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Houses open as visitors return

With the real estate market booming, Josh Dunstan, General Manager at OBrien Real Estate said his team was excited to welcome Melbourne visitors back.

"It's good to see everyone coming back. Finally, we can start doing real life inspections again."

Josh said over the long weekend there had been a huge spike in both enquiries, inspections and sales.

Fortunately the office didn't lose power during Friday's storm, so it was business as usual and the team has been kept busy with a huge increase in appraisal requests.

"We've been contacted by a lot of holiday home owners. They're all quite surprised what the houses are now worth and are cashing in on this market."

During last year's lockdown, Josh said there was a boom in sales as people looked to relocate to the area. Now the focus has shifted to purchasing holiday homes, with people keen to secure a place to enjoy over Christmas and January.

"The majority of sales at the moment are for holiday houses and many are selling for more than the agents and vendors are expecting, due to demand and multiple offers."

"Properties are definitely selling faster," he said.

"As soon as they are listed, they're sold within a few days. Previously it would be 60-90 days, but now they're selling in less than 30."

"It's a record sales time at the moment. There's never been a market like it."

Prices soar

According to the September data released by the Real Estate Institute of Victoria (REIV), residential property prices have broken new records.

In fact, for four consecutive quarters, the highest ever results have been recorded.

Regional house prices in Victoria are rising – and Phillip Island is no exception.

Prices on the Island are well above the median average for regional areas and jumped more than the regional average as well.

In September, the median house price in Cowes was \$652,000, up by 6.4 per cent on the previous quarter. Over in Cape Woolamai, the median price was even higher at \$681,000, a rise of 3.5 per cent.

This compares to the regional median of \$570,000, and a price rise of 2.4 per cent.

State stats

According to REIV, the annual growth rate for houses in regional Victoria is 22.8 per cent, and 18.8 per cent for units, the highest in over a decade.

Median house prices in Geelong reached \$1 million for the first time, with Wangaratta topping the state's growth areas at 19 per cent.

The President of REIV, Adam Docking said a confluence of important events was making regional Victoria more appealing to buyers.

"The trend in tree or sea change investment and relocation continues with flexible and hybrid workplace



Houses are selling fast and property prices are booming, said Josh Dunstan, General Manager at OBrien Real Estate.

arrangements and lockdowns attracting more people to a regional lifestyle."

In Bass Coast, Kilcunda recorded the highest median house price at \$843,000, with Inverloch close behind on \$830,000. The biggest growth was in Wonthaggi, which saw a jump of 8.5 per cent and a median house price of \$483,000.



Enjoying the outdoor dining in Cowes, Nicole Johnston and Beth Taylor from South Yarra.



Taking a stroll through Cowes, Joanna Grujovski, Lina Varalla, Nadia Grujovski, Natalie Bovezza, Lisa Bovezza and Alessia Bovezza from Essendon, Lower Plenty and Greensborough.



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Storm lashes island



A yacht, *Andronicus*, was blown onto the rocks at Dickies Bay in San Remo during the storm. Photo: Andrew Lidsey.

Gale force winds cut power and internet to thousands of homes and businesses across Phillip Island and San Remo on Friday morning, with many residents also losing mobile phone reception.

Most properties had power restored by Friday night, in some cases earlier than predicted, although there were still properties without power on Tuesday.

Across the island, trees were uprooted and even a marquee at Over the Top events in the Cowes Concourse was blown over.

In San Remo, the yacht *Andronicus* ended up on the rocks at Dickies Bay.

SES inundated

Alan O'Connor from the Phillip Island SES said both the Phillip Island and San Remo units experienced a surge in requests for assistance (RFA) over Friday and Satur-

day due to the storm.

"We thank all our volunteers at both units for a great effort in difficult conditions," he said.

SES Community Resilience Coordinator for East Region, Merryn Henderson said Bass Coast units received over 100 calls, with Phillip Island the hardest hit.

According to Phillip Island Duty Officer Joel Reid the unit responded to 58 calls, mainly trees down, traffic hazards and building damage.

San Remo Controller Michael Kenny, who was on deployment to Central region to help with the backlog of calls for assistance, said his unit responded to over 20 RFAs as well.

Alan said calls were still coming in on Sunday but were able to be quickly responded to.

Both units had all available vehicles and members involved, rotating crews to prevent fatigue



A massive old cypress tree on the corner of Panorama and Anderson streets in San Remo was felled by the storm. Photo courtesy of Graeme Clausen.

amongst the volunteers.

Bass Coast Shire Council, the CFA, AusNet Services and private contractors also assisted, to help

work through the backlog of calls.

"Members of the public are reminded that our focus during these events is trees down, traffic hazards, building damage and trees blocking access to your home," Alan said.

"It is important to remember when calling for assistance both these units also need to be available for road crash rescue and to assist ambulance jobs.

"Calls for a tree fallen in your yard, on a shed or a neighbour's fence are not life threatening and can be delayed until things calm down. They only serve to jam the 132 500 phone line which leads to delays in responding.

"As the units are 100 per cent volunteer, and personnel are not in attendance 24/7, calling the unit direct, visiting, emailing, or using social media is not recommended."

More storm coverage on page 12.

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18 25	13 19	13 21	14 23	14 21	12 16	11 14

Welcome back Melbourne

It was hardly a surprise to anyone that the return of Melbourne visitors didn't run quite as planned.

Fortunately, after a rocky start due to Friday's storm, the weekend was a busy one, with visitors from Melbourne flocking to the area to enjoy a long weekend out of lockdown.

Local businesses were prepping for a huge weekend, but after the last 18 months of the

pandemic, one thing they have learned to expect is the unexpected.

When storms, including huge wind gusts hit the island on Friday, many businesses were left without power.

Paul Mannix from the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op captured the mood of local business-owners.

"The rollercoaster keeps going around," said Paul, who runs one of many local businesses that were unable to open on Friday due to the outage.

"We were all set for a huge weekend, then Mother Nature slapped us in the face on Friday."

The staff rallied for the crisis, "it was all action-stations saving the stock".

"We were burying the fish under ice, and I took the ice cream freezer on a forklift down to a friend's garage in San Remo, as he had a generator," Paul said.

"I got some funny looks driving down the main street."

A retired fisherman also lent a helping hand.

"We loaded fresh fish into the Co-op van and took that to his place, as he also had a generator.

"So, a big thank you to Dennis."

Paul said staff worked frantically all day on Friday, and then hit the ground running on Saturday.

"Things started off a bit slow on Saturday. It was pretty grey and some people were wondering if businesses would actually be open.

"But it got busier, and by the afternoon and on Sunday, we were flat chat from the minute we opened the doors.

"And today (Monday), the sun is out, the birds are twittering, the water is sparkling ... there are people everywhere. It's fantastic."

Like many local businesses, Paul said he had been concerned with the government requirement to check vaccination status there might be some antagonism from customers, but was relieved this was not the case.

"People have been pretty good and pretty understanding about the whole situation."

The sunshine and visitors are a welcome relief for business, with Paul saying "both Monday and Tuesday will be crackers".

"We've needed it. It's good busy and good stress."

Don't hesitate to contact me, I am here to help.



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It's been flat chat at San Remo's Fisherman's Co-op over the weekend, despite a rocky start to the weekend, losing power on Friday due to the storms.



The streets and outdoor eating areas of San Remo were filled with visitors on Monday enjoying the sunshine and their new-found freedoms.



POLICE
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Road rage

Police have appealed for witnesses to a road rage incident at the Newhaven College school crossing on October 27, just after 3pm.

A school crossing supervisor was attacked by a driver, and police have asked anyone who witnessed the incident or has dashcam footage to contact Cowes Police on 5952 2037, or Crimestoppers on 1800 33300 or www.crimestoppersvic.com.au.

The crossing supervisor has thanked the large number of people who stopped to check he was okay.

"I am truly grateful," he said and asked anyone who saw what happened and would be comfortable making a statement, to contact the police.

Weekend traffic

Police said Friday's storm may have impacted the number of people who arrived down on Friday night, saying traffic was less than expected.

However with better weather over the rest of the long weekend, there were plenty of day-trippers on the roads, as well as holiday home owners coming to check on their properties after lockdown.

Despite the increased numbers, police reported a quiet weekend, although two cars were impounded in Bass Coast due to drink driving incidents.

Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Morison from San Remo said police were out in force over the weekend.

Operation Compass focused on drink driving, with police urging people to enjoy end of lockdown celebrations and the Melbourne Cup, but to "think twice before drinking and getting behind the wheel".

Basham trial delayed

The Supreme Court trial for alleged murderer Adrian Basham has been delayed until next year.

The trial was previously set to start on July 12 and was then delayed to November.

It is expected to run for two months, with preliminary and pre-trial arguments listed to start in November.

Adrian James Basham pleaded not guilty at a committal hearing in the Latrobe Valley Magistrates Court in October 2019, after being committed to stand trial over the death of his estranged wife Samantha Fraser.

Mr Basham is accused of killing the mother of their three children, Samantha Fraser, 38, at her Cowes home on July 23, 2018.

Mr Basham is also facing another set of charges which cannot be reported due to a suppression order.

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Booked out for long weekend

It began with wild weather, but that didn't stop people streaming down the coast, eager to make the most of the long weekend.

Accommodation providers across the island said the calls had started once the Premier announced the October 29 date for opening up.

Tropicana Motor Inn in Cowes was fully booked for the weekend.

"When I heard the announcement that we would have long weekend business, to say I was excited was an understatement," said owner Mandy Spitzer.

"After a really hard 18 months, we really feel like we will be able to have some stability back."

While there wasn't a big influx of calls after the initial announcement, Mandy said bookings built steadily and by mid last week they were already 80 per cent booked.

The big storm on Friday did take the shine off the opening up, with the hotel roof damaged when a neighbour's tree fell on it.

"It caused a lot of damage. We've made it safe for now and we hope to get it fixed next week, but it wasn't a great start to the long weekend," Mandy admitted.

However the wild weather didn't deter visitors and fortunately Tropicana didn't lose power.

