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Scott McDonald with Governor of Victoria, the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, after he was presented with the Bronze Medal for Bravery, for his part in rescuing two women from a burning car in Newhaven in January 2022. Photo: Nico Photography.

## Reluctant hero

Scott McDonald doesn't like the limelight, but his actions on January 22 this year made it unavoidable.

In the early hours of Sunday morning, Scott (57) and a passing motorist Eli Davies (35), helped police officers pull two young women from a burning car that had crashed into a tree at Newhaven.

Last week, Scott, Eli and the two police officers were presented with Royal Humane Society of Australasia Bravery Awards by the Governor of Victoria Linda Dessau AC in a special cer-

emony at Government House.

A formal event at Government House was "not something I really wanted to be doing", Scott admitted.

"I'm not one to be in the spotlight, but it was a really nice day. Everyone there was so lovely."

Two of Scott's three daughters and his proud parents were on hand to see the medal presentation.

"The girls and mum and dad really enjoyed it."

"My dad was pretty chuffed, and I gave him the medal when we got home, and thanked him

for bringing me up," Scott said.

The event was a chance to catch up with his fellow rescuers, and Scott said there were some "good conversations" between the four people who staged the dramatic rescue.

### Fiery rescue

Describing the intense experience, Scott said it's not something he'd want to do again, "but I would if I had to".

Around 4.40am on January 22, he was woken by three extremely loud bangs outside his bedroom window. A car travelling off the

island had failed to negotiate the roundabout at Boys Home Road and was wedged in a tree, on its side, with smoke billowing from under the bonnet. Two young women were trapped inside.

"I got up, threw on clothes and my boots. As I ran outside, the police pulled up."

Coincidentally, the police had been nearby and observed the car speeding towards the roundabout, then heard the loud bang.

"It was pretty chaotic. I could see the car and smoke was coming out of it."

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## Too close to call

No winner has been declared for the seat of Bass from the weekend's state election.

Bass is one of 10 "potential close seats" identified by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC).

On Monday, the VEC website had an early indication of the results, showing Jordan Crugnale just 225 votes ahead of Liberal candidate Aaron Brown, on the two candidate preferred vote.

Ms Crugnale told the Advertiser a recheck of all votes in the Bass electorate was underway and postal and absentee votes were yet to be counted.

She said there were around 3800 postal votes still to come in.

Absentee votes could be as high as 15,000, based on the total enrolment figures for the seat.

Last election, postal votes favoured the Liberal Party, while Labor had a narrow lead with the absentee voters.

As at November 28 the VEC website showed results for 33,696 votes cast in Bass, 67.4 per cent of the total enrolment figure.

In 2018, 91 per cent of those enrolled in Bass voted in the election.

### Analysis

In a breakdown of the two-candidate preferred vote by booth, Ms Crugnale outpolled Mr Brown in the majority of polling booths in the Bass Coast area including at Bass, Cape Pateron, Corinella, Cowes, Dalyston, Grantville, Inverloch, Kilcunda, Newhaven, Wonthaggi and Wonthaggi North.

San Remo and Rhyll went against the trend with Liberal votes slightly higher (a mere three votes in Rhyll and 16 in San Remo).

Other areas in the electorate, such as Bayles, Cranbourne South, Koo Wee Rup and Devon Meadows favoured the Liberals.

A breakdown of the booths on Phillip Island showed first preferences went (in order) to Labor, Liberals, Greens and Nationals.

While the minor parties did not gather a significant number of votes, preference from these will favour the Liberal party.

With new electorate boundaries for this election, Bass became a marginal seat, with the Liberals tipped to hold it by 0.7 per cent.

The pre-election promises included \$52.3 million for Phillip Island from the Liberal/Nationals team, including \$42 million for an aquatic centre, compared to \$6.1 million from Labor.

Both parties committed to funding the next stage of the Wonthaggi Hospital upgrade.

Across the electorate, the Liberal/National promises totalled over \$1 billion, outspending Labor by three to one, who had promised around \$320 million for the electorate.

*It's Christmas  
party time*

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## Fatal crash on Phillip Island Road

Bass Coast Highway Patrol officers are investigating a three-car collision that claimed the life of a woman in Phillip Island on Sunday morning.

It is believed a white Nissan Pulsar was travelling along Phillip Island Road towards Cowes when the female driver lost control about 11.30am.

The Nissan clipped a car towing a caravan and then collided head-on with a Jeep.

The driver of the Nissan, a 63-year-old Wonthaggi woman, died at the scene.

Her rear passenger, a nine-year-old boy, has been airlifted to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

A man and woman in the car towing the caravan, were not injured.

The male driver of the Jeep, and sole occupant, was taken to hospital with minor injuries.

Police were on scene investi-

gating the exact circumstances around the collision and investigations are ongoing.

Anyone who witnessed the collision, has dashcam footage or information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at [www.crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au).

So far, there have been 228 lives lost of Victorian roads this year, 23 more than at the same time last year.

## Need a vaccine?

Being up-to-date with your Covid vaccination is your best protection against the current wave of Covid sweeping Victoria.

Last week, the number of reported cases in the state increased by 9.5 per cent, although numbers in Bass Coast remained stable.

With holidays approaching visitor numbers to the area are on the rise, bringing in-

creased risk of infection.

The Mobile Vaccination Bus will be back in San Remo on December 8, for anyone needing a Covid vaccination or booster.

The bus will be parked in Marine Parade from 10am – 2pm.

It will also be at the Wonthaggi Town Hall on December 14 and 20, from 10am to 2pm.

The bus provides free Covid vaccinations and boosters for anyone aged 5 and over, as well as free flu shots for people aged 65+. In San Remo, the Monkeypox (MPX) Jynneos vaccine is also available.

No bookings are needed, but please bring your Medicare card or another form of ID.

Funding for the mobile vaccination bus finishes at the end of December, so these are the last scheduled visits to the area.



On December 1 Seabourn Odyssey returns to Cowes, the first of 13 cruise ship visits scheduled between now and March 22 next year.

## First cruise ship returns on Thursday

On December 1 and again on December 7, Seabourn Odyssey returns to Cowes, the first two of 13 cruise ship visits scheduled between now and March 22 next year.

The regular schedule of cruise ship visits to the island stopped in 2020 due to the pandemic, with cruises allowed back on the water in April 2022.

The Seabourn Odyssey will carry up to 450 passengers, while the largest ship, the Grand Princess arriving on December 15 and again on March 22, carries 2590 passengers and 1100 crew.

In total, there will be potentially 12,600 passengers on board the 13 cruises, with 6400 crew.

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## The schedule for cruise ship arrivals is

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DECEMBER 1, Seabourn Odyssey  
DECEMBER 7, Seabourn Odyssey  
DECEMBER 15, Grand Princess

2023

JANUARY 3, Seabourn Odyssey  
JANUARY 8, Seabourn Odyssey  
JANUARY 10, Regatta  
JANUARY 24, Star Breeze  
FEBRUARY 4, Seabourn Odyssey  
FEBRUARY 9, Seabourn Odyssey  
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# New accommodation fees

Holiday home accommodation businesses will now pay an annual \$300 registration fee for Bass Coast Shire's new short stay rental law.

Councillors at the November meeting were set to vote to introduce the new fee, which will be renewed annually with CPI.

However, four councillors declared a conflict of interest on the vote (Michael Whelan, Ron Bauer, Les Larke and David Rooks), while Cr Brett Tessari this month has a leave of absence while standing as a candidate in the state election.

Because there was not a quorum, a special committee meeting was called last Thursday attended by two councillors and two shire staff officers.

Shire officers said short stay accommodation owners would be able to register their homes from January 2023, with the shire in the process of making an online registration system.

Homeowners will be required to register their accommodation by June 30, 2023, with more information on the registration process in the new year.

Cr Leticia Laing moved the motion introducing the new fee saying



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it impacted 2000 businesses.

"Short stay rental accommodation is vital for our local economy and growing tourism sector," Cr Laing said.

"This new process will help regulate and control the use of these rental properties and ensure there is an appropriate standard of management and oversight.

"The fee supports council having full cost recovery to regulate this industry. This includes greater resourcing for compliance, the devel-

opment of waste management plans for provider homes and greater ability to investigate complaints."

In Bass Coast, short stay operators are those who rent out properties no more than 30 consecutive days to another person.

**B&B, horses**

Shire officers said short stay registration should not be confused with bed and breakfast properties, which differ as they generally serve food, and the owner/manager property lives onsite.

Recent changes to the Food Act now includes accommodation providers who serve food to guests, such as bacon and eggs, and the shire now proposes a fee of \$200 for these businesses.

The November 24 vote also included new horse-riding permit fees, including \$515 for professional trainers living in Bass Coast Shire and registered with Racing Victoria, and \$77 for recreational riders not living in Bass Coast.

Details: [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/community-support-services/local-laws/short-stay-rental-accommodation-ssra](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/community-support-services/local-laws/short-stay-rental-accommodation-ssra)



Controversial sensor parking is a step closer with electronic signs erected in Cowes last week.

## Sensor parking operation imminent

Controversial sensor parking is a step closer with electronic signs erected in Cowes last week.

The signs – on Thompson Avenue on Church and Chapel streets – will alert drivers to the direction of and distance to available car parking.

In September parking sensors were installed and have been undergoing monitoring to ensure they are working correctly.

In December the "smart parking" guidance mobile app – which will help drivers find an available bay – will go live, along with the whole system.

The \$377,000 project has seen about 500 underground sensors – difficult to spot at a quick glance – installed: 375 in on-street bays on Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street and The Esplanade; and 123 off-street bays at the Cowes Transit Centre; as well as 262 in Wonthaggi.

The sensors will notify parking inspectors when a car has overstayed its time limit, meaning more fines will be issued, but the sensors are not paid parking.

The technology has been condemned by many locals who say the money would be better spent elsewhere, while many have questioned why the rollout is occurring, with zero community consultation.

The shire argues the sensor technology will "better manage our free parking using technology to help drivers save time finding an available bay and provide better access to businesses".

The shire admitted the technology would be used to aid enforcement, with real-time data provided to parking inspectors via a portal "assisting with enforcement efficiency".

## So pretty, yet they're cannibals

In our occasional series on weird stuff found on local beaches comes this jewel-like purple and white diamond-shaped cluster.

A reader sent the photo into the Advertiser after finding the seaweed-like creation at Cape Woolamai beach.

Phillip Island nature educator Mike Cleeland says it is a dried-up cart-rut-shell snail egg mass.

"The white egg cases have hatched, the purple ones not yet," says Mike, the education officer at Bunurong Coast Education.

Apparently, each capsule is believed to contain hundreds of eggs and the larvae develop within the capsule to a fairly advanced stage – about four weeks – before they leave through the hole on top.

The marine snail has a shell with ridges and grooves like the ruts made by a cart, and is carnivorous, cannibalistic and can scavenge.

Seen something strange or fabulous on a local beach? Send it to [advertiser@pisra.com.au](mailto:advertiser@pisra.com.au) and we'll see if Mike can identify it for you.



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Originally due to be completed by Spring last year, then October 2022, last week a CFA spokesperson told the Advertiser the new \$2.2 million fire station on Ventnor Road is expected to be completed by the end of the year, with the brigade moving in early in 2023.

# CFA's new station again delayed

The on-again, off-again opening of the new Phillip Island fire station is off again. Previously expected to be complete by spring last year, it was then revised to October this year.

However last week a CFA spokesperson told the Advertiser the new \$2.2 million fire station on Ventnor Road is expected to be completed by the end of the year, with the brigade moving in early in 2023, "subject to their summer operational needs".

"Unseasonably wet weather has unfortunately continued to delay progress on the new Phillip Island fire station, therefore preventing the brigade from vacating the current site," a CFA spokeswoman said.

"If conditions allow, the new station is expected to be completed by the end of the year. However if there is further inclement weather, there may be further delays."

She said the CFA had a lease on the existing fire station on Settlement Road until June 2023, "however we remain committed to working with the council to return the property to them as soon as we are able to".

The delay will impact a variety of com-

munity groups who will be moving into the Settlement Road site once it is vacated.

## Impact

At the November council meeting Phillip Island resident Mal Pinkerton asked what renovation works would be carried out at the Settlement Road CFA building, to make way for community groups.

