

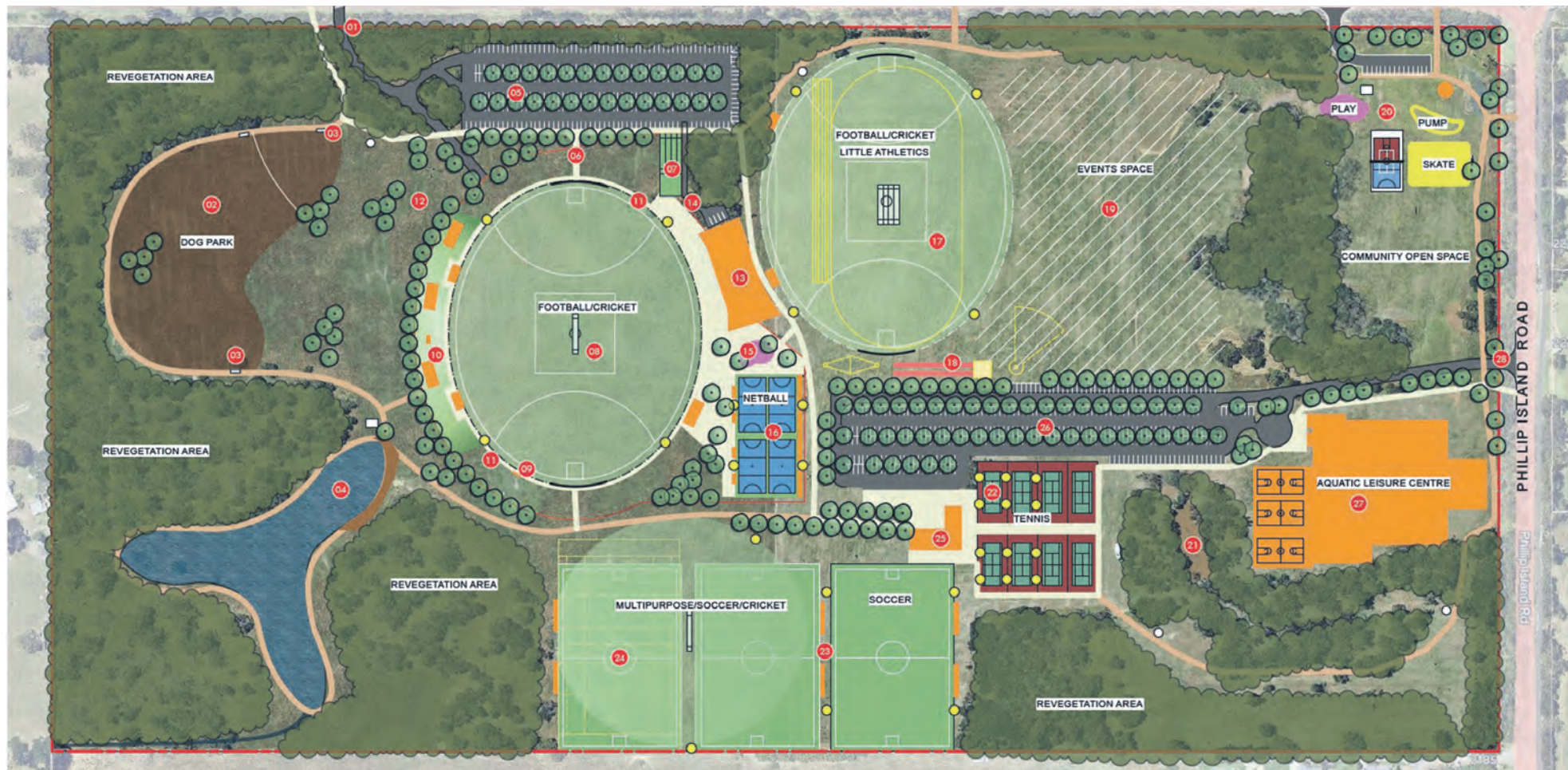
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Response to the draft plan which includes a football/cricket oval, netball courts, athletics oval, aquatic centre, soccer pitch, multi-purpose pitches, eight tennis courts, event space, skate park, pump track, walking/running tracks, and dog park, has been generally positive.

Broad support for sports precinct plan

The community has broadly voiced support for the draft master plan of the proposed sports and recreation centre, on the corner of Phillip Island Road and Ventnor Road in Cowes.

Consultation sessions were held last week, with another on Wednesday May 3 and many others opting to respond online, with consultation closing May 17.

The draft plan includes a football/cricket oval, netball courts, athletics oval, aquatic centre, soccer pitch, multi-purpose pitches, eight tennis courts, event space, skate park, pump track, walking/running tracks, and dog park. There are also spectator shelters and a pavilion incorporating change rooms, canteen, storage and toilets, as well as two carparks providing 711 parking spaces in total.

Community members at the sessions applauded the plans, with one describing them as "well overdue". Project Manager Emma Allsop stressed the importance of community input.

"We've got the advice from the consultants, but at the end of the day, we are delivering this for the community and it's important to get it right for them."

As well as providing upgraded sporting facilities, Ms Allsop said

one of the aims of the precinct was to get people reconnecting through the space.

She said feedback collected so far included catering for additional, or new sports including hockey, archery and softball, as well as maximising the multi-use spaces.

"We are getting really positive feedback."

Once the consultation period finishes, feedback will be collated to see what changes to the plan are needed.

Master plan

Several people at the consultation events asked what would happen to the existing Cowes recreation reserve on the corner of Dunsmore Road, Church and Chapel streets.

Shire major projects manager Damian Prendergast said the current reserve was three-quarters owned by the Crown, with the shire owning the YMCA section.

"There are no plans for the current site," Mr Prendergast said.

"It's out of our control what happens to Crown land."

Many respondents have also questioned whether the proposed recreation reserve will happen "in our lifetime".

Mr Prendergast said given the costs

involved it would be a staged project, with staging determined by several factors, such as the availability of grants and the state of existing facilities.

Some clubs such as soccer, had newly upgraded facilities and have already indicated they were not keen to leave their existing facilities. Others, like the Football Netball Club, were bursting at the seams.

Although final staging had not been determined, the project is likely to begin with less-expensive sections.

"We are going to need government funding and it will certainly be a staged delivery," Mr Prendergast said.

"There will be money available for certain aspects and we will be able to start on aspects like vegetation."

The final master plan is needed for future grant applications, to help fund the multi-million-dollar development.

With both state and Federal budgets tightening in the aftermath of Covid, project funding could be hard to secure, especially for high-cost items like the Aquatic Centre.

The Phillip Island centre is part of the Council's \$79.3 million two-pool strategy.

The Victorian government has ramped up its support for off-leash

dog parks, through its Suburban Parks program and grants programs also exist that provide funding for play spaces, pump track and skate parks.

Safety

Although most feedback from the consultation sessions related to specific use of areas, or adjustments to proposed facilities, Cowes real estate agent Greg Price raised several safety concerns about the current plan.

Greg said the amount of vegetation would affect the BAL (Bushfire Attack Level) rating for the precinct.

"Some of the proposed vegetation works would preclude the precinct from being a safe haven," he said.

He believes too much vegetation around the running circuit could be an issue, and it needed to be well lit, so that people felt safe using it.

"The revegetation is just not practical," he said.

"The plan has about a third of the area revegetated. But this is a recreation area, not a wildlife reserve."

He also raised safety concerns about the planned lake, with its pedestrian circuit, saying it was a drowning risk.

"It has got to be fenced. It's a public safety issue with kids."

However he applauded the council for holding the open sessions.

"This is such an important project for generations to come and they have to get it right," Greg said.

Secretary of the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund Peter McMahon said members still wanted a hydrotherapy pool and a 50 metre competition size pool, rather than the proposed 25-metre pool detailed in the 2022 aquatic feasibility study.

"We are happy with this master plan," Mr McMahon said.

"The major problem is the danger of the entry and exit. It's ok if you're driving into Cowes on the Phillip Island Road, but if you have to turn across traffic on a hectic day it will be a big problem. It should be entry off Phillip Island Road, exit off Ventnor Road."

Online feedback, including a survey, is open until May 17 at www.en-gage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowesrr

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Cowes Primary farewells Chris Wickes

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Ms Wickes commenced at Cowes Primary School in 1978.

At the time teachers were posted to positions rather than applying for ones they desired.

Chris felt fortunate to land a position at Cowes Primary School as her parents had recently bought a holiday home in Cowes which she lived in for her first 11 years.

Principal Rodney McKenzie praised Chris' "tremendous dedication and commitment".

"It is an amazing feat to teach at the same school for 45 years.

"As many of you know, Chris has been an integral part of our school community, and her contributions have left an indelible mark on our school's history.

"Her unwavering commitment to our school has been an inspiration to all of us, and we are grateful for her tireless efforts to make our school a better place."

Mr McKenzie said Chris' contribution to the establishment and operation of the school pool deserved special recognition.

"Chris was instrumental in setting up the pool and worked tirelessly to maintain it over the years, often giving up her personal time to ensure that children learnt how to swim and enjoy water safely.

"Chris spent many hours during her January school holidays running a carnival in the main street to raise money for the construction of a pool.

"She also contributed her own money to help make the construction of the pool a reality. After the pool was built Chris would open it after school over Term 1."

He said her voluntary hours at the pool benefited generations of students, allowing them to learn to swim and enjoy a variety of aquatic activities.

"This is a legacy that will continue to benefit our school community for many years to come."

Chris represented Victoria on numerous occasions as a swimmer and used to walk 8km one way in order to attend swim training whilst she was at teachers college.

She listed professional learning opportunities, her successful submission to have the pool built, leading mathematics across Gippsland and being part of the committee that established the Early Learning Centre as part of her career highlights.

Over her long career, Chris observed many changes, including advances in technology, and served on the School Council for 30 years.

"Chris' ability to embrace change is probably one of the things I admire most about her," Mr McKenzie said.

"Chris has always embraced new opportunities and been quite savvy with her use of technology.

"As we bid farewell to Chris, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation for everything she has done for our school over the years," he said.

"Her passion for education, commitment to excellence, and unwavering dedication to our students and staff will always be remembered.

"On behalf of the entire school community, I want to thank Chris for her many years of service, and we wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement full of long afternoons watching cricket and enjoying the many social networks she is part of.

"Her presence will be sorely missed, but her legacy will continue to inspire us all."

Smiths Beach fatality

Police said a man had a "medical episode" while body boarding at Smiths Beach last Wednesday, April 26.

It's believed the man suffered a heart attack. Police and ambulance officers attended but unfortunately the man was unable to be revived.

The beach was not patrolled at the time. Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC) confirmed the last patrol for the season was on Anzac Day, April 25.

Ryan Box, Director of Communications for the club said the 2022/23 patrol season had concluded and would reopen at Woolamai, Smiths and Cowes again near the start of summer.

Phil Dressing from the Smiths Beachcomber Association, passed on the association's heartfelt condolences to the family of the man who died.

Mr Dressing said he did not believe it was practical or possible for WBSLSC to guarantee all year-round patrols, but this latest incident should be a catalyst to reignite discussions around beach safety.

"Perhaps surf lifesaving flotation devices could be provided on the beach for emergency events," he suggested.

"Even better, why don't we facilitate a discussion with Life Saving Victoria, Bass Coast Shire, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Phillip Island Boardriders Club, surf schools, related community groups and others to think tank possible solutions to mitigate the risks of drowning in surf.

"Perhaps it's time to reinvigorate the think tank."

Bass Coast is considered one of the state's key blackspot drowning locations, including for rock fishermen.

In 2022, it was announced that three high-risk locations around Phillip Island and San Remo would be included in a state government trial requiring anyone rock fishing to wear a life jacket.

In February 2022, Life Saving Victoria announced Woolamai Beach would be part of a trial for interactive, electronic drowning prevention signs.

Safety

If you're planning on swimming this winter, please:

- Swim with a friend
- Tell someone where you are swimming
- Beware of any dangers and check the conditions before entering the water
- Know your limits
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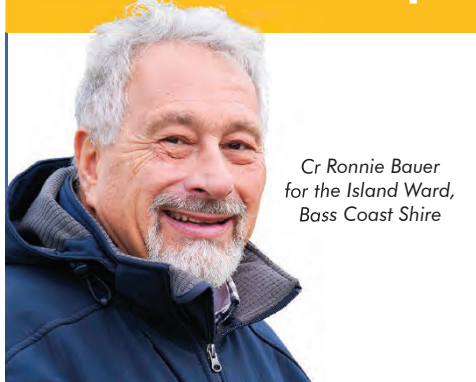


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Lawyers for owners of the land at Newhaven West, which overlooks Churchill Island, have dismissed environment and infrastructure concerns raised by residents and conservation groups.

Lawyers brush aside resident, environment questions

Lawyers for developers have dismissed environmental and infrastructure concerns raised by residents and conservation groups in the final week of the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) hearing.

And developers have sought to undermine the DAL, arguing more work was needed so it should be delayed.

A representative of Newhaven West owners – Howard Verwey, Geoff Moed and Panny Letchumanan from the chocolate factory – gave their closing submission.

The DAL states the town boundary for Newhaven would end at Boys Home Road, but the landowners are seeking to rezone for future subdivision their land behind the chocolate factory down to the water's edge overlooking Churchill Island.

A fortnight ago the Phillip Island Conservation Society said any subdivision would impact on the adjoining Western Port Ramsar habitat.

However, Joe Grech from Human Habitats last week said urban development at Newhaven West would not “not threaten Phillip Island's character” or the neighbouring saltmarshes and wetlands of Churchill Island.

Mr Grech said the entry to Phillip Island at Newhaven was “an urban experience with no green breaks of any significance”, and had “limited views across unremarkable farmland”.

Cape Woolamai, Surf Beach

Best Hooper Property Lawyers' solicitor Geoff Lake last week gave his closing submission, representing the 48ha Phillip Island airfield site at 1 Veterans Drive and 34ha at 87 Back Beach Road, Smiths Beach.

Mr Lake said community and conservation groups had not made many submissions to “give us cause to respond to”.

A fortnight ago the Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) challenged Mr Lake's expert witnesses, especially ecologist Brett Lane, who said the Penguin Parade was an example of high human visitation that has benefited conservation.

“However, we wish to point out this colony was declining toward extinction until urban de-

velopment was removed from the Summerland Peninsula by compulsory acquisition and dusk closures of the peninsula began,” PICS said.

Mr Lake last week briefly responded to the PICS submission, ignoring the large bulk of PICS' evidence.

He reasserted his expert witness gave evidence that supported urban subdivision in Cape Woolamai and Smiths Beach.

“Expansion of urban development can occur without impacting ecological values,” he said.

Infrastructure

Last month the Small Town Coastal Alliance (STCA) – which represents about 15 Phillip Island and Bass Coast community groups – gave evidence stating developers wanting to expand the boundaries of small coastal towns hadn't considered the “broader picture”, from medical services to stormwater capacity.

