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Fans can get up close to the idols at the Hero Walk, with Moto GP, Moto2 and Moto3 riders all scheduled to appear.

There's excitement and entertainment in store for fans with the return of the MotoGP to the legendary Phillip Island circuit.

Jorge Martin has his nose out in front in the rankings, just 10 points ahead of Italian rider Francesco Bagnaia. Meanwhile Bagnaia's Ducati team mate Enea Bastianini's grip on third place is being challenged by Marc Marquez, with the pair separated by two points.

Australian rider Jack Miller is in 15th place, while last year's winner, Johann Zarco is currently in 17th spot on the championship ladder.

Over in Moto2, fans will be keen to cheer on Australian Senna Agius (currently in 17th spot). Moto2 is the breeding ground for MotoGP, with the ranks of previous winners including Jorge Lorenzo, Marc Marquez, Francesco Bagnaia and Remy Gardner. Last year's champion, Pedro Acosta has moved across to MotoGP and is currently sitting at number 6 on the rankings.

In Moto3, the crowd will be behind Australian Joel Kelso currently in 9th spot, a big jump from his position at 21 on the

ladder coming into Phillip Island last year, while fellow Aussie Jacob Roulstone is 15th in his debut season.

There'll also be plenty of action from the stars of tomorrow, as the Oceania Junior Cup (OJC) will return as the national support category, with riders aged 11-16 competing.

Legends on track

As well as celebrating the up-and-coming riders, the weekend is an opportunity to acknowledge some legends of the sport.

On Saturday, arguably one of the greatest Grand Prix riders ever, Giacomo "AGO" Agostini will take part in a special display on one of his championship-winning MV Agusta motorcycles.

During his illustrious career, he secured 15 World Championship titles, 13 of those with MV Agusta. You can see him on the track on Saturday at 2.30pm.

Another legend of motorsport, five-time 500CC World Champion Mick Doohan is part of the excitement of this year's MotoGP. As well as leading the Homecoming Ride on Thursday, Mick will take to the track at 1.15pm on Sunday, in honour of

the 30th anniversary of his first Grand Prix win.

For the fans

Across the weekend, MotoGP riders and other VIPs will take part in Q&A sessions at the Fan Forum Stage in Gardner Village.

Fans can also watch the races on the big screen with beanbag seating available, with all ticketholders having access to the area.

Tickets are sold out to the Hero Walk, which gives fans the chance to get up close to their idols. Situated along the riders walk to the Paddock, it also includes roving performers and a DJ.

Moto2 and 3 riders will be at the Hero Walk at 11.45am on Saturday, while the MotoGP riders are scheduled to appear on Sunday at 10.20am.

This year crowds will be entertained on the track by Hot Wheels and Monster Trucks. This is a thrilling, family-friendly motorsports experience featuring gravity-defying Monster Trucks and other exciting vehicles. It's guaranteed to be an unforgettable spectacle for all and features fearless drivers and a one-of-a-kind vehicle lineup,

perfect entertainment when the action stops on-track.

Expo

The popular GP Expo is back once again, and it's all about bikes. Check out the latest from motorcycle manufacturers, browse riding apparel and purchase the latest in accessories.

All ticket holders can enter the expo for free. A variety of exhibitors will bring all the products and services that riders love and this is always a super-popular event with the crowds.

In a new addition to this year's event, the expo will also include a Beer Hall, with a range of beers available on tap for the first time, and plenty of seating and screens so you don't miss a moment of the on-track action.

Entertainment

In the sky and on the ground, there's incredible entertainment at this year's event.

The latest craze of axe-throwing hits the MotoGP. Step into the arena and take aim at the wooden targets with expertly crafted axes. This adrenaline-

fuelled activity is guaranteed to get your heart racing – one throw and you'll be hooked.

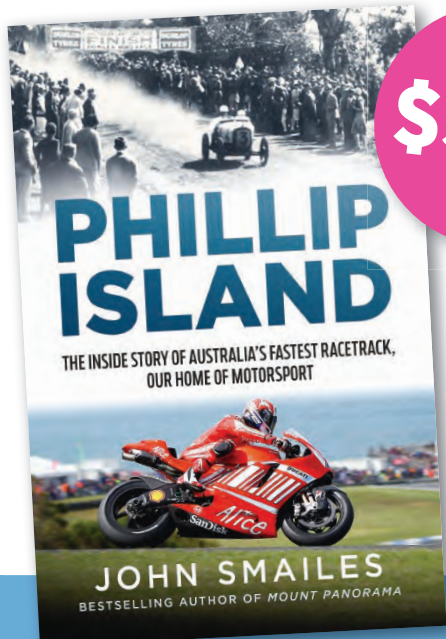
Then on Sunday, the RAAF Aerial Display flyover returns at 1.25pm. The RAAF Roulettes aerobatic display team will perform breathtaking displays in the skies over the Phillip Island track. Always a crowd favourite, the pilots may experience up to six times the normal force of gravity during their manoeuvres. Get ready to be thrilled.