CEO Ali Wastie replied once vacated, the CFA building would be refurbished for use by the Artists Society of Phillip Island, Phillip Island Arts and Crafts Gallery, Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space and Boomerang Bags.

"\$185,000 was allocated in the 2022/23 capital works for this project which includes accessible toilet facilities, accessible ramp, heating and cooling and other cosmetic upgrades," she said.

Boomerang Bags will be left homeless once the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre in December moves out of its Church Street premises to its new home on Warley Avenue, to make way for the new community hospital.

The Settlement Road building, where the CFA have been based since the mid-1970s, is now "outdated" and run-down, with volunteers calling for a new station for several years.

The new CFA station will feature four motor room bays for fire trucks, a breathing apparatus maintenance room, meeting rooms, kitchen and offices.

The 6400m<sup>2</sup> land at 110 Ventnor Road, west of McKenzie Road, was purchased by the state government, with a planning permit in 2020 detailing a four-vehicle 728 sqm building, covering about 10 per cent of the site.



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# Mozzie warning in wake of wet weather

Residents have been urged to reduce mosquito breeding areas around their home following recent wet weather, ahead of an expected bumper mozzie season.

Last year there were 15 confirmed cases of the mosquito-borne disease Ross River virus on Phillip Island.

According to the Health Department there have been no notified cases of the virus this season, with the last case recorded in March this year. Bass Coast Shire said they were currently reviewing mosquito control activities on council land around the island and said they were yet to receive an increase in complaints about mosquito numbers.

"However, as the weather begins to warm – and with it being a very wet spring and lots of water about – we should expect that an increase in mosquito numbers is likely to occur," a shire spokesperson said.

In previous years, the shire said six of the seven mozzie hot spots in Bass Coast are found on Phillip Island: the Rhyll and Newhaven swamps, Fishers wetland near Churchill Island, Rhyll foreshore, Silverleaves, gun club



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south of Rhyll, as well as the mouth of the Powlett River at Kilcunda.

Mosquitoes can fly several kilometres if the wind conditions are right.

A Department of Health spokesperson told the Advertiser they had started mosquito surveillance activity earlier than usual this year, to detect viruses like Ross River.

"While relatively few cases of Ross River virus have occurred in Victoria recent weeks, this will increase over summer," the spokesperson said.

They said the wet and warm weather had been favourable for mosquito breeding, however because not all mosqui-

toes carry diseases "numbers in themselves do not indicate whether people are at risk of mosquito-borne diseases".

Limiting mosquito bites is the most important protective measure to limit the transmission of Ross River virus, as well as other mosquito-borne diseases, such as Japanese encephalitis virus, Barmah forest virus and Murray Valley encephalitis virus.

Where possible, people should remove mosquito breeding habitats from around their home by ensuring no stagnant water is present.

To avoid mosquito bites wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing, and use insect repellents.

## San Remo CFA award night

San Remo CFA last week held their annual dinner, with presentations for long-serving members.

This year the Brendan Lynch memorial award was given to Rod Cameron, "who has gone above and beyond" over many decades, including training and mentoring new recruits as well as routinely turning out to emergency calls.

Awards were also given to Bill McIntosh, who has served 55 years and Mike Owen, for 50 years, "spending half a century dedicating a large portion of their time to support the community".



San Remo CFA captain Mark Thiele presents Rod Cameron with the brigade's memorial award.

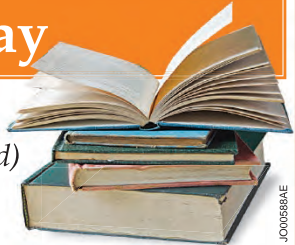
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# Cultural centre delay, sports hub progress

Bass Coast Shire councillors say they are “confident” bean counters are working in the bounds of the global financial environment, despite a \$2.4 million deficit.

Meanwhile the shire is seeking quotes to develop a sports plan for the old carnival site and has re-confirmed the new Cowes Cultural Centre has been delayed, set to open in the second half of next year.

The shire’s quarterly performance report provided updates on current projects as well as finances.

While there is a forecast surplus of \$17 million, once grants of \$13.6 million were removed – including for the Cowes Cultural Centre – there is a deficit.

It stated there were some “unexpected expenses” including “higher than anticipated” kerbside waste collection and landfill costs due to increases in population.

Councillors at the November meeting, however, were more muted in their criticism compared to previous performance reports.

Cr Leticia Laing said shire officers were “aware of the economic environment” and were “monitoring it closely” to “cushion the impacts”.

Cr Rochelle Halstead said she was confident the shire was working within the bounds of the global financial situation.

Cr Ronnie Bauer said he was looking forward to the 2023 budget “to see how we can achieve savings” so the budget “can stand on its own merits and not rely on lucky” grant funding.

## Projects

The report says construction on the Cowes Cultural and Community



The shire’s quarterly performance report provided updates on current projects as well as finances, and re-confirmed the new Cowes Culture Centre is now set to open in the second half of next year.

Centre continues with 75 per cent of the concrete completed and stage one steel works completed.

“Inclement weather and supply chain issues have impacted the program with completion now scheduled for the second half of 2023,” the report states.

The report states the shire is currently seeking quotes to develop a master plan for the Cowes recreation reserve at the old carnival site on the corner of the Phillip Island

and Ventnor roads.

The plan will look at the potential uses for the entire site including the positioning of facilities, such as the aquatic and leisure centre, sporting ovals, walking tracks and more.

The Phillip Island and San Remo Visitor Economy Strategy will be reviewed in 2023, while projects already largely completed include the Cowes east rockwall, the new PICAL building on Warley Avenue and the Rhyll boat ramp.



Grade 3/4 with Tony Latham and the Marc Van, which finished up at San Remo Primary School last week. The van has been visiting the school for over 20 years, but with rising enrolments, it is no longer eligible for the program.

## Marc Van departs San Remo

San Remo Primary School has bid a fond farewell to its weekly visits from the Mobile Area Resource Centre, better known as the Marc Van.

The department funded program is for schools with under 100 students, and with rising enrolments, San Remo Primary is no longer eligible for the program.

Principal Karen Bowker said it was emotional saying farewell to the van and its two teachers, who were part of the school community.

The van covers San Remo, Powlett River, Kongwak, Nyora, Loch and Bayles Primary Schools.

Ms Bowker said the van had been coming to the school for more than 20 years.

“It provides library books for the children to borrow and library literacy lessons every week.

“That allows teachers time to do planning for the classroom.

“It’s really important for small schools, as often they don’t have the capacity to offer multiple specialist subjects.

“And they often don’t have a lot of money to spend on books. The chil-

dren love it, and it is the most fantastic service.

“When I was a teacher in the classroom, it supported me with books and resources.

“As a principal, I know it is something my teachers all look forward to each week.”

She said the van and staff members, Tony Latham and Pete Matthews, would be sorely missed by their San Remo colleagues.

“We understand we are no longer eligible, but we will really miss it, and Tony and Pete most of all.”

She said visiting teachers play a vital role in smaller schools, going into the classrooms and teaching lessons to the children.

“In some small schools, like Kongwak, there are only two classrooms.

“Having the van means that once a week, the schools get to see other people and teachers have other teachers to interact with.”

The van, decorated by students from the participating schools, will now move to Moe, while the local schools still eligible for visits, will be picked up by other Marc Van services.

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Scott McDonald (second from left) was presented with a Royal Humane Society Bravery Award at Government House last week. From left: Bertrand Vaissiere, who received a Certificate of Merit for rescuing two men from drowning at Squeaky Beach, Scott McDonald, Deputy Commissioner Victoria Police - Rick Nugent, Governor of Victoria, the Honourable Linda Dessau AC, Major General David McLachlan AO - Director of Humane Society, Eli Davies, S/C Natasha Collison, S/C Ryan Bateman. Photo: Nico Photography.

# Reluctant hero

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 “I ran into a young policewoman (Senior Constable Natasha Collison) and we ran up to the car and tried to get the driver out.”  
 At this point, truck driver Eli Davies, who had been delivering bread on the island pulled up and also came to help.  
 With the car on its side, getting the women out was not straightforward. “Tash had to climb inside the car to release the driver’s seatbelt, and I think the girl’s foot was stuck under the pedal.”  
 “I was thinking of my own daughters who were similar ages and I thought, we’ve just got to get them out of there.”  
 After SC Collison got the seatbelt undone, the two men then helped pull the young woman out, with Scott and SC Ryan Bateman carrying her a safe distance from the vehicle.  
 They then returned to rescue her passenger.  
 At this point, Scott said they could

see fire spreading up from the bonnet and Eli forced open the passenger door, with SC Collison going into the burning vehicle to release the seatbelt. They then dragged the passenger to safety.  
 Scott said the memories of the day are still vivid, and he can get emotional talking about it.  
 “Afterwards it was quite hard. Every day I had to pull into my driveway and the burnt tree stump was still there.”  
 He’s grateful to the police who organised counselling for him in the aftermath, and said it was good to reconnect with his fellow rescuers last week.  
 In an unusual break from protocol, the parents of the young driver were also at the medal presentation.  
 “We all had a good conversation with them. I think it’s a long road to recovery for their daughter.”  
 Acting Senior Sergeant Scott Morison of Bass Coast Police was also at the ceremony.

“It’s great to see police and members of the public recognised for acts of bravery,” he said.  
 “On this occasion they saved the lives of two young women unable to remove themselves from a burning vehicle at Newhaven.”  
 “If not for them, the outcome could have lead to the loss of two lives.”  
 At Government House, S/C Collison received the Silver Medal, while Eli and Scott were presented with a Bronze Medal. S/C Bateman received a certificate of Merit for his part in the rescue.  
 The role of a rescuer is a far cry from Scott’s day job as operations manager with Bayview Balustrading. Currently splitting his time between Melbourne and the island due to work commitments, after a hectic year of work, he is looking forward to some time off over Christmas back on Phillip Island.  
 “I’ll be doing some fishing and spending some time with the girls,” he said.

# Calling Cowes artists

Bass Coast Shire Council is looking for artists to celebrate Cowes culture.  
 The council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from experienced artists to create a contemporary public artwork for the town.  
 Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, explained that the key aim for the commission is to provide an invitation that welcomes

everyone to the culturally dynamic and activated Cowes town centre.  
 “We want the local community and visitors to Cowes to see this work as a symbol of the cultural vitality of the township. We hope it becomes an additional attraction to the area,” Cr Whelan said.  
 “We’re looking for creativity that reflects the development of Cowes as a contemporary cultural centre.”

Artists are required to register their interest by submitting a portfolio of previous works and an on-line application by Sunday January 15, 2023.  
 Artists can access more information, the EOI guidelines and application on Council’s website at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/explore/arts-and-culture/opportunities-for-artists/public-art-opportunities](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/explore/arts-and-culture/opportunities-for-artists/public-art-opportunities)



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 Participants record the numbers of important fish species and report any others not usually found in the area as part of long-term monitoring of fish across the Victorian coast.  
 The data collected is uploaded to the Atlas of Living Australia to improve knowledge of Victoria’s marine species.  
 These records have been accessed for research education, and environmental management, according to the Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA).  
 VNPA ReefWatch coordinator Kade Mills – who lives in Ventnor – said this year’s Great Victorian Fish Count marked the 20th anniversary of the event.  
 “Over the past two decades divers and snorkelers have rediscovered the Western blue groper in Victorian waters and found fish species never before seen like the spotted Grubfish, silver dory, short-nosed boarfish and spiny anglerfish,” Kade said.  
 “Not only is the count heaps of fun, it also makes a really important scientific contribution that highlights the incredible diversity of Victoria’s marine life.”

self, snorkel gear and a sense of adventure,” said Kade, who will attend the event.  
 Anyone without their own equipment should call Ash Belsar from OutThere Outdoors on (03) 5952 3695 or 0412 852 291 to arrange hire of equipment for the day.  
 The event starts at 11am on December 3 with a welcome to country and smoking ceremony, followed by guided snorkels.  
 Details: [events.humanitix.com/phillip-island-great-victorian-fish-count](http://events.humanitix.com/phillip-island-great-victorian-fish-count)

**Anniversary**  
 The 2022 Great Victorian Fish Count also coincides with the 20th anniversary of the state’s marine national parks.  
 The VNPA and other groups campaigned for over a decade for the creation of these protected areas of Victoria’s coastal areas, which were created in 2002.  
 “It highlights the need to create more marine national parks, with Victoria going from leader to laggard in recent years after the failure to protect more areas,” Kade, 46, said.  
 The Great Victorian Fish Count is organised by the Victorian National Parks Association in partnership with participating groups and supported by Parks Victoria, Coastcare Victoria, and Museums Victoria along with Redmap Australia.  
 Kade has been showcasing the island’s ocean and bay in his role with the VNPA.  
 Earlier this year for a fortnight he also ran a Victorian Sea Slug Count off San Remo, along with fellow divers counting nudis, or nudibranchs, slugs described by scientists as having some of the most fascinating shapes, colours and patterns of any animal.  
 “All you need to bring is your-

Kade said divers at Kitty Miller Bay will buddy up, looking for 35 common species such as morwong, leather jackets and blue-throated wrasse.  
 The VNPA will provide slates to count fish, a free t-shirt with prizes on offer, while divers should have some experience snorkeling in Victorian or similar waters.  
 “All you need to bring is your-

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Ten-year-old Byron Humphrey raised over \$11,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation on the weekend, as well as donating his long mullet to Kids with Wigs. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.