“Do these towns have the infrastructure capacity to expand beyond the boundaries proposed?” STCA said.

“Not one of these experts have addressed these issues. Their focus has been on justifying expanding the settlement boundaries based upon the demand for land and that the land outside the proposed boundaries is not sufficiently ‘special’ to warrant protection.”

Mr Lake gave his own interpretation of STCA's comments, arguing he agreed more planning was needed before locking in town boundaries.

“We certainly agree with the Alliance's submission the broader picture needs significantly more work and analysis,” Mr Lake said.

He cast doubt on the need for any settlement boundaries in Bass Coast, particularly his clients' land, saying more planning work was needed.

“We say it's premature to close off the boundaries.”

He said his economic expert witnesses had shown that “consumer preferences and lifestyle reasons” should mean all Bass Coast towns were open to development and not just Wonthaggi, where the majority of development has been planned.

DAL hearing closes with a slap down

State government lawyers have rebuked Bass Coast Shire in the last day of the planning panel hearing for the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) project.

The shire appeared to dilute some of its support for the DAL, siding with developers' lawyers who have argued no town boundary should be locked in – to protect areas from further development – until more work is carried out.

And the shire also said they didn't have the money to do the work required to carry out the work of the DAL.

But the government last week pushed back on these claims, also discrediting assertions made by developers.

Shire lawyer David Vorchheimer gave his closing submission on Thursday, saying council did not support locking in settlement boundaries until further planning work was carried out, such as ecological and economic analysis.

“Protected settlement boundaries are a may not a must,” Mr Vorchheimer said. “(They) require caution especially in areas where population growth needs to be managed.”

“It's not just a case of saying a landscape is of value, we still need to accommodate growth. There are a number of locations where questions need to be answered.”

However, Planning Minister lawyer Rupert Watters challenged the shire's suggestion that further work was required before protected settlement boundaries could be applied to towns, adding the shire had effectively at the last minute back flipped on previous “full throated support” for locking in some boundaries.

Mr Watters said both Cowes and San Remo did not require years of work, but “months potentially”.

“We are taken aback and surprised by their (council's) submission today and it should be given no weight,” Mr Watters said.

Mr Watters told panel members all the information they needed to make a decision on locking in town boundaries had been given during the panel hearing.

“We urge you to reject any deferral of a decision (on protected settlement boundaries).”



The Planning Minister's barrister pushed back at lawyers representing developers, saying just because they produced consultants who gave evidence that “yes land can be developed, is not a reason to develop it”. He said settlement boundaries for Cowes and San Remo did not require years of work, but “months potentially”.

Funding

Mr Vorchheimer said the shire did not have the resources to fund or deliver further planning work and the state government “ought to fill the gaps”.

“We have to be realistic about this. This is a state government-led project,” Mr Vorchheimer said.

“Council acknowledges the degree of work that has been done here. It has to be rounded out.”

Planning Minister lawyer Julie Forsyth said she would not be drawn on the “allocation of funding between council and the state” to fund the DAL work, adding government made funding announcements.

Chair Kathy Mitchell added the planning panel's final report in the DAL for the Bellarine Peninsula recommended not applying protected settlement boundaries, which was then rejected by the Planning Minister.

Support

Mr Vorchheimer said the shire supported the beefed-up planning controls to protect six Bass Coast areas that have been declared state or regionally significant.

These controls impact the coast and hinterland between Cape Woolamai and Ventnor, as well as the Rhyll Inlet, and areas north of Cowes-Rhyll Road to Newhaven, which includes land owned by developers seeking to subdivide at the Phillip Island airport site, Newhaven West and the

“Cadogan” land at Ventnor.

There was also broad support from the shire, the state government and the panel members on finding ways to better protect the Western Port Woodlands.

Push-back

Planning Minister lawyer Rupert Watters pushed back at lawyers representing developers, saying just because they produced consultants who gave evidence that “yes land can be developed is not a reason to develop it”.

“There's always going to be some development capacity on any large parcel,” Mr Watters said, explaining sites such as the airport land weren't suitable for development because of significant landscape and ecological values.

Mr Watters also pushed back at lawyers representing developers who said land needed to be developed on Phillip Island to cater to homebuyer preferences, rather than towns like Wonthaggi.

“There is no planning requirement that everyone is able to live where they would like to,” he said, adding that as land supply diminished buyers will move to other areas.

The state government requires each shire to show where 15 years' of population growth can be developed, with Mr Watters saying Bass Coast Shire has met that requirement and also exceeded it.

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Government supports locking in town boundaries

The Planning Minister's lawyers gave the strongest support to locking in town boundaries in areas such as Ventnor, Cape Woolamai, as well as these towns:

Cowes/Silverleaves: Land to the east of Coghlan Road should not be included in the town boundaries because it is a flooding risk and environmentally sensitive. The town boundary should not be extended over Cowes-Rhyll Road because of the rural hinterland behind this area.

Newhaven West: Land behind the chocolate factory running through to Churchill Island should not be included in the town boundaries because of its landscape significance. Even though the developer said views of housing development could be shielded from Churchill Island by trees, "people want to capitalise on views" and would remove these trees, according to the minister's lawyer.

"Phillip Island is a nationally-significant tourism destination and this land is the gate-

way to Phillip Island," the minister's lawyer said, adding the chocolate factory was an "unfortunate visual outcome" the DAL aims to "avoid in the future".

San Remo: The Anderson Peninsula is "really significant", with the George Bass Walk a major tourism drawcard.

"We acknowledge San Remo's role to potentially take some growth and some pressure off Phillip Island. It's a balancing exercise," the lawyer said, referring to land between Potters Hill Road and Punchbowl Road.

"There is potential for expansion but it needs to be carefully done, with further work to interrogate that in detail."

Coronet Bay: Land between Coronet Bay and Corinella should not be developed because the size of the land was so large it would double the size of the town. Developers' witnesses argued urban development could occur in green breaks but the minister's lawyer said "that is the antithesis of a green break".



Discussing the San Remo boundaries, the Planning Minister's lawyers described the George Bass Walk as a major tourism drawcard. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

Clarification: Cowes town boundary debated

In last week's Advertiser (Page 4, April 27 – Cowes town boundary debated), the article reported on a submission to the DAL hearing panel from the owner of a 22-acre block at the corner of Coghlan Road and Cowes-Rhyll Road.

The land in question is part of a large property, which consists of four separate lots. The article reported comments relating to different sections of the property, which did not properly identify which section was being discussed.

The block illustrated in the photo accompanying the article is Lot 1.

Lot 1 is zoned as farming, and always has been. This is the section the landowner says should remain within the town boundaries.

The article quotes the landowner's submission saying the council changed the land's zoning from conservation to farming "without any consultation from me". The changed zoning

refers to Lot 3, which is located at the other end of the property.

Lot 3 is 80 acres near the wetlands and is the land that was offered as a gift to the Nature Parks.

The landowner acknowledges the environmental value of Lot 3, but says Lot 1 "has no significant environmental value".

Where the owner's submission states: "If the land is removed from the town boundary its value will significantly diminish and a building permit will not be granted given its size", it refers to Lot 1.

The article correctly reported the owner's submission stated they continue to incur ongoing holding costs on Lot 1, and if the proposed changes went ahead, the owner would "have a significant financial loss".

The Advertiser apologises for any confusion the article may have caused.



The lack of community opposition to more housing development in San Remo shows support for an extension of the town's boundaries, according to a lawyer for a developer. Landowners between Potters Hill Road and Punchbowl Road are seeking for their land to be included in the town boundaries. Image: Google Maps.

Community supports San Remo expansion: lawyer

The lack of community opposition to more housing development in San Remo shows there is support for an extension of the town's boundaries, according to a lawyer for a developer.

The barrister – representing owners of 140 Punchbowl Road (Springway Corporate Group) – last week gave her closing submission in the final week of the state government's two-month hearing on new planning controls for Bass Coast, under the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project (DAL).

Springway, believed to be a Chinese investor, are seeking for their 124ha property to be included in San Remo's town boundaries.

Springway also owns land at Ventnor, which is also seeking to be rezoned for subdivision.

Two neighbouring landowners on the Phillip Island Road, who have a total 78 hectares (Adrian Abrahams and Franlaw Pty Ltd) – between the Springway property and the Silverwater Resort – also gave closing arguments, arguing against a town boundary for San Remo.

Springway barrister Nicola Collingwood argued her client's land was well positioned for urban development on the land facing Phillip Island Road and tourism development on the area facing Bass Strait.

"There's no public groundswell of opposition – unlike in the Surf Coast DAL – to urban development of my client's land," Ms Collingwood said.

"I can't see any submission against urban development in this location. That is a relevant factor for the committee to consider."

Ms Collingwood acknowledged farmers had highlighted concerns around the loss of farmland.

However, she said because her expert witness in planning hadn't raised this as a problem proved there were no concerns around the loss of the Punchbowl land for agriculture.

Ventnor

James Hamilton of Ratio Consultants gave his closing submission on behalf of his clients Springway Corporate Group, who are seeking to develop 24 hectares at 34 Bingley Crescent, Ventnor.

He responded briefly to issues highlighted by the Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS), who said any development on the Ventnor land would impact the environment, explaining former planning minister Matthew Guy controversially attempted to rezone the land for residential development in 2011, which underscored the need to prevent development now.

Mr Hamilton said PICS relied on "uninformed assumptions from dated planning history".

He reiterated the land should be included in Ventnor's town boundaries for residential development to help solve "housing affordability and diversity".

He said there were "no significant ecological restraints" on the Ventnor property that would "automatically sterilise" it from development.

DAL: what next?

The panel hearing the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) has now closed, after listening to more than 70 parties and 30 witnesses over two months.

Panel members carried out several days of site inspections across Phillip Island, San Remo and Bass Coast.

They will consider all 750 submissions, not just those who made verbal submissions

to the hearing.

Panel chair Kathy Mitchell noted they wrote to the Bunurong Land Council inviting them to the hearing, but did not receive a response to that letter.

The members will now prepare an independent report and have until June 23 to deliver the report to the Planning Minister, who is not bound by the panel's recommendations.

The minister has no timeframe to release the report.

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Great white population? Great question

Want to know how many great white sharks swim off Phillip Island in a year?

Then a great white shark research tracking project off the Nobbies may – or may not – answer that question.

For the past year a tracking receiver – part of an Australia-wide CSIRO combined Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) project – has been placed at the bottom of the sea floor, off the Nobbies, part of a project run since 2019.

The receiver picks up any tagged shark that passes within about a 200-metre radius.

While the VFA would not confirm the number of sharks the receiver found over the past 12 months, the Advertiser understands it was just one.

A VFA spokesperson said their officers had been maintaining receivers along the Victorian coast since 2019 to help the CSIRO in monitoring tagged sharks, fish and other animals.

“These receivers help us to col-

lect accurate information on sea life movement so that we can better monitor and learn more about animals in these specific areas,” the spokesman said.

“We assist CSIRO in maintaining the receivers that collect and monitor these patterns.

“The VFA is unable to release data collected by the receivers.”

He said the acoustic receivers provided a cost-effective method of tracking movement patterns of sharks and were placed at strategic locations along the Victorian coast, with the VFA assisting the CSIRO in their installation and retrieval.

“The data collected by the receivers is shared with the organisations who have deployed tags on animals, including universities and other research institutions.”

In collaboration with various agencies, including the VFA, the CSIRO has deployed hundreds of electronic tags on 210 different white sharks since 2000 (some sharks are tagged with more than one type of electronic tag).

Tagging of white sharks includes both satellite and acoustic tagging, with sharks captured from less than two metres in length or more.

The research will reveal estimates of white shark numbers, juvenile and adult survival rates, and reproductive frequency.

Diver

The receiver off the Nobbies is installed and retrieved by professional diver Johnno Rudge, who runs Kina Diving.

Johnno has been diving for three decades and says not once has he come face-to-face with the great predator of the deep, including off Seal Rocks and the Nobbies.

“When you dive down and the seals disappear you stop and think, ‘what is going on’, it’s always in the back of your mind, especially when it’s an outgoing tide and the water is dirty,” said Johnno, who has thousands of diving hours.

“I’ve seen plenty of sharks but I’ve only ever seen a great white from the boat.”



Receivers have been placed along the Victorian coast since 2019 to help the CSIRO in monitoring tagged sharks, fish and other animals.



Last week local school students travelled to Inverloch, to be part of a protest against National Australia Bank (NAB) funding new coal mines. Photo: Catherine Watson.

Students target NAB in anti-coal mine protest

Last week (April 24), Phillip Island school students travelled to Inverloch, to be part of a protest against National Australia Bank (NAB) funding new coal mines.

The group had previously held a demonstration outside the NAB in Thompson Avenue.

Six students from Newhaven and Bass Coast Colleges led the “teach-in” in the Inverloch Branch, explaining the bank is using “green-washing” to disguise their investments.

“The NAB is financially supporting Whitehaven’s Vickery mine in NSW,” said Joey Thompson, 15-year-old Newhaven student and Phillip Island resident.

“In a court case brought by high school students last year, the court found that new coal mines will cause harm to young people. Whitehaven continues their expansion plans.”

Indigo, 15, Newhaven student and Cape Paterson resident said if NAB

renews its funding for Whitehaven in June, “it will allow them to go ahead with the larger scale Vickery mine. This will mean 900 per cent more coal mined in the future.”

A national campaign “Move Beyond Coal” is pressuring NAB to stop funding any corporations expanding the coal industry, starting with Whitehaven.

It says NAB has loaned hundreds of millions of dollars to Whitehaven Coal. Between 2016 and 2020, NAB lent \$9.5 billion to fossil fuel companies.

“The NAB manager refused to listen to our concerns. It’s our future we are talking about,” said Tom, student from Phillip Island.

The NAB Branch closed for the morning, after the protest.

“We spoke to a NAB shareholder today, and he is following up our issues with NAB and coal mine funding. We know NAB are listening, and we are not giving up,” said Joey Thompson.

Ann off to see the King for the coronation

Cowes’ resident Ann Reynolds was just 11 years old when she attended the Queen’s coronation, standing on The Mall for eight hours in June 1953 to catch a glimpse of Her Majesty.

Seventy years on Ann is repeating history, last week packing her bags to fly to London to watch the pomp and pageantry of King Charles’ coronation on Saturday (May 6).

The 81-year-old says she will once again stand along The Mall, this time wearing a tiara and waving an Aussie flag.

“I was 11 when my school was in London (after a trip to Switzerland) and our teacher organised for us to watch the Queen’s procession on June 2, 1953,” says Ann, who grew up in the UK and moved to Australia in 1963.

“We stood in The Mall, near Buckingham Palace for eight hours. My memory of that time was it was the most marvellous spectacle I’d ever seen.