For fans staying at the campgrounds, the Trackside Stage will present live entertainment from 7pm – 10pm on Friday and 8pm – 11pm on Saturday night.

Dress up

Make sure you grab a memento of your GP trip with a visit to an official merchandise outlet. There are outlets located around the circuit stocking exclusive Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix event range, including everything from headwear to T-shirts and special memorabilia. A wide selection of the latest MotoGP rider and team merchandise is also available.

For the latest information and updates: www.motogp.com.au/



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We have plenty of Motorsport books in stock including the new book on the history of the Phillip Island GP track by internationally renowned motorsport journalist John Smailes. We are opposite Pinos and open all weekend.

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Doohan to lead Homecoming Ride

Motorsport legend Mick Doohan will be the star of the show at this year's Homecoming Ride, giving fans a rare opportunity to ride alongside the five-time 500cc World Champion, 30 years on since his first championship victory.

The ride on Thursday, October 17 starts in San Remo, departing at approximately 11am.

Eager fans have snapped up all the available tickets.

Participants will ride together as one, making their way to the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, providing an exciting spectacle for fans and locals who are expected to line the bridge and roadsides to cheer on the riders.

Arriving at the track, the group will then enjoy the unique experience of completing a lap and a half of the world-renowned circuit, a track where Doohan claimed victory three times in his stellar career.

"I am really excited to be back down at Phillip Island for this year's MotoGP and am especially looking forward to getting on the road with all of the fans for the Homecoming Ride," Doohan said.



The Homecoming Ride gives fans the rare opportunity to ride across the bridge and to the track with a sporting hero. This year's ride will be led by five-time 500cc World Champion Mick Doohan. Photo: Getty.

"Phillip Island is such a great track and holds so many great memories for me, and it's the Australian fans that make this event one of a kind."

Registered riders can check in from 9.30am at the Marine Parade car park in San Remo.

Find out more at motogp.com.au/event/homecoming-ride

Young bloods on the track

Australia's next generation of superstar riders will be appearing at Phillip Island as part of the bLU cRU Oceania Junior Cup (OJC).

Managed by Motorcycling Australia and supported by FIM Oceania, it is an official Road to MotoGP™ program where the riders, aged between 11 and under 16, compete on identical Yamaha YZF-R15 bikes.

OJC is endorsed by Dorna Sports, and is aimed at developing young riders with on-track coaching and media training.

The current group of OJC riders is coached by Garry McCoy, a five-time Grand Prix winner – including three in the premier class – during a spectacular career in the world championship paddock.

The endorsement by Dorna Sports provides opportunities for past and present OJC riders to be selected to compete in international competitions such as the Asia Talent Cup and Red Bull Rookies Cup.

"Grassroots sports are where future champions are made, and OJC has already been the starting point for so many talented riders in its first six years," said Australian Grand Prix Corporation Division Manager – Motorsport, David Corrigan



OJC riders Nikolas Lazos, Henry Hynd, Phoenix O'Brien and Ethan Johnson with David Corrigan, Division Manager – Motorsport at AGPC.

"It's so exciting for us to see the OJC riders return to Phillip Island, they are always a great addition to the on-track line-up."

An impressive percentage of riders across MotoGP™, Moto2™ and Moto3™ classes have developed their race craft through various Road to MotoGP™ programs,

with every permanent rider in the Moto3™ World Championship now having raced in a series on the Road to MotoGP™.

This includes current Moto3™ rider Jacob Roulstone, who is in his debut season with the Red Bull Tech3 team and competed in the inaugural OJC season in 2019.

All the Action

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

9.30am: Homecoming Ride check in, Marine Parade, San Remo

11.00am: Homecoming Ride departs San Remo

Cowes Main Stage

5pm – 11pm: Rider interviews, races and movies on the BMW Superscreen

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

GP Circuit

8.30am: Gates open
8.45am: Moto3, Free Practice
9.35am: Moto2, Free Practice
10.45am: MotoGP, Practice 1
11.45am: bLU cRU Oceania Junior Cup, Free Practice
12.15pm: Hot Wheel – track entertainment
1.10pm: Monster Trucks
1.15pm: Moto3, Practice 1

2.05pm: Moto2, Practice 1
3.00pm: MotoGP, Practice
4.15pm: bLU cRU Oceania Junior Cup, Qualifying
4.35pm: Monster Trucks
5.30pm: Gates close