"We were lucky and kept the power on the whole time, however our internet went down, which means our phones were down."

When the last room booked for the weekend, Mandy said it was nice to put out the No Vacancy sign once again and she's hoping the trend continues.

"I have definitely seen an increase in overall booking moving forward, but it will be interesting to see if our summer/Christmas holiday period will be as busy as last year with people being able to travel overseas and interstate."

"Last year's summer holidays were the best we have ever had, which at the time was a huge help after such



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long lockdowns, so I do hope that it's similar this year.

"This year's lockdown was much harder than last year even though regional was not in lockdown for as long. Without metro Melbourne we had only about three to five per cent occupancy."

"I would go weeks without any bookings at all."

Over at the Seahorse Motor Inn, the weekend was also fully booked.

Owner Sue said calls started when Melbourne's curfew was lifted.

"We initially got a lot of calls and bookings from our booking agencies from Melbourne guests as they thought we were on the Peninsula."

Despite the assurance from the Premier that the state is opening up, Sue said many potential holiday makers are still wary of booking in advance.

"We have had a lot of calls wanting to know if they book and they get locked down again would they be penalised with a fee."

"Some people are waiting for 6pm on Friday as I understand as they are scared to make plans still."

"We are looking good though compared to what we have faced the past 18 months."

Sally Matthews runs Getaway Phillip Island with her husband John and said bookings for the weekend were steady.

"Many owners are using their properties themselves, as they have not been able to come down during lockdown," she said.

Looking ahead though, forward bookings are solid for December and through January, with Sally saying many guests "felt safer in Australia than overseas".

And there's been a positive change with reaching the 80 per cent double dose target.

"There are not as many queries about Covid cancellations now - that's the positive side of opening up," she said.



Mum and baby are doing well. Last week's koala count gave rangers the opportunity to check on the new arrival, who they estimate is eight months old.

It's a girl!

There was baby joy at the Koala Conservation Reserve last week.

Roger the bushfire survivor and Ottie the orphaned koala have become parents, with Phillip Island Nature Parks' rangers officially welcoming a little girl into the family.

Rangers at the Koala Conservation Reserve spotted the joey on a number of occasions over the last few months high up in the trees with mum but were unable to take a closer look until last week's annual koala health checks.

"We estimate this little girl is about eight months old now, and she is an absolute picture of health," said Jessica McKelson, Conservation Manager with Phillip Island Nature Parks.

"The annual health checks are a vital component in our successful management of the koalas here on the island and is one of the only times we have any direct, physical contact with them, as they are all wild koalas living in as natural a habitat as we can provide them."

Dad Roger came to the Nature Parks early in 2020 as one of the 13 koalas cared for by rangers after being badly injured in the Black Summer bushfires.

Roger has not yet been able to be released back into the wild like the other 12 bushfire survivors, as further investigation is still required into the effect of the burns on his paws, tendons and muscles.

Mum Ottie was translocated from the Otway Ranges in 2015 as orphaned 'back young', after the death of her mum, and was rehomed on Phillip Island with two other young female koalas, Johanna and Ella, who have all been successfully raised at the Koala Conservation Reserve.

"Ottie and Roger were released into the semi-wild enclosure here in late 2020, and we were so excited when we first noticed a bulge in Ottie's pouch in August this year."

"We are just so thrilled that out of the devastation of the bushfires, and the loss of Ottie's mum, we've been able to welcome this new life, and this new little bundle of joy into the Nature Parks family here on Phillip Island."

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Farewell library, you served us well

Cowes' new library will most likely be open to the community 24 hours a day, seven days a week, once construction is complete in 2023.

San Remo and Phillip Island Libraries branch manager Jessica Berry said that would be just one of the offerings of the new building, which is set to be more than three times the size of the current library.

The library and heritage centre, which is due for demolition any day, measured 138m², with the new one about 458m².

"We have been talking with the architect throughout the process and we're really happy with the design," Jessica said.

"Because there will be more space we will have an increased collection – with a dedicated budget for a new collection, as well as multipurpose spaces, lounge, quiet study booths and it will most likely be open 24/7, like Foster is and like Mirboo North soon will be.

"Customers have to pay a security deposit and abide by a code of conduct but it makes it much more accessible to all the community."

The staff of three permanent librarians moved out of the Cowes library at the end of September, when they packed all 9500 books into 80 cartons.

"We singlehandedly dismantled all the shelves. All up it took us about three weeks."

She said they donated shelving to the Village School, while the books went to the Wonthaggi and Inverloch libraries.

Anyone now wanting to borrow books can do so online with click and collect, with the



San Remo and Phillip Island Libraries branch manager Jessica Berry outside the 40-year-old library, before it's demolished to make way for a new Cowes Cultural Centre development.

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) on Church Street open for collections (Tuesday 1.30pm-4.30pm; Wednesday 9.30am-2pm and Thursday 9.30am-1pm).

Otherwise, the San Remo Library, at 92 Back Beach Road, is open six days a week (9.30am-6pm, except Saturday 9.30am-1pm).

History

The old Cowes library and heritage centre were built in the early 1980s, replacing the previous library in the long-ago demolished hall in the main street.

According to a letter in 1980 from the then librarian, Kaye Stammers, Cowes' first library

was in poor condition.

"Besides looking old, shabby and in disrepair, it has been flooded several times, and has been host to mice, spiders and blowflies," the letter states.

Jessica said at the time the library was built next to the shire offices, the population of Phillip Island was 3400.

"Our membership now is more than the population was back then," Jessica said, adding San Remo and Cowes libraries have a total membership of 5355.

Jessica said the new building couldn't come soon enough, with Cowes library's monthly peak record of visitors 7000 in January 2020.

Customers not only borrow books and use internet services, but also take part in programs such as book chats and the school holiday program, and even hire surfboards.

"We had possums in the roof and plants growing through the bricks. It was being taken over by wildlife.

"We've been running out of space and had to expand our events program into the heritage centre."

The \$27.2 million budget to build the new Cowes Cultural Centre – including a 250 fixed-seat theatre (545m²), library, and a 92m² gallery space – was approved by Bass Coast Shire councillors at the October meeting.

Work is expected to begin in November, after the heritage centre and library are demolished.

Previously the shire said the new Cultural Centre would be open by December 2022, but it has now been pushed back to February 2023.

Bass Coast 90 per cent double vaxxed

Every shire in Gippsland has now passed the 95 per cent first dose vaccination mark, with Bass Coast now at 91.4 per cent double vaxxed.

The rest of the shires are close behind, with Latrobe the only area below 80 per cent double vaccination, although it is expected to reach the target within days.

According to state government figures, at the start of the week there were 33 Covid cases in Bass Coast, with Gippsland Region Public Health Unit confirming it was managing 24 active cases.

There are currently no public exposure sites listed for the area.

Last week, a student at Newhaven College tested positive, and classmates were notified and directed to get tested and isolate. The school was deep cleaned over the weekend and school, including exams, proceeded as normal this week.

On Friday, the drive through testing sites in Cowes and Wonthaggi were closed due to the high winds and Bass Coast Health set up a temporary testing site at Capeview Mitre 10 in Wonthaggi.

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LGA	% received first dose	% received second dose
Bass Coast	>95	91.4
East Gippsland	>95	87.7
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Mayoral farewell

Bass Coast Shire Mayor Brett Tessari paid tribute to shire staff and fellow councillors at what was most likely his last council meeting as mayor.

Cr Tessari did not indicate whether he would put his hand up for the role for a third time, however his short speech at the October meeting suggested he would not.

"To this new group of council, the last 12 months have been on screen and we haven't had that chance to build the rapport that the former group had," Cr Tessari said.

"I have enjoyed my time with all of you guys as well, and I look forward to being able to actually meet in a room and have a chat face to face

"To the two CEOs, Paul Buckley, first of all, thank you so much you were an amazing person to deal with and to Ali Wastie, an incredible CEO and one that if you have the opportunity to see her in the room with other councils and dignitaries, they all look up to Ali Wastie.

"We are very, very lucky to have her as our CEO."

Community grants

About 45 community projects will receive funding under round two of Bass Coast Shire's 2021 grants program.

The program received 55 applications, with an overall request of \$222,175, including three applications for the Climate Change grant totalling \$17,000. Councillors voted to support 45 projects totalling \$144,100.

Plan, plan, plan

Bass Coast Shire councillors passed a raft of new policies and plans at the October council meeting.

The Long-Term Financial Plan 2021/22 to 2030/31 – which sets out revenue and expenditure projections – was approved by all councillors, except for Cr Larke, who voted against it.

The plan controversially provides funding for one – not two – aquatics facilities.

Cr Michael Whelan said there was only one pool in the plan – either Cowes or Won-

thaggi – because this allowed "flexibility".

The plan also states the shire needs to diversify its economy and be less reliant on tourism.

"An increased focus on the knowledge economy, the use of fast broadband and development of Business Incubators could support this diversification," it states.

It also highlights the importance of protecting the shire's natural environment and wildlife, especially from sand mining, and calls for the provision for funding to buy the environmentally-significant Holden Proving Ground at Lang Lang, with financial support from state or Federal governments.

Councillors also voted in support of other plans including:

- Healthy Communities Plan 2021-25, which calls for better mental wellbeing and more affordable housing;
- The Access, Equity and Inclusion in Bass Coast Plan, which includes details on how to improve employment opportunities for people with disability, as well as improved recognition and support for carers;
- Community Vision 2041, written by 43 residents from across the shire, which focuses on five aspirations such as healthy communities and protecting the environment; and
- Council Plan 2021-2025 and Annual Action Plan 2021-2022.

Biosphere MOU

The shire will continue its partnership with the Western Port Biosphere Reserve after an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was approved by councillors.

The MoU includes Bass Coast funding of \$21,700 for three years to support work to protect Western Port, which is a Ramsar site, considered an internationally important feeding and roosting area for numerous bird species.

Councillors also voted to support the directions and targets of the next Port Phillip and Western Port Regional Catchment Strategy.