It was an emotional moment for the whole family – so dad Kirk came in to comfort his son. Photo John Stapleton, Stapo Photos.



Dad Kirk also accepted the \$500 challenge to “go to skin”, with Byron doing the final touches. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

# Brilliant Byron raises thousands

Hats off ... and hair as well ... to 10-year-old Byron Humphrey who raised over \$11,000 for the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave on the weekend.

His extraordinary mullet was carefully cut off, and donated to Wigs4Kids, before he had his head shaved.

He was joined by five local men who also had their heads shaved: Ian Glass, Sean McWilliams, Jack Underwood, and Byron's Uncle Malcolm Anderson and dad Kirk Humphrey.

Kirk said he decided to be part of the Greatest Shave to support his son and originally he and Byron were going to get a number four.

But when family friends Tania and Tim from Berwick Motors offered to donate an extra \$1000 – or \$500 each if they went “to the skin”, they both went all in.

Kirk said the family had several relatives battling cancer, as well as friends, so the decision to raise funds for cancer research was a personal one.

“I’ve lost four friends, all under 50 to cancer, and they’ve left kids behind,” he said.

For mum Tammy, it was an incredibly proud and emotional afternoon, especially when the big moment came.

“I was a mess. I was so proud, I started crying,” she said.

“Then when Byron saw me crying, he cried.

“One of the guys came up to me later and said you had all us blokes crying. There was hardly a dry eye in the house.”

## Fundraising

Prior to the event, Byron's online fundraiser with the World's Greatest Shave had raised \$4060.

Then on the day, thanks to a power of work from Tammy and the generous support of local businesses and the community, another \$7714 was raised.

As well as donations, on the day there were raffles and a silent auc-

tion, thanks to the support of local business: Nici Cahill Massage, Phillip Island Winery, Westernport Hotel, Island Equipment Hire, Always Cool Airconditioning, Marios, The Wash Shop, The Wooli Tavern, Latitude Trading, Silverwater Resort, Cape Winds, The Middle Hotel Korumburra, San Remo Fisherman's Co-op, Beand, Gippsland Coffee Roasters, Bass Strait Direct and the San Remo Butcher.

“Thanks also to the San Remo Hotel for hosting us on the day,” Tammy said.

Money was also raised by “auctioning off” the other head shavers.

MC on the day was Daniel May, whose daughter is in the same class as Byron at Newhaven College, while local musicians The Laing Brothers entertained the crowd.

You can still donate to the fundraising effort through Byron's World's Greatest Shave fundraising page. Go to [worldsgreatestshave.com/](http://worldsgreatestshave.com/) and search for Byron Humphrey.



Byron took up the challenge to “go to skin” for \$500, adding to his already impressive fundraising tally. Kim from Beachside Hair did the honours. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.



Before the big event, Tammy, Byron and Kirk Humphrey. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.



Byron enjoyed his hairdressing duties ... others not so much! Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.



The Laing Brothers entertained on the day, getting into the mullet spirit! Photo: John Stapleton, Stapo Photos.

# Beach patrols are back

Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC) is welcoming everyone back to the beach, announcing their new summer patrol schedule.

“With the summer holidays upon us, WBSLSC would like to remind everyone to stay safe around the water,” said Ryan Box, the club's director of communications.

“Please make sure you swim between the flags and know your limits, and have a chat to one of our friendly Lifesavers or Lifeguards who will be able to give you more information on the conditions.”

Patrols started at Woolamai Beach and Smiths Beach on the weekend.

The timetable which will operate through to Christmas Day means

both beaches will be patrolled from 10am – 6pm on weekdays.

On Saturdays, patrols on both beaches start at 10am, finishing at 5pm at Woolamai and 6pm at Smiths.

On Sundays, Woolamai patrols will finish at 4pm, while Smiths will be patrolled until 6pm.

From December 26 – January 26, Cowes Foreshore beach will also be patrolled, with all three beaches patrolled from 10am – 6pm, seven days a week.

From January 27 until February 19, the patrols will return to the pre-Christmas schedule, with patrols only at Smiths and Woolamai.

Then, through to Easter, patrols will only operate on weekends and public holidays at Smiths and

Woolamai: Saturday 1pm to 5pm and Sunday 10am – 4pm on both beaches.

Any changes to the schedule will be shared on Facebook @WoolamaiBeachSLSC.

Ryan encouraged all beach goers to look at the signage displayed before going into the water.

“If you have any questions about our timetable or other general questions, please contact us on Facebook @WoolamaiBeachSLSC or Instagram @woolamaislsc

“We can't wait to see you down on the beach this summer so come and say hi!”

For more information about the club visit [www.woolamaibeach.org.au](http://www.woolamaibeach.org.au)



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# Kinder enrolment defended

Bass Coast Shire Council has defended its kinder enrolment process saying every effort was made to ensure all families received a kindergarten offer.

Last week, local families contacted the Advertiser upset their children who attended three year old kinder at San Remo Pre-school, had missed out on a place in the four-year-old program in San Remo.

Instead, they'd been allocated a position at the yet-to-be built Newhaven Kindergarten through the centralised registration system (CRS) handled by the council.

One mother said the process lacked transparency.

"Other places and shires have a check list when you register," she said. "You're asked questions about your existing enrolments, work commitments, where you're sending the child to school."

These are used to help to decide placements, but in Bass Coast she felt the process lacked transparency, describing council's response as "very vague" when she asked how the positions were allocated.

Despite her daughter already attending three-year-old kinder at San Remo, she was told she didn't get her first and second preferences (both at San Remo), as there was "high demand", and was instead offered a

place at Newhaven.

"I found out that pre-existing registrations hadn't been considered when determining places.

"The response they gave me didn't give me any confidence there had been any structure to the allocation, even though on their website, it says they have a fair and transparent process."

A spokesperson for the council said while every effort was made to ensure families received an offer of a kindergarten place, not all families received their first or second preference.

"The allocation process is explained to families who enquire di-

rectly to us and each pre-school can also explain this process to families as well," the spokesperson said.

"The allocation system has the priority of access values built into it and the system allocates places based on the priority criteria.

"Existing 2022, 2023 or 2024 registrations and waitlists families that have already registered for kindergarten in 2022, 2023 or 2024 will be allocated to the kindergarten they have registered with, ahead of other families selecting that kindergarten as their preferred service, except for children that would be allocated a place under the DET Priority of Access. These children will take priority.

"Families on existing waitlists will also be allocated a place ahead of families that were not registered prior to the CRS."

The spokesperson said the registration form also collected the hours of work or study for a parent or guardian each week, although the form did not ask what days or how many hours each day, or any existing work or study commitments.

Parents could also fill in an additional consideration section, providing details of what was required for their child and/or childcare needs.

The form had no specific questions about existing enrolments, or where the child was enrolled for school.



Approved parklets in San Remo for this summer are the San Remo and Westernport hotels. Council consultation on parklets across the shire is open until December 15.



Approved parklets in Cowes this summer include M & O, Hotel, Fig & Olive and Ocean Reach Brewing. Council consultation on parklets across the shire is open until December 15.

## Outdoor dining – have your say

Bass Coast Shire Council invites community and business to help define the future of outdoor dining in our region, by taking part in a consultation on parklets until December 15.

Parklets allow business to safely extend their outdoor trading area beyond the footpath. It usually involves the temporary use of on-street car parking spaces for outdoor dining and trader use. For community, parklets provide open areas to gather, encouraging us to slow down, connect and spend more time in our neighbourhoods. Increased foot traffic also drives revenue for local business.

Current approved 2022 Bass Coast Shire parklets include:

### San Remo

San Remo Hotel Motel,  
145 Marine Parade.

Westernport Hotel,  
161 Marine Parade.

### Cowes

Hotel Phillip Island,  
11-13 The Esplanade.

Ocean Reach Brewing,  
47 Thompson Avenue.

M&O Cafe and Tapas,  
1/14 The Esplanade.

Fig & Olive and Fork and Waffle,  
115 Thompson Avenue.

"By developing a clear outdoor dining parklet policy for Bass Coast Shire we can enable more local businesses to take advantage of this highly popular opportunity," said Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Whelan.

"Parklets are a global phenomenon that began in San Francisco in 2005, that aimed to rethink how we use public space. The idea spread through the US then Europe, when a redundant loading bay in East London was reclaimed for bike stands, benches, planters and solar lighting by Hackney Council and sustainability groups.

"A vital solution during the pandemic, parklets allowed many hospitality businesses to survive under social distancing. They created a new way to increase seating capacity then, and now remain due to the huge benefits of socialising outside

– individually and as a community.

"With this new policy council aims to balance the needs of residents, business owners and visitors while facilitating economic development. Parklets will provide enhanced streetscape vibrancy, increased dwell time and more access to dine-in experiences."

With the outdoor dining parklet policy and fee structure council aims to provide: a clear application and approval pathway; assessment guidelines and requirements; mechanism for agreements, maintenance and permit renewals.

Responses from the call out will be collated into a consultation report, available in January 2023. The council said this will then inform development of a policy, guidelines and fee structure for parklets across Bass Coast, to be considered by council in early 2023, aiming to be active by July 2023.

To make your online submission or for further information on the parklets policy, guidelines and fee structure, please visit [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/parklet](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/parklet) or contact council.

## Care-less? Not an option

Bob Hosking is concerned about the state of the planet and he doesn't mince words.

"The way things are headed, when I leave the planet, the kids are left with a s#@t hole."

The keen surfer and swimmer has put his money where his mouth is, taking out a series of ads in papers in Bass Coast, the Mornington Peninsula and Melbourne, calling for better protection for Western Port.

He believes local councils and the state government are failing to protect one of the planet's most important ecosystems.

And with Phillip Island surrounded by Western Port, he says the community needs to do all it can to make sure those in power look after the precious natural resource.

"The wetlands are a haven for wildlife, they filter pollution and they're important stores of carbon. But they're also one of the Earth's most threatened habitats, disappearing three times faster than forests, threatening thousands of animal and plant species," he explained.

He said the biodiverse wetlands of Western Port and Phillip Island are part of a UNESCO listed reserve and fall under the global Ramsar agreement for the protection of wetlands. They deliver vital ecosystem services to humanity that have remained protected by the agricultural uses of the surrounding lands.

It is also home to 1300 different species and provides critical habitat for millions of migratory birds each year.

Bob would like to see an independent administrator appointed, responsible for ensuring the health and safety of all of Western Port.

"The Ramsar wetlands and coastal landscapes are at risk from rezoning and development," he said.

"We have totally unqualified people looking after a huge asset.

"We need to pay attention to Western Port now and moving forward, as it is only going to get worse."

While he is critical of many local decisions in terms of developments on Phillip Island, his main concern is getting an independent authority, with a broad overview, who will monitor and protect Western Port.

"You can't swim in Port Phillip and soon it's going to be the same in Western Port.

"The whole system is faulty, it's dysfunctional."

Bob isn't alone in his call for greater protection for the environmentally sensitive area, and is working alongside groups like Save Westernport, Phillip Island Conservation Society, Victoria National Parks Association and the Biosphere Organisation.