Cowes Main Stage

6.00pm – midnight: BMW Superscreen
6.00pm: Mark Howard
9.00pm: Oz Rock Express

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

GP Circuit

8.00am: Gages Open
8.40am: Moto3, Practice 2
9.25am: Moto2, Practice 2
10.10am: MotoGP, Free Practice 2
10.50am: MotoGP, Qualifying 1
11.15am: MotoGP, Qualifying 2
11.40am: Hot Wheels, track entertainment
11.45am: Hero Walk – Moto2 and Moto3 Riders
12.15pm: bLU cRU Oceania Junior Cup, Race 1
12.35pm: Monster Trucks
12.50pm: Moto3, Qualifying 1
1.15pm: Moto3, Qualifying 2

1.45pm: Moto2, Qualifying 1
2.10pm: Moto2, Qualifying 2
2.30pm: Giacomo Agostini – Legend Lap
3.00pm: MotoGP, Tissot Sprint
3.45pm: Hot Wheels, track entertainment
4.00pm: Monster Trucks
4.15pm: bLU cRU Oceania Junior Cup, Race 2
5.30pm: Gates close

Cowes Main Stage

10am – midnight: BMW Superscreen
11.30am: Ozone Street
6.00pm: Imogen Price
9.00pm: The 3 Johns – Farnham, Fogerty and Cougar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

GP Circuit

8.30am: Gates open
9.00am: bLU cRU Oceania Junior Cup, Race 3
9.40am: MotoGP, Warm Up
10.10am: Honda Junior GP
10.10am: bLU cRU Oceania Junior Cup presentations
10.20am: Hero Walk – MotoGP Riders
10.30am: Monster Trucks
11.00am: Moto3 Race
12.15pm: Moto2 Race
1.00pm: Hot Wheels, track entertainment

1.15pm: Mick Doohan, 1994 Anniversary Honour Lap
1.25pm: RAAF Aerial Display, plus post Anthem fly-past
2.00pm: MotoGP Race
3.30pm: Monster Trucks
5.00pm: Gates close

Cowes Main Stage

10am – 11pm: BMW Superscreen
6.00pm: Rehash Cover Band
7.00pm: Replay 2024 MotoGP race
8.00pm: Rehash Cover Band

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Bikes roar into Cowes

The MotoGP™ Qatar Airways Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2024 will once again bring tens of thousands of fans to the island for three exhilarating days of racing, live music, and family-friendly entertainment.

Highlights include the local favourite Community Day (Friday October 18), where Bass Coast residents can enjoy free entry, and the Cowes Entertainment Precinct, transforming Thompson Avenue into a hub of music and fun.

As the biggest sporting event in regional Victoria, the MotoGP™ is expected to attract up to 100,000 attendees over the three days.

Phillip Island has proudly hosted the Australian MotoGP for nearly 30 years at our world-famous Grand Prix Circuit.

As well as all the excitement on the track, visitors from around the world and across the country can enjoy a range of great activities and entertainment.

Thompson Avenue in Cowes will remain the entertainment hub. This special, licensed outdoor area will be filled with live music and entertainment with the BMW Superscreen showing race footage, rider interviews and movies throughout the weekend to keep the party going.

Highlights include performances from The 3 Johns (John Farnham, John Fogerty, and John Cougar tribute), Rehash Cover Band, and Oz Rock Express. Local performers Mark Howard, Imogen Price and Ozone Street will also be appearing.

Thompson Avenue will be closed from Chapel Street to the Esplanade from mid-day on Thursday October 17 until mid-day on Monday October 21, creating an entertainment precinct. This means The Esplanade will be closed between Warley Avenue and Bass Avenue.

Only motorcycle parking will be available along Thompson Ave, creating a family-friendly MotoGP™ experience in Cowes.

What's on

To kick off the MotoGP entertainment, on Thursday, the BMW Superscreen in the Cowes Entertainment Precinct will be showing rider interviews, movies and races, from 5pm until 11pm.

On Friday, head down to the precinct from 6pm. Live acts include local singer songwriter Mark Howard (on stage at 6pm) and Oz Rock Express (from 9pm), as well as plenty of action on the BMW Superscreen.

Saturday's entertainment precinct kicks off from 10am, with the BMW Superscreen in operation through until midnight. Local blues boys Ozone Street hit the stage at 11.30am, for those who want to get their day started on the right note.

That evening, Phillip Island singer songwriter Imogen Price is on stage at 6pm, with The 3 Johns – Farnham, Fogerty and Cougar starting at 9pm.

Sunday morning, the BMW Superscreen is on from 10am until 11pm. After the big race, head into Cowes to enjoy the Rehash Cover Band (sets at 6pm and 8pm), as well as reliving all the excitement on the day with the 7pm 2024 MotoGP race replay on the Superscreen.

Blue lines, bikes, cars, buses and traffic tips

The MotoGP is always a busy time on local roads, especially in the morning and afternoon as patrons arrive and leave the circuit. Several mass bike rides are also planned.

On Thursday October 17, the Homecoming Ride leaves San Remo at approximately 11am and heads to the circuit. There will be several hundred riders taking to the road, led by MotoGP World Champion Mick Doohan.