Cr David Rooks said this was another important relationship for the shire, due to its environmental work.

Question time questioned

CEO Ali Wastie has responded to a long-term shire critic, explaining why his

questions have not been read in council question time.

Inverloch resident Kevin Griffin asked Ms Wastie why "without precedent and with no explanation" Mayor Brett Tessari excluded his question at the August council meeting.

"Is it the mayor's intention to continue preventing submitted public questions which displease him from being presented to future public council meetings?" Mr Griffin asked.

Ms Wastie responded the chair could disallow a question if they "determine that it breaches any of the clauses listed under the Governance Rules".

"Council wrote to Mr Griffin and advised the question had been disallowed by the Mayor under section 53.6 of the Governance Rules," Ms Wastie said, adding that a further response was later provided specifying the relevant sub-clauses.

"There is no requirement to read a disallowed public question at the meeting."

Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association spokesman Andrew Marston asked if the CEO could provide constructive feedback to questioners.

"Can council undertake to always clarify which of the categories has been triggered when a question is disallowed?" Mr Marston said.

Ms Wastie said when a question has been disallowed the process was to provide a written response to the questioner explaining why it has been disallowed.

Red bin tally

Bass Coast Shire has collected \$15.5 million in garbage charge fees from ratepayers in the past financial year.

Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association member Kym Lightfoot asked council to provide the total income received for the garbage charge and her question was followed by association member Claire Diffey who asked for red bin disposal tonnage figures for each year from 2011 to 2021.

Ms Wastie said a total of 73,877 tonnes had been collected from kerbside red bins in that time.

In 2011, 7106 tonnes was collected, which rose to the highest level in 2016 of 8358 tonnes, and dropped to 4437 in 2019 and 5274 in the past year.



Walkers and cyclists are reporting increasing sightings of snakes around Phillip Island, as the weather warms up.

Snake season has arrived

Walkers and cyclists are reporting increasing sightings of snakes around Phillip Island, as the weather warms up.

Travis Johnson posted a photo on social media last week urging walkers to watch out for two snakes on the edge of the footpath at Newhaven.

Tegan Carter also spotted the slithering creatures, saying there was one near the Newhaven Information Centre.

"My dog nearly walked straight into it but it calmly slithered into the bushes as we passed," she said.

Others reported seeing snakes across the island, including at Swan Lake.

"I've seen a few on my walks this year. A lot more around than last year," said Mandy Welch.

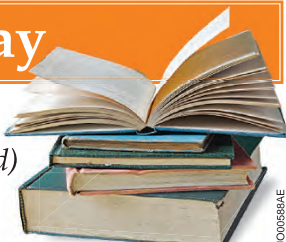
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Nominations are now open for the 2022 Bass Coast Australia Day Awards for Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year. It has been another challenging year, but it has not stopped the many beautiful acts of caring, selflessness, giving and compassion from individuals within our community. Visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ausday2022 to nominate someone, or to read the guidelines. Nominations close on Thursday, 25 November 2021 and the finalists and winners will be announced on Wednesday, 19 January 2022.

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Council's fee-free green waste disposal period is on until Sunday, 21 November 2021. During this period, residents and property owners are able to dispose of domestic-sized loads of green waste free of charge at Council waste facilities. For facility locations and opening times please visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/wastefacilities. Weed species and species that cannot be physically mulched (such as palm fronds) will not be accepted free of charge but can be disposed of in your kerbside green-lidded Organics bin. For more information please contact Council's Waste Services Team on the numbers below or visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/waste.

Changes to e-waste disposal at Inverloch Transfer Station

The Inverloch Transfer Station is no longer accepting disposal of any e-waste (TVs, computers, small electrical appliances, fans, etc). This is due to changes in the *Environmental Protection Act* to the way e-waste needs to be stored and the limited capacity of the Inverloch Transfer Station site to provide this storage. Disposal of whitegoods is still accepted at Inverloch. The nearest Transfer Station that accepts e-waste is Wonthaggi which is located at 180 Cameron Street.

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Registered Nurse Jenny FitzGerald gives a vaccine to Alyssa Vojkovic, a Year 11 student at Wonthaggi Secondary College.

Would you like a COVID vaccination at Cowes on Thursday, 4 November?

We are holding an outreach session from 10am-12.30pm at St Philips Church Hall at 102 Thompson Ave, Cowes.

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Joan Matthews with bank manager Michael Scott and his 15-year service anniversary award.



Sandy and Les Ridge from the GBCA were presented with a cheque for \$2875 to help with storage, by Kelvin Simpson.

Community Bendigo Banks AGM and giveaways

The San Remo, Cowes and Grantville Community Bendigo Banks gave away two defibrillators, a large cheque and a significant service anniversary award at their COVID-19 safe Annual General Meeting at the Newhaven Yacht Squadron last Wednesday night.

Bank Manager Michael Scott received a 15-year service anniversary award and gift for his hard work and commitment to the three Community Banks.

"Michael started with SRDFS in 2006 and has done an exceptional job in that time, particularly in the last two years with navigating the COVID-19 pandemic," outgoing Chair, Joan Matthews commented.

"Fifteen years ago we had one branch at San Remo and have now grown to have two further successful branches, in Cowes and Grantville. We've come a long way since 2006, and Michael has been there with us every step of the way."

Another notable presentation was the much-needed Community Bank sponsored defibrillator for the Phillip Island Cemetery, with

Company Secretary Caroline Talbot presenting Pam Rothfield of the Phillip Island Cemetery Trust with the device.

Another defibrillator was donated to Corinella Bowling Club by director Pat Russell.

Kelvin Simpson presented a cheque for \$2875 to Les and Sandy Ridge of the Grantville Business and Community Association (GBCA) for long term storage of community goods such as marquees, Christmas decorations and, amusingly, 60 large witches from The Great Witch Hunt.

Incoming Chair Peter Paul then thanked the outgoing Chair Joan Matthews for her leadership and the substantial progress of the three Community Banks over the past two years. The Board also welcomed two new Board members, Luke Hill and John Matthews.

"It was a very productive evening and the Community Banks look forward to supporting the San Remo, Cowes and Grantville and District Communities even more significantly in 2022," Peter concluded.



The Community Bendigo Bank Board (San Remo District Financial Services); Back row from left: Greg Mead, Kelvin Simpson, Peter Paul and Patrick Russell. Front row: John Matthews, Bronwyn Pratt, Caroline Talbot, Bruce Procter, Joan Matthews, Janice Rowlingson and Luke Hill.



Pam Rothfield from Phillip Island Cemetery Trust was presented with a defibrillator by Caroline Talbot.



Director Pat Russell presented a Defibrillator to the Corinella Bowls Club.

Inverloch stays with Bass

Inverloch will remain in the Bass electorate for next year's state election, after the new electoral boundaries were revealed last week.

The report from the Electoral Boundaries Commission, released on October 28 also saw Pakenham and Clyde removed from the electorate.

The decision creates an interesting dilemma for current MP for Bass, Jordan Crugnale.

Does she stay with Bass, where she currently resides, although the redistribution has ABC election analyst Antony Green predicting Bass would return to the Liberals with a margin of 2.4 per cent?

Or does she move to the newly established seat of Pakenham, which is considered a likely win for Labor?

In a statement released last week, Ms Crugnale said the ALP will have a pre-selection process "in due time" and that no decision had been made.

"The community I have been elected to serve, represent and fight for is Bass in its current form and this will continue until the next election in November 2022 when the new boundaries come into effect," she said.

"I want everyone to know I love my community from Pakenham to Clyde, up to Koo Wee Rup around Lang Lang and through to Phillip Island and across to Inverloch. With all the myriad of townships and places in between.

"It is a wonderfully unique area made up of a proud, caring, hardworking and diverse community and we have heaps of amazing projects hap-

pening all over that we need and deserve. I will keep working to make sure we deliver each and every one of them and continue to fight for more."

Review

The review, held in the lead up to the 2022 election ensures that each Victorian electoral district is within 10 per cent of the state average of enrolled voters.

Under the old boundaries, Bass was almost 41 per cent above the average, due to massive growth in the northern sections of the electorate around Pakenham.

Under the new boundary, other Western Port Coastal communities Warneet, Blind Bight and Tooradin as well as Nar Nar Goon, Tynong, Garfield and Bunyip become part of the electorate.

The Commission said there was strong support in submissions to remove the more "urban, high growth areas from the north of Bass and for re-focusing the district more towards Western Port".

The original idea of moving Inverloch to the South Gippsland electorate was reviewed, after it received a number of objections.

Peter Paul, President of Island Voice said the group was pleased to see Inverloch remain in the electorate.

"The new boundaries logically link areas that face similar challenges such as confronting coastal erosion and seasonally driven economies.

"We are also satisfied that Bass will remain marginal ensuring greater interest and investment in the area.

"Island Voice looks forward to discussions with our prospective candidates and their policies to improve Phillip Island."

In its submission, Bass Coast Shire Council also argued Inverloch naturally belonged within Bass, as it had stronger community connections with Wonthaggi and other Bass Coast communities than the farming areas of Gippsland South.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari described the decision as a "great outcome for our community".