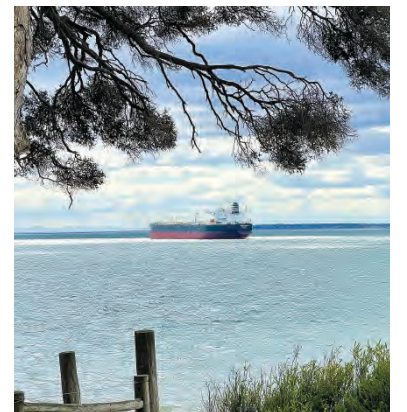
While he is talking to the different groups, and supports the work they do, he believes he can make a bigger impact operating as a lone agent, able to express his own feelings.

"I don't want to have to play nice with this issue.

"I'm not Labor or Liberal, I'd support anyone who makes a concerted effort to protect Western Port."

He's hoping his advertising campaign will help galvanise community support behind the issue.

A website he created, [www.care4phillipisland.au](http://www.care4phillipisland.au) is a wealth of information about the threats facing



Phillip Island and the Westernport Wetlands are under threat says Bob Hosking and he thinks a lot more needs to be done to protect this precious natural resource. He's calling for an independent administrator for the area.

Western Port, as well as providing links to the Ramsar Convention and the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, and even offering movie recommendations.

Bob believes Australia isn't living up to its obligations under the Ramsar agreement, the Bonn Convention or other migratory bird agreements with Japan, China, and Korea, and the constant development and rezoning of the land surrounding Western Port is causing irreparable damage.

You can sign up on the website to "show you care" and support the call for "a genuinely independent administrator, with the power to enforce environmental standards and regulations".

"We're testing the waters and trying to see if people support the concept," Bob said.

"If we get a good response, the next step would be to go to parliament and try and get an independent administrator."

He wants everyone who lives on Phillip Island, to understand what a special and unique environment it is, and how important it is to protect it.

"When decisions are made to approve developments, they have to take into consideration how that will impact future generations," he explained.

"And if you don't have all the scientific facts, you have to err on the side of caution.

"I don't think Bass Coast Shire Council is doing this when approving developments.

"Our aim is to educate people about where they live, so they can make an informed decision about the kind of place Phillip Island will be in the future."

He said caring for Phillip Island and protecting Western Port go hand in hand.

Without an independent authority in place to protect them, he fears the wetlands and waters surround the island will become increasingly degraded.

"We need a commitment to a continuing effort of housekeeping. It's like keeping your kitchen clean – if you don't, you get diseases.

"The kitchen is Port Phillip Bay and Western Port and the surrounding estuaries."

Find out more at [www.care4phillipisland.au](http://www.care4phillipisland.au) /Sponsored article /





Ollie the 16-year-old python with Phillip Island snake catcher, Ahsien Nelson. The mum-of-three owns 18 snakes and 10 lizards, offering demonstrations with Island Pythons, but also catches about five snakes a week in spring and summer. She says snake season has started earlier than usual this year and yes they are all copperheads on the island.

# Snake season started earlier this year

As Phillip Island's snake catcher, Ahsien Nelson is fearless when called out to homes and businesses to catch our resident copperheads.

But when it comes to spiders, she's as human as the rest of us.

"I get lots of teary phone calls from people telling me they've got a snake in their backyard," says the 33-year-old mother-of-three.

"But if a huntsman crawls up alongside me I'm the one who gets teary and sweaty.

"We all tend to have different animal phobias."

In three years catching snakes around the island, through to Grantville, Ahsien (pronounced Ash-en) estimates she's caught and released about 300 of the venomous serpents, averaging about five per week.

In just the past month she has caught copperheads at the Nobbies kiosk and the Grand Prix track, as well as the usual hotspots of Cape Woolamai and Ventnor, including in a swimming pool and under the bed of a caravan, with a recent catch on the Cowes front beach at Mussel Rocks.

She says snake season has started earlier than usual this year – from the start of October rather than the end of October.

"All the rain washed them out of their holes, because the water rose they have had no choice but to move," Ahsien says.

"Because these are lowland copperheads, they are very resilient and deal well with our cold weather."

And yes she and all the regional snake catchers agree they are all copperheads on Phillip Island, even the black and brown ones.

"I've never caught any other species than copperheads and in 12 years five other catchers have said the same thing. One time I thought it was a red-bellied black but it turned out to be a copperhead.

"Copperheads come in a range of colours from jet black to brown with a ring around their necks."

She adds that other snakes would easily be transported to the island, on hay bales for instance, but would not survive long in our cold weather.

"Off-island there are other species and when it gets cold they can travel to warmer areas."

## Pythons

When on a job, Ahsien makes it look easy, burning sage to smoke

them out of a hidey hole, then grabbing them by the tail, using a shaking technique to keep them away from her body and placing them in a bag.

She then takes them home, ensures they have water and food, before releasing them in conservation areas about 24 hours later.

And when she's not catching snakes she's running her business, Island Pythons, with snake demonstrations for birthday parties and events – including on January 28 at the Phillip Island Adventure Resort – as well as Scouts and Girl Guides, where she is a leader.

All up Ahsien owns 18 snakes and 10 lizards in her Cowes home, with two sides of her double garage cheek-to-jowl with snake enclosures.

She owns nine different species of snake, with the largest being three metres and because most of them are rescues, or re-homed unwanted pythons, she's not sure of their age or gender.

"My python Ollie is one of the deadliest snakes in Australia not because he's venomous but because of his strength. They constrict if they think you're food or feel insecure like they're going to fall off.

"If he decides to constrict it can take three or more people to get him off me, he's that strong."

Ahsien says Ollie is a softie, but her most "narky" snake is Woma, "who generally thinks I'm food, even if she has eaten".

"When she bites me there will be a trickle of blood but I don't notice that because the pressure is so strong. I either spray her in the face with water, put my hand in a bucket of water or take a credit card and

put it above and below her teeth to wedge them off

"If you pull them off the teeth can be left behind.

"I have walked around the house for 10 minutes with a snake attached to my arm."

The lizards, on the other hand, are easy, including three bearded dragons and a few blue tongues, as well as a turtle.

"I know it seems weird, but they're all so cute."

Her pet food bill is about \$700 every three months for frozen rodents and rabbits.

## Skill

Ahsien inherited the pythons – and her love of snakes – from her father, Phillip Island's former snake catcher Greg Marrinan, who passed away last year.

For the past three years Ahsien learnt the ropes from her dad before taking over the snake-catching business last year.

She has all the required licences and permits and has completed courses on snake handling.

Her three children, aged one, eight and 10, all love the snakes, and while her husband Shane will help her on snake catching jobs to do the heavy lifting, he does not share her love of the creatures.

"People have a fear of them whereas I see a beautiful creature who just wants to hide and be left alone. They are shy and elegant.

"They are so important in the environment to keep the ecosystem in balance.

"And for me there's also the adrenaline in carefully catching a snake."

## Snake tips

Ahsien says copperheads are generally shy and as long as they're not prodded or provoked will leave people alone.

If you spot one, stay still, take a few steps back and walk around it, giving the snake a wide berth.

"They will do anything to stay away from you," she advises.

If bitten, call Triple Zero (000), and avoid panicking to keep blood flow low. Apply a pressure bandage to the area and then bandage above the region and ideally

splint with a stick.

Ahsien says there is no anti-venom for copperheads, but hospitals use red-bellied black or brown anti-venom and even then people who have been bitten require up to a year of rehabilitation "because it messes with your nervous system and thickens your blood, making you very ill".

She says it's virtually impossible to prevent snakes in a backyard, but to minimise the risk keep gardens clean, lawns mowed, with no wood piles or tubs of water "or anything to attract frogs".

## SHORT STACK

### A QUICK ROUNDUP OF NEWS, VIEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

#### Farmers needed for national soil testing program

Southern Cross University and the Environmental Analysis Laboratory (EAL) are inviting farmers and land managers across the country to participate in an incentivised soil sampling and analysis program.

They can receive \$275 per sampling site, capped at \$10,000 per ABN, towards the cost of soil sampling and analysis and sharing the data through ANSIS. They can also receive assistance from Commonwealth-funded soil extension officers to interpret their soil test results.

For more information on the program visit [www.scu.edu.au/pilot-soils-program/](http://www.scu.edu.au/pilot-soils-program/), email [soiltest@scu.edu.au](mailto:soiltest@scu.edu.au) or phone 02 6620 3489.

The program ends on June 30, 2023 and is supported by funding through the Australian Government National Soil Strategy (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry).

#### Salvo's Christmas Appeal

The Salvo's have launched their annual Christmas Appeal and aim to raise \$23 million to support Australians in need this festive season.

The Salvation Army nationally distributes over 64,000 hampers and vouchers to those struggling to make ends meet and hundreds of thousands of gifts and toys to families.

To donate: [salvationarmy.org.au](http://salvationarmy.org.au) or call 13 SALVOS (13 72 58). You can also donate at any Salvo's Store.

## COUNCIL BRIEFS

### Grave concerns for San Remo cemetery

The standard of San Remo cemetery is "embarrassing" and should be urgently maintained, according to a Bass Coast Shire councillor.

Cr Rochelle Halstead said with the shire the trustee of the cemetery – as well as Wonthaggi – "we should be embarrassed at the standard they have been left to remain in".

"I ask that officers move swiftly ... to encourage a more satisfactory arrangement for maintaining both sites," Cr Halstead said.

Councillors voted on the budgets of the two cemeteries, with San Remo's finances improved, returning a profit of more than \$6000, with projections that the last plot sale will be about 300 years from now, with the last interment in 2324.

Wonthaggi returned a \$49,000 profit and has enough plots until 2081.

Councillors previously voted to support capital works to deliver supply of burial sites and install restrooms.

Council also signed off on a contract for grave digging at the two cemeteries, to cost more than \$242,000 over three years.

### Shetland Heights Road upgrade

After a long resident battle, San Remo's Shetland Heights Road has received the final go-ahead to be sealed. Bass Coast Shire councillors at the November meeting voted to award the road construction tender of \$1.9 million to SR Excavations, from Penniwells Drive to Potters Hill Road.

Works will include road pavement construction, road sealing, kerb and gutters, concrete footpath and drainage works, starting in February 2023.

Cr Rochelle Halstead said residents around the new Bass Coast Secondary College San Remo Campus would celebrate the project getting up and running "after the opening of the school caused a lot of concern for students' safety".

"Locals all knew that Shetland Heights Road would be used as an access point and was without footpaths, sealed roads and a crest that can make visibility difficult on sunset," Cr Halstead said.

### Skate park budget blow out

The planned Kilcunda skate park has had a budget blow out of more than \$148,000. Bass Coast Shire councillors at the November meeting voted to increase the budget to \$720,000.

They also voted to award the tender for the construction of Kilcunda foreshore local-level skate park to Grind Projects, with construction expected to start in March 2023.

Cr Les Larke argued the extra funding came from borrowings and not cash reserves, however Cr Rochelle Halstead asked shire officers if this was correct.

The officer said the extra funding came from the shire's skate park reserve fund.

### Planning permits

Councillors approved two significant planning permits in Cowes.

There will be a subdivision of land into 28 lots in the Cowes industrial estate, at 16 Shorland Way.

And the former Islander Caravan Park at 137-143 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, received approval to build a swimming pool, alongside the existing camping and caravan park.

Approval was also given for sustainable home builder Ecoliv to erect a display home centre, and other buildings at their new site at 1114 Bass Highway, The Gurdies.

### Special charge scheme

Residents quizzed council about the potential cost of the Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach special charge scheme to upgrade roads.

Ross Bencraft asked if the shire could provide the average cost to ratepayers in the newly-finished Pioneer Bay road scheme, as well as the minimum individual ratepayer contribution and the maximum ratepayer payment.

"What is the estimated average cost to individual ratepayers for the completed Surf Beach Sunderland Bay road and drainage improvement scheme," Ross asked.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie replied Pioneer Bay totalled \$4.6 million and 230 residents contributed to 92 per cent of the cost.

"This equates to an average amount of \$18,400 per property. Costs ranged from \$13,898 to \$52,098 depending on the property size," Ms Wastie said.