On Saturday the Community GP run starts at Caldermeade at 11am and is expected to reach the island around 11.30pm, with a large contingent of riders expected to take part.

On Sunday October 20, the Blue Line will be in operation on Phillip Island Road between Back Beach Road and the Bass Highway merge from approximately 2pm to 7pm.

The Blue line adds an additional lane of traffic for vehicles exiting Phillip Island by utilising the emergency lane. Delays are also expected throughout Monday October 21, along Phillip Island Tourist Road between Cowes and Bass Highway.

For more information visit:

www.motogp.com.au/event/community

Get the bus

Shuttle buses run to the MotoGP across the weekend, from Cowes, Ventnor, San Remo, Cape Woolamai, Rhyll, Silverleaves, Inverloch and Cape Paterson.

Services also operate between the circuit campgrounds and Cowes.

See the full timetable at:

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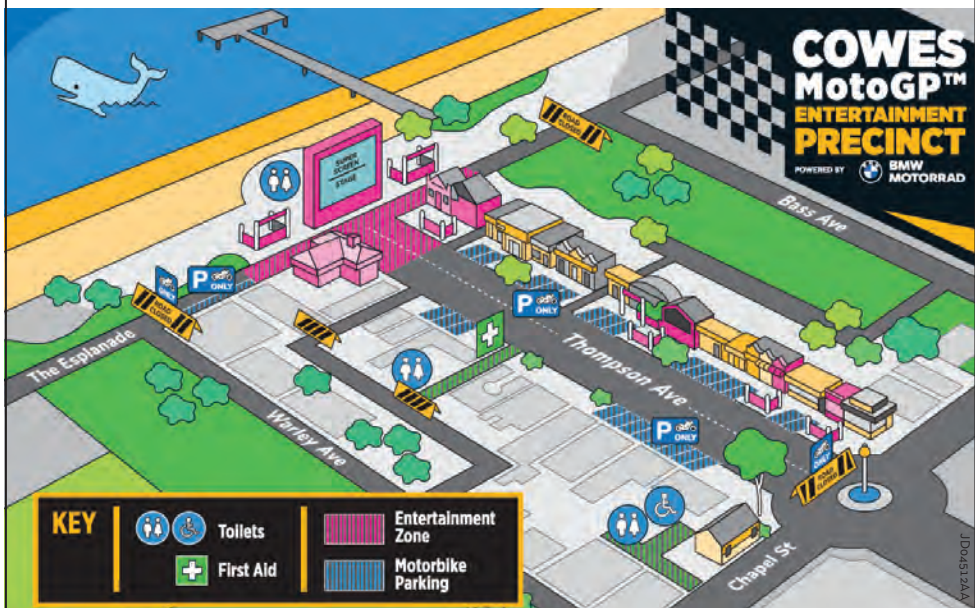
- Thompson Avenue closed* from Chapel Street to The Esplanade
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All closures are subject to change depending on crowd numbers and traffic conditions.

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A timetabled shuttle bus service will operate to and from the event all day. This covers four routes which includes Cowes Central, Cowes West/Ventnor, San Remo to GATE 1 and Rhyll/Silverleaves to GATE 3.

To access the timetables online go to: www.southcoastbus.com.au/timetable Further information contact South Coast Bus 5951 4600.

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Service operates 8am to 6pm.

Community GP run

On Saturday October 19, Dead4eva Designs, Trust No One SMC and Phillip Island Toy Run will host The Phillip Island Community GP Run beginning at Caldermeade Farm and Café.

This ride is a replacement for the original MotoGP Ride that used to begin in Cranbourne, which ceased prior to Covid.

The ride will leave from Caldermeade Farm on the South Gippsland Highway, with stands up at 11am.

It will continue along the highway through to Phillip Island with the option of heading off at to the racetrack in time for the Moto3 qualifying.

Alternatively, riders are invited to make a day of it and head into Cowes, to enjoy the entertainment precinct which opens from 10am.

Everyone is welcome to join, but all bikes must be legal, roadworthy, registered and riders must have a valid licence.

The ride is free to enter, and no ride registration is required.

The doors to Caldermeade Farm will open at 8am and the café is offering a special GP Breakfast – Breakfast roll and coffee for \$13, with the full café open from 9am for those who enjoy a bigger breakfast, before hitting the road at 11am.

“Caldermeade Farm has organised a traffic management plan, there will be police with

us on the day, and cars will be placed throughout the ride,” organisers advised.

“Learner riders will be placed together within the pack for safety purposes. There will be a tail car and experienced riders in front of the car to support slower riders.

“Remember, this is not a race. Your safety and the safety of other riders is the utmost priority.

“We would just love your company and to go on a great ride,” the spokesperson said.

The riders will head off at 11am and expect to arrive in San Remo around 11.35pm and be in Cowes by 12pm. Those heading to the track should arrive from 11.55am onwards.