“This time I’m prepared to stand as long as I have to. I’m fit for my age.”

The trip is all thanks to her daughter Amber, who has not only paid for her mum’s flights, but also organised for the mother and daughter to visit Westminster Abbey the Monday after the coronation.

“When the Queen died I made a flippant remark to Amber that I was in London for the coronation and my daughter said she never knew that.

“I said I’d love to go back one more time and next thing she’s funded the whole trip: my airfare, accommodation even booked tickets so we can walk around the abbey, which will be left exactly as it was during the coronation so the public can see it in person.

“I asked her what happens if we need to go to the toilet while stand-



Cowes resident Ann Reynolds last week, packed and about to board the V-Line bus, to catch a flight to London for the coronation.

ing in The Mall and she said ‘we won’t drink anything’.”

Ann – who will be in London for just over two weeks – not surprisingly is a “total monarchist and royalist”.

“Whenever people bring up the republic, I say don’t talk to me about that.

“Being raised in the UK, the royal family have been a part of my life and I couldn’t give allegiance to becoming a republic.”

While she loved the Queen, describing her as “an amazing woman”, Ann thinks Charles has been in training for so many years he will do well on the throne.

“Although I probably would have

preferred William. Charles is in his 70s and it’s ok if he lives as long as his mother but if not we have to go through all this again in a couple of years.”

Ann moved to Phillip Island seven years ago and is a big part of the St John’s Uniting Church community, an elder and secretary of the church council and a pastoral carer.

“My friends want to know all about my coronation experience and I’ll be writing an article for the church magazine about it.

“As a child I was so excited because it was something so important and it will be different now being an adult. But if you’ve ever seen the royals it gives you goosebumps.”

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A Cowes resident has again raised concerns about police numbers in Cowes after an incident in Raywood Avenue last week.

Policing concerns after Friday night drug incident

Cowes resident Kevin Brown has again raised concerns about police numbers after an incident in Raywood Avenue in Cowes on Friday April 28.

Kevin said he called Triple Zero (000) around 9pm on Friday evening, after seeing a man lying in the front seat of a parked car who didn't appear to be breathing.

When he got through to the ambulance, they asked him to get into the vehicle and see if the man was breathing.

When Kevin opened the door, he confirmed the man, who was only wearing shorts and a t-shirt was breathing, but saw drug paraphernalia on the seat between his legs.

He called Triple Zero again for the police but said he was told there was no one available to respond.

"In the meantime, the man woke up and drove off quickly and erratically," Kevin said.

"He drove straight through the roundabout at Settlement Road and was all over the road. If a car had been coming in the other direction, it could have been a disaster."

Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Morison of Bass Coast police said officers working in Cowes on Friday night received a call about the Raywood Avenue incident at 9.26pm and "attended shortly thereafter".

By the time the police arrived, the car was gone. Snr Sgt Morison said, "it appears the registration provided was incorrect".

Staffing levels

Kevin said the incident has reinforced his concerns about the level of police staffing in Cowes, an issue he has raised numerous times in recent years.

In November 2021, he told the Advertiser, that as a local Fisheries officer for 42 years, he had worked closely with police.

He said the level of staff resourcing at Cowes was "far below adequate" on a normal day, but particularly in peak season and "the community is not aware of it".

At the time, Kevin said his concern was not with local police, but with command.

"There are not enough officers here to run a station, especially during school holidays and police need to address this. People don't know this is going on. The level of resourcing made available to this community is totally inadequate, abysmal. It's insufficient to respond immediately to people's safety."

He reiterated those concerns this week.

"The question to ask is not how many police are rostered to the area, but how many officers are available to attend each shift on Phillip Island.

"The place needs a stronger police presence. It's very frustrating to me to see the way the place has declined in recent years."

He also claims there was no one on duty in Cowes on the Friday leading into the recent Anzac long weekend.

Snr Sgt Morison refuted the claim.

"Cowes and San Remo were rostered to cover the long weekend. Kevin is incorrect when he says there was no unit rostered on the Friday in Cowes."

Cowes Primary gym in line for prize

Cowes Primary School gym, designed by Project 12 Architecture, has been shortlisted for the Regional Prize in the 2023 Victorian Architecture Awards.

The Victorian Architecture Awards celebrate the best architecture across the state, collectively showcasing the positive impacts of architects in shaping the built landscape for all Victorians. This year's shortlist has been selected by 15 independent juries following a rigorous entry and presentation process.

A total of 130 projects were shortlisted across 15 categories.

The Cowes Primary School gym is one of eight projects listed in the Regional Prize category, alongside the Warrnambool Library, Queenscliff Ferry Terminal and the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre in Traralgon.

Regional Prize Jury Chair, Justin Noxon (RAIA, NOXON), said this year's Regional Architecture category showcased a rich variety of commendable projects from around Victoria.

The gym nomination states its design specifically addresses the "educational objectives of the school and provides a facility which positively impacts the school and broader community".

The design includes competition grade basketball and netball courts, music room, studio, kitchen, store-rooms, changeroom facilities which can be utilised by the pool, as well as an outdoor amphitheatre/external teaching space connecting directly to the native bushland.

The project's nomination stated: "Architecturally, the building has been designed to settle into the surrounding landscape using neutral and translucent materials. Views are intentionally framed out towards the bushland and through to the pool, always locating the building within its immediate surrounds and providing a direct connection to the landscape."

School Principal Rodney McKenzie said being shortlisted was a "wonderful endorsement for Project 12 Architecture".

"The gym has been such a great addition to our school and an asset to the broader community who access it frequently," Rodney said.

"This is the second award the gym has been shortlisted for which highlights its functional design, appealing aesthetics and careful integration with surrounding assets like the pool, tennis courts and sanctuary.

"We are very pleased and look forward to the awards being announced soon."



The Cowes Primary School gym, designed by Project 12 Architecture, has been shortlisted for the Regional Prize in the 2023 Victorian Architecture Awards. Photo: Hamish McIntosh.

The gym won the Best School Project between \$5-10 million at the 2022 Victorian School Design Awards in November last year.

In the next stage of the awards program, juries will visit the shortlisted entries to understand how the presentations align with the physical experience of being in and around the projects and then work through which entries are to be selected as winners.

Winners will be revealed at an awards evening on June 16. Winners of each category will then be eligible for recognition in the National Architecture Awards program, to be announced in November.

Details of shortlisted projects at: www.architecture.com.au/vic-awards

Councillors powerless to stop "cheek to jowl" development

A Cowes housing development that received 17 objections was approved by Bass Coast Shire councillors because VCAT would ultimately approve it.

The planning permit for 100 Church Street, Cowes, was approved for 10 dwellings in the residential zone, as well as removal of vegetation.

Submitters said they objected because of overlooking, loss of views and privacy, overdevelopment, and they said the townhouses were inconsistent with the character of the area, would be noisy, and used for short stay accommodation.

Shire planning officers recommended councillors grant the planning permit, saying "state policy envisages increased housing density in Cowes", adding the increase in

population at this site was considered appropriate.

Cr Ronnie Bauer said he voted in support of the development but "I am not happy at all".

"By the Bass Coast Shire planning guidelines this development ticks all the boxes and yet it is this type of development that we should discourage for our island," Cr Bauer said.

"More and more we are seeing this type of multi dwelling infill development being undertaken which puts dwellings cheek to jowl with barely room for a flowerpot between the houses.

"One can't blame the developers trying to get the biggest bang for buck but the long-term consequence for our community is that we have to live with and look at the final out-

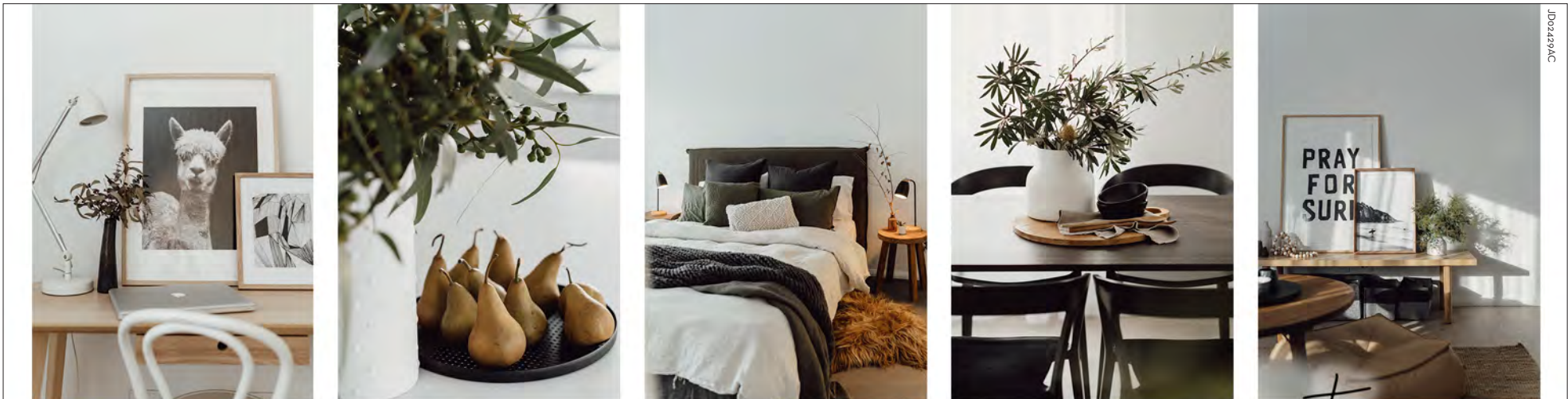
come for years to come."

Cr Bauer said the shire's proposed neighbourhood character policy should be quickly adopted so it "retains some relevance".

"I see no point in objecting to this development as I am sure VCAT would approve it and any challenge to this application would be waste of money for council."

Cr Rochelle Halstead agreed, saying the neighbourhood character policy was on hold until the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project concluded.

Cr David Rooks said residents needed to understand that if we lock in town boundaries, "which people have been calling for", then there would be more "high rises", before he corrected himself and said "higher density".



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Pickleball? Archery?

Long wish list for rec reserve

About 200 people have made comments on the shire's online map of the master plan.

Those comments include new additions to the plan such as a pickleball court, hockey facilities, caravan parking and archery range, with many wanting even bigger facilities.

At the dog park, suggestions have included adding toilets, more shelters, bins and poo bag dispensers, as well as two parks – one for large dogs and one for small, and a call for the dog park to be larger.

"It needs to be at very least as big as the football ovals," Cheryl wrote.

Jamie agreed: "Lots of dogs need lots of space to ensure safety by not overcrowding."

Sue said road access to the dog park would help those with limited mobility.

Several residents said the play space needed to be larger and a "destination" attraction.

"This is such an opportunity to make something truly great," Kristine wrote.

Megan went further saying while a bigger, accessible play area was needed, one with water play would be best.

There were also calls for the skate park to be bigger.

"The current skate park is bigger and is already dangerous with the

number of kids trying to use it at the same time," said a resident.

Linda said there should be lighting at the skate park for evening use and the park should include "a progression from basic to more technical elements".

Some people thought 711 car spaces was too small, with Simon even suggesting wider parks for larger families.

One respondent said short term caravan parking and a dump point for visitors should be added to the master plan.

Football, cricket

President of the Phillip Island Football Netball Club Chris Ross wrote car parking around the oval was "imperative".

"If there is not any around the ground parking it would severely impact the club's finances," Chris said, adding people won't go to the football in bad weather.

Many respondents agreed.

"Country football needs this. We won't have big expensive grandstands and as a mum with kids at footy we need places to park and watch the game," Ilee said.

While Karen agreed – "half the fun is to be able to sit in your car in the middle of winter and watch country footy", Las disagreed say-

ing "we place too much importance on cars and parking as close as humanly possible to where we are going".

Chris Ross said the cricket pitch should not be on the main oval.

"We have huge trouble with not having anywhere to train during preseason in late November as cricket has control of ovals."

Mitch said there needed to be a separate oval dedicated to cricket.

"Build a proper turf pitch on the cricket oval and leave the footy oval without a pitch for year-round use for footy," Mitch said, adding "turf pitches don't work on footy ovals".

"Having a dedicated cricket ground with turf pitch and turf nets will help the cricket club thrive."

The addition of a rectangular soccer pitch had Megan asking "would this be a new club" given "we have an entire soccer club at Newhaven that has just had the facilities upgraded".

Jen said the three proposed multi-purpose pitches should use different coloured lines for different sports, even enabling a Bass Coast hockey team.

"There's a huge lack of hockey facilities in the Gippsland/Bass Coast region," Jen said.

Heck said the highball basketball courts should be expanded and

possibly be indoor with seating, to allow training and competitions, while Carrie thought there should be at least four basketball courts.

Pool

Following wide community consultation on the pool strategy last year came further support for a hydrotherapy pool, and a 50-metre pool rather than 25 metres, which has been proposed.

"The pool should be a 50 metre standard to allow for growth of the Phillip Island Swimming Club, with sufficient lane space to cater for swimming lessons and aquatic activities at the same time," Steve said.

"Having to travel to Wonthaggi and share an already over-crowded pool is hard enough for the growing club."

Heck wrote: "Considering the projected population growth at San Remo and Phillip Island in the next 20 years, a larger swimming pool would be fantastic."

"As a tourism winner add slides, floating pontoons and waterspouts," Maggie suggested.

There was also a call for an all-abilities pool.

Trev said given the high numbers of gym goers, there needed to be a designated indoor gym.

While this master plan does not

include details of the pool and indoor gym, as released in the original 2022 feasibility study, the documents are available for viewing online engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/aquatics.

Concerns

Concerns have also been highlighted with several commenting the amount of vegetation could be a fire hazard – although some said more vegetation would provide shade and there should be proper irrigation to stop it becoming a "dust bowl".

"We need trees but not in areas designated for future recreation," Ilee wrote.

"This is shortsighted. Keep the space open for in the next 50 years. We don't know what sport or community space we might need."

Respondents thought the lake would be a liability for small children.

"Why do we need this (lake)?" Brooke asked.

"We're surrounded by the beach. Will it be fenced? Also will this bring more geese and ducks to the area?"

Frank said he was concerned about cars entering and exiting onto busy Phillip Island Road and Ventnor Road.

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What do you think about the master plan for the recreation reserve?



Don Turner, San Remo – I can't see a major problem with any of it. People are keen to see things get started. It's 13 years since the land for the Hilton Chadwick reserve was bought. I wish we could get on with it and get it all done. As for the pool – it's great that we have got to this stage of the master plan and hopefully it will lead to detailed planning as soon as possible.



Carmen Bush, Rhyll – I think this is great. It's a great family attraction; it has got everything, covers all age groups and all interests. The only thing that is missing – a lot of people want a BMX track, but I don't know if you could have that in there. It has multi-purpose fields and there is so much flexibility. They've done a great job. It looks terrific.