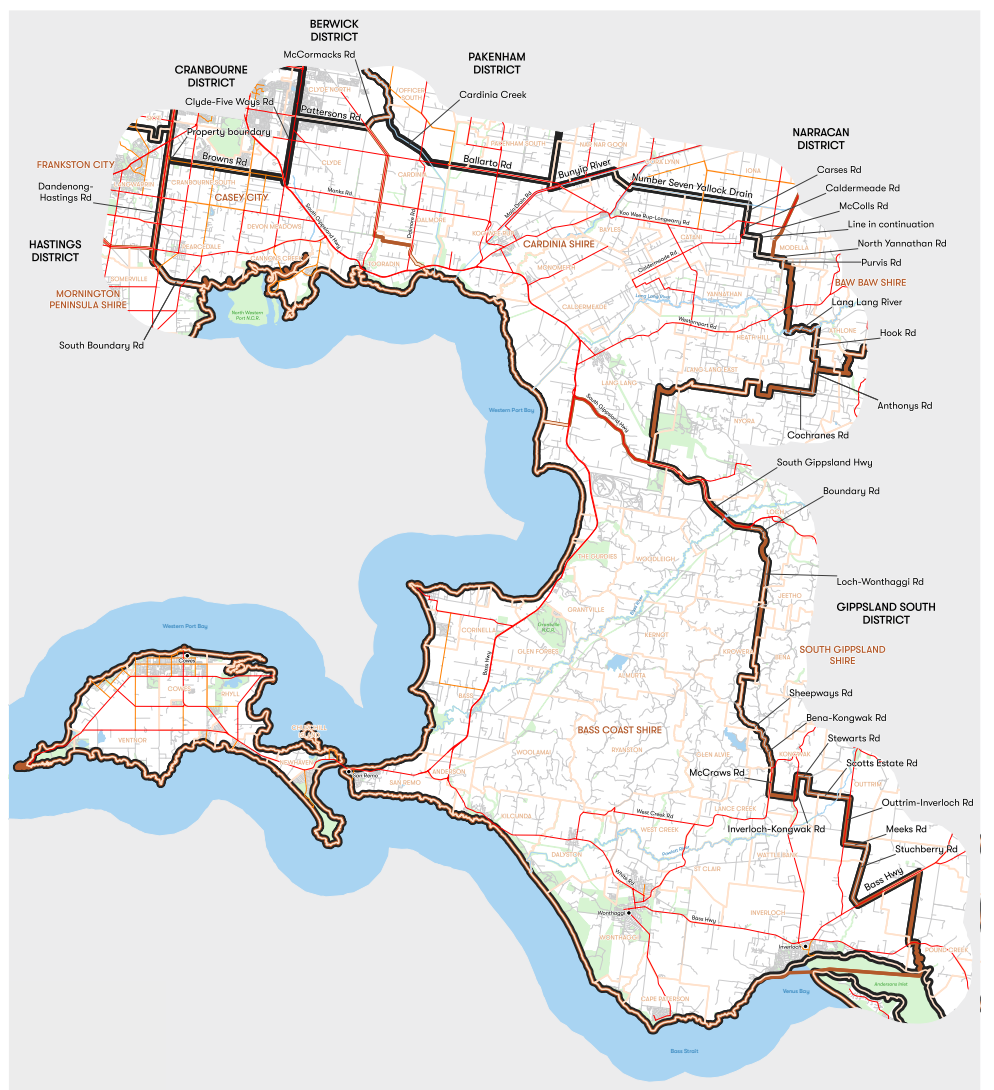
"Bass Coast Shire Council made a submission to the draft proposal and we are pleased

our feedback was taken on board.

"Under the proposed boundaries, Bass Coast Shire would have been split across Bass and South Gippsland electorates so Council was grateful for the opportunity to provide a submission proposing the importance of retaining Inverloch within the District of Bass," Cr Tessari said.

"There are strong relationships between Bass Coast's coastal communities around social, tourism, agricultural, historical and cultural connections, and this will help us continue to maintain our sense of community and identity."

The Commission said four local submissions, two state-wide submitters and the ALP, as well as Council, raised serious objections to transferring Inverloch out of Bass, "due to its strong community ties west into Bass Coast Shire".



The new boundaries for Bass, which will come into effect for the November 2022 election, sees Western Port coastal areas such as Warneet, Tooradin, Nar Nar Goon and Bunyip join the electorate, while Pakenham and Clyde have been removed.

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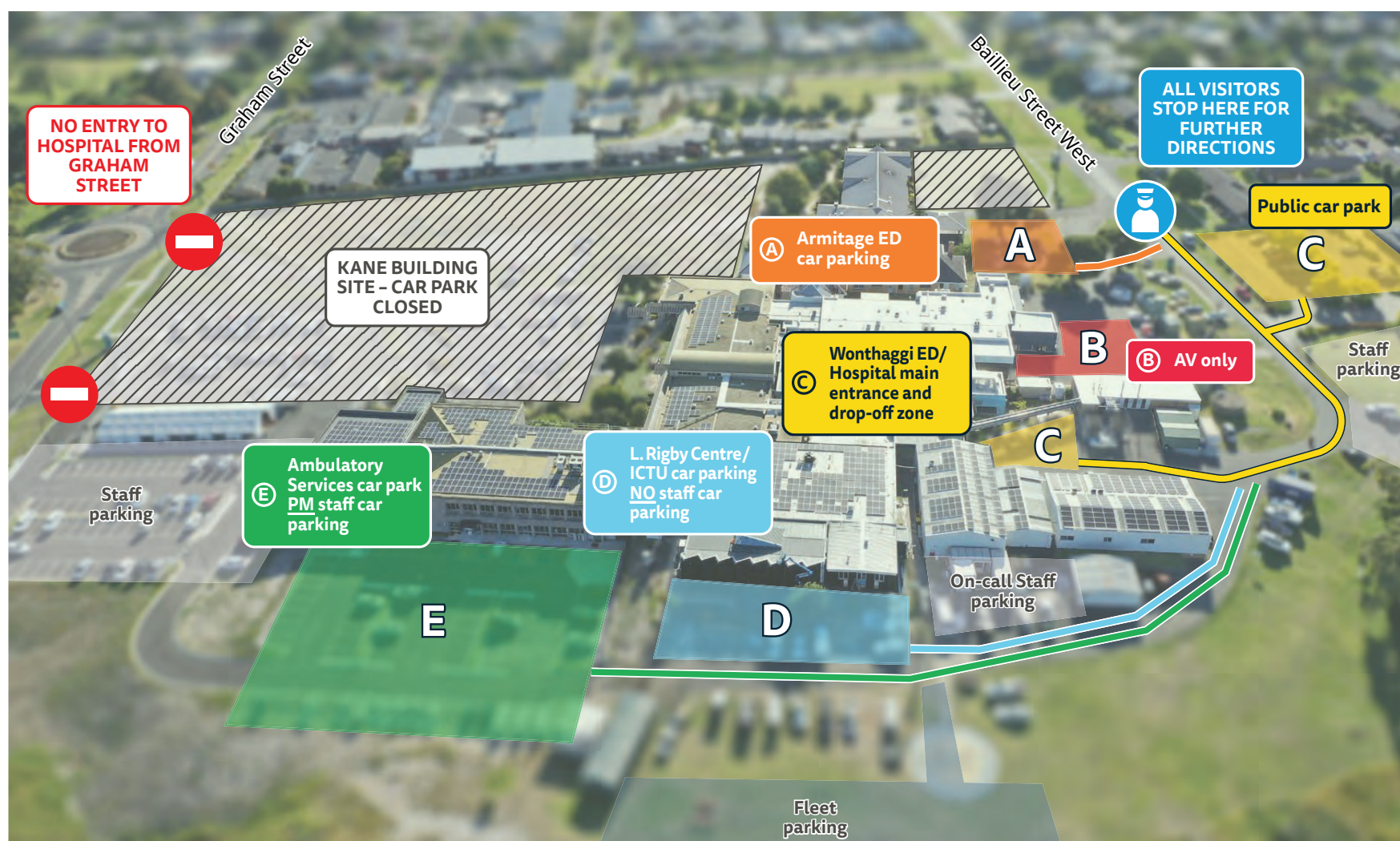
Main entrance for Wonthaggi Hospital via Baillieu Street West

- Construction has started on a new car park and entrance for your expanded Wonthaggi Hospital. As a result, the front of Wonthaggi Hospital has temporarily closed.
- A temporary new main entrance at the rear of Wonthaggi Hospital opened on October 11, accessible only via Baillieu Street West.
- In Baillieu Street West, drivers will be stopped at a Concierge Station to meet our BCH Traffic Management team.
- Access to Emergency, Radiology, Pathology, Theatre and all inpatient wards including maternity will be via the rear entrance.
- Public parking is allocated at Kirrak House.
- Community members will walk via a safe and guided pathway past the Ambulance Entry to reception area C in front of Wonthaggi Hospital's Theatre entry.
- Patient drop off and collection will be via the Supply driveway or Ambulatory Care entrance.
- Community with suspected or confirmed COVID will be treated in our temporary Emergency Ward in Armitage House.
- Access to the L. Rigby Centre and Allied Health will also be via Baillieu Street West.
- We expect the new car park to be complete by the end of December 2021.



Wonthaggi Hospital Changed Car Parking Arrangements

NO ENTRY from Graham Street as of **October 11, 2021**
NEW ENTRY from Baillieu Street West as shown



BCH COVID Testing Tent now in Watt Street

To accommodate the expanded construction site, from 9 October the COVID Testing Tent relocated from the front car park at Wonthaggi Hospital to the former McBride Campus of Wonthaggi Secondary College. Access is via Watt Street. The tent will continue to operate 9am to 4pm, 7 days a week.

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Phillip Island RSL representative Glenyce Paul presents a cheque for \$1500 to Rhyll Community Association representatives Judy Lawrence and Jim Kiley.



Reverend Jo White and Richard Black were delighted to accept an RSL grant for \$1500 from RSL representative Cheryl Overton, to help install picnic tables in the St Philip's Church and hall grounds, for use by everyone; and to establish formal car parks.

RSL community grants

Four very appreciative community groups were the recipients of Phillip RSL grants, presented at an afternoon tea at the RSL in Cowes last week.

Senior Citizens

Alan Droscher and Ian Burns, representing The Phillip Island Senior Citizens, expressed their thanks and appreciation to the RSL, when they accepted a cheque for \$2700 which will be put to good use as part of the Club's "Operation Facelift".

The Club is going for a bright and colourful look outside, with new signage across the facade and a large penguin and a pelican part of the design.

Continuing the facelift, two new floor to ceiling murals will welcome members and visitors inside at the entrance to the Clubrooms.

The native species theme will be

continued with a koala and a penguin featuring.

Archisign in Cowes has designed the murals for the Club and the Phillip Island Nature Parks have assisted with a donation of \$300.