As this is a community and rider organised event, all riders ride at their own risk.

“Organisers will not be held accountable or liable for any loss or injury incurred,” said a ride spokesperson, who stressed the MotoGP Corporation and its affiliates are in no way associated with the event.

Rider organiser Dead4eva Designs is a locally owned and operated family business, which also includes Dead4eva Tattooing incorporating a tattoo studio, a piercing specialist, scooter store and streetwear.

Follow the Phillip Island Community GP Run 2024 Facebook page for details.



The Phillip Island Community GP Run will begin at Caldermeade Farm and Café on October 19 at 11am and make its way to the Phillip Island Circuit.

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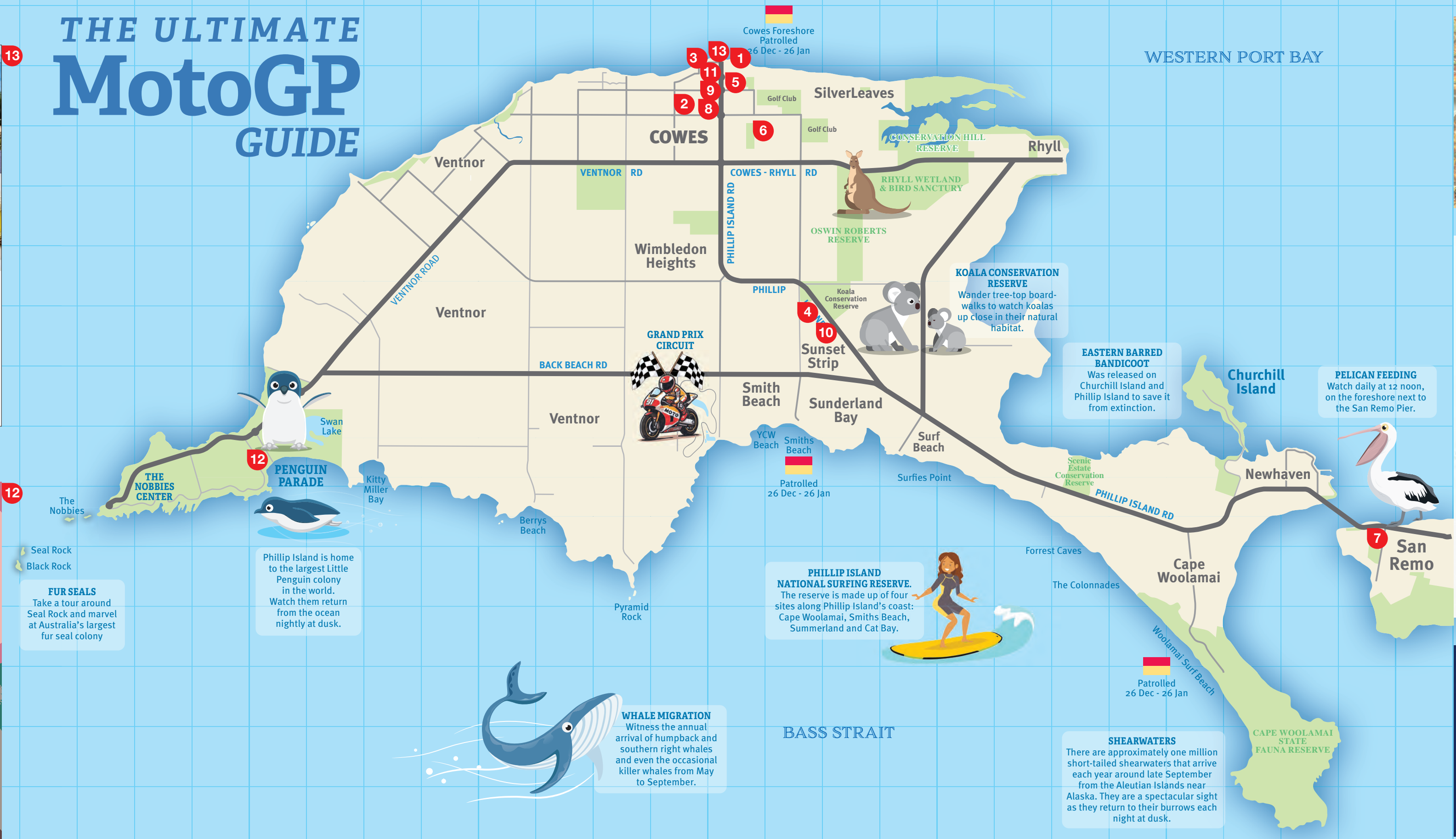
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Track history all wrapped up

Author and motor sport commentator John Smailes called his latest book "Phillip Island", saying in his world, Phillip Island means only one thing.

"Phillip Island is famous through the world for its motor racing circuit," John says.

