting at around 15 degrees, the whales are making their way back here and the ocean is absolutely alive with fish.

There have been a few catches of tuna but all focused towards Inverloch.

Don't forget, no report is too small. You can always come in, call us or send us a message on Facebook.



The Men's Division 4 Pennant winners who defeated Meeniyan at Foster Golf club on Sunday.

## Phillip Island golf

May 18 – Men's 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Ray Reid H/c (18) with 39 points from Robert Sparkman H/c (12) with 38 points.

Men's 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Brian Carvell H/c (26) with 22 points from John Withington H/c (25) with 20 points on a countback from Peter Matthews H/c (29) also with 20 points.

Wednesday, May 19 – Ladies 18 Hole Stroke – Monthly Medal – Sponsored by EMG Consulting.

A Grade: Lesley Meadowcroft off 12, 73 nett.

B Grade: Pam Rothfield off 23, 75 nett.

C Grade: Kaye Johnston off 43, 76 nett.

Monthly Medal winner: Lesley Meadowcroft.

Putting: Tie – Lesley Meadowcroft and Jen Bilson 30 putts.

Nearest the Pin: 5th no one, 7th Lesley Meadowcroft 2.02m, 10th Vicki Roff-Smith 11.5 m, 2nd, shot, 12th Miyuki Yamaguchi 19m, 17th Zoe Frost 3.4 m.

Round 1 Grandmothers and Super Vets Trophy.

Qualifying round for Silver Spoon. Silver Spoon Qualifier: Lorraine Hammon on a c/b from Helen Coghlan.

Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Beryl White H/c (44) with 17 points from Faye Rosen H/c (45) with 14 points on a countback from Jill Payne H/c (26) also with 14 points.

Thursday, May 20 – Men's and Ladies 18 Hole Par: Winner was Jim Brown H/c (14) with +3 on a countback from Morgan Ward H/c (7) also

with +3.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Basil Moloney H/c (12) with 20 points from Charles Mizzi H/c (29) with 19 points.

Saturday, May 22 – Men's 18 Hole Stroke – Monthly Medal Sponsored by Bob Fabiny.

A Grade winner: Paul Cashman H/c (12) with 70 points.

A Grade r/up: Paul Cochrane H/c (6) with 71 points.

B Grade and Monthly Medal winner: John Wiseman H/c (16) with 68 points.

B Grade r/up: Ron Davies H/c (15) with 70 points.

C Grade: Paul Dickson H/c (19) with 69 points.

C Grade r/up: Phil Dressing H/c (19) with 73 points.

Ladies 18 Hole Stroke: Winner was Maria Kirwin H/c (43) with 71 points from Naoko McCrae H/c (36) with 72 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Ron Hateley H/c (33) with 18 points from Steve Rieger H/c (23) with 17 points.

Next Week's Event – Stableford.

Nearest the Pin – Men: 5th James Fowler, 7th Mick Wyzenbeek, 10th Ken Sellers and 17th Dan McConnon.

Nearest the Pin – Ladies: 5th Lesley Meadowcroft, 7th Alice Schofield, 10th Lorraine Hammon and 17th Tracey Cuff.

Pennant results

Congratulations to our Division 4 Men's Pennant team defeating Meeniyan 5 – 2 at Foster Golf club, Sunday, May 23.

Commiserations to our Division 6 Men's Pennant team losing to Korumburra 4 – 3.

A great battle guys.



Winners of midweek bowls were Bill Barnes (3), Peter Thorley (L) and Bob Glogoski (S).



David Smith (S), Bill Williams (2), Greg Wood (3) and Jim Nunan (L) were the runners up of midweek bowls.

## Midweek bowls

South West Gippsland midweek bowls winners this week were Bob Glogoski, Bill Barnes and Peter Thorley. Runners up were David Smith, Greg Wood, Bill Williams and Jim Nunan.

One Game winners were Tony Heppleston, Kirk Humphry and Eve Morgan.

Thursday, May 20 midweek bowls was played at San Remo with 35 happy bowlers.

We had a few new faces who we all made feel very welcome.

At the end of the day the new bowlers reported that they had a great time and will definitely join us again as it was a very friendly crowd, and the bowling was of high standard.

The green to start with was super-fast and as the day progressed it became easier to bowl on.

The weather was not kind to us, we did have intervals of rain but like true midweek bowlers we pushed through and managed to play our two games.

A few wrong biases were bowled but those guilty do not wish to be identified still and the RCH tin is

looking very good.

As usual the scores were high, 36 points winners, 34 points runners up, 24 points one game winners.

Thank you to all the volunteers who make the day possible, the ladies in the kitchen and the workers in the bar, also the organisers.

Next week we will play at Koo Wee Rup, 10.30.am at the club for an

11am start. BYO lunch, dress mufti.