There will be a gala unveiling at the Club's annual Christmas luncheon on December 3.

Anglican Church

The Anglican Church grant of \$1500 from the RSL is to be put toward car park markings in the St Philip's Church grounds and towards the cost of installing three eight-seat picnic tables and benches on the lawns.

More formal parking will make

better use of the space available, for the well-used St Philip's Hall, and the seats will be available to everyone passing by in Thompson Avenue as well.

Reverend Jo White and Richard Black, representing the Anglican Parish of Bass-Phillip Island, accepted the grant money, and expressed their thanks to the RSL.

Rhyll Community Association

A grant of \$1500 to the Rhyll Community Association will help the group with the costs involved of running their monthly afternoon teas.

The Association has been running afternoon teas for several years now, open to everyone in the community, with an emphasis on promoting the well being and welfare of residents, particularly those living alone.

Glenyce Paul, representing the

RSL, presented the cheque to Rhyll representatives Judy Lawrence and Jim Kiley, and commented on the wonderful work the Association does in so many ways for its community throughout the year.

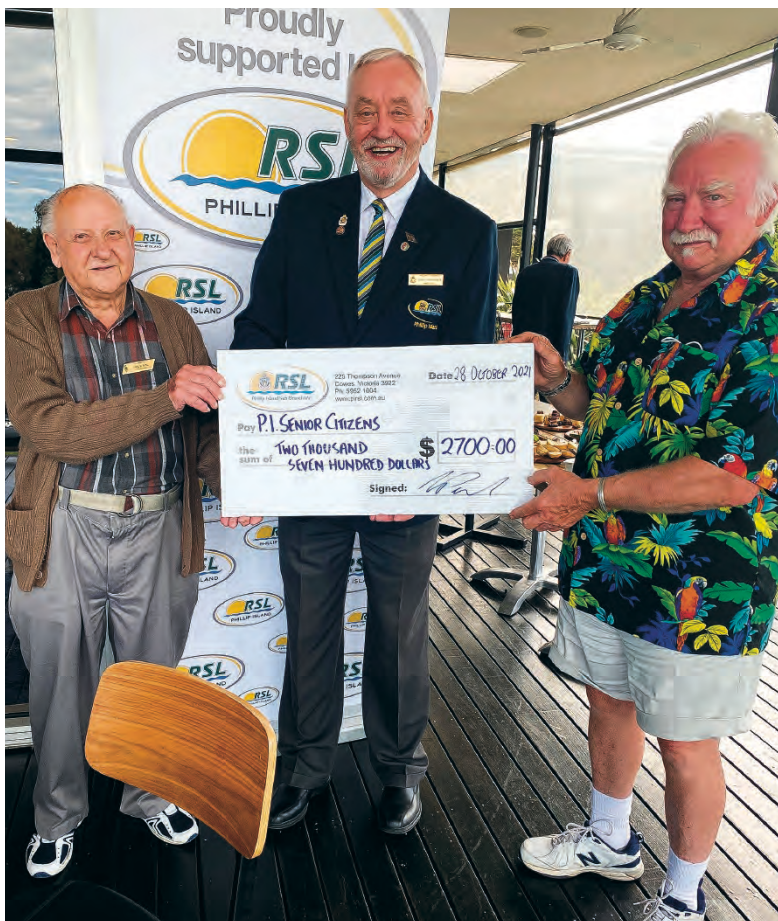
"Rhyll is an absolute beacon on Phillip Island," she commented.

Cowes Yacht Club

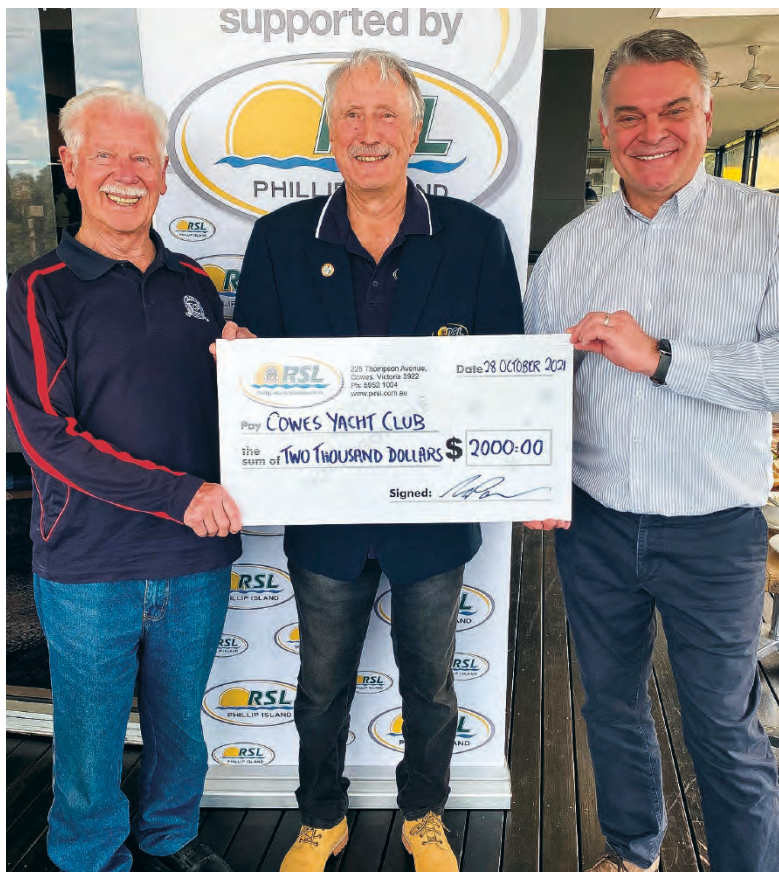
A cheque for \$2000 was presented to Cowes Yacht Club representatives Tim Modra and Ian Samuel, toward the cost of a very exciting project being undertaken by the Club early next year.

The Club is running what promises to be the biggest Catamaran race in Australia in March.

The unique event expects to see over 100 entrants competing for a \$10,000 prize pool, racing for five hours and covering a 70km course circumnavigating French Island.



RSL president Chris Thompson presents a cheque for \$2700 to Phillip Island Senior Citizens president Alan Droscher and Ian Burns, toward the Club's "Operation Facelift."



Members of the Cowes Yacht Club are preparing for an exciting and unique event ... a 70km Catamaran Challenge around French Island in March ... and Club members Ian Samuel and Tim Modra were pleased to accept a cheque for \$2000 from RSL representative Greg Meade toward the costs of staging it

Dust unjust: Surf Beach residents

Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay residents have again demanded Bass Coast Shire urgently remedy dust problems on roads.

Residents asked a series of questions at the October council meeting, calling for road solutions to slow speeds and the spread of dust, with bitumen road sealants removed by the shire earlier this year.

The questions came before the shire announced the rollout of community consultation – running until November 22 – into whether residents support a special charge scheme for road and drainage improvement for Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach.

Lou Pecora asked why the shire was doing nothing to "slow vehicles down when it is obvious that speeds greater than 25km/hr create dust even on mild days of temperatures", adding that the shire's "Speed Means Dust" signs were "ineffective".

"Heaven forbid in the upcoming dry period with temperatures in the high 20s and mid 30s and with significantly more traffic," Lou added.

Sue Walton said the dust was "already horrendous and we're not in the busy season as yet". "Why are the residents of Surf Beach not given the same consideration as the wildlife on Churchill Island?" Sue asked.

"Churchill Island has some very effective speed humps installed, I have travelled over them and they certainly require you to slow down."

Miriam and Derrick Kershaw said for nearly three decades residents had "tolerated speeding traffic and dust in our home".

"This has been exacerbated by the recent removal of the road dust suppressant. What is council proposing to do to minimise dust and slow traffic?"

The couple also highlighted their concerns about Batman Street.

"There is currently no provision for safe pedestrian foot traffic. What is council proposing to do to slow the traffic and keep our kids safe?" they asked.

Kay and Mohan Nair agreed saying Batman Street and The Esplanade were dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists and parents pushing prams.

"These are major access roads to our beach carparks. Traffic will increase in summer, especially after lockdown is lifted. When will council act to calm traffic?" the Nairs said.

Suzanne Peel agreed measures were needed to slow cars to stop dust.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie responded saying initial community engagement for a potential future road and drainage upgrade in Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay would run in November.

"Community will be encouraged to provide their feedback on concerns related to roads, drainage, footpaths, traffic and environmental issues," Ms Wastie said.

Consultation

Initial consultation into whether residents support a special charge scheme for road and drainage improvement will be online: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surf-beachroads.

Alternatively, contact the shire's senior project engineer (03) 5671 2211 or email sunderlandbayandsurfbeachupgrade@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

Following this consultation period, a report outlining feedback and the potential to progress the project with detailed investigation and further community engagement will be considered at a council meeting in early 2022.

If supported by Council and the community, this would be the largest special charge scheme undertaken in Bass Coast.



Silverwaters Vineyard

The new Silverwaters Vineyard range was launched this year, featuring a Pinot Gris and a Cabernet Shiraz,

The range will soon be expanded, with Pinot Noir and Chardonnay being bottled in December, and in February next year, a Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz.

"Everything under the Silverwaters label is from this vineyard. We don't blend.

The wine is sold through the vineyard's online store, which offers free local delivery, with no minimum purchase.

People can order ahead and have the wine delivered to their home, their holiday house, caravan park or hotel.

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Island in the dark as visitors came streaming in

Power was out across large parts of Phillip Island on Friday, just as an influx of visitors from Melbourne arrived.

While most areas around Cowes and Silverleaves had power restored by 7.30pm on Friday, large parts of the island remained in the dark – including more than 1850 homes at Cape Woolamai, 660 at Surf Beach, about 640 at Rhyll and 450 south of Cowes.

San Remo and most of the island had power restored by Saturday morning.

However on Monday afternoon 120 homes in Silverleaves, 37 in Ventnor, 89 in Cowes and 29 in Newhaven were still without power.

Gale force winds on Thursday night and Friday morning saw power cut to homes about 8am.