Glenn Plymin – Secretary of the Phillip Island Football Netball Club, cricket umpire for the Leongatha League. I love the concept but there needs to be parking around the football oval. Country football, especially older people, need to sit in their cars around the ground. The cricket pitch should not be on the football oval, especially if they want to make it the premier football ground for finals in West Gippsland football. There needs to be funding for the whole concept. We have a healthy scepticism whether it will happen in our lifetime. But it's needed. Our juniors have their numbers capped, with many who can't play because of current limited facilities.



Greg Price, Cowes – I'd like to see some parking around the oval. I'd also like to see less vegetation – we could need those areas for more things and the vegetation will affect the BAL (Bushfire Attack Level) rating. I'm all for planting trees, but it is madness to plant vegetation up against the wall of the Aquatic Centre. Revegetation looks great on a plan, but they're not thinking about future use. The dog park area needs to be bigger, with separate big and small dog areas. It needs shelter, toilets and a water feature. It's a great plan, but needs some fine tuning. It is exciting for the community. I imagine development will have to be staged, due to the cost. Council should be commended for having these consultation sessions – ultimately it will get a better result.



Peter McMahon, Cowes – Secretary of the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund. We are happy with it, but the major problem is the danger of the entry and exit. It should be entry off Phillip Island Road, exit off Ventnor Road. There should also be protected quiet zone buffers of about three metres to protect neighbours. And the big question is the timeline for the whole master plan, but particularly the pool.



Brydon Marshall, aged 12 – Plays for Phillip Island under-14 football and also under-15 cricket. I think the whole plan is a lot better than what we have currently at the Cowes recreation reserve. I think it will be great to get people out of their cars and sitting on seats around the ground. If it's cold I reckon put on a jumper and jacket or people can watch from the pavilion. I do think the cricket pitch shouldn't be on the main football oval, but on the second oval.



Julie Newman, Cowes – I'm most interested in the dog park. I think it's excellent, but the bigger the better. There's a fence separating small dogs from large dogs, but I think there should be a time out zone for dogs that are misbehaving. They have this in Western Australia and it works well. There should also be good security and lighting.



Cheryl, Cowes – I'm interested in the dog park and I think while there are toilets and a picnic area around the whole recreation reserve, there could be more near the dog park. I understand fine detail is not in this map but there should also be shelters, bins, dog bags, all those kinds of details. When is it going to happen? Are we going to be around long enough to see it?



Youki and Peter Innes – I won't be around to see it, especially as governments don't have any money. It will be Youki's children who will enjoy the benefits of this reserve. Also what's going to happen with the current Cowes recreation reserve?



PICAL has released its course guide for Term 2 and looks forward to welcoming people to its new headquarters in Warley Avenue.

PICAL releases Term 2 program

PICAL has released its Adult Learning Course Guide for Term 2 in 2023.

Starting in the second week of May, PICAL is offering a range of computer upskilling courses from beginners through to more advanced education, in areas ranging from using the Canva graphic design program; through to “creating your own website” and “how to protect yourself from online and email scams”.

There will also be courses offered in a wide range of other topics including “hospitality-related skills” such as Cooking On A Budget Boot Camp, Barista Basics

and a Gnocchi Masterclass; through to a range of other delicacy-making classes led by our own Cowes CWA ladies. We will also again conduct the ever-popular seven week “Women’s Self Defence” course, as well as the range of regular community group activities hosted at PICAL.

On Saturday June 17, PICAL will also host another First Aid Training Day, including CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) training and refresher courses.

Prior enrolments are essential, and anyone interested should visit the PICAL website Education page at

www.pical.org.au/education-classes, to download a copy of the Term 2 Course Guide.

Printed copies of the Course Guide are also available at the PICAL Reception, at 16 Warley Avenue, or we can email copies by contacting reception@pical.org.au, or phoning 03 5952 1131.

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For more information, please contact Greg Thompson, PICAL Manager on 0400 655 540 or email: manager@pical.org.au

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Another PICAL departure

Two months after PICAL announced its general manager would be departing, the centre has farewelled its president.

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre president Jeff Floyd last month told PICAL’s annual general meeting he would be leaving the post immediately, with new president Graeme Turner elected as both president and treasurer.

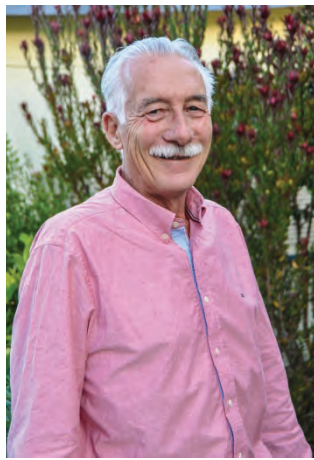
Jeff, who first joined as president three years ago, will continue on the committee for another year.

“I have been on more than 40 boards and seen the problem when people stay too long in these roles,” Jeff, who was also on the board of Nature Parks for about six years, said.

“You need change. There’s no reason I’m leaving other than that. I’m a strong believer turnover is good.”

In March he announced general manager Greg Thompson would depart his post mid-year.

Jeff said his biggest achievement was working with PICAL’s “inspiring volunteers”, but the biggest low was raising funds for



The outgoing president of the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) Jeff Floyd.

the centre, especially in the wake of Covid.

“It has been a real battle and we are not alone in the community on that issue. It is tough, ask any committee.”

He said PICAL’s coffers would finish the financial year “ok, a bit below what was anticipated”, adding they always aim to break even.

Jeff is just about to repub-

lish his book “Phillip Island Walking and Cycling Guide”, with the new biking element added, with 10 new trails.

All funds from the book (RRP \$25) go to PICAL.

Jeff said while the move to the new headquarters in the new year had been successful, he had been disappointed in the delays for the community garden.

He said the garden committee was formed three years ago with Bass Coast Shire to oversee the move to the Blue Gum Reserve, and after numerous delays it was now due to be ready in May.

“Then it will take us another 12 months to establish.”

New president Graeme Turner said he looked forward to leading PICAL in the next phase, post relocation and “without the headwinds of Covid”.

The new PICAL committee: Jeff Floyd, Denise McGill, Tim Anders, Sally Matthews, Christine Ash and Anita Andrew, with new members Alison Carey, Judi Pay and Fran Mangergedes.

Denise McGill is deputy president and Tim Anders is secretary.



Student Tom Farmer in science class. Applications are open until May 26 for Newhaven College’s General Excellence Scholarship.

General Excellence Scholarship – applications invited

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Principal, Mr Tony Corr says: “In my experience, what truly sets our Newhaven community apart are our students. From Prep to Year 12 they bring energy, positivity and vitality to all they do.

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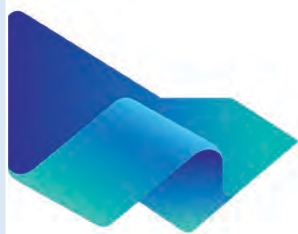
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Crown Land Tenure

A draft report on all Crown land in the shire, who manages it, the budget impact and community benefit was presented at the April council meeting.

State government's "indirect tax" to ratepayers

Ratepayers have been forking out an "indirect tax" by funding the maintenance of Crown land, according to a Bass Coast Shire councillor.

Cr Rochelle Halstead last year called for a list of Crown land in the shire, who manages it and the budget impact of that management, as well as the community benefit, with a draft report on those findings presented at the April council meeting.

The draft report, which will now seek community feedback, calls for the shire to stop funding Crown land maintenance where the shire is not the manager.

It states the shire manages 126ha of Crown land reserves, including community facilities.

"For many years local government has been relied upon to pick up land that other levels of government are responsible for," Cr Halstead said.

"When local land or infrastructure is left to deteriorate, it's local government – often mistakenly – that is approached to fix it.

"Residents just want council to fix the problem and don't really care where the money comes from or who's responsible, but they should.

"This report clearly shows ratepayers that an indirect tax has been applied via their rates for many years and it's called cost shifting."

The draft report states the shire is more frequently being asked to manage Crown land, but "does not receive any financial support for the management or derive any financial benefit".

"Council is operating in a more financially constrained environment, while simultaneously needing to meet the demands of population growth, higher community expectations, the impact of more frequent and intense weather events, and a more complex legislative environment as well as increased responsibility from the state government."

Cr Halstead agreed.

"I would like to see council go further by investing in signage that states who is responsible for maintaining land and infrastructure across the shire with contact phone numbers, so it is clear that – contrary to the belief of many – not all publicly owned property is the responsibility of local government and that much of it should be maintained through already paid taxes, not rates," she said.

The Crown Land policy will guide the shire to ensure it only accepts management of land that "provides a clear and sustainable benefit to our community".

A report on the outcomes of the consultation will be presented to a future council meeting when the policy will be formally adopted.



Judi Pay set up We Are Phillip Island after she moved to the island several years ago, saying a business and community website was needed.

Connecting the island

The "We Are Phillip Island" website is the brainchild of Judi Pay, who moved to the island several years ago.

"The idea came about several years ago when I first moved here, to finding a tradesman that was local," Judi said.

"I have always been passionate about Buy Local, and after talking with locals, I realised a business and community website was needed for Phillip Island."

Judi set out developing a comprehensive website that is easy to read and navigate. The 15 categories include everything from accommodation, food, health, through to trades and community groups.

"All the information is there with links to the business website and social media," Judi explained.

"Last month the website had 11,000 visits and continues to grow.

"The website is supported with social media. With so many new people moving here and with the amount of holiday homeowners, it is important and very enjoyable for me to promote daily about how amazing life is here on the Island."

Judi said there are many wonderful Phillip Island things to promote and through her

website, she's spreading the word far and wide.

"Whether it's the groups, the volunteers, the vast range of businesses or our stunning location.

"Each day my posts are reaching 45,000 readers.

"Feedback from these posts is so rewarding with people supporting and sharing the posts or asking for more information."

As a former business owner herself, Judi said businesses can never assume that everybody knows their business or what they sell.

"To gain more customers, businesses need to be known and advertising should be a common business practice," she stressed.

Judi's love of local communities has seen her engage with local government and the not-for-profit sector, to work with community for better outcomes, including working with the communities of Kinglake and Marysville after the Black Saturday fires.

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New container deposit scheme

The Victorian beverage container recycling scheme will begin on November 1.

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tions will be able to receive container donations from the community, run a refund collection point or host a container collection drive.

More information at vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme

Nominate your favourite footy playing farmer

Nominate a local football playing farmer for "Footy's Favourite Farmer".

The Country Club Hub has recently launched an online competition for local footy's favourite farmer. There are tens of thousands of prizes on offer to support safety on the farm, the farmers' home football netball club and the individual.

Nominations can be made at www.countryclubhub.com.au/

Entries close on July 26, at the conclusion of Farm Safety Week 2023.

The major prize, sponsored by Worksafe is \$10,000 towards safety improvements for the winning farmer's property and \$10,000 towards safety improvements for the winning farmer's football netball club. Monthly prizes will also be awarded.

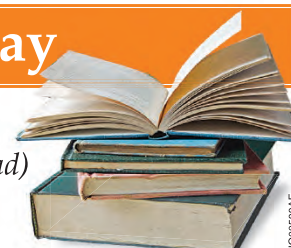
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Bass Coast Sustainability Festival is taking shape!

This year's Bass Coast Sustainability Festival on May 21 from 10am-3pm at the River Garden in Bass, is shaping up to be an informative, entertaining, and inspiring event for all ages.

Organised this year by Bass Coast Landcare Network, a gold coin donation entry will get you lots of free activities to keep the adults and the kids entertained.

The day includes fantastic speakers on the event stage, hands on gardening demonstrations, a new documentary screening, Eco arts workshops and performances, a dedicated kid's zone with environmentally themed activities and crafts, a chance to browse the latest in sustainable products from exhibitors, and delicious food to keep you going all day long.

The River Garden and the heritage listed Bass Community Hall is an exciting space for the festival, with swales of vegetables, herbs and fruit trees, a nuttury and orchard, all surrounded by the beautiful Bass River.

Activities confirmed so far include a Welcome to Country Smoking Ceremony with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, hands-on no-dig and wicking bed gardening demonstrations with Permaculture guru Ric Coleman, environmentally themed drop-in style kids' activities and crafts with Sue from Phillip Island Eco-Tours.

There's also a free screening of the new documentary film "Greenhouse" by Joost in the Bass Hall.

Bookings will open soon for limited space special workshops from the Eco Arts "For our Future" Project to be held in the Hall.

These will include an "Eel Dreaming listening circle" with Uncle Steve Ulula Parker and a "Celebrating Waterways with art, storytelling, and science" workshop with local children's book author and Climate change and Environment advisor at Westernport Water, Meg Humphrys.

Also, from the Eco Arts Project we will see a fantastic lunchtime



This year's Bass Coast Sustainability Festival is on May 21, from 10am – 3pm at the River Garden in Bass.

Community Concert on the main stage, led by Laura Brearley featuring a collection of "Songs of the Living World" recently published by Community Music Victoria.

Sponsors Bass Coast Community Foundation will be supporting speakers with short presentations on the main stage throughout the day, discussing sustainable agriculture and organic growing.

The main stage will also see presentations by Sustainability Victoria on the latest rebates to save you money, circular economy awareness with Replas, and more to be announced in the coming weeks.

New sponsor this year Ecoliv, will be opening up their Display Centre to the public on the day from 10am-12 noon, which is only 10 minutes away from the Festival at the Gurdies.

Festival visitors can drop by to see

a selection of sustainably designed and built modular homes that minimise negative environmental impacts, while maximising comfort, beauty, utility, and wellbeing.

You will be able to connect with various community groups at the Festival including the Energy Innovation Cooperative, Totally Renewable Phillip Island/Tenby Point, the Fixit Café, South Gippsland Beekeepers and Landcare.

You can check out the latest electric cars and bikes, buy some great quality garden tools from Gardena-cious, beeswax wraps from Little Bumble Wraps, the Enjo fibre-based cleaning range, eat some delicious paella from the Melbourne Paella company, or grab a coffee, while enjoying the many more speakers, activities, and vendors to be announced in coming weeks.

Pop the date in your diary or calendar and look out for the full program to be published in early May on the Festival website.

There is still space for more stallholders and food vendors, so if you have a product, service or group related to sustainability, or sell delicious food, registration forms are also open at the festival website.

This event is bought to you by the Bass Coast Landcare Network with support from Bass Coast Shire Council, Westernport Water, Bass Coast Community Foundation, Western Port Biosphere, and Ecoliv.

For general information, registration forms and program details head to www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/sustainabilityfestival2023.html or contact Lisa at lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au

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Old shire polices buried

Bass Coast Shire has deleted a range of policies, which they say are old and redundant and have been superseded with new ones.

Councillors voted in support of the audit of policies, to ensure they are "current and still meet Council's needs".