"If you stand at Le Mans, Monza or Monaco and you say Phillip Island everyone knows what you are talking about. I'm not overstating it at all. It's one of the best racing tracks in the world.

"Then I try to explain it's a beautiful community isolated from Melbourne with penguins."

It's so famous, he says, most people he knows fondly refer to it simply as "PI".

In August, John released "Phillip Island", which chronicles the evolution of the circuit, from its beginnings holding the first Australian Grand Prix in 1928, through to 2024.

It is his ninth motorsport book, coming on the back of his previous works that includes "Mt Panorama" about Bathurst, "The First to 1000" detailing championship races between 1981 and 2022, and "Formula One" about the race in Australia and New Zealand.

"While I suppose Bathurst is better-known internationally in four-wheel terms, Phillip Island is two-wheels."

John says it was time to write a racing book about Phillip Island because the island will soon celebrate the centenary of being the first place to host the Australian Grand Prix.

He explains what makes our circuit so internationally renowned is its style: perimeter rather than internal.

"Some people would call it old-school, I call it classic. These days tracks are internal where drivers duck and weave inside and they fit a corner in a small space, whereas Phillip Island was designed in the 1950s and the perimeter allows high speeds and occasional turns inwards.

"Also the images from Phillip Island are just amazing. Where else in the world can you get a view like that, of Valentino Rossi or Casey Stoner doing 350km/hr with Bass Strait right in front of them."

John says the book is effectively the result of 50 years of knowledge.

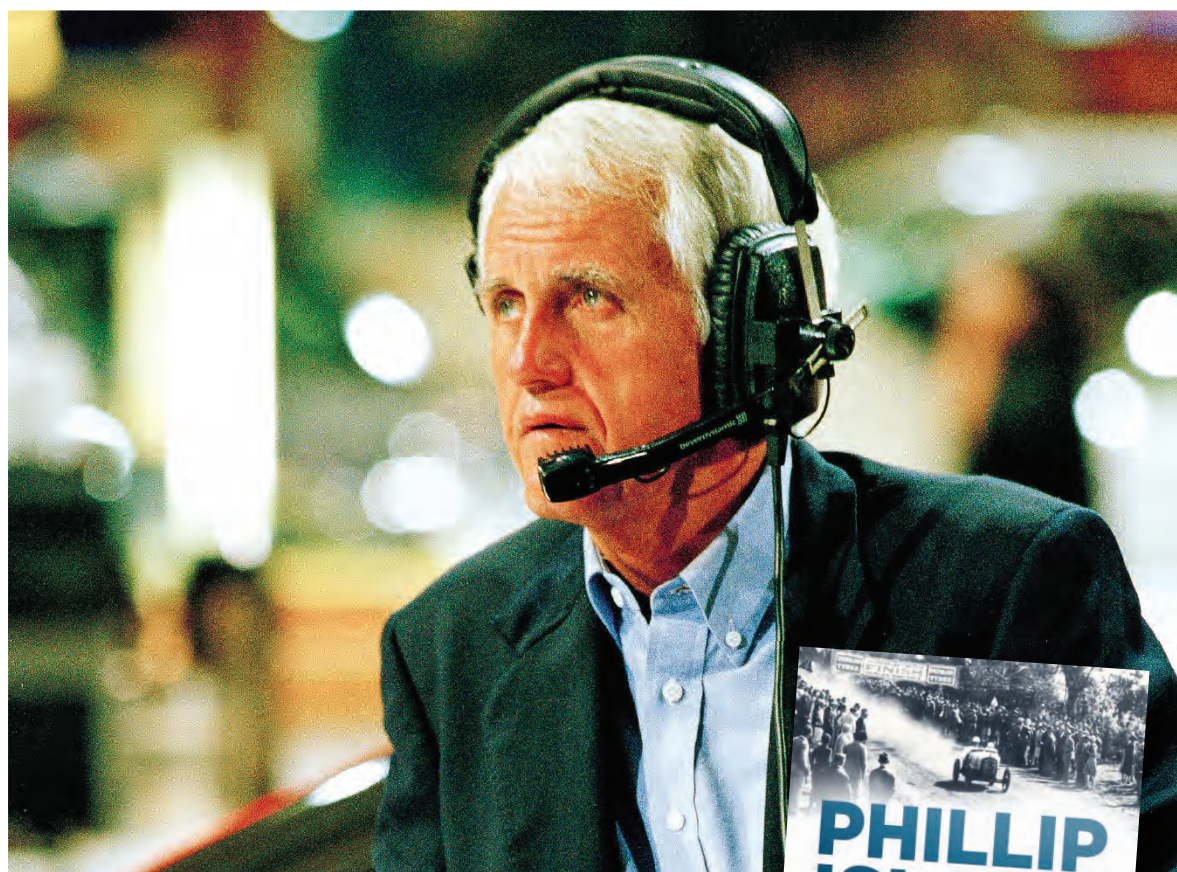
"It would have been difficult to write the book if I had not had a personal involvement with the circuit for many years."