Businesses in Cowes were also impacted, with sections of Thompson Avenue continuing to have electricity but Chapel Street businesses not so lucky.

San Remo businesses were forced to close.

The last power outage in June, just before the Queen's birthday long weekend, saw homes and businesses without electricity for many days.

So Friday's outage had many concerned, with lockdown restrictions ending at 6pm in time for the Melbourne Cup long weekend.

Driving conditions remained hazardous throughout the day, with



Some businesses, such as the Island Kebabs food truck were forced to close because of storm damage.

trees blocking roads.

Early Friday morning the Phillip Island SES reported they were inundated with callouts, with trees down across the island and rooves damaged, with the state SES phone number failing to work during the day because of the volume of calls.

Penguin parade

Phillip Island Nature Parks closed the Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island, Oswin Roberts Reserve and the Summerland Peninsula on Friday, so they could assess any storm damage.

By Friday afternoon PINP said The Penguin Parade would be going ahead, with the visitor centre open from 6pm.

But there was no access to the Nobbies or Summerland Peninsula as the road was closed, while the Koala Conservation Reserve and Churchill Island remained shut.

Businesses

Some businesses, such as the Island Kebabs food truck were forced to close because of damage.

Phillip Island Ten Pin Bowling, which had only just opened a week ago with eased restrictions, was closed Friday morning but opened again in the afternoon when power was restored.

North Pier Hotel was closed for lunch because of the outage but was open in time for dinner service.

Pino's Trattoria said their phone and internet had been down all day but had been restored Friday afternoon.

Sayuri Innes from Youki's Japanese Restaurant on Chapel Street, said their business lost power about 8am but was able to operate because she bought a back-up generator after the power outage that happened at the June long weekend.

"I thought it would never happen again but we bought one just to be sure and so we're now able to use lights, the till and cook," Sayuri said.

"We did have extra staff on in expectation of lots of visitors but I told four not to come in, just because we are running on basic power."

Bianca McMahon at the Corner Dispensary also lost power but remained open.

"We can operate until the battery in the EFTPOS runs out," Bianca said.

Power went out at Wonthaggi Secondary College about midday with parents encouraged to pick up their children.



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Bianca McMahon at The Corner Dispensary stayed open until the battery in her EFTPOS machine ran out.



Local photographer Nici Cahill of Snapshot Photography braved last week's storm and captured this lightning strike from Newhaven.



A mother and her son were lucky not to be seriously injured when a tree fell on their car on Friday, as they were driving to school.

Close call for local family

A mother and son were lucky to escape alive after a gum tree fell and crushed their car on the Phillip Island Road, during last Friday's wild storms.

The pair were driving near the former Citrus and Vine restaurant, on their way to primary school, when the tree landed on the roof of their car, escaping with whiplash, concussion and soft tissue injury.

According to friend Sarah Pendry, who posted the accident on Facebook, the family was already under financial pressure before the accident.

"The car was crushed and is most likely written off," Sarah said.

"This poor family was already struggling to keep their head above water. The mother is already under duress financially and physically in these trying times and has minimal support."

"If there is anyone out there willing to help out with the loan of a vehicle or any other support it would be so very appreciated."

Sarah also called for anyone who witnessed this incident – or who has dash cam footage – to make contact and share the footage.

"They are a lovely little family and are so lucky to have survived. Please don't hesitate to reach out."



The big elm at the Silverleaves Store split in two. "We're out of power too, so things are going well," owner Sean O'Brien said on Friday.

Cyclonic-force winds wreak havoc

Gale force winds Thursday night and Friday morning – of up to 146km/hr – hit the region, which saw trees torn down onto homes and cars, rooves damaged, and power cut to homes and businesses across the island.



This huge gum tree on Coghlan Road at the entrance to Silverleaves (opposite the golf course) came down during the wild winds on Friday morning.



There were huge seas all around the island, with the Jetty in Cowes almost disappearing under the waves.



A tree down over Phillip Island Road at Sunderland Bay on Friday morning stopped the traffic.



Waves battered the site of erosion work on the Cowes East foreshore during Friday's storm.



There were branches down along Thompson Avenue, although power remained on for most businesses.

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Celebrating our teachers

The wild weather didn't hamper the spirits of the teachers and students on Friday, October 29 for World Teachers Day.

At San Remo Primary School parents and students celebrated the amazing staff with cards and flowers and teachers enjoyed a morning tea, albeit in the dark.

Over at Cowes Primary, teachers were served up a cooked breakfast (despite the challenging conditions due to the power outage) and a "thumbs up" appreciation display was put together, to show the school's appreciation for the teachers' dedication, flexibility and hard work.

Teachers (with support from parents and carers) have ensured education continued across the country this year, despite major challenges. It's reinforced the significant role teachers' play in the lives of children and students, their families and communities.



Cowes Primary student Taylor (Room 11) made a poster to show her appreciation on World Teachers Day.

Cowes IGA boost for CFA

The owners of Cowes IGA, Phil and Konney Behre have presented the Phillip Island CFA with a cheque for \$1750.

The money was collected through the store's customer loyalty point program, which sees a percentage of profits donated to the Phillip Island brigade.

Konney said the support of local customers has made the donation possible again this year. "We would like to thank our loyal customers in helping us to support such a valuable community service."

"Over the last year, shoppers quoted the CFA's loyalty number - 422 - which earns points towards the CFA," she explained.

"It's locals helping locals. As a local independently owned store we are able to give back to the community, it's something we are proud of."

Anita Reid, the brigade's Fundraising Officer said the donation was much appreciated.

"Phillip Island Fire Brigade would like to thank Cowes IGA and community for their donation and constant support," she said.

"The donation will go towards purchasing vital equipment for our appliances."

Quoting the Loyalty Shopper Number - 422 - when shopping in store, will collect points for next year's donation.

The program has been running since 2012 and Konney is hoping to raise even more to celebrate the program's 10-year anniversary next year.

Open gardens in Bass Coast

CWA Victoria is holding Open Garden events in November, including two here in Bass Coast.

Bass Coast garden lovers will have two beautiful gardens open to enjoy. Patchwork Maze and Dicky's Garden will open on Saturday, November 13 from 10am to 4pm. The cost is \$10 entry to both gardens.

Dicky's Garden is a delightful garden and will be open for viewing at 735 Loch/Kernot Road Kernot.

Situated on a gently rising slope, opposite a lovely view of green hills and trees, the garden is colourful and tranquil. There are trees, hedges and plants in profusion, with lovely floral groundcovers.

Dicky and CWA Woodleigh Vale Branch welcome you and will have light refreshments available.

Currently there are several varieties of orchids and roses in bloom and a feature of the



Dicky's Garden at 735 Loch Kernot Road in Kernot is also open on November 13, from 10am - 4pm. The cost of entry to both gardens is \$10.



Presenting the Phillip Island brigade with a cheque for \$1750 raised through the Cowes IGA Loyalty Points program (from left to right): Kaine Arthur (IGA), Anita Reid (PI CFA fundraising officer), Gay Braun (IGA), Phil Behre (IGA Cowes owner), Al Behre (Liquor Manager) and Wayne Carter (CFA).

celebrate the program's 10-year anniversary next year.

The Cowes IGA instore loyalty program allows you to nominate the local community organisation you'd like your shopper points directed to.

The store is also part of the IGA Community Chest program which raises funds when customers purchase products that carry the IGA Community Chest logo.

The Community Chest and other IGA programs have raised more than \$75 million nationally and helped over 7000 worthwhile causes.

Open gardens in Bass Coast

garden is a wonderful display of potted plants at the rear of the house.

Patchwork Maze is located at 21 Coastview Lane, Glen Alvie and offers beautiful views over rolling farmland.

The garden will be in full bloom with stunning rose arbours and garden beds filled with bulbs, perennials and roses. The feature is the beautiful weeping elm in the centre of the driveway.

Jeanette, a Glen Alvie Branch member and Peter welcome you to relax in the garden and enjoy a CWA Devonshire tea provided by CWA Phillip Island Twilight Branch.

Jeanette will have her shop open at Patchwork Maze and will have some fabulous specials for visitors. At both gardens there will be CWA stalls with cakes, slices and biscuits, preserves, plants and crafts.

Come and enjoy CWA hospitality and help support those most vulnerable in our community.



Patchwork Maze Garden at 21 Coastview Lane, Glen Alvie is one of two local open gardens presented by CWA Victoria on November 13.



Photo: John Ward, Marasai O'Keeffe, Millie Thom, Jade Copland and Riley Lawrence

Wardy's Christmas tree - 22 Years of Giving

Wardy's Christmas Tree is a proud Newhaven College giving tradition that has been running for 22 years.

It began when teacher John Ward (now retired) called upon Newhaven College families to think of others at Christmas by donating a gift to families in need.

Every year the College is overwhelmed by the generosity of families and community members who place a gift under Wardy's tree.

This year has been extremely tough for our community, and we hope to bring joy to those in need this Christmas.

Parents, students, and friends of Newhaven are invited to place new, unwrapped gifts for people of all ages under the tree in the main reception (closes December 5). The gifts will be distributed to local families in need to spread some Christmas spirit and show we care.

Wardy would like to thank San Remo IGA and Cowes Aldi for supporting this year's appeal.

Voices for Monash

Do you want better community representation in Federal Parliament for the electorate of Monash? A group of community volunteers is seeking to support an independent, non-party aligned candidate to stand in the Monash electorate.

Voices for Monash is one of many community independents groups springing up around the country as part of a backlash against party politics and MPs whose allegiances are first and foremost to their parties, rather than their electorates.

The group believes the two-party system is failing democracy in Australia and that an informed and growing crossbench could see more legislation being passed that is for the good of the nation and democracy, rather than party political self-interest.

Tony Wolfe, spokesperson for Voices for Monash and a power industry employee, says, "We want less talk and more genuine action for this community."

"We need a representative who is focused on an urgent energy transition, someone who strives for cultural, age and gender equality and transparency and integrity in Parliament, recognition of our First Nations people, and the list goes on."