About 30 policies were outdated because of legislation, new documents or were out of-date, including the events policy, with direction for supporting events now from the Off-Peak Events Strategy, and the soon-to-be-developed Economic Development Framework.

The former food safety management policy was in 2021 outsourced to Kernow to deliver environmental health services, with the City of Casey and Cardinia Shire Council.

The fraud policy has now been replaced by the Fraud and Corruption Control Plan while the former housing policy will be redundant once the new Neighbourhood Character Study, a Housing Strategy, and Residential Development Framework are completed.

Cr Rochelle Halstead said the review was a "tidy up" to streamline, provide consistency and save time.

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How to celebrate Mother's Day

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Breakfast in bed

Start her day by organising breakfast in bed. Make her favourite food - maybe pancakes, scrambled eggs or bacon and serve with a glass of fresh juice or a cup of tea or coffee.

Give her flowers

Flowers are the beautiful creations of nature that always makes people happy. A handmade bouquet or a special delivery from a florist is sure to brighten mum's day.

Give mum a day off

Set mum free from all the household chores on Mother's Day. Perhaps a roster with dad and the kids will make sure all the essential household chores are covered.

Make her a card

Get crafty and create a special Mother's Day card for mum, with your own personalised message. If you're not feeling creative, don't stress. There are plenty of wonderful Mother's Day cards you can buy.

Spend the day doing something with mum

This is your mum's day. So why not spend the entire day doing things she

loves to do. You could go for a picnic, go to the beach, take a hike, cook together, go through old family pictures, or enjoy a fantastic lunch out at her favourite restaurant.

Make a playlist

Create a playlist of some of mum's favourite songs, so she can sing along in the car!

Surprise her with a thoughtful gift

Perhaps you can make something especially for mum, to say "I love you". Otherwise, visit one of her favourite local shops and pick out a special something to surprise her with.

Take over the kitchen

Keep mum out of the kitchen on Mother's Day. You can wash up, stack the dishwasher, or even prepare her favourite dinner for her.

Pamper her

A little rest and relaxation would be great for mum. Perhaps you could book a local spa session for her. A relaxing massage, refreshing facial, pedicure, and manicure is sure to make mum feel revitalised and loved.



Crystal-Jae (Founding Director of her skin and day spa), with daughter Isabelle and granddaughter Harlee-Marie. This Mother's Day Treat yourself and mum to a her. Signature Massage and receive a complimentary milk and rose petal foot bath.

Her's first (Grand) Mother's Day

Crystal-Jae (Founding Director of her. skin and day spa) is an inspirational business woman, creative entrepreneur, life and business mentor, mother of five beautiful children and has just welcomed her first granddaughter, Harlee-Marie.

Crystal-Jae is a leader and facilitator in women's empowerment especially when it involves culture, change and connection.

Crystal-Jae's hosted the inaugural her. International Women's Day event held in March at Clay & Co. which raised \$10,000 and was donated to Samantha Fraser's family.

The latest business venture for Crystal will be launching Nala Conscious, together with her beautiful daughter Isabelle, meaning Mother Earth which is ever so fitting leading up to Mother's Day.

The Harrison/Patterson women

are feeling proud to create a legacy moving forward.

"I love that I get to see my mumma excel and her hard work and dedication into her businesses. I can't wait for my daughter to be able to watch her mum and Gigi create this legacy," says Isabelle-Grace.

Crystal-Jae adds "watching Isabelle grow into a mother and young woman is the most rewarding experience."

"Now adding to that, business partner, is so incredible. Also, to hear each other's ideas and expressions on an adult level is something special to me."

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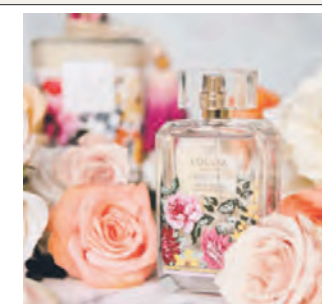
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Isla and Lucy were thrilled to get their new reading folders.



Prep teacher Tessa Johnston with Gabriel, Theo and Heath.

Sounds like fun reading at Cowes Primary

It's an exciting time to be in education for everyone at Cowes Primary School.

Great new facilities and a new STEM curriculum are just some of the innovations in recent years.

And at junior level, the prep kids in particular were partying just before the Easter break, to celebrate a very special milestone ... the presentation of reading folders at the end of their first term at school.

A huge effort has gone in at junior level at Cowes in the past few years with the implementation of a brand-new reading program, the positive impact of which is exciting, say the school's prep teachers.

For the last three years, the junior school's teachers have immersed themselves in a range of professional development opportunities, relating to teaching reading.

As a result, based on evidence-based research and recommendations, and visits to other schools where teaching methods were shared, the school has adopted a new program, known as "The Science of Reading."

Research

"Some valuable changes in reading instruction were made, and af-

ter three years of implementation, our results reflect a very positive impact," said the school's Prep Co-ordinator Cath Huther.

"We committed at the outset to being guided by the latest research to ensure that we deliver the best possible literacy instruction for every student.

"The Science of Reading research provides us with an evidence-based best practice approach to the teaching of foundational literacy skills. The program says a lot about how children learn to read; how to make sure every student learns to read; and what to do if a child encounters difficulty with reading.

"Research demonstrates that there is a known pathway to reading in the brain which relies on connecting speech sounds to identify the printed word, and the program is based on this finding," explained Cath.

"Instead of asking children to memorise words, letter sounds are introduced to students, who learn that a particular letter, or sequence of letters, have different sounds. After these are taught, words can be successfully sounded out."

Phonics

There are 44 phonic sounds in all, taught in sequence and systematically, and readers are introduced sequentially as the children progress.

Students are presented with "decodable" readers, containing words with the letters that they are now familiar with, and can sound out.

"Children with disabilities, dyslexia, or no challenges at all, benefit from this method," Cath said.

"As the Science of Reading research points out, if a child memorises ten words, the child can read ten words. But if a child learns the sounds of ten letters, the child will be able to read 350 three letter words, 4320 four letter words and 21,650 five letter words. (Dr. Martin Kozloff, Distinguished Professor of Education).

"Children can pick up a reader with relative confidence, having the tools to identify words in the books they are presented with."

Cath said a huge amount of time, focus, and accumulation of resources has been spent at Cowes in the implementation of the Science of Reading approach. "We have been working to build

up our resources to run this program, and results are impressive. "Other schools are also adopting our approach."

Parents are also involved on the reading journey with their children.

"Children need practise with the phonics skills they are learning at school, and decodable books and passages are sent home."

Cath said that a small percentage of students do still experience reading difficulty, but that an early intervention system is in place at Cowes.

"The best solution to any problem is prevention. Timely intervention is the safety net to 'catch' students before they become disheartened and fall behind.

"Lesley O'Donohue, the school's speech pathologist, provides assessment, resources and ongoing programs to cater for these students' needs.

"Intervention groups, run by teachers and support staff, at all year levels, delivers small group instruction at the point of need.

"Our aim is to ensure that every single child in the school, learns to read, and reads well."

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Filling

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175ml double cream
2 medium eggs
1 tablespoon chopped fresh tarragon
Salt and pepper
100g grated cheddar cheese
180g cooked spinach, lightly chopped
60g cooked broad beans or soya beans

METHOD

Sieve the flour and salt into a bowl; add the fats and rub the mixture together using your finger tips until you get a sandy texture. Add the milk a little at a time and bring the ingredients together into a dough.

Cover and allow to rest in the fridge for 30-45 minutes

Flour the work surface and roll the pastry out to a 5mm thick circle, a little larger than the top of the 20cm tin.

Line the tin with the pastry, cover and rest for 30 minutes in the fridge.

Preheat the oven to 190°C, and line the pastry case with greaseproof paper, add baking beans and bake blind for 15 minutes. Remove the paper and baking beans, and reduce the oven temperature to 160°C.

Beat together the milk, cream, eggs, herbs and seasoning.

Scatter half of the grated cheese into the blind-baked base, top with the chopped spinach and beans and herbs, then pour over the liquid mixture.

Gently stir to even out the filling. Sprinkle over the remaining cheese. Bake for 20-25 minutes until set and lightly golden.

Speaking out: Come join Toastmasters

After a two year break due to Covid, the Bass Coast Toastmasters group has started up again.

The group meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, at the San Remo Hotel, at 7.30pm.

The not-for-profit group is open to everyone, and aims to give people confidence, by getting them used to speaking in front of others.

"It's a fantastic way to develop your verbal presentation skills, and for anyone that likes TED talks, it's also really interesting to listen to the other speakers," said one member.

Guests are very welcome to attend the meetings at no charge, to find out what Toastmasters is about.

For more information or to attend a meeting, contact Bass Coast Toastmasters at basscoasttoastmasters@gmail.com or by calling Daniel on 0481 948 810.

Phillip Island View Club

Phillip Island VIEW Club (Voice Interests and Education of Women) brings local women together to build lasting friendships and connections within our local community.

A luncheon meeting is held monthly at the San Remo Hotel with speakers covering a range of interesting topics. Social activities are also held monthly including coffee mornings, theatre visits, visits to local attractions and events. New members are always welcome.

A recent new member commented "I was new to the Island and knew very few people; through joining View, I was able to meet and get to know many women."

View Clubs have a long-term connection to the Smith Family. Phillip Island VIEW club provides a Learning for Life Sponsorship for five disadvantaged children through the Smith Family, providing school essentials and access to educational support systems and programs.

Each year Phillip Island View Club raises over \$3500 to support these children.

In 2022, a quilt making project was initiated by club member, Lyn Duguid. Lyn proposed making a quilt for each sponsored student,



A quilt making project was initiated by VIEW Club member, Lyn Duguid, making a quilt for each of the five children the club supports through the Smith Family.

creating a team of members who were willing to participate in sewing bees and give up their time to be part of this project.

A team of 12 enthusiastic members was established with Phillip Island Patchworkers group generously donating fabrics.

As students' ages ranged from 8 years to 17 years the selection of fabrics and patterns took some time as it was important to consider their ages and interests.

The Sewing Bees continued

throughout the year with lots of laughs and camaraderie and in January this year, the club was able to send off the first quilt to its eldest student who was 18 years old. She had completed Year 12 – a wonderful achievement.

Phillip Island continues to grow with new members joining throughout the year. Want to make new friends? Come join the Phillip Island VIEW Club. For more information, contact Chris 0406 469 824.

The Voice and your vote

This is the first in a series of articles providing information about the Referendum for a Voice to Parliament, from the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group who support the Voice.

By Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group

"I believe we are greatly blessed by First Nations Peoples, whose patience and grace, in spite of appalling treatment since the landing of the British, have offered non-Indigenous people the way forward in a peaceful, truthful and truly wise way." – Russell Broadbent, Member for Monash, in Statements from the Soul 2023.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is about love and hope. It was developed as a consensus document in 2017 after a lengthy and broad-based consultation with and by First Nations people.

It is the last in a long line of claims and requests, since the nineteenth century, to listen to the voices of First Nations people. This time their appeal is directly to the people of Australia, not to government or politicians, inviting us to walk with them. This is our decision to make.

The three components of the Uluru Statement: Voice, Treaty and Truth, give priority to the Voice, as it underpins the other two.

Implementing a Voice to Parliament requires a change to the Australian Constitution in order for it to be above politics and not able to be removed at the whim of government, which has happened to key First Nations consultative committees several times before.

Our Constitution was written in a very different Australia.



Possum Dreaming as he journeys across country, from sacred waterhole to waterhole. So we have been invited to journey with the First Peoples of our ancient land.

We still considered ourselves to be British. Queen Victoria was on the throne. Edmund Barton, the first Prime Minister of the new Federation, believed the doctrine of equality was not meant to include racial equality.

Senator Pat Dodson surmised the Constitution was written in the "spirit of terra nullius". In other words, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island history did not exist, as if the only culture to be considered was British.

John Howard supported constitutional recognition of First Nations people in 2007.

Russell Broadbent MP, our local Member, has always supported recognition, and is a fervent supporter of the Uluru Statement and the Voice. He argues that our settler fathers broke the Commandments of "you must not steal, murder, or testify falsely against your neighbour".

The simplest reason for needing the Voice to Parliament is that current policies to Close the Gap aren't working. Self-determination, or deci-

sion-making by First Nations people themselves, has always led to improved outcomes.

The Voice will enable First Nations community representatives, urban, rural and remote, to reflect the needs and priorities from the grassroots.

The Voice will provide better quality information about First Nations communities, leading to better quality laws and policies, better targeted investments, and better outcomes for First Nations people.

It will have no capacity to veto legislation if its advice is not taken. But the ability of Voice members to make representations to the executive (public servants and ministers) will allow their views to be considered from the start of drafting new laws, rather than at the end.

Australia has been handed a precious gift of 60,000 years of history and culture to be proud of. We have an opportunity for a historical unifying moment that will be nation-building.

Noel Pearson, well-known First Nations spokesperson, says this country doesn't make sense without this recognition. It completes the picture of the longest surviving culture in the world, enriched by British institutions and "the adorning gift of multiculturalism".

The Uluru Statement is asking the Australian people for a Voice, first and foremost so that the lives of First Nations people can be improved. This is the first step, with Treaty and Truth-telling to follow.

The next article will deal with how the referendum works and how the Voice will work, as much as is known. More details will be determined by Parliament after the referendum.



COUNCIL BRIEFS

Fastest ever meeting?

The April council meeting was arguably the fastest in history, lasting just 45 minutes.

Three councillors were also absent – Crs Les Larke, Letitia Laing and Brett Tessari – with Cr Larke already missing several meetings in recent months.

Engineering services

Bass Coast Shire has joined with Cardinia Shire to create a register of professional engineering services for future tender work.

The register, which will run for three years, includes arborists, and flood modelling, to sports lighting and landscape architects.

The budget available for the contract is estimated to be about \$7 million, with all expenditure to be consistent with council's approved annual budget.

Censorship?

In public question time, Inverloch resident Kevin Griffin said it had been more than a year since the CEO had started "intercepting and censoring my correspondence to councillors" under the unreasonable conduct by customers policy.

"The UCC requires that a review be undertaken 12 months after restrictions are initially imposed," Kevin said.

"How much longer does the CEO intend to continue intercepting and censoring my communications with our elected representatives?"

CEO Ali Wastie responded the next review date was June 29, "12 months after your meeting with the CEO".

Social housing

With the upcoming roll-out of social housing in Cowes and Wonthaggi, resident Nathan Smith asked how the shire – in the "absence of their own social and affordable housing strategy – justify recommending sites to Community Housing Victoria

(CVHL) for future development?

"What is council's response to the immediate neighbours of the proposed social and affordable housing sites who will see an instant devaluation of their property?" Nathan asked.

Ms Wastie responded the shire's healthy communities plan 2021-25 had a clear objective to support social housing in Bass Coast.