"Costs have not yet been determined and will depend on the preferred design options selected by the community which is the basis of the current community consultation."

Resident Natasha Crestani said because visitors benefitted the most from these roads, would the shire contribute more funds, also asking what profit the shire would make.

Ms Wastie said special charge scheme costs were proportioned based on community benefit.

"Where there is greater community benefit, council contributes more towards the project," Ms Wastie said.

"Council does not make a profit through a Special Charge Scheme process."

### Sand mining

Grantville residents Phillip and Anne Westwood asked why the strategy allowing sand mining in the Grantville area was not detailed in the Bass Coast Shire planning scheme.

CEO Ali Wastie said while not formally incorporated into the planning scheme, the regional sand strategy was referenced as a background document.

"Background documents provide useful context in interpreting the planning scheme, but cannot be relied upon in assessing permit applications and planning scheme amendments," Ms Wastie said.





Peter Reith AM Memorial Prize recipient Joey Thompson with College Chair David Jobe and Principal Tony Corr.



College staff awarded for 20+ years of service to the school (from left to right): Karyn Scott, Lauren White, Amanda Price, Andy Neal, Sonya Neal, Mitsuko Horiguchi, Shona O'Dempsey, Gemma Van Cuylenburg, Karen Milkins-Hendry, Sian Adnam, Geoff White, Elaine Epifano. (Not pictured Barb Blair, Belinda Manning and Chris Appleby).

# Presentation evenings at Newhaven College

To celebrate the conclusion of a full year on campus, Newhaven College held two Presentation Evenings for the Junior School and Middle/Senior School.

The Year 5-11 Presentation Evening was hosted by the 2023 College Captains Gabriel Pascoe, Brinn Hamley, Niamh Moore and Oscar Healey, in their first formal captaincy duties. The Junior School Celebration Evening hosts were 2022 Captains, Flynn Doig and Addison O'Connor, and Vice Captains Callan Reilly and Scarlett Rennie.

## Junior School

The focus of the Junior School Celebration was on how the school navigated its way safely through the year, by following CovidSafe guidelines. This resulted in a full academic year onsite. It was therefore appropriate for the achievements of every student in the Junior School be recognised. All Junior School students were presented with a certificate of achievement for completing a wonderful year of learning and improvement. The students again demonstrated their talents by singing, dancing and performing music, with some very talented performances and lots of laughs! Head of Junior School, Ralph Arceo, expressed his gratitude for such a successful year.

"Thank you to all our families for your attendance, support and encouragement. It means a lot to the students and the staff in the Junior School."

## Middle and Senior School

The school celebrated an evening of song, words and awards during the first all-present Presentation Evening since 2019. It was an evening to celebrate the successes of our students, in academics, sporting, values and music. The procession of award presentations was interspersed with some stunning musical performances. The Middle School Choir and Guitar ensemble performed Lingmarra, a beautiful song about coming together. The Senior Vocal Ensemble performed Don't Stop Me Now, followed by Indie and the Bones performing Devil

Went Down to Georgia. The school is very proud of all of the award recipients.

Newhaven College Board Chair, David Jobe, made a moving tribute to Peter Reith, the Founding Secretary of Newhaven College. Mr Reith was integral to the initial development of Newhaven College, something which he was very proud of throughout his life. Mr Jobe referred to John Howard's memorial speech where he described Mr Reith as someone committed to making a difference. Someone with a laid-back sense of humour, who was able to make friends even among those he disagreed with. Someone with relentless energy for effecting change. In conclusion, Mr Jobe looked to the future.

"As we embark on the next chapter of our College's journey, we are committing ourselves to a path of constant improvement across the key areas of learning, care, community, sustainability and innovation. In doing so, we can honour Peter's legacy and the community spirit that created Newhaven College."

## Staff Awards

Newhaven College is incredibly proud of its teaching and non-academic staff. Fifteen staff members received recognition for twenty years or more of service and dedication. Recipients include Karen Milkins-Hendry, Geoff White, Andrew Neal, Elaine Epifano, Belinda

Manning, Sian Adnam, Chris Appleby, Mitsuko Horiguchi, Gemma Van Cuylenburg, Barb Blair, Shona O'Dempsey, Sonya Neal, Amanda Price, Lauren White and Karyn Scott.

## Student Awards

A wide range of awards were presented to recognise outstanding achievement in academic studies, leadership, music, sport, values, public speaking and debating, drama, design, visual arts, technology and Building and Construction.

Senior School Dux Awards for Year 9 – Maisie McMurray, Year 10 – Alice Mabilia, and Year 11 – Tess Papas

ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership Award – Charlotte O'Brien (Year 10)

ADF Future Innovators Award – Alice Mabilia (Year 10)

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program – Tilia Pires-Andersen (Year 10)

Luke Bolding Memorial Scholarship – Henry Peppard (Year 11)

Peter Reith AM Memorial Prize – Joey Thompson (Year 9)

Donald Cameron OAM Award – Harry Butcher (Year 10)

Rev John Leaver Award – Ella Grummisch (Year 11)

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Bronze – Grace Howlett, Sophia Hungerford, Abby Papas and Grace Morris (Year 9)

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Silver – Chloe Harris (Year 10)



Senior School Dux Awards recipients Maisie McMurray, Tess Papas and Alice Mabilia with Karen Milkins-Hendry.



ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership Award – Charlotte O'Brien (Year 10) on left and ADF Future Innovators Award – Alice Mabilia (Year 10) on the right with Vice Principal Jason Scott and College Chair David Jobe.



Rev John Leaver Award recipient Ella Grummisch with Mrs Louisa Warnock, Executive Officer Ecumenical Schools Australia, and Principal Tony Corr.



Year 2 students getting into the spirit.



Donald Cameron OAM Award recipient Harry Butcher, with Mr Steve Munro, President Phillip Island Lions Club and Mrs Pamela Cameron, Life Governor.



Luke Bolding Memorial Scholarship recipient, Henry Peppard with Robyn Bolding.



Year 1 students singing their hearts out at the Junior School Celebration Evening.



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## Dance Studio performance

Phillip Island Dance Studio is performing two shows at Wonthaggi Union community Arts centre on Saturday December 10.

The dance studio is presenting a Mary Poppins ballet and other choreography works of moving lyrical, contemporary and energetic jazz dances.

The students have been back in the studio for a full year since the pandemic began and have spent three terms building on their strength and technique.

Term four saw the students excited to use these skills to bring their hard work together in eight weeks to present their end of year

performances.

Phillip Island Dance Studio offers classes for students from 18 months through to adult. Classes include pre-school dance program, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, classical ballet, pointe and adult ballet.

“I’m excited to be introducing a new over 55s dance movement class for 2023,” said Rowena Campbell, who runs the popular dance school.

Tickets for the end of year performance can be purchased at Wonthaggi Union Arts centre or via Trybooking: [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/978483](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/978483)

## A double dose of Churchill



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The show is part of a tour around the country, coinciding with the release of his new single “Come Back Free”

A joyous and tender ode to overcoming failures, this latest single is another taste from Kim’s forthcoming album, titled Dawn Sounds and scheduled for release on January 13, 2023. What a way to start the new year!

The 11-track album will feature already released singles “Fighter” and “Please Come Home” along with the brand new “Come Back Free”.

Warmed by a hushed rhythmic pulse and rich in earthy acoustic tones, the surf-soaked single is a reassuring anthem of hope.

Finding clarity in the face of life’s obstacles, Kim reflects on what “Come Back Free” means to him.

“The single is about putting yourself out there and getting back up when it doesn’t work out. The mark of a life well lived is failure and lots of it!

“It’s an integral part of figuring out who you are and what you do well and how to feel well. I’ve been learning that the most important thing is the joy you feel when you let go of failure and embrace it as an important part of the process of life.”

Described as “a romping high energy one man band show”, Kim has performed at renowned festivals across the globe, including Glastonbury Music Festival, Montreal’s International Jazz Festival and South By South West, along with a stack of home grown festivals.

Raised on the coastal town of Merimbula, the songwriter was previously crowned Australia’s National Youth Folk Artist of the Year and nominated for the National Live Music Awards Roots Act of the Year.

Don’t miss Kim Churchill at Ocean Sounds Festival on Churchill Island, December 10, alongside Tash Sultana, Pierce Brothers, Kee’ahn, Little Green and Mark Howard.

Kim’s tour continues through until March 2023. Ocean Sounds details and tickets at [www.oceansoundsfestival.com.au](http://www.oceansoundsfestival.com.au) [www.kimchurchill.com](http://www.kimchurchill.com)

## Lions raffle raises funds for local school communities

The Lions Club of San Remo and Newhaven’s All Schools/Traders Raffle has raised more than \$10,000. Over 5000 tickets were sold by the Newhaven and San Remo Primary Schools, San Remo Pre-school and the Bass Coast College San Remo Campus.

“The generosity of the local traders who contributed over fifteen hundred dollars in prizes made the raffle possible,” said Club president Mike Newton.

“Special thanks must also go to Print it Fast

in San Remo who donated the cost of printing the tickets.

“This was an excellent example of the whole community coming together in support of a good cause.”

The raffle was drawn at Newhaven Primary School and the funds raised will be distributed between the participating schools.

First prize was won by Daniel Petersen, second prize by the Mol Family and third prize by Willie Pepper.



Drawing the Lions Club All Schools/Traders Raffle is Sharyne Munday, Principal at Newhaven Primary School (second left), with Catherine Rogerson (right) and school captains Jazzy Campbell and Riley Goodwin.

## Jubilee planting day

It was shovels at the ready for the Phillip Island Golf Club last week, with a special Queen’s Jubilee Tree Planting Ceremony.

The club has recently planted over 100 trees through funding from the Federal govern-

ment’s Planting Trees for the Queen’s Jubilee program. Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent was at the event, alongside club and committee members.



Golf Club Vice Chair Liz Gleeson with Member for Monash Russell Broadbent at the tree planting ceremony last week.



Back: Doug O’Keeffe – General Manager, Mark Jamieson – Chairman, Ryan Hall – Course Superintendent, Howard Jones – long term member, Phil Ellard – Men’s Captain. Front: Liz Gleeson – Vice Chair and Russell Broadbent MP. More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au).



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## Join in choir's Christmas carols

In the mood for some festive cheer? Then join the Island Harmony Choir who will be performing a Christmas program at St John's Church in Cowes at 2pm on Sunday, December 4.

"There will be lots of carols, some old familiar songs and some you may not have heard before," choir member Terry Norquay said.

"There will also be musical items and some comedy pieces performed by members of the choir, and a chance for you to join in some of the carols."

Terry said the audience can meet members of the choir over afternoon tea.

"And take this opportunity to find out more information if you think you might like to join our happy group next year."

"We are a four-part harmony choir and would welcome new singers to

join our ranks."

There are no auditions and members are not required to read music "but it helps".

"Especially if people are familiar with four-part harmony singing for soprano, alto, tenor and bass."

She says the choir performs all styles of music from classic to folk, opera to gospel and "ballads to the Beatles".

"We are prepared to challenge ourselves with new music all the time."

The group draws members mainly from Phillip Island and as far as Tooradin, is generally for 50+ age, but is open to anyone, "we always need more men".

Aside from rehearsals and concerts, they also perform to aged care homes around the island.

Details: [www.islandharmony-choir.au](http://www.islandharmony-choir.au)

## RSL backs new Cadet venture

Three years ago, the Phillip Island RSL sub-branch received a call from a colonel at the Royal Australian Army Headquarters based at Victoria Barracks in St Kilda Road.

The colonel wanted to gauge thoughts on setting up a School Army Cadet unit in the area.

The Phillip Island RSL committee was fully supportive of the concept and offered to provide assistance where possible. Finding a venue was difficult as there were no army facilities within the zone. An army facility was preferred as no leasing or rent would have been required.

Eventually the future commanding officer, Captain Clinton George identified Wonthaggi North Primary School as ideal for all requirements.

There was just one hitch – an annual lease charge was required. This was not within their budget.

Phillip Island RSL was again contacted, this time with a request for financial support, knowing that some students from Bass Coast Secondary College's San Remo campus were to be involved.



At the RSL Gala Awards Night dinner in August, Greg Mead presented \$2500 to Major Geoff Pike to help establish the Bass Coast Army Cadets.