The book involved 75 interviews with "people who were intrinsic in the formation of the circuit, competitors and administrators".

It covers a "rich history", including the story of Gallipoli hero Arthur Waite, who won the first Australian GP in 1928.

There's even a section on 1938 when "the spies turned up", with Germans ostensibly racing on the island, but really with "sinister intentions" to photograph sensitive Australian military installations.

One of the critical chapters



John Smailes' book on the Phillip Island circuit celebrates its history, and explains why the track is so beloved by riders and fans.

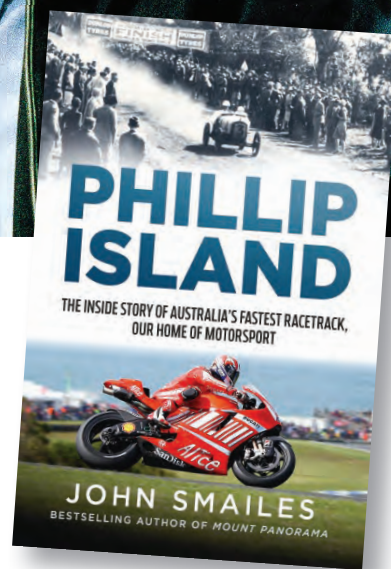
in the circuit's history is the fact three Australian MotoGP champions won Grand Prix events here: Wayne Gardner in 1989, Mick Doohan in 1998 and Casey Stoner won six Australian GPs on Phillip Island "equalled only by Valentino Rossi".

Whenever he visits the island,

John – who lives in Sydney – stays at a house at Grossard Point and enjoys eating at Pino's and Isola di Capri "if I'm lucky to get in".

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Celebrate your Mo!

The Official Charity Partner of this year's Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix is Movember. The partnership will see the beloved charity bring a unique and impactful experience to the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, in the first of a two-year partnership.

Movember is the leading charity changing the face of men's health on a global scale, with a focus on prevention, early intervention, and health promotion. Since 2003, the charity has created a men's health movement, funding men's health projects around the world, challenging the status quo, shaking up men's health research, and transforming the way health services reach and support men.

Whether fans are rocking a handlebar, a chevron, or just starting their moustache journey, it's the perfect opportunity to join forces and celebrate your Mo, strike up a conversation and display your commitment to an important cause.

"This partnership with Movember embodies our commitment to supporting



important causes and enhancing the fan experience," Australian Grand Prix Corporation Chief Communications Officer Haydn Lane said.

"We look forward to seeing our community come together to support men's health while enjoying the thrilling world of MotoGP."

Proceeds of the sold-out Hero Walk tickets will help fuel Movember's game-changing work in men's mental health, contributing to their innovative medical research, and ground-breaking tests and treatments for prostate cancer and testicular cancer.

Movember Director of Partnership and New Business Kieran Ryan said they were thrilled to join forces with the Australian Grand Prix Corporation.

"This partnership provides an incredible platform to continue our work in raising the profile of men's health by sparking important conversations and raising vital funds to support Movember in delivering cancer research and survivorship programs, community-focused mental health programs and supporting men when they need it most."

Feed the people

Once again, the PICAL pantry will be the recipient of MotoGP largess, with food donations delivered to the pantry at the end of the event.

In 2023 an estimated four tonnes of food were collected from catering outlets on

Sunday and Monday and redistributed to the community via PICAL.

That's the equivalent of approximately 5790 in Co2-e Kg emissions if it had ended up in landfill.

Racing for top spot

Jorge Martin

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POSITION	POINTS	VICTORIES
1	392	3



Francesco Bagnaia

1



POSITION	POINTS	VICTORIES
2	382	8



Enea Bastianini

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POSITION	POINTS	VICTORIES
3	313	2



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Racetrack, penguins, and Pino's

Rosa Scarlato, the widely adored matriarch of Pino's Trattoria, is set to star in a mini documentary about the MotoGP, due to be released later this year.

Last month she was interviewed by a team from the documentary and said the MotoGP community has been "like a family to (her)" since the race was held on the island in 1989 – the first motorcycle Grand Prix World Championship round in Australia.

Rosa also highlighted the connection between her Italian Calabrian heritage, Phillip Island, and the European MotoGP community.

"Whenever they come here," Rosa said of Italian racers, "they feel like they've found a second family, because we speak their language."

"But even German or Spanish people, they all feel very honoured to come (to Pino's), because they come here from Europe and find Italian food."

"The excitement that MotoGP brings to the island, and all the

different nationalities, it's fantastic."

Rosa also spoke about European's love for the island's race-track, and said the track "100 per cent" puts the island on the map internationally.

"Whenever I go to Italy and they see me, they say the track is the most beautiful in the world," Rosa said.