"Any impact on property values is subjective, however the impact on property values is not a planning consideration," she said.

"This has been a widely held planning principle that has been established at VCAT."

Community consultation on Cowes social housing ran until April 6, with the housing set to be built on the vacant land between Roydon Road and Wyndham Avenue by CHL.

CHL will develop the 1599 sqm land to build five two-bedroom dwellings and remove 12 trees.

Building of the houses will start late this year, with completion expected by the end of 2024.

The Planning Minister is the responsible authority and not Bass Coast Shire.

Shetland Heights Road

Resident Jillian Mitchell asked whether the current roadworks to seal Shetland Heights Road in San Remo were being funded by a special charge scheme or was the majority of funding being provided by council?

"What percentage of the sealed roads in Newhaven, Rhyll and Cowes have been funded by special charge schemes?" Jillian asked.

Ms Wastie responded that Shetland Heights Road was funded by a Federal government grant and developer contributions.

"A percentage of road network funded through special charge schemes is not recorded on council records," Ms Wastie said.

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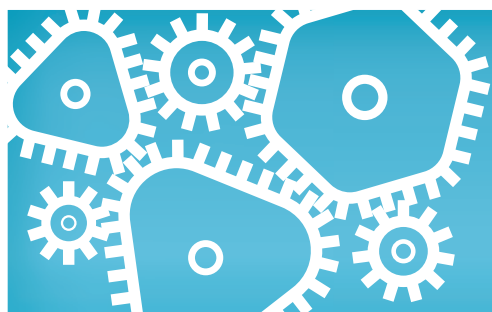
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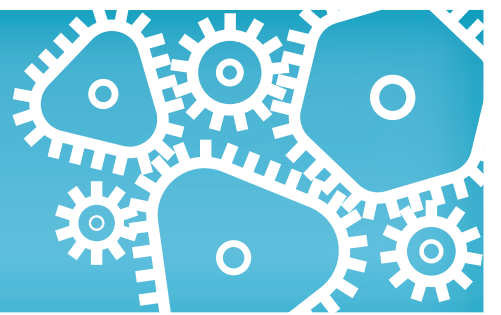
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The happy U12A soccer team, left to right back: Taj, Georgia, Talia, Toby, Angus, Kavish and Callum. Kneeling: Jordy, Harvey, Sebastian, Zac and Nash. Laying down: Hunter, Kayden and Jackson. More photos at pisra.com.au

What a weekend of soccer!

Mini Roos

The first round of our Mini Roos kicked off on Saturday at Newhaven with so many little future soccer stars taking the pitch.

It was a wonderful start to the day until the black clouds came over and brought with them the heavy rain, but did that stop us?

No way! Despite the wet our team's morale was high as kids celebrated first goals, made new friends and sold out the canteen.

Next week the Mini Roos hub will be hosted at Inverloch with games starting at 9am.

Sunday's games were played in beautiful Autumn sunshine with all teams bringing home the win for Round 2 (U12B Red and U17s with a BYE).

Phillip Island 12As

The second match of the season saw Phillip Island 12As vs Lang Lang at Lang Lang.

A bright sunny morning had the team up and about, restricting the play to the forward half for the majority of the game.

The ball moved quickly between players, utilising the space down the wings just like coach Callum asked them to.

Managing to mostly avoid the distraction of three paragliders launching from the oval next door, Phillip Island went into the half time break 10-0 and closed off the game 15-0.

Goals were spread through the team with multiples scored by Angus F, Kaylan C and Toby O and single goal scorers Hunter J, Nash A, Taj K and Sebastian S.

Phillip Island U12 Blue

The Breakers played at Newhaven on a beautiful day against Inverloch, which was coming off a win in the first round.

The kids played excellent football and showed great determination in warm conditions to win 6-3.

It was a great contest to watch and well done to Inverloch for a great game. Once again, our nine-year-old (soon to be 10) Harry starred with four goals.

Henry scored one and Blair another. Hailey, Ariana and Ebony were also very strong on the ball and ran all day.

Phillip Island U14

Another solid group performance from the U14s team this week against the Leongatha White team at their home ground.

The Breakers went into the half time break with a 3-0 lead and came out with even more determination to score.

Every single player did their part to bring home the win, Hamish D was yet again fantastic in the goals de-

fending under pressure, Lochie ran hard all game and Harvey seemed to be everywhere!

Jasper scored three goals while Kade, Hamish F, Jakob and Sam all contributed their one each to give us a final score of 7-1.

Phillip Island Reserves

It was a lovely sunny day for soccer at Bellbird Park where the reserves game was held.

Coach Callum Golightly was keen for the win and instructed the team to start off strong right from the first whistle.

We had two debutants in Jad Ellaz and Anthony Petropoulos helping out the Reserves today.

Drouin were first to score through a controversial free kick, and as Keeper Tommy was still setting up the wall.

With 20 mins in Drouin, we're 1-0. The Breakers fought back with Dylan heading a beautiful goal past the keeper, then another goal from Dylan just minutes later before the half time whistle.

After the half time break the Breakers scored another goal through Jad Elaz with a lovely slide tackle on the Drouin defender, and getting to his feet quickly and slotting one passed the keeper, Phillip Island 3-1 at the final whistle.

Best on ground was Adam Zanella playing solid at centre back for his first time, Angus with his continuous running up and down the wing, and debut players Anthony Petropoulos and Jad Ellaz playing up front and constantly presenting.

Next week we're off to Inverloch. Go Breakers!

Phillip Island Seniors

Senior Men defeated Lang Lang 6-0. Goals: M Boulton 2, C Boulton 1, O Van der Zwet 1, N Cleeland 1 and A Dean 1.

Phillip Island Women's

The ladies played away at Lang Lang on a beautiful sunny autumn day. The island had five out from last week's team and warmly welcomed back some well-known Island veterans including Andrea, Benita, Paulene, LJ and Kelly.

Lang Lang was keen to score, and they put pressure on Island's defence early.

Some good pressure from Andrea in goals forced shots wide and Helen made some very important and strong blocks in defence.

Lara beat her opponent down the left wing after some nice through passes and put some nice crosses in early, which island couldn't finish.

Megan made some long chasing runs back on her talented younger opponent Chloe to make a contest and halt her attacks.

On one such attack everybody

drew breathe as Chloe broke free and her shot beat Andrea but struck the upright.

The nil-nil dead lock remained. It was a tight and exciting contest.

Under lots of pressure, Andrea was as solid as a rock in defence and provided some fantastic firm and low passes off the ground to help clear the ball and start attacks for the Island.

A cross from Kelly, deep in attack was helped on cleverly by Pauleen on the six-yard line and Lara had snuck into the box unmarked at the back post to bury the loose ball first time into the back of the net.

Big moment, big goal Lara. 1-0 breakers.

Not long after, from a Kelly corner, Pauleen's hustle in the dangerous area created another opportunity as sweeper Helen hit the back of net for another big goal.

2-0. LJ aptly cried go "hells bells". Lang Lang struck back with a well-deserved goal. 2-1.

Benita worked hard in midfield, doing a lot of running and important defending.

LJ playing at central defensive midfield was very well positioned to hold up numerous Lang Lang players.

A further series of corner kicks this time saw Yarlini get a touch on the ball in a desperate goal mouth scramble to score 3-1.

Then Kelly's sweetly timed left footer gave the keeper no chance – 4-1 and the half time whistle blew.

Young Petra's confidence grew as the game went on and she was the first to ball on every occasion in the second half and beat her opponent every time.

LJ got more space on the ball pressing further forward and played some good passes into dangerous areas, one of which led to Helen hitting an absolute cracking strike into the back of the net from the 18-yard line.

New player Megan would not be beaten in defence.

Kelly hit numerous great crosses into central striker Pauleen from out wide and after some bad luck, Pauleen finally buried a nice goal for herself.

Kelly found more composure late in the penalty box and danced through the defence to finish a couple more goals one of which nicely set up by LJ.

Yarlini ran hard all game, got involved in a few attacks and will have learnt a lot from the experience.

It was fantastic team win that took a lot of hard work and would not have happened without every player doing their part for the team.

Goals: Kelly 4, Helen 2, Yarlini 1, Pauleen 1 and Lara 1.

Round 3 will see our U12b Red, U14, U17 and Reserve teams playing at home in Newhaven while our 12B Blue team head to Korumburra and the rest of our teams enjoy a well-deserved week off with a bye.



Olivia Curtain gives her horse Indi's Mr Zorba Jones (Mr Jones) a congratulatory kiss, after winning the Victorian Interscholar State Championship at Werribee Park.

Olivia wins state championship

Newhaven College student Olivia Curtain has won the 2023 Petstock Equestrian Victorian Interscholar State Championship Jumping.

The 12-year-old, Year 7 student won the Intermediate 90cm section, with her horse Indi's Mr Zorba Jones (Mr Jones), at Werribee Park.

The win sees Olivia and Mr Jones book their place on the Victorian Team at the Nationals later this year.

After three gruelling days of competition against the best Year 7 to 9 students in the state, Olivia and Mr

Jones had three super consistent rounds.

Olivia's preparation, dedication and tireless hours of training under the guidance of Frida Lindgren from Lever Equestrian and the countless competitions during the lead up that she puts into her three horses is second to none.

Olivia said many thanks go to all her family, friends, supporters, competitors and sponsors Melbourne Brick and Geohex Erosion Control Systems.

Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, April 25

Mens 18 Hole Mixed Stableford

Michelle and Mark Davey won with 48 points.

BDL to 10 points c/b.

John Mahony and John O'Brien won the men's competition with 45 points.

BDL to 38 points c/b.

NTP Mens: 5th Phil Ellard, 7th Greg Holland, 10th Rob Davison and 17th Ryane Avery. Ladies: 5th Lesley Meadowcroft, 7th Jo Disher, 10th Vicki Ramage and 17th Debra Orr.

Mens 9 Hole Stableford

Basil Moloney (15) was the winner with 19 points from David Gladman (17) 18 points.

BDL to 15 points c/b.

Wednesday, April 26,

Ladies Stableford

A Grade winner was Judy Magill (21) with 38 points.

B Grade winner was Zoe Frost (25) with 38 points.

C Grade winner was Michelle Par-doe (37) with 41 points.

NTP 5th Cheryl White, 7th Cathy Jones, 10th Megan Elbaz and 17th Megan Elbaz.

BDL to 32 points c/b.

9 Hole winner was Anne Balfe with 20 points.

Thursday April 27

Open Par

The winner was Leigh Hayhurst (12) +5 from Mark Davey (33) +3.

Barry Grazules had a hole in one on the 7th Hole.

BDL to square.

NTP: 5TH Colin Morris, 7th Barry Grazules, 10th Danny Hibbert and 17th Christian Lloyd.

Open 9 Hole Stableford.

Winner was John Rodakis (36) with 22 points.



Barry Grazules after his hole in one on the 7th Hole last Thursday.

BDL to points c/b.

Saturday April 29, Stableford

Mens results

A Grade winner was Alex Andrews (12) with 38 points from Paul Cashman (12) 36 points.

B Grade winner was Glenn Patterson (18) with 37 points c/b from Garry Birch (16).

C Grade winner was Dave Egan (24) with 39 points from Adam Wagner (27) with 38 points.

BDL to 33 points c/b.

NTP: 5th John McKechnie, 7th Dan McConnon, 10th Dan McConnon and 17th Vince Collella.

Aaron Saric had an eagle on the 18th Hole.

Ladies results

Winner was Emma Hall (10) with a great score of 41 points from Vicki Ramage (25) with 346points.

NTP: 5th Megan Elbaz, 7th Emma Hall and 10th Vicki Ramage.

BDL to 31 points c/b.

9 Hole Open Stableford winner was Steve Rieger (25) with 18 points. BDL to 16 c/b.

Longboard titles

Congratulations to Tate Russell and Natalie Van Der Heyden who competed in the Victorian Longboard Titles at Point Impossible on the weekend.

Tate came third in the Junior Boys longboard category and second in the Logger Under 18 boys.

Natalie took out the third spot in the Over 50 women's longboard.

Sam Dunton (Mornington Peninsula) and Molly Powell (Anglesea) were crowned open Men and Women 2023 Victorian Longboard Titles champions and claimed the WSL Bells Beach Longboard Classic wildcard spots.

Full results and scores from the event can be found at www.surfingvic.com/live.



U17s netball team in action with Sophia taking control of the ball.



D Grader netball player Ari played a great match.

Netballers take on Tooradin

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Our mid-court continued to work hard creating plenty of entries into the goalies and our defensive pressure slowed the Tooradin attackers down giving us our own chance to get back into the game.

We continued to hold the Tooradin advances of keeping the margin to only 10 goals. Overall, an amazing team effort.

Phillip Island: 59 def by Tooradin-Dalmore: 71.

B Grade: Phillip Island: 23 def by Tooradin-Dalmore: 72.

C Grade

We headed to Tooradin today for our first game with nine players.

Our additions this week included star defender Chloe in for her first game for the year, as well as Lauri and Leah coming out of retirement to wear the Doggies' uniform once again.

Tooradin have always been a competitive side, so we anticipated a strong game with lots of experience, strategic game plans out of attack and tough defence.

The game was exactly that. From the first quarter, we saw Tooradin coming out of the gates strong.

Despite this, we persisted as a team by staying steady and composed and reading the play to pick out intercepts in defence.

Poppy and Chloe stayed strong in the goal circle, communicating well, and moving effortlessly in defence.

Tori was pivotal in WD and the mid court, shutting down easy plays from Tooradin and directing the movement of the ball out of defence.

Rach, our untiring C, had the ability to always be an option but also create space for her teammates, in addition to persevering with tight defence.

Rose our reliable WA worked hard all day and showed her fitness and smart play.

Bella and Nikki found their rhythm moving the ball around the ring and working with their teammates to score goals.

For our retirees, it was as if they

never left.

Leah's quick movements in the mid court created options and allowed for a flow down the court – she even received a caution for her efforts in WD along with Tori.

Lauri was dominant wherever she went, from goals through to GK, with her experience allowing her teammates to shine along with her.

A tough game, but one that showed our unwavering determination and joy on the court as a team.

Phillip Island: 18 def by Tooradin-Dalmore: 49.

D Grade

It was our first game having our full team back from holidays and everyone came out firing.

This week we decided to try lots of different positions and plays to see what works for us.

Turns out everyone on that team can play nearly every position and it was really amazing to see how we all gelled down the court.

Tooradin were a really good side but our girls didn't drop their heads and you could see that in their game.

We had Ari and Amanda back this week and they stepped onto the court and absolutely dominated.

So good to see the girls all get along so well and really give it their all.

Phillip Island: 9 def by Tooradin-Dalmore: 43.

Under 17s

The game started evenly with both teams displaying determination, but pretty quickly the strength of our mid courters who delivered clever options for our goalies and with a wall of defence, resulted in our girls taking the lead immediately.