This conversation resulted in the Phillip Island RSL confirming ongoing financial support of up to \$2500 for 2022 and up to \$5000 per year for up to five years, as long as the Wonthaggi cadet unit is operational and functional.

This unit is now named 36 Army Cadet Unit and is restricted to secondary school students, male and female, between the ages of 13 and 17.

RSL treasurer Greg Mead said:

"Phillip Island RSL is proud to be involved in youth development within our area and regard the school cadet unit as a kindred body."

Recruits joined in July with uniforms issued in August, with the cadets attending an annual field exercise during the September school holidays.

The Phillip Island RSL look forward to the cadets participating in future RSL event commemorations.

## Thousands raised to support Waterline nurse

The Waterline community has raised almost \$7000 in support of nurse practitioner Deb Garvey through a series of fundraisers.

The fundraisers, which included a Market of Treasures and a Living Library session culminated in a musical afternoon on November 19.

The fundraisers were organised after a Medicare review concluded that nurse practitioner Deb Garvey was spending more time with her patients than Medicare allowed and

she's been directed to repay money, with further restrictions placed on the Medicare items she can access.

The community rallied behind Deb, with \$3086 raised through ticket sales and raffles at the music afternoon, \$1535 from a Silent Auction and a further \$2110 from the Market of Treasures.

"A great amount was raised which will not solve Deb's problems but will clearly show the love the Waterline townships have for the un-

tiring and inspirational work that Deb does daily," said the event organisers.

They thanked the community for their support, as well as the volunteers who helped set up for both events and everyone who donated goods for the silent auction, and the amazing musicians who entertained the crowd.

A GoFundMe page has been set up: [www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-nurse-practitioner-clinic](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-the-nurse-practitioner-clinic).



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# Wildlife rescue's financial and emotional cost

Phillip Island's wildlife death toll is taking an increasing toll on the island's only volunteer wildlife shelter operator.

Since 2000 Colleen Gilbee has helped more than 3000 animals annually, since 2019 running Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Shelter Phillip Island and Bass Coast with a handful of volunteers.

She said the financial costs over the last 23 years had been "massive", with thousands of dollars every year out of her own pocket.

"Petrol, bullets and food is a lot to have on the shoulders of one volunteer on top of dealing with everyday daily living costs," Colleen said.

But the emotional toll was even bigger, with many animals especially after hours needing

to be euthanised.

More than 70 per cent of animal rescue calls ended in euthanasia due to their injuries or health condition being too severe to save, totalling hundreds of animals a year.

"Euthanising animals when vets are not open or police cannot help, is a very emotional and hard thing to do, even after all this time, it takes a little piece of my heart every time."

"Some weeks it can be five animals or more needing their suffering ended as soon as possible."

**For donations:** Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation Shelter Phillip Island & Bass Coast  
BSB: 633 000  
Account number: 169 091 246

# Wildlife shelter struggling to stay open

Generous local residents have offered to donate money and support Phillip Island's only volunteer wildlife shelter, which is struggling to keep the service running due to the emotional and financial cost.

Meanwhile Phillip Island Nature Parks has avoided answering questions on whether they can provide more staff to help with wildlife rescue.

The call for help comes after all candidates in the run-up to the state election vowed to back a dedicated 24-hour wildlife shelter on the island.

Cape Woolamai resident Serra Clisby put a call out on the Phillip Island Noticeboard Facebook page, alerting locals that there was no paid after-hours care for wildlife on Phillip Island.

"There is one wildlife shelter – Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Shelter Phillip Island and Bass Coast – run by Colleen and a handful of volunteers," Serra said.

She said on busy weekends – such as racing events like the Grand Prix – Colleen and some volunteers were "absolutely pushed to their limits with no support", with Colleen called out to euthanise a growing number of animals hit but not killed by cars.

"Recently Colleen has been struggling to keep the rescue shelter going mainly due to fuel cost and bullets," Serra said.

"It doesn't seem fair that the only person on the island that has been doing this for over three decades not only goes out on her own, but often has to euthanise wildlife while coping abuse from members of the public that say she should "be doing more".

"Let's rally behind her and prove to her that she's not alone."

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Wildlife volunteers are called out day and night to help injured animals. This file picture was taken of a live wood duck with an arrow going through its body at the Shearwater estate opposite the Cowes golf club.

**Support**

Several residents offered to step up to help.

Didee offered to donate cash, as well as old towels and sheets.

Ashley said she would donate a percentage from sales from her business to help with raising funds.

Simonne encouraged residents to take part in one-day Wildlife Victoria training on December 3.

"But it's not just doing the training – you need to then be willing and able to accept wildlife cases once trained," Simonne wrote.

Zann said she was a former wildlife volunteer on the island.

"There was a band of us working all night at one time doing injured wildlife. It was volunteering for the Nature Park who should really be on 24/7 to help all wildlife on the island not just the penguins," Zann said.

"This is a wildlife island. Most people seem to have forgotten that. Koalas used to walk down the streets in the olden days. Now all you see is run over wildlife on roads and not many have the time to stop and take them off the road in respect of their lives."

**Nature Parks**

In 2019 Colleen became the sole wildlife shelter and rescuer. Since 2000 she has helped more

than 3000 animals annually.

At the time the community called on Phillip Island Nature Parks to step up and take on wildlife rescue, however they ruled out taking over the 24/7 service and instead offered a service run from 7.30am-4pm.

Last week the Advertiser asked the Phillip Island Nature Parks if they could do more to help wildlife rescue or provide funding, support and expertise to the volunteer rescuers.

PINP spokesman, Simon Pristel, whose public relations company represents the Nature Parks, said they wouldn't have "anything specific to add at this stage".

He provided information on helping if birds nests fall out of trees, if echidnas visit your garden and what to do if you have a snake in your backyard.

**Election**

Candidates for Bass in the lead up to the election were asked a public question in early November about the need for wildlife support.

"There is no dedicated 24-hour wildlife shelter and more support is needed for volunteer wildlife rescuers. What would you do to rectify this situation?" the questioner asked.

Both the Liberals Aaron Brown and Nationals Brett Tessari agreed the program needed to be funded, while the ALP's Jordan Crugnale said she was happy to look at other funding options.

Independent candidate Jeni Jobe said there was a conflict between tourism and wildlife safety and said she would 100 per cent support a 24-hour wildlife rescue service.

"Why don't we have it in place already," Jeni said.

Details: [wildlifevictoria.org.au/get-involved/](http://wildlifevictoria.org.au/get-involved/)



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# Rising roadkill death toll

It is estimated at least 5000 animals are injured or killed on Phillip Island roads each year from vehicle collisions.

Citizen scientist and Cowes resident Ron Day made the estimate based on his three-year daily wildlife roadkill research on a 3.6km section of the Cowes-Rhyll Road.

However wildlife volunteers say the number is conservative and probably the death toll is well above 5000.

Ron's research – which is currently being analysed by Victoria University researchers – recorded about 1200 kills and more than 20 different species, including kookaburras, long neck turtles, falcons and echidnas.

He said extrapolated out across all the major arterial roads on Phillip Island it was "not an unreasonable estimate".

Ron said drivers regularly had accidents avoiding collisions with wildlife, their cars written off.

"It's only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured, or even worse, killed, in an animal avoidance accident here on Roadkill Island (Phillip Island)," Ron said.

Anyone who runs over or sees an injured animal should stop, make sure the animal is dead and move it off the road, or call for help:

- For all wildlife on Phillip Island call Phillip Island Nature Parks 7.30am-4pm seven days a week: 0409 558 482. If they don't answer leave



This turtle was run over on Harbison Road in November. The pregnant female was alive for more than an hour before passers-by called wildlife rescue.

a message, send a text and call back.

- Wildlife Victoria 03 8400 7300, phones staffed 24/7 365 days a year.
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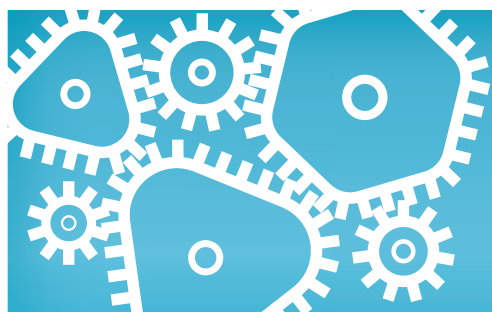
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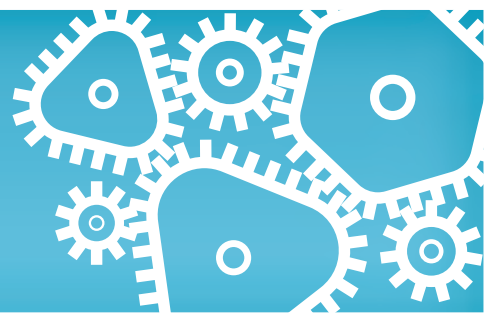
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This is a great opportunity to become involved with your local community and for further information, please do not hesitate to contact Reception on (03) 5951 2500.

It is a requirement that all volunteers have a current adult aged/disabled care police check and evidence of current influenza vaccination and 3 Covid-19 vaccinations.

*Male volunteers are encouraged to apply!*

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# Health chair farewelled

The outgoing chair of Bass Coast Health, Don Paproth, is passing the baton to Deputy Chair Ian Thompson after seven years at the helm of Bass Coast Health.

Mr Paproth said one of his proudest achievements is the Cancer Centre that opened at Wonthaggi Hospital in April 2021.

The centre was funded with support from the Federal government, plus a huge donation from the Rigby Family.

Stage one of the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion (WHE) – due to open in December – follows as a close second on Mr Paproth's list of achievements.

"I look at the magnificent new facilities at Wonthaggi Hospital and I'm so thrilled that this is happening."

"Apart from the obviously impressive building itself, the new operating theatres and sterilising area, the new Emergency Department and the wonderful inpatient facilities are brilliantly designed."

Mr Paproth is stepping down from the Board due to personal family reasons.

He stated his pride in BCH's local focus in the services it offers and the economic boost it gives. With more than 1200 employees, BCH is the largest single employer in the local region and is continuing to grow.

"In addition, both the Government and the Opposition have pledged over \$250 million to build stages two and three of the WHE," he said.

"We have also received extraordinary support from the Department of Health as we have grown as a sub-regional health service and we earn that support by delivering what we were asked to deliver: growing our workforce and growing the number of services."

Mr Paproth said he had full trust and belief in incoming chair Ian Thompson.



Outgoing Bass Coast Health Board Chair Don Paproth (left) wishes incoming chair Ian Thompson well in a new theatre in the Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion.

Mr Thompson has pledged to continue the work of the Board developed by Mr Paproth, including the construction of the Phillip Island Community Hospital, the second and third stages of the WHE, and a continued focus on quality and safety.

"I am honoured and enthusiastic to be appointed Board Chair. We have a talented and experienced Board and I will be ably assisted by Deputy Chair Nicky Chung."

Mr Thompson joined the BCH Board in July 2016 following more than 30 years' experience in financial markets in Australia and the United Kingdom.

His community service also extends to being a member of the board of the Snowdome Foundation – a charity that

funds blood cancer research – an independent member of the State Sport Centre Trust's Audit and Risk Committee, and a member of the Uniting Church's (Victorian and Tasmanian Synod) Risk Management Committee.

Mr Thompson is also a board member of the Australian College of Critical Care Nurses, and the Finance and Risk Committee of the Australian College of Optometry.

Mr Thompson and his family have a house in Cape Woolamai. He said joining BCH's board was a great way to contribute to, and be a part of, the thriving Bass Coast community.

Mr Paproth's board position is being filled via a process to fill vacancies on health service boards across Victoria.

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## Not this little black duck

I don't write strange tales or tales of the unusual, but this amazed me...

My wife and I accompanied our grandson to the Cowes Health Hub on the morning of November 22. He had a suspected arm fracture.

While my wife and grandson were with the Doctor, I noticed a tall, unkempt man enter the Hub. There was much discussion with the young lady at the entrance, but he eventually entered with a mask near his face. And a black duck accompanied him. While waiting for him, the duck defecated at the entrance. Hub admin staff rushed to clean it up. The man took no interest in this event, and walked through the entrance to his consultation, followed by the duck.