Tony Wolfe believes it is time to call the major parties to account.

"V4M believes that someone who is more accountable to the Monash electorate and who shares our values can make a difference in our Parliament," he said.

A Federal election is due by the end of May 2022. V4M invites Monash voters to become part of the political reform movement represented by the Community Independents groups and use their voices to help choose the right independent for Monash.

"We want to support an independent candidate who reflects the values of the group, is respectful of the diversity within the seat of Monash, and is committed to being a representative and accountable MP if elected," said Tony.

"Now is the time to get involved and use your voice to improve our political processes and outcomes in the electorate of Monash."

If you have a potential independent candidate in mind, contact Tony Wolfe on 0418 589 533.

For further information about V4M and its values, and the criteria for potential candidates visit www.voicesformonash.org or www.facebook.com/ForMonash.

Funding boost to local kindergartens

San Remo Kindergarten and Phillip Island Early Learning Centre have both received funding in the latest round of School Readiness funding from the state government.

The funding will provide new programs, supports and extra staffing, to help centres provide early education and give children the best start in life.

State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale recently announced Bass Coast and South Gippsland will benefit from \$615,538.00 in funding across six centres.

- Inverloch Kindergarten \$43,870
- San Remo Kindergarten \$16,421
- Phillip Island Early Learning

Centre \$85,767

- Prom Coast Centre For Children \$36,045
- Leongatha Children's Centre \$41,471
- Karmai Community Children's Centre Kps \$39,854

"We are making sure children in our region have the supports they need for the education they deserve – and this funding will help our local kinders best prepare our children for school," Ms Crugnale said.

The program focuses on growing communication, social and emotional wellbeing skills, as well as improving access and inclusion.

The support allows kindergarten services to select the package of resources and programs

that best reflects the needs of their children and staff – which can include programs targeting speech, language and literacy, support for culturally and linguistically diverse children and families and tools for parents to support their child's development.

Services can also use funding to tap into the expertise of speech and occupational therapists, language and literacy professionals and child psychologists – who can boost the capability of both parents and teachers.

From 2022, three-year-old children across the state will have access to at least five hours of kindergarten. Services will then scale up their hours to reach the full 15-hour program by 2029.



Karen Treppo, from Phillip Island Early Learning Centre with Jordan Crugnale. The ELC received \$85,767 to help provide new programs, supports and extra staff.

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SPOOKY, KOOKY AND A WHOLE LOT OF FUN

Eager trick-or-treaters were out on Sunday night, with little zombies, ghosts, superheroes and witches roaming the streets.



Three generations of the Tillotson family at Ventnor got into the Halloween spirit, proving you're never too young, or old to unleash your inner ghoul.



The kids at Shearwater Estate banded together to enjoy some trick-or-treating. Photo De'Arne Hughes.



Cute little pumpkin – five-month-old Sebastian is thrilled with his first Halloween. Photo courtesy of Kate Heywood.



The walking dead: Jai, Brax, Easty, Nash, Aria and Riley. Photo Debbi Knowles



In Cape Woolamai, Maleficent, superman and friends roamed the streets. From left: Huntley, Parker, Eloise, Winsley and Lily. Photo courtesy of Mark Underwood.



They're a scream! Matilda (6), Charlotte (7) and Lucy (3). Photo courtesy of Kate Heywood.



Hayley set to fly off and enjoy some trick-or-treat in San Remo. Photo: Desiree Kalweit.



An arachnophile's dream! Halloween celebrated in the fields of Ventnor. Photo: Gary Parnell.



Lucas dressed up as grandpa for Halloween.

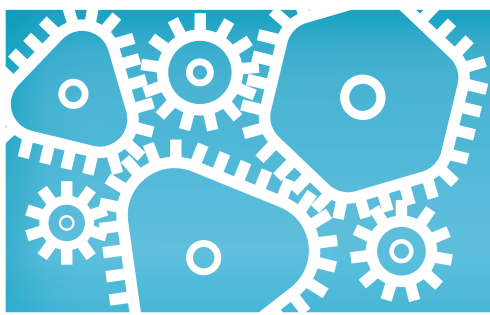


Grim Reaper Kobe Broberg of Silverleaves with his cousin Mia.



A packet of M&Ms: Back: Mia, Scarlet-Grace, Taylah and Lily. Front: Izzy, Meikah and Pepper.

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G/Grandpa for lots of hugs to Sam & Jack, Harrison and Lorelei.

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Dear Pa Thanks for being such an inspiration and a great role model to all. We will cherish every memory. You will be sadly missed. San Remo has lost a true legend. RIP big fella, love Brett & Grace.

Dad, you were such an inspiration, mentor, caring and giving father anyone would want, the moments we spent together, good and bad will be remembered forever. The days won't be the same without you but your words will be with us forever. Love Pam & Drew

Pa, you are going to be truly missed by all, especially our family, so many amazing memories to cherish, you are a true gentleman, family man and friend. When we finally get to come back home, family dinner just won't be the same without you, sending you lots of hugs xoxo, RIP, love forever, Biss, Phil, Sammy & Jack

Dad, You were there when I took my first breath, I was there when you took your last. The love as a dad, a father in-law, a pa, cannot be measured. You supported us in everything we did. You were loved everyday, now you will be missed everyday. Love Warren, Simone, Bonney & Tulley. xx

DEATHS

DICKIE, Ray:

We mourn the passing of our very special friend Ray.

Our thoughts are with Judy and the extended families.

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KEMP, Violet (Vi):

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Passed away suddenly on 27.10.2021

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TOOVEY, Barry:

Happy and everlasting memories of our fun times at the Phillip Island Footy club. Our thoughts are with Michael and family.

Daisy, Moon, Kobey and Jake

TOOVEY, Barry:

19.04.1940 - 27.10.2021
Survived by brother Michael Toovey and sons Dean, Paul and Mark.

Barry will be missed by a broad section of the local community.

A private cremation will be held.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

FUNERALS

DICKIE, Raymond:

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Mr. Ray Dickie will be held at the San Remo Recreational Centre, Wynne Avenue TOMORROW, THURSDAY NOV 4. 2021 commencing at 3.30pm.

All attendees must be double vaccinated and will need to show proof of their vaccination status upon arrival. Due to density limits, seating will be limited inside, standing room available outside. Ray's service will be live streamed. Please go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au for further details.

Handley & Anderson
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

GARAGE SALES

COWES:

89 Red Rocks Rd, Nov 13 & 14, 8am to 4pm.
2 houses - down to whitegoods, furniture, plants, travel bags, kids toys, books, baby gear, tools, kitchenalia and much more.
All must go.

PUBLIC NOTICES

The PIFNC will hold its AGM on Sunday 14th November at 2pm.

It will be an interactive meeting held via the zoom platform due to COVID-19 restrictions.
Email treasurer@pifnc.com to register to receive a link prior.



PHILLIP ISLAND
BULLDOGS
FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

SAN REMO PRESCHOOL CENTRE INC

REG. NUMBER A7730



AGM

Tuesday 23rd November 2021 @ 7.00pm

Due to the continuing developments in relation to COVID-19 situation and CHO restrictions to density limits this year's AGM will be a virtual meeting.

It will require that families pre-register before Friday 19th November 2021, via email to the Preschool at: san.remo.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au to ensure families can be sent the virtual link to attend AGM.

Business includes confirmation of minutes of previous AGM, presentation of annual reports, and election of new committee of management for 2022.

Enrolment Packages for 2022 year will be available to collect from the Preschool from Wednesday 24th November 2021.

San Remo Preschool
Committee of Management

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Details about the application:

The land affected by the application is located at: **1, 4-5, 8-9, 11-16, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 Breeze Court, San Remo VIC 3925.**

The application is for a permit to: **Removal of 'Restriction A' from PS537158T to remove the requirement for static water supply for firefighting purposes.**

The applicant for the permit is: **Ben King, Raso Consulting Surveyors.**

The application reference number is: **210287**

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application by visiting Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/planningads

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority.

Council collects and holds this Personal Information to comply with the Planning and Environment Act 1987 and the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic).

An objection must be sent to the Responsible Authority and include the reasons for the objection, and state how the objector would be affected, in writing, addressed to Bass Coast Shire Council, P.O. Box 118, Wonthaggi Vic 3995 or email basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available for any person to inspect until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before **17 November 2021.**

If you object, the responsible authority will tell you its decision.

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GENERAL MAINTENANCE

21 to 28 hours per week. Some weekend work is required, and extended leave in winter is available if desired.

Skills with general maintenance essential, and mechanical and computer experience desirable. Double vaccinations required. email maze@amazenthings.com.au for a job description or call 0419347475.



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Visiting Piano Tutor

Fixed term contract, starting Term 1, 2022. For details on requirements, duties, and responsibilities, visit our college website

www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/about/work-at-newhaven

Applications close 4.00pm, Friday, 12 November 2021 and should be submitted to matthew.goss@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

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SITUATIONS VACANT



"Where golf and nature play"

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The Phillip Island Golf Club is currently seeking enthusiastic mature thinking staff to work with our existing staff in the Golf Shop on a Casual basis. Our current staff work on a roster system with some early starts. You must also be available for weekend shifts. Retail and Golf knowledge desirable.

Interested persons can forward their contact details and any experience to the club in person or email: office@piggc.com.au

SITUATION VACANT

PHILLIP ISLAND TOURIST ACCOMMODATION HOUSEKEEPING CLEANING COUPLE

Required for Holiday Apartments in Cowes. 30->35 hours per week each - 5 day week For Summer Season through to April.

Must be vaccinated, be reliable, fit and motivated, working together as a team!

No previous experience necessary
All cleaning processes instructions to be provided.

Call to enquire in regards to our Beachfront Accommodation Employment

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Environment, Land, Water and Planning

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

APPOINTMENT TO THE SAN REMO RECREATION CENTRE COMMITTEE INCORPORATED

Do you want to play a role in managing a valuable community asset to ensure that it remains open and available now and for future generations?