Thank you to the members who brought goods for the free raffle table. There were so many great treasures.

For more information or to register please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 the night before.

Everyone welcome. See You on The Green.



Best One Game bowlers were Kirk Humphry (3), Eve Morgan (L) and Tony Heppleston (S).

## TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 26 MAY	THU 27 MAY	FRI 28 MAY	SAT 29 MAY	SUN 30 MAY	MON 31 MAY	TUE 1 JUN
LOW 5:04 am 0.64 m	HIGH 12:06 am 2.65 m	HIGH 1:09 am 2.69 m	HIGH 2:06 am 2.75 m	HIGH 3:00 am 2.78 m	HIGH 3:53 am 2.79 m	HIGH 4:44 am 2.77 m
HIGH 12:24 pm 2.94 m	LOW 6:11 am 0.47 m	LOW 7:12 am 0.33 m	LOW 8:07 am 0.25 m	LOW 9:00 am 0.24 m	LOW 9:50 am 0.29 m	LOW 10:38 am 0.41 m
LOW 5:55 pm 1.26 m	HIGH 1:31 pm 3.14 m	HIGH 2:31 pm 3.29 m	HIGH 3:26 pm 3.35 m	HIGH 4:16 pm 3.34 m	HIGH 5:04 pm 3.27 m	HIGH 5:48 pm 3.17 m
	LOW 7:05 pm 1.21 m	LOW 8:06 pm 1.14 m	LOW 9:00 pm 1.08 m	LOW 9:50 pm 1.02 m	LOW 10:38 pm 0.98 m	LOW 11:25 pm 0.96 m

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Kirby Fuller takes a specky in the reserves match. More photos at [www.pisra.com.au](http://www.pisra.com.au).

## O Harry – what a moment

Without the passion of the juniors from the U16s and U18s games, the beginning of the reserves game was a bit beige.

The Island were doing all the drilling early but struck no oil.

Numerous attempts from in front of the pavilion resulted in minor scores or even worse as shots were being sprayed.

The pressure of a bit of over barking from the senior group, having arrived at the ground and deciding to inject some atmosphere into the mix was highly amusing and served the purpose.

Johnny McLaughlin broke the shackles with a goal five minutes in and the dogs were away.

Kirby Fuller marked strongly but then came the 'O Harry' moment.

Buoyed by his efforts of the previous week, Harry Anderson took a monster against three Dusties' opponents.

Not sure what adrenalin rush it caused but Big H decided to play on and no prizes for working out what came next.

Three Dusties regained their feet and raffled the free kick, but to Harry's credit he at least stood up and acknowledged the Bronx cheers from his senior counterparts.

Cheers Harry!

Early entertainment over the Island lead at quarter time 11/6.

The second term commenced with Brody Brain finding Connor Thompson who snapped a goal and the dogs looked good.

The Dusties were playing with plenty of intensity but our boys were responding and went in at half time with a handy break 24-6.

Quarter three commenced with a bit of uninspiring kick to kick.

Larkin upped his intensity and score a major.

Blake Christopher was in everything as well as hitting the scoreboard, while Connor Thompson improves with every game back.

At three quarter time Phillip Island all of a sudden commanding leaders at 39/13.

The final quarter brought more of the same.

More scoring and dominance from Christopher, Thompson and Larkin.

James Nicolaci was toiling away like an old Bedford and Soussa, McKenzie and Fuller finishing well also.

Phillip Island: 1.5.11, 4.7.31, 5.9.39, 11.11.77.

Warrigal Industrials: 1.0.6, 1.1.7, 2.1.13, 2.1.13.

Goals: Christopher 3, Larkin 3, Love 1, Thompson 1, Anderson 1, Shawcross 1 and Nicolaci 1.

Best: Christopher, Thompson, Soussa, McKenzie, Nicolaci and Fuller.



First gamers Katie Treacey, Imogen Bradford and Sunday Brisbane impressed for the Breakers.

## Breakers take the win

The Breakers took advantage of the Phillip Island youth girls having a bye with Sunday Brisbane and Imogen Bradford stepping up for their first senior match along with former teammate Katie Treacey.

The youngsters were quick to get involved and showed they are more than capable of competing at the senior level.

Controlling most of the play in the first quarter the Breakers converted through Kate Caughey and Kelly O'Neill.

However, despite limited opportunities Karingal were able to sneak two goals also which saw the score line even at the first break.

A strong second quarter with Carly Heislars and Stacey Poke busy through the middle of the ground and Sophie McCracken-Evans again dominant in the ruck saw the home team start to get on top.

Goals to Jenna Russo and Kelly O'Neill gave the Breakers a six-point lead at half time.

The pressure lifted after half time with both teams struggling to find any space.