Surprisingly the sun came out, making it quite a hot start.

A united team effort allowed the score to gain traction for the next two quarters, with beautiful passages of play and relentless pressure from our defenders.

The mid court were brilliant, and our goalies displayed their unwavering excellence.

By the final quarter it became pretty much impossible for Tooradin to recover, and the Island continued to dominate, finishing with a final score of 21 to 49.

Well done to Meika and Ruby for earning their BOC.

Phillip Island: 49 def Tooradin-Dalmore: 21.

Under 15s: Phillip Island: 18 def Tooradin-Dalmore: 17.

Under 13s: Phillip Island: 19 def by Tooradin-Dalmore: 29.

Under 11s

Thursday night the under 11s took on Inverloch under lights.

We welcomed a couple of new faces into the team for their first game in Bulldogs' colours and they stepped straight up, and we look forward to everyone gelling over the next few weeks.

Inverloch proved a little too strong across the court, but the girls showed their positive attitude throughout the whole game and never gave up in true Island fashion.

Phillip Island: 5 def by Inverloch-Kongwak: 14.

Saturday saw the girls headed down the highway to tackle a strong netball club in Tooradin.

Without being able to get any practice in after Thursday night's game, the girls showed improvement in most aspects of what was talked about on Thursday night. It was a pleasure to watch them go about their work.

The attitude these girls display showed, with them shooting the lights out in the last quarter despite playing against the quality outfit the opposition was.

There's no doubt we will continue to see improvements in the group, and we look forward to the next few weeks of netball!

Phillip Island: 4 def by Tooradin-Dalmore: 27.

2023 LDNA Winter competition

Under 15 Section 2

It was with confidence and excitement that the under 15s Phillip Island team took to the court on their first game in the Leon-gatha League Association.

It was to the credit of the coaches and commitment of the team for the training leading up to what would be an outstanding win.

Strength and speed were shown from the first whistle, mid court attacking players Mia, Ashby and Rose made it look easy.

A quarter of eight goals shot by Rose and Scarlet.

If there was a rebound needed, they were flawless in their come-backs.

A strong defence with Anna, Pepper and Matilda holding off any passes by the opposition proving it was going to be a tough match.

A change of positions in the second quarter with Izzy and Makenzie taking to court with again fluidity and team play which held our lead. Scarlet scoring five goals alone.

By the fourth quarter our score soared and having Pepper in centre with Ashby and Izzy the ball

moved fast, and goals were impressive by Rose and Izzy alike.

Anna's outstanding intercepts and pressure defence awarded her best on court along with Mia for her strength and versatility as centre and change up to defence.

Pepper awarded the annual Anzac Medal for the day – best on court.

Many smiling faces and best of all great team sportsmanship thanking their opposition for their game, well done PI & LDNA.

Phillip Island: 26 def Mt Eccles Yellow: 7.

Under 13 – Bottom Age

The girls came out strong from the first centre pass to set up an impressive five goal lead in the first quarter.

Strong passes from Sera and India were key to setting up the rest of the match.

Spot on shooting by Veridy combined with Frankie mastering multiple intercepts from the opposing team's centre pass, set the team up for their first win for the season.

Awards were to Veridy and Frankie and Frankie also taking home the ANZAC medal.

Phillip Island: 15 def Town White: 3.

Under 11 – Bottom age

Everyone was very excited for the first game of the season for the Under 11s L&DNA team.

The girls expressed feeling excited, but very nervous prior to the game beginning.

Once they were out on that court, the girls all had huge smiles on their faces, and all reflected that they had so much fun!

With the season only just beginning, it is still an introduction to netball for most of the girls, therefore, there were minimal position changes throughout the game.

This way coaches Michael and Chloe could set team and individual goals and the girls could work together to execute them.

The girls came away with the win, defeating Fish Creek 5-1.

If we could give all the players best on awards we would, as the whole team tried their best, took the coaches feedback on board, and looked as though they had so much fun playing.

The best on awards were awarded to: Sienna Ellery and Sophia Hardy.

The umpires also awarded the ANZAC Medal to Aliza Summers, for her encouragement towards her teammates and ANZAC spirit shown on the court.

Phillip Island: 5 def Fish Creek Red: 1.



Winners of Midweek bowls played at Koo Wee Rup were Peter Gratten (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Michael Waring (L).

Midweek bowls

The Midweek bowls game was held at Koo Wee Rup Bowls club.

What a day, as the 26 players walked out to start the games, the heavens opened up and the rain started to come down.

Luckily, although the rain was constant (and quite heavy), it did not pour down too heavily and we still managed to play, although everyone would bowl, then have to make a dash for shelter. This made for a difficult first game with most people having a bit of trouble holding onto and managing to control their bowls.

However, we all managed to get through the wet morning without shortening the game.

After lunch the day cleared up and no more rain fell. This certainly turned the games around a bit and put everyone on a far more even keel.

A reasonably good day for the RCH with a few wrong bias bowls being sent down.

Keep up the good work bowlers.

Winners on a score of 39 were: Peter Gratten (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Michael Waring (L).

Runners up on 27 points were: John Nicholson (S), Gillian Harper (3), Gwen Jeffrey (2) and Peter Thorley (L).

Best One Game on 20 points were: Michael Dady (S), Rob Jeffreys (3) and Tony Morris (L).

A big thank you to Rex for setting up and clearing up the green. Also, to George for all his work behind the bar. Many thanks to Gwen for supplying her home cooked cake to some of our lucky bowlers. Thank you once again to Peter, Pauline and John for running the show. And a big hello to Ken, a newcomer to our Thursday family.

Next week we will be meeting at Lang Lang at 10am for a 10.30am start.

Looking forward to seeing everyone from Lang Lang and hope we get a few locals to join in with us. See everyone there.



Winners of social bowls this week (left to right): Ash Alibone, Merrilyn King and Michael Frost.

Social bowls

The rain held off to allow our bowlers to play in cloudy conditions with a slight breeze.

Runners up for the day with + 32 shots were Skip Lindsay Meredith, 3rd Steve Williams and Lead Joan Farmer.

Congratulations to our winners with + 33 shots – Skip Ash Alibone, 3rd Michael Frost and Lead Merrilyn King.

Tenpin bowling

25 Company: 1st on 16pts King Pins, 2nd on 14pts Ally Cats and 3rd on 13pts Palms.

ABL: (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 108.5pts Knackers, 2nd on 92pts Storm and 3rd on 91.5pts Pin Pals.

Business Early: 1st on 3pts Happy Hour, 2nd on 3pts Old Timers and 3rd on 3pts The Redundants.

Business Late: 1st on 3pts Holy Splits, 2nd on 3pts Sassy Gronks and 3rd on 3pts Gunners.

Phantom: 1st Towball, 2nd Lucky 13 and 3rd Dish.

Top Scores for this week across each league were:

Men: Justin Porthouse 216, Scott Lynch 200 and Steve Clarke 191.

Women: Strike it lucky 157, Tricia Niessink 156 and Chloe Else 146.



Coach Lucas Piera addressing the U12 Red team before the game.



Flynn Riley after kicking his five goals in the U12 Reds match against Leongatha.

Big night match for our Juniors

U14 Blue

The PIFNC Juniors played under lights against Dalyston at the kennel this week.

A fantastic experience for all the kids.

With the Under 14s, Dalyston were missing a few kids, so in the spirit of the game, the Bulldogs gave three players each quarter, to make a game of it.

From the first bounce, it was clear the Doggies were keen to play.

A tap from Haydon Power, swift kick to Max Jess who delivered a pinpoint pass to Flynn Dengerink, resulted in the Doggies' first goal, all within 15 seconds.

Back to the centre, and the same play, resulted in another goal and that set the tone for the rest of the game.

Sam O'Garey and Al Szymanski dominated in the centre, delivering premium disposals into the Doggies' forward line at will, giving Flynn another three goals by quarters end.

Sam Fairthorne, Bryce Lawrence and Jem Hennekam seemed to be everywhere in the forward line and with Jesse Moschetti running up and down the half forward line, Dalyston had a hard time of it.

Doggies up by 56 points at the first change.

The second quarter was not much different.

Heath Bowen started to fire from centre half forward, kicking five goals in the quarter, with one from around 50 metres.

A great gather and left foot snap from Lewis Di Fazio and the game was done.

Phillip Island controlled the play all quarter, with some great running, ball movement and strong marks.

Caleb Cantwell showed some great skills and precise kicks, putting the Doggies well up.

The third quarter was much the same. Dalyston started to score with some great transition football, but the Doggies controlled the game. Marley Cabello, Zane Matthews and Mr. Football, Archie Williams, all played well.

Big Joe Kelsy stood strong, moving the ball back into the Doggies' forward line.

A great matchup with Heath Bowen playing for Dalyston at the time and Sammy O, provided great entertainment for the crowd down back.

The last quarter saw the teams moved around and captain Kai Cashman found himself full forward.

The ball continued to be delivered there via Levi Addison, Duke Lawrence, Riley Herbert and Ollie Bain.

A strong mark by Sammy O and swift handpass to the running Cashman, resulted in a magnificent goal, in front of the adoring crowd. Phillip Island by plenty.

The coaches and staff wish to thank all the kids from PIFNC, who played for Dalyston on the night.

They all played just as hard and with respect, whilst on the other team.

A credit to all.

U12 Red

The under 12 Red team travelled to Leongatha for our round two clash and were greeted with perfect conditions for footy.

We were at full strength, and it showed in the first quarter as our midfield quickly got on top and launched the ball towards our forward line and into the hot hands of Flynn Riley who was unstoppable with two goals.

Taj Piera, Kolby Carton and Archie Robinson were dominant from stoppages as ruckman Kai Opitz used his strength to give them the advantage.

The second quarter picked up where we left off in the first and we were straight into scoring opportunities via the midfield.

Callum Chambers lead the charge, attacking every contest and winning plenty of footy.

Stella Tilley once again tackled ferociously and was rewarded with free kicks.

Flynn Riley and Taj Piera kicked quality goals on the run and gave us a great buffer leading into half time.

The Parrots lifted their intensity after half time and our backline was tested from the outset.

Denver Preddice Firth was up to the task, applying pressure at every contest and rebounding the ball out of defence multiple times.

Lincoln Graves ran onto a bouncing ball and kicked a roving goal after some great work from Declan Dickson to get the ball to him.

Ry Sheers never stopped running and took some solid marks across the middle of the ground.

Amelia Mahon provided the muscle on the inside as she crashed packs and made space for our outside ball winners.

Kai Opitz gathered the ball like a rover and snapped truly for a superb goal before three quarter time.

Dusty Naismith flew for everything in the last quarter and his attack on the footy created plenty of opportunities to rove off him.

Archie Robinson scored two quick goals from a set shot and then a silky left foot snap on the run.

The team once again worked for each other, smothering and providing shepherds for team mates to find some space.

Well done to the team and shout out to Lucas Piera and assistants who volunteer their time and make sure the kids are all getting a go and having fun.

Awards: Denver Preddice Firth, Kolby Carton, Ry Sheers and Kai Opitz.

Goals: Flynn Riley (5), Archie Robinson (3), Taj Piera (1), Kai Opitz (1) and Lincoln Graves (1).

Final Scores: PI Red 58 – Leongatha 10.

U10 Blue

The second match of the season was held under lights and was a great experience for the U10 Blue team.

The team had a full bench which saw all the boys and girls rotating on and off the field, giving everyone valuable experience.

The rain held off and the team had a fast and furious first half.

The pressure created by the ruck and midfield and the sharing of the ball gave way to some great goals by Kash and Ollie (Captain for the week).

The goal square rummage was excellent with Jett kicking two points.

The second half saw some courageous play, the team never left a ball un-chased and marks by Jye and Sam saw the mids holding the line, pushing us forward.

This play gave Jye and Jasper opportunities to score goals on the back of some great teamwork all round.

Special mention to Eliza and Aria! Eliza for having her first touch of the footy in a game and Aria for showing courage after coming off the field with a sprained wrist.

Thanks to the coaches led by Bianca, Mandy and team manager and all the parents for a great game.

Remember: Don't forget to keep your eyes on the Red, White and Blue!

Congratulations to the following players for winning this week's awards: Jasper Goodall, Oliver Hellmuth-Pusk, Noah Hollings, Jye Smith and Phoenix Durdin.

U10s Red

It was an early start for our little

pups on Sunday morning as they gathered together for Round 2 at Leongatha's Velodrome.

Led by their captain for the week, Lenny Nolan – the pups were ready to take the Parrots on!

Within seconds, Leongatha came in strong kicking a few goals straight up, but this didn't faze our pups.

Coming in fast in the PI Red's defence, Lenny Nolan and Max Robinson worked hard to keep the ball in the centre.

With Ollie Allan taking on a great tackle the pups cleared a couple of points in the first quarter.

Great defence yet again in the second quarter, with Fletch Hennessy working his magic in the centre and Eli Long as centre half forward the pups showed how well they work together as a team.

Tate Steward smothered the ball like a legend leaving the Leongatha kids worried.

The pups worked together in the third quarter with Reeve Dennis strong in the ruck, a great play by Sunny Woodrup to Leith Cameron then on to Lenny Nolan and on to Max Robinson showing already the pups are learning to work together.

Leith Cameron was strong in the mid-field taking some great marks and Oscar Innis dominated the goal square, the Gatha kids got a few cheeky goals in this quarter but that didn't stop our pups kicking some points.

The fourth and final quarter was strong in the mid-field, Max Robinson and Leith Cameron attacked the ball and Tanner Lee took a great tackle showing a "never give up" attitude even in the last moments of a game.

These kids showed great sportsmanship today and proved they are ready to take on the season ahead.

Bulldogs bite back in Grand Final replay

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brigade of Noah Bee-Hickman and Ben Taylor leading the charge.

Saxon Mau in his second game for the Bulldogs was providing drive from the middle, and with the score 10-6 at quarter time, things were looking hopeful.

From that point, the Bulldogs were unable to hold-off their stronger opponent. Kicking with the breeze to the scoring end in the 2nd (and 4th), the home side was able to put on 12 goals to the scoring end, whilst the Bulldogs were unable to trouble the scorers to the non-scoring end.

Positive signs for the Bulldogs in-

cluded the outstanding return from Cooper Logan, and the stout defensive work of Tom Niven and Sam McCrae.

Kirby Fuller continued his outstanding defensive work as well, but the tide from the locals was too strong to hold-back as they powered on for a decisive 94-16 victory.

It's unlikely that the boys will strike opposition that strong every week, so it's all up from here!

Scores: Phillip Island: 1.0.6, 1.2.8, 2.3.15, 2.4.16. Tooradin-Dalmore: 1.4.10, 6.7.43, 6.13.49, 13.16.94.