About 10 minutes later the man went towards the exit, the duck following. It defecated twice more. Again, the man took no interest in this and walked on oblivious. Hub staff quickly cleaned up the mess.

The man exited the Hub, but the duck, following behind, did not register with the automatic door and was stuck inside. Hub staff activated the door and the duck left. The man did not assist.

This is a true depiction of events. Ask the staff.

This happened at the Hub. People need to register to enter and wear a mask. Ducks? Defecate on the floor if you want.

Amazing!

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## Hairbrained bus trial

I have concerns about the Bass Coast councillors that gave support to the hairbrained trial bus proposal for Phillip Island. To believe in such nonsense those councillors should be voted out at the next election. With such insight to solve the present traffic and parking programs that exist during busy periods, ratepayers can no longer rely on them

for even the basic services that the council should provide. During my short period on the community reference group committee, we were able to have some input into the improvement of traffic movements along the Phillip Island Road with the construction of two new roundabouts. Further proposals are to have some sections of the road duplicated, a further roundabout at Newhaven, major traffic enhancements at San Remo, park and ride locations for major events and improvements in bicycle paths. To date nothing has transpired with any of these proposals other than talk. One obvious traffic solution that keeps doing the rounds is the proposed vehicular ferry service. Such a service would ultimately attract much of the major event and tourist trade, notwithstanding the minimal cars it would carry, but with fare paying passengers. It would also cater for the many bicycle groups that the present service has much difficulty with. With improved train and bus services at Stony Point, such an all-weather transport service would be welcomed by even the extreme knockers, that come out at the mere mention of the word ferry. The local bus company may also purchase a few electric buses to be utilised in a more practical way, for transporting tourists and major events visitors. A ferry service capable of transporting 500 people/hour would go a long way in reducing traffic congestion during both major events and hot summer days. At nearly 80 I live in the hope that both council and government can get off their bums to make the ferry service happen before I expire.

Norm Hall, Cowes

## Keep Lovers Walk lovely

I walk the Lovers Walk path nearly every day and if it ever has any holes they get filled in by chunks of metal chips instead of the fine yellow sand when it first was made.

I've got photos of a lovely path in London near where one of our daughters lives. Could our Lovers Walk path look as lovely please?

L J Boyle, Cowes

## Thank you PISRA

I have been impressed with the information garnered from reading the Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser. If it were not for the Advertiser, I would not have known about many past and current council projects or that the shire's draft 2023-2026 Communications and Engagement Strategy is extended for community consultation until January 6. Interesting that feedback from the initial round of consultation found that ratepayers said they were concerned "community engagement should be respected and actually utilised to shape council actions" and should be "clear when engaging what influence community can have on a project" and they should allow "adequate time for the community to consider information to give feedback". The strategy seeks to build and maintain transparent and open communications about council's activities and provides opportunity for everyone to provide input into council decisions". I, like a number of ratepayers, submitted questions at Council's October meeting, only to not have the questions read out or receive an official answer from Council. Honesty, transparency, accountability should be crucial requirements for council and councillors.

The recent dummy spit from Cr Whelan toward Cr Larke where a council spokesperson said the emails weren't blocked, but rather triaged confirms that council is not very healthy and in dire need of a change of direction. A mayor that won't answer questions and is trying to abandon council question time? Maybe a transplant of an administrator would help. Or as an

other letter writer mirrored my very thoughts "De Amalgamation". What a great thought, it has happened in a number of other areas. Phillip Island did stand in its own right until bureaucrats decided otherwise and now milk from the cash cow is spread around the shire to the detriment of Phillip Island and San Remo. Council to me is not being conducted in a democratic way but more a dictatorship. Council is not passing the pub test but it did pass the pub in Cowes, ignoring ratepayer planning concerns and fought ratepayers, with ratepayer money. Did the pub pay council compensation for the parking spaces that council gave away?

Phil Davy, Surf Beach

## Where are car parking plans?

Nature now sends us ever more messages about our mistakes. If extreme fires, including Arctic Circle, with floods nearly half the size of Pakistan, are too subtle, just listen to COP27 news. On Phillip Island, latest of previously ignored messages, is about car parking.

In recent planning in Cowes, how ironic that two hotels propose basement/underground parking while Cowes Cultural Community Centre and hospital get away with no on-site provision at all. Don't you wonder how supermarkets felt about instructions for hotel guests to use overflow parking?

In successive plans, "Melbourne 2017 to 2050 Plan", or Regional Growth Plans, or recent proliferation of plans at [engage@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:engage@basscoast.vic.gov.au), mention is made, just in passing, about ever-increasing problems from dependency on cars. Specifically, again, just in passing, it's recommended planners look for "opportunities for underground parking" and/or "park and ride". Both opportunities are ignored, despite being broadcast by commu-

nity groups, for yonks.

Now hosting MotoGP on Phillip Island, can we continue to disregard parking problems? This year, with extreme weather, no camping at the track and then advice not to drive because all the car parks were water logged, more traffic than ever was diverted to Cowes.

What can be done? Do we need huge increase in areas of concrete and asphalt, in Cowes or at the track, so car parking, at least, is extreme weather resilient? Or make a start with park-and-ride, diagonally opposite RSL, with electric shuttle buses back and forth to town? Where are the car parking plans?

Bernie McComb, Cowes



## Good golly Miss Molly

Molly Mae McLean-Randall was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on November 14, 2022, weighing 3.4kg. Molly is a daughter for Tamara Randall of Coronet Bay and a sister for Lucy.

# Business Network's new committee

The new Phillip Island Business Network committee hosted a morning tea for its new committee members at The Nobbies on November 24. The new committee includes local business operators, as well as representatives from Destination Phillip Island, Bass Coast Shire Council and Phillip Island Nature Parks.



The new Phillip Island Business Network committee. Back: Jess Janson – PIBN Marketing Officer, Lauren Van Strijp, Kimberley Brown, Judi Pay, Jess Patman and Megan Darby. Front: Kim Storey, Jo Dixon, Peta Wittig, Simonne Liberman, Dianne Holbery, Kally Van Venrooy. More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au).





Evie is covered in colour at the Fun Run, which raised over \$39,000 for the school.



Hope spread her wings, taking on the colourful Fun Run with Ms Chiron.

# Cowes Primary gets a splash of colour

Last week, students at Cowes Primary School enjoyed a fun filled and colourful afternoon.

The Big Show Fun Run, coordinated by the School Council Fundraising Committee, was the school's major fundraiser of 2022 and will certainly be deemed a highlight of the school year by many.

The event included a t-shirt design competition where students submit-

ted entries that were then short-listed by the Junior School Council judging panel. The design produced by Reuben in Year 5 was chosen and printed on t-shirts as part of the fundraiser.

Katrina Knight, School Council member and Big Show Fun Run organiser, said she was once again blown away with results which raised over \$39,600.

It has been an amazing fundraising feat by many students, with some of them making over \$2000. Ziggy was again the top earner in 2022 but was pushed to the very end by Evie.

Rodney McKenzie, school Principal, acknowledged the amazing effort of organisers Carly McShane, Lorey Sheers, and Katrina Knight who put in a power of work to en-

sure the days success.

"It is wonderful to have such committed parents who go above and beyond for the benefit of the school and the students.

"The event was such a wonderful afternoon and everywhere you looked there were beaming smiles from ear to ear which was so pleasing to see," said Rodney.

There was also a great show of

support on the day from parent volunteers who operated the powder and water stations to ensure everyone was showered in colour.

As an added incentive to raise funds, Sliming the Teacher was again a highlight of the event, with the highest money earners getting the chance to slime the Principal, Assistant Principal and classroom teachers.



Mr Malone getting splashed with colour by parent volunteers who operated the powder and water stations to ensure everyone was showered in colour.



Destiney and Aiden getting colourful at the Cowes Primary School Big Show Fun Run.





Round one of the Victorian Junior Surfing Titles will be held on Phillip Island on February 4 and 5 next year. In previous years, the series has seen surfers like Sage Goldsbury compete. Photo: @bunpix.

# Island to host first round of junior champs

Surfing Victoria is excited to announce the Woolworths Victorian Junior Surfing Titles dates and locations for the 2023 series, starting on Phillip Island.

The three-event series crowns Victorian Junior Champions in Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 divisions.

The first step in the pathway to the Australian Junior Surfing Titles

and ultimately the ISA World Junior Surfing Championships, the series has seen surfers such as Nikki van Dijk, Sage Goldsbury and Xavier Huxtable compete as well as current Under 16 ISA World Junior Champion Willis Droomey.

Kicking off at Phillip Island on February 4 and 5, the series will then head to Bells Beach on February 18 and 19 before finishing on the

Mornington Peninsula on March 25 and 26.

"Giving our up and coming surfers the chance to surf in the best waves across the state is a key part of their development and I am looking forward to seeing the next crop of surfers take their surfing to the next level."

Entries are now open online via [www.surfingvic.com/events](http://www.surfingvic.com/events)



Winners of Midweek bowls played at Koo Wee Rup Luke Monckton (3) and Peter Thorley (L).

## Fun and games at Koo Wee Rup Bowls club.

Another lovely day for Midweek bowls last week, when 26 of our bowlers turned up to Koo Wee Rup to fight for superiority for the day.

Lots of laughter, lots of friendly banter, and lots of top rate bowling were the highlights of the day.

The green ran true on all the rinks which certainly helped the quality of the bowling.

David from Koo Wee Rup was well and truly appreciated for all the assistance he gave to our members, including his duties as barman as well as cleaning up the green and kitchen after the match.

Winners on a score of 36 were Mark Andreatta (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Peter Thorley (L).

Runners up also on a score of 36 were Terry Floyd (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Cheryl Floyd (L).

Best One Game winners on 22 were Tony Heppleston (S), Fran D'Unienville (3) and Peter Taylor (L).

We look forward to heading to Lang Lang on Thursday to once again meet up with our friends, have a laugh, as well as having a game of bowls.

Please be on site by 10am to help Peter and keep the game flowing smoothly.



Swim club members enjoying the celebration – Jen Sokac, Taya Murdoch, Rachel Costello, Isabel Mahon, Louisa Poll, Maddi Maund and Seth McBean. Congratulations to 2023 club captains Isabel Mahon and Louisa Poll and vice captains Seth McBean and Maddi Maund who will be leading the swim team.



Don Turner and Jodie Thompson cutting the cake at the PISC 40th anniversary celebration.

## Swim Club celebrate 40th anniversary

On Sunday November 20, Phillip Island Swimming Club held its official 40th anniversary celebration.

Past and present members came together for a lovely afternoon filled with great food, lots of chats and laughs, drinks and a successful raffle.

After his first official speech as club president, Kris Harris welcomed Nadine Newman to share the history of the club and coaches announced the 2023 club captains.

Kris also welcomed life members of the club, Don Turner and Jodie Thompson to cut the birthday cake where every member under 16 was lined up ready for a taste test.

On behalf of the club, the committee would like to thank Phillip Island Swim School, Isola Di Capri, Woolworths, Island Surfboards, Blue Gum Garden Centre, Island Equipment Hire, YMCA Wonthaggi and San Remo Butchers for all of their fantastic donations towards our raffle.

We would also like to say a big thank you to San Remo Hotel for donating their upstairs function room for the afternoon.

Congratulations to our 2023



Nadine Newman shared the history of the club with life members Don Turner and Jodie Thompson.

club captains Isabel Mahon and Louisa Poll and vice captains Seth McBean and Maddi Maund who will be leading our team proudly

when our carnival season kicks off on Sunday December 4, at Leongatha.

## Social bowls

It was another beautiful day on the island for social bowls with bowlers enjoying the mild conditions with no wind or rain.

Runners up were Skip Tony Stew-

ard, 3rd Lyn Rogerson and Lead Eric Wild.

Congratulations to the winners, Skip Sandra Read, 3rd Barry Grazules and Lead Marlene Puncher.

## Tenpin bowling

**2s Company final scores:** 1st on 31.5pts Jail, 2nd on 30.5pts Alley Cats and 3rd on 27pts King Pins.

**Seasons high scores:** Raff Merante 204 and Tricia Niessink 178.

**ABL (Almost Bowling Legends) final scores:** 1st on 203pts Just Bowl Already, 2nd on 187pts Storm and 3rd on 182.5pts Pinpals.