Karingal managed the only goal for the quarter – narrowing

the margin to just two points going into the last term.

With Karingal putting extra numbers in defence the Breakers half back line lead by the experience of Chelsea Connell and Tess Angarane along with the speed of Imogen Bradford were able to repeatedly drive the ball back in the Breakers forward line.

With most of the play but only a string points to show for it, it was Sunday Brisbane who kicked the sealer for the home side – topping off a great debut for the youngster.

Following the game, the team welcomed current and past players and volunteers, supporters, family and sponsors to celebrate Women in Sport with a luncheon featuring guest speakers Izzy Huntington from the AFLW Bulldogs and former professional cyclist and Change our Game ambassador Monique Hanley.

Final score: Breakers 5.8-38 def Karingal 4.3-27.

Goals: O'Neill 3, Russo, Brisbane, Caughey.

Best: O'Neill, Poke, Brisbane, Russo, Bradford, J Bolding.

The Breakers return to Dalyston next week to take on Seaford at 10.30am Sunday.



Southern Gippsland All Stars U14s team played against Traralgon on Sunday. Cooper Walton flying high with other team members assisting.



The South Gippsland All Stars teams all travelled to Korumburra U13s, U14s, U15s and all enjoyed successful wins against Traralgon.



The Milkins brothers were at the game on Saturday. The players wore black armbands in honour of their dad Les, a past member of PIFNC, who passed away during the week. The brothers (from left to right) Allan, Karl, John and Phil Milkins all travelled from interstate to be together for the game.



Auskick kids enjoyed a half-time match at the Senior Bulldogs game on Saturday. From left: Zaine, Dante, Jett and Max. More photos at [www.pisra.com.au](http://www.pisra.com.au).

## THIS WEEKEND DRAWS

### WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Round 8, Saturday May 29

Korumburra-Bena v Phillip Island  
Kilcunder Bass vs Koo Wee Rup

### SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Round 5, Sunday May 30

Phillip Island Blue v Leongatha Green  
Kilcunda Bass v Phillip Island Red

### YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Round 4, Sunday May 30

Warragul Industrials v Phillip Island

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

### SENIOR FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Phillip Island	6	1	290.49	24
Inverloch-Kongwak	6	1	161.45	24
Nar Nar Goon	6	1	125.10	24
Tooradin-Dalmore	5	2	171.03	20
Cora Lynn	5	2	105.59	20
Garfield	4	3	109.72	16
Warragul Industrials	3	4	119.81	12
Bunyip	3	4	73.60	12
Kilcunda Bass	1	6	67.19	4
Korumburra-Bena	1	6	55.71	4
Dalyston	1	6	48.67	4
Koo Wee Rup	1	6	40.11	4

### RESERVES FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	PTS
Bunyip	6	1	481.10	24
Tooradin-Dalmore	6	1	425.47	24
Inverloch-Kongwak	5	2	217.62	20
Phillip Island	5	2	143.01	20
Warragul Industrials	5	2	124.59	20
Koo Wee Rup	4	3	94.68	16
Nar Nar Goon	4	3	90.89	16
Cora Lynn	3	4	128.62	12
Kilcunda Bass	3	4	77.83	12
Korumburra-Bena	1	6	30.16	4
Garfield	0	7	24.16	0
Dalyston	0	7	22.27	0

### THIRDS FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	% WON
Garfield	6	0	261.74	100.00
I-Kongwak	4	1	701.43	80.00
Korumburra-Bena	3	1	379.35	75.00
Phillip Island	4	2	332.16	66.67
Nar Nar Goon	4	2	149.45	66.67
Cora Lynn	3	4	64.01	42.86
Bunyip	2	5	49.17	28.57
Kilcunda Bass	1	3	17.74	25.00
Koo Wee Rup	1	5	53.96	16.67
Dalyston	0	5	10.53	0.00
Warragul Indus	0	0	0.00	0.00
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	0	0.00	0.00

### FOURTHS FOOTBALL

	W	L	%	% WON
Tooradin-Dalmore	6	0	1873.91	100.00
Cora Lynn	6	1	330.07	85.71
Garfield	5	1	381.90	83.33
Phillip Island	4	2	185.03	66.67
I-Kongwak	3	3	121.38	50.00
Kilcunda Bass	3	3	105.99	50.00
Nar Nar Goon	3	4	43.34	42.86
Korumburra-Bena	2	4	32.04	33.33
Bunyip	2	5	46.62	28.57
Koo Wee Rup	1	6	25.86	14.29
Dalyston	0	6	17.86	0.00
Warragul Indus	0	0	0.00	0.00