Goals: Phillip Island: Dylan Susic 1, Will Taylor-Eagles 1 Tooradin-

Dalmore: Timothy Lenders 3, Kane Forgarianni 2.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Thomas Niven, Cooper Logan, Samuel McCrae, Noah Bee-Hickman, Tom Aylett, Kirby Fuller. Tooradin-Dalmore: Joshua Trezise, Mitch Forgarianni, Corey Provan, Jordan Jones, Connor O'Riordan, Thomas Bethune.

Under 18s

Scores: Phillip Island: 0.5.5, 3.8.26, 4.10.34, 6.11.47. Tooradin-Dalmore: 1.2.8, 2.3.15, 4.8.32, 5.11.41.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Leo Savona, Kohen Beaumont, Jack

Huther, Beau Davies, Zac Walker, Max Arceo. Tooradin-Dalmore: Ryan Gates-Crewes, Darcy Wright, Brody Campbell, Charlie Shinnars, Jack Hamilton, Anthony Mirauta.

Under 16s

On Saturday the Phillip Island Bulldogs U16s played away against Tooradin-Dalmore.

Whilst the rain held off for the match, conditions were slippery, making for hard footy.

However, the Bulldogs put in a grinding effort and adjusted well to the conditions.

They kept the ball moving for-

ward, to bring home the win.

Well done, Doggies!
Scores: Phillip Island: 1.3.9, 3.5.23, 3.7.25, 5.11.41. Tooradin-Dalmore: 1.0.6, 2.2.14, 2.5.17, 2.5.17.

Goals: Phillip Island: Oliver Duggan, Bailey Hennessy, Jeremy Kelly, George McCausland, Noah Williams – 1. Tooradin-Dalmore: Chayse Campbell – 2.

Best Players: Phillip Island: William Hill, Jeremy Kelly, Noah Williams, Oliver Duggan, Benjamin Chihotski, Heath Womersley. Tooradin-Dalmore: Lenny Goldberg, Harrison Hardy, Darcy Freeman, Riley Sherwood, Hudson Rogers, Lachlan Plant.



Winners of the Robin Blackman Autumn Carnival Four's bowling competition (left to right): Ray Astbury, Jim Kirk, Ray Jenson and David Hanlon.

Phillip Island bowls

On Saturday, April 29 the Robin Blackman Autumn Carnival commenced with the four's competition and after a few showers in the morning conditions improved for the bowlers for the first day of competition.

For the final day of the four's competition we had a perfect day for bowling and the standard of bowling was excellent.

Phillip Island Bowling Club hosted bowlers from interstate and all over Victoria and all greens were full of eager bowlers.

With a large crowd of spectators in

attendance to watch some excellent bowling the players did not let them down.

Still to come is the pairs, singles and triples competition and spectators are very welcome to drop into the club and watch and it is free to watch any game.

Congratulations to the winners, and 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams.

Winners of the Fours: Lead Ray Astbury, 2nd Jim Kirk, 3rd Ray Jenson and Skip David Hanlon.

Runners up: Lead Frank Bentley, 2nd Bruce Willett, 3rd Peter Simos and Skip Stephen Clifford.

Third: Lead Mick Morgan, 2nd Adam Donoghue, 3rd John Parker and Skip Wayne Lynch.

Fourth: Mark Patton, Grant Stapleton, Bob Brown and Rod Miller.



Halfway through the season, four teams are on equal points, separated by percentage!

Darts results

At the halfway mark of the 2023 season, four teams are on equal points, separated by percentage.

It makes for a healthy competition and an exciting last half of the season.

Round seven results:

River boys 5 def That's All 2.

The Vikings 4 def Joe's Hornets 3.
Storm 5.5 def Newbies 1.5.
The Clangers had a bye.

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

Bridge results

The Phillip Island Bridge Club held the inaugural Life Members Charity Day Pairs event on April 24.

Winners on the day were Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim with 70.31 per cent. Second place, with 68.06 per cent, was Life Member Shirley Stewart and her bridge partner John Farr.

Local charity Free 3D Hands will

be receiving the \$350 collected by way of table fees and individual member donations.

Members also contributed to a delicious afternoon tea.

Wednesday's session was won by a recently inducted Life Member Karen Klym and her bridge partner Paul Waylen with 61.31 per cent.

Congratulations to all winners and thanks to those that baked and brought cakes and Anzac biscuits and other treats to share.

Euchre results

Ladies winner: Josie Billman – 6 wins. **Men's winner:** John O'Brien – 6 wins. **Encouragement award:** Mary-Ann Ueckerman.

Please Contact Bob Hee for any further information on 0418 173 388.

Come along everyone and have a great night out.

Tables booked for those wanting dinner before games start.

First match of season for the Breakers

After a Round one bye, the Bass Coast Breakers travelled to Edithvale-Aspendale for their first match of the season.

While the Breakers started strongly with a lot of the play, their first quarter was a little rusty as evidenced by the score line with only two of 10 scoring shots converted.

By the second quarter both teams had settled into the game with less opportunities but a better conversion rate for the Breakers who led 5.9-39 to 0.0-0 at half time. By half time darkness had set in and the lights were on.

The Breakers pressure continued with Georgia Sharp contesting well on the wing.

Kate Thompson had an immediate impact in her first game for the Breakers marking strongly around the ground and finding space in the forward line – nailing the harder of her two shots at goal.

The floodgates opened up in the last quarter with Jenna Russo finishing with five goals for the match and Kelly O'Neill four.



Past Breakers player Lana Van Berlo presents jumpers to first gamers Jaclyn Van Rooy, Brooke Whiteside, Kate Thompson and Poppy Marshall.

While the scoreboard was favourable for the visitors the performance of Poppy Marshall, Brooke Whiteside and Sienna Lane who were all playing their first senior women's game – having transitioned through the local youth girl's programs – was equally as exciting.

Final score: Breakers 13.18-96 def

Edi-Asp 0.0-0.

Best: K. Thompson, J. Russo, K. O'Neill, G. Sharp, S. Lane and S. Poke.

Goals: J. Russo 5, K. O'Neill 4, S. Bolding, I. Bradford, B. Whiteside and K. Thompson.

This week the Breakers face Seaford at home – 4.40pm Saturday at Dalyston.

Hawks and Demons come to town

Players who grew up in Bass Coast said they were proud to return to play in the weekend's historic double-header at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve. The Hawthorn VFLW team took on the Casey Demons, followed by the clubs' VFL teams competing.

It is the first time a game for competition points at this level has been played in Bass Coast and the event attracted several thousand spectators.

In the VFL, the Casey Demons came out on top, winning by 30 points. 16.10.106 to Box Hill Hawks' 11.10.76.

The positions were reversed in the VFLW, with the Hawks winning 7.8.50 to the Demons 2.5.17.

The event on Sunday also included Auskick sessions and opportunities to hear from team coaches.

Grace Matser and Grace McRae were among the players who grew up in Bass Coast and learnt their footy skills here, along with Sunday Brisbane, Macie Gilmour and Max Walton.



The Box Hill Hawks VFLW team was victorious on the day, defeating the Casey Demons by 33 points. Photo: South Gippsland Sentinel Times.

Island girls off to a great start

In perfect conditions the Phillip Island youth girls team got their season off to a flyer with a strong win over Korumburra.

Playing at home the girls seemed a little nervous in the first quarter and wasted several opportunities with some scrappy play and crowding.

Korumburra took advantage of this and were able to get the first major on the board.

The second quarter saw the Island girls settle and the move of Brinn Hamley to full forward provided a great target for the girls.

Brinn took control up forward and even though her scores resulted in behinds it was her effort and attack on the ball that got the girls moving.

Qiarshi Adams was elusive up forward, while Jade Ricardo, Ahlee Penry and Makenzie (Macca) Wain were solid across the middle and half back.

New player Heidi O'Loughlin showed what a valuable addition she will be to the team with some strong tackling and attack on the ball.

Monica Bartels and Bella Gude



Cam Pedersen presented Ahlee Penry with the award for the Anzac Medal.

were consistent throughout the game, while Jorja (Jorga) Newman and Lexi Walton led from the front.

The girls continued their great link up play in the third, while Summer Crozier got plenty of the ball up forward having several attempts at goal.

Maybe she was put off by Dad (the goal umpire).

Second year players Lily O'Loughlin, Macey Stubbs, Miki Leary and Lily (Elbow) Bow were in all the action, while Kayla Carpi after a stint in defence was let loose on the ball, with great results in the final quarter.

This was a positive start to the season with new players Tess Ricardo and Summer Johnson showing no signs of nerves.

Well done girls on your efforts today.

Special thanks to Cam Pedersen and Alex Duyker for umpiring and the Woolford/Pedersen girls for running water.

Final Score: Phillip Island 6.10.46 def Korumburra 3.1.19.

Best: Jade Ricardo, Ahlee Penry, Brinn Hamley, Qiarshi Adams, Heidi O'Loughlin, Lexi Walton and Kayla Carpi.

Anzac Medal: Ahlee Penry.
Goals: Jade Ricardo 2, Ahlee Penry, Bella Gude, Lily O'Loughlin and Qiarshi Adams.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 3 MAY	THU 4 MAY	FRI 5 MAY	SAT 6 MAY	SUN 7 MAY	MON 8 MAY	TUE 9 MAY
LOW 3:27 am 1.25 m	LOW 4:35 am 1.15 m	LOW 5:37 am 0.98 m	HIGH 12:29 am 2.47 m	HIGH 1:19 am 2.54 m	HIGH 2:05 am 2.60 m	HIGH 2:49 am 2.65 m
HIGH 10:08 am 2.27 m	HIGH 11:30 am 2.41 m	HIGH 12:40 pm 2.62 m	LOW 6:30 am 0.80 m	LOW 7:17 am 0.63 m	LOW 8:02 am 0.50 m	LOW 8:47 am 0.40 m
LOW 3:45 pm 1.35 m	LOW 5:09 pm 1.39 m	LOW 6:20 pm 1.35 m	HIGH 1:37 pm 2.84 m	HIGH 2:28 pm 3.03 m	HIGH 3:15 pm 3.15 m	HIGH 4:00 pm 3.20 m
HIGH 10:28 pm 2.40 m	HIGH 11:30 pm 2.42 m		LOW 7:16 pm 1.28 m	LOW 8:06 pm 1.21 m	LOW 8:51 pm 1.16 m	LOW 9:34 pm 1.12 m

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Tully Dickie playing his first Seniors game. More photos at pisra.com.au



Hayden Bruce in action on Saturday against Tooradin in the Seniors match.

Bulldogs bite back in Grand Final replay

Seniors

Round three beckoned with one of the toughest challenges in the West Gippsland League – an away visit to last year's premier (and Bulldog conqueror) Tooradin.

The skies were foreboding as the faithful headed from the Island, amidst the pouring rain and slippery roads.

Upon arrival at Tooradin, low-and-behold, sunshine and relatively clear skies.

Combined with an oval in perfect condition, the challenge didn't look any less given the conditions favoured the type of game last year's premiers enjoyed. Last week's ordinary performance against Inverloch was in the rear-view mirror, but how far all wondered?

Pre-game began with Tully Dickie presented with his game-day jumper, having been selected for his first game for the senior Bulldogs after two classy performances in the resses.

With Eli Richards, vice-captain Daniel Pearce and Jessie Patullo back in, the loss of Jordy, the Sauce and ball-magnet Kimber was reasonably offset. Message from the coach – go fast, go wide and go hard!

In what many pundits were to conclude was one of the most exciting, exhilarating performances from a team in the local competition, the Bulldogs were unrecognisable from Round two.

Speed on the ball, slick and clean movement, hard inside, and quick on the outside, all of a sudden, the Bulldogs found themselves 4 goals to 1 in the first.

Eli Richards leading on the ball, Jesse P on the move, and Trav Woodfield ran the Tooradin defence ragged.

Not to be outdone, the Seagulls rallied with three goals in the last five to level the score – ouch!

Quarter two began as Q1 ended, with the Seagulls scoring and all



U16s Harrison Carlon is happy to see the ball over the boundary line. More photos for U16s match at pisra.com.au

sudden in front. But then, wow! The next seven goals were from the Bulldogs, taking over all over the ground. Kai Mackenzie took running charge from the back-line delivering to players all over the ground. By mid-way through the quarter, all forwards (yep all seven of them!) had goals. Jack Papas kicked one from nowhere, Bryce Hindhaugh took over on his wing, and Trav Woodfield threaded a beauty being high-lights.

Ball movement was sublime, and the Dogs found themselves up 74-35 at the major break.

The premiership quarter was a beauty. As expected, the Seagulls came out hard, with that man Scanlan bobbing up for a couple.

Just when the home side looked to be getting on top, Max Blake and Jesse Patullo stepped up for

goals.

With Cam Pedersen dominating from the middle, and Daniel Bourke well on top of man-mountain Piva Wright, the Dogs stemmed the tied.

The ball continued to ping from end to end, with the Gulls trying to make headway, and the Bulldogs continuing the brave and precise ball movement in response. Three goals to both teams in the third was just rewards for a fantastic quarter of football.

The last continued at the break-neck speed, with the Gulls pushing and probing and the Bulldogs resisting.

Trav Woodfield continued his day out, and with his second for the quarter finishing the contest.

Eli continued his outstanding mid-field display, with Max Walton displaying why he is on the

Box Hill list with an outstanding mid-field game.

The Gulls continued right to the end, but with stern defence the Bulldogs finished up extending their lead to a well-deserved 44-point victory.

After game celebrations were strong, but with the full knowledge that this is Round three, and next week Nar Nar Goon await at the Kennel.

One great win doesn't a season make, but it certainly provided an indicator of the best the Bulldogs can put together being well on the pace at the top of the competition.

Scores: Phillip Island: 4.2.26, 11.8.74, 14.11.95, 16.15.111. Tooradin-Dalmore: 4.2.26, 5.5.35, 8.7.55, 9.13.67.

Goals: Phillip Island: Travis Woodfield 4, Jesse Patullo 3, Max Blake 2. Tooradin-Dalmore: Stewart Scanlon 2, Julian Suarez 2.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Bryce Hindhaugh, Max Walton, Daniel Pearce, Max Blake, Hayden Bruce, Travis Woodfield. Tooradin-Dalmore: Cooper Shipp, Liam Adams, Brent Maccaffer, Panos Papas, Brad Lenders, Hayden Bertoli-Simmonds.

Reserves

The Reserves entered the contest against undefeated Tooradin – with the home side boasting a percentage of 600+ per cent after three games showing just how deep the Seagulls' depth runs.

Pre-game was highlighted by the inclusion of Dean 'The General' Blake on the rotations, Ben Strong playing his first game since 2016, and the return of that unflappable central umpire 'Damo' Prendergast. Cooper Logan back for his first game for the year, and Robbie Linford back (again!).

A tight opening quarter with only one goal to each looked promising, with the young on-ball

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