**Seasons high scores:** Scott Lynch 233 and Mary Dardha 207.

**Business Early – final:** 1st Bettsys, 2nd Old Timers, 3rd Balls Deep and 4th Happy Hour.

**Business Late – final:** 1st S&R Clarke Auto, 2nd Show Us Ya Splits, 3rd City Lights and 4th 3 Stooges.

The top 4 teams from each early and late league battled it out Thursday night in a knockout round, the last team left standing was crowned this season's champions!

Congratulations to S&R Clarke Auto (Steve Clarke, Matthew Clarke and Josh Clarke) for taking the win!



2s Company winners Gail: Jennie Ann Sciore and Gal Marsh.

**Season high scores for business:** Be-long too, Toby Durdin 214 and Tricia Niessink 175.

**Phantom final:** Presentation for the results will be held on Thursday December 1, at 2pm.



ABL winners from left Just bowl already: Scott Lynch, Chloe Else, Justin Porthouse and Al Kokcam.





New for 2022 was the Porsche Michelin Sprint Challenge. Photo: Alia Schonberg.



The event included the CoolDrive Auto Parks Formula Ford and Formula Ford 1600. Photo: Alia Schonberg.

# The Magic returns

The 32nd Island Magic returned to Phillip Island on the weekend, with the best in state and national motorsport categories battling it out.

IARC President Nick Scarcella noted the importance of Island Magic to

the club, the Phillip Island area and Australian Motorsport as a whole.

"This is our grand final, and in the club's 70th year to assemble high calibre categories, with large grids, is a testament to the event and the stature

it holds in the motorsport landscape.

"Phillip Island holds a special place in every driver and motorsport official's heart and to see the town back up and firing after a few hard years is great."



The Ramada Resort Phillip Island 50k Plate for Sports Sedans is a favourite for both drivers and fans alike. Photo: Alia Schonberg.



Men's Club Champion Lucas Piera with Men's captain Phil Ellard.

## Phillip Island golf results

### Tuesday November 22, Men's 9-hole Stableford

The winner was Ron Hatley (34) with 21 points from Tom Jacobson (35) with 18 points on countback – BDL to 16 countback.

### Wednesday November 23 – Ladies 9 Hole stableford

A Grade winner was Rhonda Boyd (21) with 19 points countback. B Grade was Alice Schofield (26) with 20 points on countback and C Grade winner was Barb Haydon (34) with 19 points.

NTP: 5th Debra Orr and 7th Cheryl White.

BDL to 17 points countback.

### Thursday November 17, Open 9-hole Stableford

A Grade winner was Mark Dykes (10) with 17 points on countback to Ian Smith (9). B Grade winner was Ian Hulbert (18) with 21 points on countback from Daryl Vernon (13). C Grade winner was Reg Browne (35) with 19 points on countback from John Monk (21).

BDL to 17 points on countback.

NTP: 5th Daryl Vernon and 7th Ron Wadey.

### Saturday, November 26, Men's Stroke Club Championships round 4

Men's results: A grade Winner was Reece Jamieson (11) with 66 nett

from Mark Collison (10) with 71 nett. B Grade winner was Andrew Hewett (15) with 71 nett from Craig O'Neill (13) with 73 nett. C Grade winner was Robert Niven (19) with 69 nett on countback from Phil Foster (24).

NTP: 5th Rob Brown, 7th Mark Beaton 10th, Andrew Hewett and 17th Max Brown.

BDL to nett 74 countback.

9-hole winner was Patrick Owen (22) with 22 points from Paul Dickson (16) 20 points – BDL to 18 points countback.

Ladies results: Ladies competition winner was Cheryl White (21) with 38 points from Lorraine Hammon (2) with 36 points).

NTP 5th Karen Green and 17th Cheryl White.

BDL to 33 points countback.

Sunday, November 9, hole Stableford winner was Paul Kelly (17) with 19 points.

Men's Club Championships concluded on Saturday, November 26 and the Men's Club champion for 2022 is Lucas Piera, nett winner was Peter Cartwright.

B Grade Champion is Travis Johnson, nett winner Jim Richardson. C Grade Champion is Chris Lawrence and nett winner was Max Brown. D Grade Champion is Phil Foster, and the nett winner was Mark Hill.

Congratulations to the winners and all the members that participated.

## Phillip Island bridge

On November 21, the second week of the club teams was postponed due some team members having Covid.

The match will be rescheduled later.

Six tables were present and played a standard duplicate game.

Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson came first on 62.59 per cent.

Next were Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman on 60.37 per cent. Third place went to Moya Crowley and Paul

Waylen on 54.81 per cent.

On November 23, Sohan Pal and Robert Maclellan won the day on 61.11 per cent.

Not far behind on 60.65 per cent were Karen Klym and Paul Waylen.

Moya Crowley and Diane Coleman finished third on 57.41 per cent.

It was good to see new players Hikaru Dunn and Leeanne Eames having a good day and achieving 53.24 per cent. Well done.

## TIDE GUIDE

Tidal predictions for Stony Point, Cowes -0.09 Newhaven -0.31 | HIGH TIDE IS MARKED IN RED

WED 30 NOV	THU 1 DEC	FRI 2 DEC	SAT 3 DEC	SUN 4 DEC	MON 5 DEC	TUE 6 DEC
HIGH 6:35 am 3.10 m	LOW 12:13 am 0.39 m	LOW 1:02 am 0.57 m	LOW 1:53 am 0.78 m	LOW 2:50 am 0.97 m	LOW 3:54 am 1.14 m	LOW 5:05 am 1.23 m
LOW 12:12 pm 0.87 m	HIGH 7:18 am 2.99 m	HIGH 8:01 am 2.86 m	HIGH 8:45 am 2.74 m	HIGH 9:32 am 2.63 m	HIGH 10:25 am 2.53 m	HIGH 11:23 am 2.46 m
HIGH 6:19 pm 2.67 m	LOW 12:59 pm 0.84 m	LOW 1:46 pm 0.81 m	LOW 2:36 pm 0.78 m	LOW 3:30 pm 0.75 m	LOW 4:29 pm 0.70 m	LOW 5:30 pm 0.64 m
	HIGH 7:15 pm 2.61 m	HIGH 8:16 pm 2.54 m	HIGH 9:24 pm 2.51 m	HIGH 10:35 pm 2.53 m	HIGH 11:45 pm 2.61 m	

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# Heath's five wicket haul guides A2 to victory

## A1 Cricket

Chasing Inverloch's 200, our undermanned A Grade were in for a fight to get the 12 points. Jarrod Black and Steve McIntyre got us started against the new ball and looked comfortable from the outset.

Getting through to the first drinks break unscathed with the scoreboard ticking, the Sharks were looking on track.

Jazzy, battling a crippling virus fell with the score on 46 and in form skipper Mock fell shortly after for a well-compiled 0.

Shiran and Macca rebuilt the innings before Silk fell for a good-looking 20.

A few quick middle order wickets, including the gritty Macca for a 130 ball 36, saw us reeling at 6/101.

Some counter-attack batting from Marcus Baxter gave us a glimmer of hope, but unfortunately with his wicket, the game was over, and we fell 60 short.

Congrats to Tim Niven for finally getting his first A Grade game in after five failed attempts.

We will look to bounce back this week against a strong Town outfit.

RSL man of the Match: Shiran Rathnayake.

## A2 Cricket

Having set Nyora 169 to win on a wet first day, the teams were greeted with the best conditions for the season, the Cowes oval in brilliant condition with a fast outfield making our job even harder.

Fill in skipper Clint Wilson decided to open with himself, and youngster George McCausland and the pair bowled a beautiful line and length, giving the Nyora openers nothing loose.

Somehow, George had both openers given not out from very confident appeals, but Clint broke through the next over to have Nyora 1/11 off 9.

The pair continued to keep the pressure up, George finishing his eight over spell with a luckless 0/17.

Dave Womersley came on to replace George and kept up the theme and Geoff Odgers replaced Clint after his magnificent spell of 1/5 off 9 overs as we got to drinks with the score 1/36 off 20 overs.

After a short spell, Kurt Lane replaced Dave and he broke through in his first over, dismissing the Nyora skipper LBW for 32.

Clint replaced Kurt bowling up the hill for the first time in living memory, and he continued his miserly spell of bowling, Odgy doing the same, frustratingly creating some edges that just kept falling short or going into gaps.

With the tea break nearing, Clint struck to have Hackett LBW for 33.

Heath Womersley replaced Odgy, and Harry Arceo was brought on for his first over in A Grade cricket, and on the stroke of tea, Heath grabbed the other Hackett for 22 to a sharp catch by Tony Hornsby in gully.

Tea was called with the score 4/97 off 40 overs.

Clint was confident we could push for victory if we kept up the pressure and could grab an early wicket after tea, and Heath responded immediately, grabbing another wicket in the first ball of his next over, and again three balls later to have Nyora in trouble at 6/103.

With Clint back on from the bottom end, it didn't get any better with Heath grabbing another wicket in his next over, this time to a great catch by dad Dave.

When he again struck three balls later clean bowling another batsman, he had grabbed an unbelievable bag of five wickets and the opposition were in all sorts at 8/103.

George was brought back into the attack, and he picked up a well-deserved wicket to a great reflex catch from Odgy at short cover, and in the next over Clint finished them off, Nyora dismissed for 116 in the 51st over.

A great team effort with the ball, Clint finishing with the outstanding figures of 3/17 off 19.2 overs and Heath a fantastic 5/18 off 7, but



Satchin Sirirathnage took his first wickets for Phillip Island on Saturday with a fantastic bowling performance, 2 for 8 off 7 overs. He also made 20 valuable runs which helped C1 defeat Koonwarra

the RSL Man of the Match was Dave Womersley, his unbeaten 81 last week giving us a target to bowl at.

## B2 Cricket

With the best weather of the season so far, a young Phillip Island team took on Leongatha Town on a picturesque Newhaven ground.

Leongatha won the toss and decided to bat with Phillips Island youngster Jobe Williams striking early in his first senior game for the club leaving town at 1-30.

It was all downhill from here as Town's opening batter Davies took his chances after being dropped multiple times to pile on 101 off 97 balls. Town went on to set a massive 253 off their 40 overs.

Daniel Caffieri bowled very well with no reward, as well as Chris Fall, and Tarryn Allan

continued his wicket taking form picking up a few wickets.

Phillip Island then went into bat knowing that chasing 253 was going to be a big task and losing two early wickets didn't help the cause.

With the score at 2-2 Max Arceo came to the crease with opener Connor Epifano and the two launched a nice counterattack putting on an 85-run partnership, including Arceo's first ever six, before he fell for well-fought 23.

From there it was a similar collapse to previous weeks losing the remaining wickets in quick succession before Epifano fell on 96 on the last ball of the innings.

The Sharks were all out for 143 and the young team learnt the importance of holding our catches.

RSL Man of the Match: Connor Epifano.

PHILLIP ISLAND  
168  
D. WOMERSLEY  
T. HORNSBY

NYORA  
116  
H. WOMERSLEY  
C. WILSON  
K. LANE

A2 GRADE

PHILLIP ISLAND  
v NYORA  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19 & 26  
COWES RECREATION RESERVE

PHILLIP ISLAND  
141  
S. MCINTYRE  
M. BAXTER  
S. RATHNAYAKE

INVERLOCH  
6-200  
S. RATHNAYAKE  
T. KELLY  
M. BAXTER

A1 GRADE

PHILLIP ISLAND  
v INVERLOCH  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19 & 26  
THOMPSON RESERVE

PHILLIP ISLAND  
9-143  
C. EPIFANO  
M. ARCEO

LEONGATHA TOWN  
4-253  
T. ALLAN  
C. EPIFANO  
J. WILLIAMS

B2 GRADE

PHILLIP ISLAND  
v LEONGATHA TOWN  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26  
NEWHAVEN RECREATION RESERVE

PHILLIP ISLAND  
8-144  
M. CLEARY  
S. SIRIRATHNAGE  
J. PARRY

KOONWARRA L/RSL  
92  
D. MANI  
S. SIRIRATHNAGE  
M. CLEARY

C1 GRADE

PHILLIP ISLAND  
v KOONWARRA L/RSL  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 26  
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