### NETBALL

A-GRADE	Pts	%	C-GRADE	Pts	%
Dalyston	28	178.85	I-Kongwak	26	176.43
Bunyip	24	214.36	Bunyip	24	158.72
Kor-Bena	20	153.08	Dalyston	24	133.64
Tooradin-Dal	20	127.57	Warragul Indus	20	153.01
Warragul Indus	16	136.25	Cora Lynn	20	138.36
Phillip Island	12	101.15	Nar Nar Goon	16	132.24
Cora Lynn	12	92.56	Tooradin-Dal	14	128.57
Nar Nar Goon	12	73.05	Koo Wee Rup	12	95.86
I-Kongwak	12	70.38	Phillip Island	8	125.14
Koo Wee Rup	12	68.53	Kor-Bena	4	83.97
Garfield	0	45.38	Garfield	0	26.63
Kilcunda Bass	0	0.00	Kilcunda Bass	0	25.12
B-GRADE	Pts	%	17 & UNDER	Pts	%
Phillip Island	28	232.26	Kor-Bena	26	154.17
Tooradin-Dal	28	144.13	Koo Wee Rup	24	242.50
I-Kongwak	24	121.75	Phillip Island	24	228.80
Bunyip	20	121.61	I-Kongwak	24	226.92
Warragul Indus	16	108.30	Cora Lynn	20	162.83
Cora Lynn	14	95.47	Warragul Indus	16	153.42
Kor-Bena	12	108.95	Tooradin-Dal	14	83.19
Koo Wee Rup	10	98.55	Dalyston	8	102.00
Dalyston	8	88.49	Bunyip	8	68.12
Garfield	8	79.61	Nar Nar Goon	4	86.67
Kilcunda Bass	0	54.31	Kilcunda Bass	0	35.14
Nar Nar Goon	0	44.32	Garfield	0	6.25





Daniel Pearce found plenty of the ball during the senior's game on Saturday. More photos at [www.pisra.com.au](http://www.pisra.com.au).

# Dogs get a little dusty

An eerie calm descended over the home kennel with no 18s or 16s going around – certainly effects the ambiance – but magnificent conditions prevailed for both senior games for the bulldogs against Warrigal Industrials (Dusties).

Still thawing out from last week and the dogs were doing all the early attacking.

The Dusties were showing some grit though and the contest was ferocious.

Eight minutes in before the first major to Blake who received it from Zak Vernon via McKenzie.

Pederson then hits the post and Warragul score their first to illustrate they are not going to be pushovers.

A nice passage late results in Wizz Richards doing some handy crumbing for a major and the dogs lead at quarter time.

Kicking to the social club end the dogs started the second term positively.

Blake thought he'd practice his soccer striking but missed and Warragul replied with a major.

Another fast break by the opposition and back-to-back goals

brought the margin back to four, 11 minutes in.

The dogs had a fight on their hand and responded under fierce pressure from the Dusties.

Billy Taylor slotted one from outside 50 – yes outside 50 – and even Billy was stepping out the paces for the war stories later as Phillip Island extended their lead to 16 points.

The Dusties kept coming though and scored 22 minutes in the bring it back to 10 points.

The Dusties continued to bore in but went over the top with a high tackle on Jordy Patullo that saw him take the shot two inches taller than at quarter time but J1 was composed enough to slot the major.

The Dusties kept the physical pressure up but scoring became easier for Phillip Island as their relentless systems were causing cracks in the Dusties' mid-field and defence.

The dogs were off the lead and J1 marked strongly and goaled late for his second for the quarter, to take the dogs into the final change leading by 41.

The final term started evenly with a goal each, but the dog's fitness was starting to show and the Dusties were struggling a bit, albeit still applying lots of pressure around the contest.

Zak Wagner (2 x Zak's is just too difficult so let's go with Dr Evil for ZW) was strong in his role playing as a sort of sling-shot wingman and Evil was showing he's not done with yet.

Tomada, Youle and Bruce were also driving forces.

Nando gave off to Blake for a goal late to push it out to 95-47 in the favour of the home side before finally closing it out.

Phillip Island: 3.2.20, 6.6.42, 11.9.75, 15.12.102.

Warrigal Industrials: 1.0.6, 4.2.26, 5.4.34, 7.7.49.

Goals: Vernon 3, Redmond 2, J1 Patullo 2, McKenzie 2, Blake 2 and singles to Pederson, Taylor, Youle and Richards.

Best: Pederson, Vernon, Tomada, Youle, Wagner and Bruce.



Haydn Bruce says "Catch me if you can" to his Warragul opponents in the senior's match. More photos at [www.pisra.com.au](http://www.pisra.com.au).



Coby Olarenschaw assisted by his senior teammates goes for the mark at the Cowes oval on Saturday, the seniors had a convincing win against Warragul. More photos at [www.pisra.com.au](http://www.pisra.com.au).

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