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, on behalf of the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change is seeking nominations from persons willing to form part of the new San Remo Recreation Centre Committee Incorporated for a three-year appointment term.

It is the department's intention to appoint up to four community representatives together with a representative of each user group of the reserve who will be responsible for managing, improving, maintaining, and controlling the San Remo Recreation Centre on behalf of the local and wider Victoria community.

No formal qualifications are required.

Applications will be assessed by a panel, appointed by the department, who will recommend appointment to the Minister.

Nomination forms and further information are available from Tamika Lovett, Land and Built Environment Program Officer, Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), Phone: 0436 616 642 or email tamika.lovett@delwp.vic.gov.au

If DELWP is unsuccessful in forming a committee of management to manage the reserve, future management options will need to be reviewed.

Nomination must be lodged at the Traralgon DELWP Office, 71 Hotham Street, Traralgon 3844 or by email tamika.lovett@delwp.vic.gov.au, by 5:00 pm,

Friday 12 November 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Attention 2022 Under 16's and Youth Girls born in 2006/7.

You are invited to participate in the inaugural

Phillip Island Junior Development Program

- 7 sessions across December and January (Friday Nights)
- Led by Senior Coaches Beau Vernon & Cam Pedersen
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 - Elite Behaviours
 - Personal Growth & Culture
 - Game knowledge
- Cost \$165inc gst per person includes , Icon Leather Football , Training Singlet , Hat and Shorts
- Applications close Sunday 7th November. First Session 19th Nov.
- Registration and Payment to be made via Try Booking Link: www.trybooking.com/BVBWB



PHILLIP ISLAND BULLDOGS
FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB



Mary MacKillop
Catholic Regional College

Expressions of Interest Invited for 2022:
English and Humanities, Maths and PE
Years 7-12 with FT, PT, contract positions.

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FULL OR PART TIME NEGOTIABLE

LIBRARIAN OR TEACHER LIBRARIAN

All Staff must demonstrate an active commitment to the ethos of a Catholic school. Mary MacKillop College is a Child-Safe school.

Further information can be found on our website or contact the Principal's Personal Assistant, Carly Kitchingman ckitchingman@mmccr.catholic.edu.au.

Applications close Friday 5th November 2021.

SITUATION VACANT

Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit

FACILITY SERVICES

Full time position

We are seeking a self-motivated, energetic and efficient person to join our Facility Services team.

You will have a good work ethic with experience in facility maintenance, outdoor works and small machinery operation.

The applicant will need to work both autonomously and as part of a team, contributing to the overall preparation and upkeep of the Circuit and facilities for our day to day activities and world class events.

Working hours will be flexible on a rostered basis, including some weekends to cover our 7-day operation.

For full position description and closing date please visit our website:

www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au.

Please email resume and cover letter to cassie.stoppa@phillipislandcircuit.com.au



Tel: 5952 2710
www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au
e: info@phillipislandcircuit.com.au

SITUATIONS VACANT



Bass Coast Children's Centre Inc invites applications for the following position:

Centre Cook

Permanent Part Time—Three Days

The Centre Cook will be supported by our Head Centre Cook in their role and will prepare lunch and afternoon tea according to set rotational menus.

Onsite training and support will be provided to the successful applicant.

As part of our commitment to maintaining a child safe environment, applicants must provide a current WWC (Working with Children) check. Assistance with WWC Check applications will be provided as required.

Detailed position descriptions are available on request.

Applications close
Monday 15th November 2021.

All enquiries (between 10 am and 4 pm) to:

Ms Dina McMaster—Coordinator
Bass Coast Children's Centre Inc
244 White Road
WONTHAGGI VIC 3995
Ph: (03) 5672 5151
bass.coast.cc@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

PUBLIC NOTICES

EDITORIAL GUIDELINES

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Visiting Music Tutor Lower Strings

(Prep – Year 12 students)

FTE 0.5, to commence in Term 1, 2022. For details on requirements, duties, and responsibilities, visit our college website www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/about/work-at-newhaven

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Applications close 5th November.
Email: maze@amazethings.com.au
for job description.

SITUATIONS VACANT



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Performing Arts Administrator

Full-time. For details on requirements, duties, and responsibilities, visit our college website

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katrina.lawrence@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

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Graduate Accountant

We are currently seeking an enthusiastic and self-motivated individual for the role of Graduate Accountant.

This opportunity will suit a recent graduate or an undergraduate seeking to commence their career whilst completing their studies.

Please send us a copy of your resume and your academic transcript together with a covering letter to connie@cardell.com.au

Applications close
Friday, November 19, 2021.

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OFFICIAL KIDS
PROGRAM





All government and Catholic primary schools that deliver swimming programs will provide students who missed out on lessons in 2021 with vouchers for lessons at their school's usual facilities.

Splashing back into school swimming lessons

Vouchers will help parents make up swimming lessons missed during the pandemic. The vouchers are available from the state government. All government and Catholic primary schools that deliver swimming programs will provide students who missed out on lessons in 2021 with vouchers for lessons at their school's usual fa-

cilities using their accrued swimming funding. The vouchers will be available this term – with bookings able to be made up until the end of June 2022. Schools will liaise with their usual swim school to confirm the eligible students, the number of swimming lessons students can access and when they will be

available – and parents will be provided with the voucher to book lessons at the designated swim school for after school, weekends or during school holidays. During the pandemic, the Department of Education worked with Life Saving Victoria to develop classroom-based resources to teach vital water safety, and students have used these online

resources over the past year to keep building their knowledge of the water while pools were closed. A new interactive in-class program will also be available to students from this term, designed by Life Saving Victoria to ensure children meet the knowledge component of the Victorian Water Safety Certificate.

New bowling green at Cowes

Andrew Croxford from Tigerturf officially handed over a brand-new bowling green to the Phillip Island Bowling Club last week, much to the delight of members looking forward to the spring and summer bowling season. Members report the new turf is looking absolutely resplendent, with a very nice cushion feel underfoot. The Club is now running a raffle to determine which lucky member will be given the honour of rolling the first ball on the new turf. The next project on the Club's agenda is returning its outdoor area to a more useable space.



Phillip Island Bowling Club members (left to right) Sam Cachia, Andrew Croxford, Wayne Barr and Ray Pepper admire the Club's returned bottom bowling green.

Phillip Island golf

Winner was Stephen Mack H/c (15) with 39 points. Runner up was Mario Amato H/c (16) with 38 points on a countback from Ray Reid, Colin Morris, Barry Grazules, Neil Williams and Rick Connell. Nine-hole competition winner was Chris Hailes H/c (31) 20 points. **Wednesday Ladies Stableford:** Winner was Karen Green H/c (14) with 40 points from Zoe Frost H/c (29) with 39 points. Third was Vicki Amato H/c (45) with 38 points. Nine-hole winner was Faye Morris H/c (11) with 19 points on countback from Wendy Hamilton. **Thursday, October 28 – Open Stableford.** Winner was Carl Russo H/c (22) with 41 points. Runner up was Bill Lang H/c (17) with 39 points, Trevor Reid and Cec Andrews both had 38 points. Nine-hole competition winner

was Brian Carvell H/c (26) 20 points. **Saturday, October 30 Stroke Monthly Medal – sponsored by Phillip Island Car Find.** The results are: Men A Grade winner: Paul Wagner H/c (7) 68 nett. Men A Grade r/up: Adrian O'Gorman H/c (10) 73 nett. Men B Grade winner: Bill Lang H/c (18) 72 nett. Men B Grade r/up: Daryl Vernon H/c (16) 73 nett. Men C Grade winner: Matthew Goss H/c (19) 65 nett. Men C Grade r/up: Jeff Sellenger H/c (28) 69 nett. NTP 5th: Rowan Wales, 7th: Max Brown, 10th: Paul Wagner and 17th: Steve Earl. Ladies winner: Jan Daff H/c (31) 39 points. Ladies r/up: Alice Schofield H/c (25) 37 points. NTP 5th: Dawn Andrews, 7th: Helen Coghlan, 10th: Lesley Meadowcroft and 17th: Janice Baker. Nine-hole winner was Brian Carvell with 20 points.

PLAYER PROFILE

OCCUPATION: CEO - Willowblue Australia, chief writer at My Dim Sim Rules

FAMILY: Wife Casey and two boys, Noah and River

FAVOURITE BEVERAGE? Cap 1 Sugar

WHAT OTHER CLUBS HAVE YOU PLAYED WITH? Glen Alvie, South Melbourne, Northcote, Elsecar (UK)

BEST LOCAL PLAYER YOU'VE PLAYED WITH? Lesroy Weekes

BEST PI CRICKETER YOU'VE SEEN? Huck, Hack, Doogs - all different reasons

WHICH ACTOR WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE? Brad Pitt or John Candy

HIGHEST SCORE: 69

BEST BOWLING: 7/68 v Melbourne

WHAT'S THE FUNNIEST THING YOU'VE SEEN ON THE FIELD? While we were fielding, Alex Mantell's Mum bringing out a drink half way through an over in his first A Grade Game

IF I COULD BE ONE PERSON FOR A DAY, WHO WOULD I BE? Alex Mantell's Mum, just to see what she was thinking

WHAT WOULD YOU LAST MEAL BE? Parma

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR PERFECT CONCERT LINEUP Pearl Jam, AC/DC & The Beatles

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR PERFECT WEEKEND OF SPORT? Done it...Dees flag

ONE SPORTING EVENT YOU DREAM OF GOING TO? Lord's Test

IF YOU COULD TURN BACK TIME AND CHANGE ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? Tell Franga to catch Gav Bolding in the Grand Final

WHAT YOU SPEND YOUR LAST \$20 ON? Magic Beans

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The Halilovic family from the western suburbs enjoying Cowes beach on Monday.



Long-time school friends Maryanne and Melissa from Malvern East and Brighton came to the Island for a mini break with their families, Hamish, Florence, Andrew, Mimi and Lynton.



A picnic on the foreshore for Blayze Fatchen, Alison Conduit and Lauren Hosking with kids Hunter, Zac and Brody Eldridge.



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