"Because they're surrounded by water, and also they say the people are very nice."

Speaking to the MotoGP team, Rosa looked at ease in front of the camera, recounting when the race was moved from the island and petitioning then-Premier Jeff Kennet to have the race returned to Phillip Island.

"I hope we never lose it, because if we lose the MotoGP, it's going to be a very big loss for the community," Rosa said.

Her love of the MotoGP is matched by her fierce pride in her island home.

"I think there's three major things: there's the racetrack, penguins, and Pino's," Rosa said.

"I mean, what else could they want?"



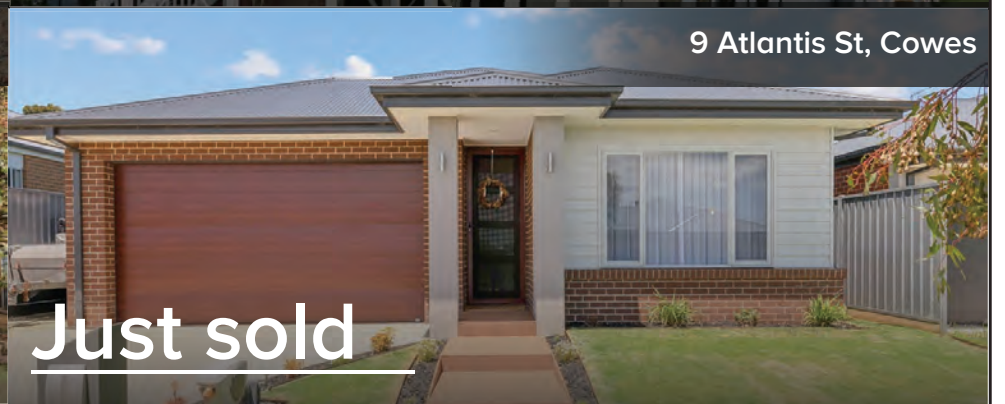
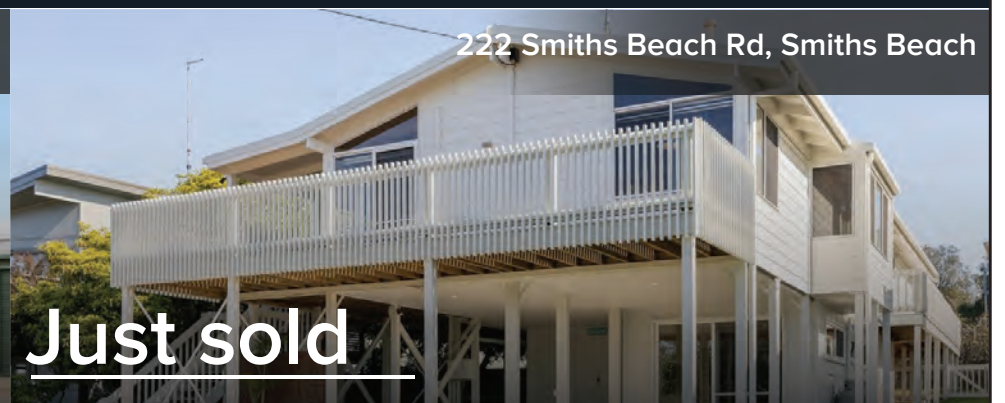
Interviewed by the MotoGP team as part of a mini-documentary due to be released later this year, Pino's Rosa Scarlato looked at ease in front of the camera.



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Although unconfirmed by the PICAL Committee of Management, it is understood key players are keen to see a new not-for-profit organisation set up after the November meeting. In the meantime, Neighbourhood Houses Gippsland has confirmed it "will step in as a caretaker" if PICAL is wound up.

PICAL services will continue

COMMUNITY

PICAL services have been thrown a lifeline, with Victoria's peak neighbourhood house group vowing emergency food relief, Centrelink and the community garden will continue.

As reported in last week's Advertiser, the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre is set to be wound up after being unable to meet debts incurred from an "administrative inaccuracy", underpaying wages to employees for more than a decade.

A special general meeting of members has been called for November 14 and if members agree to the recommendation, the 44-year-old community organisation will be wound up.

However, Neighbourhood Houses Gippsland (NHG) on Thursday released a statement saying if PICAL was required to liquidate following the special general meeting, NHG – in collaboration with funding bodies – "will step in as a caretaker".

NHG network manager Toni Halloran-Lavelle said they would ensure essential services, such as emergency food relief – which feeds about 300 people a week – as well as Centrelink support, and the community garden, would continue.

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Toilet: Council responds

INFRASTRUCTURE

Bass Coast Shire Council has defended the timing of repairs to the Cowes foreshore toilet block. It has been heavily criticised by the community for closing the facility during the MotoGP, which traditionally marks the start of the busy visitor season.

“This project is to waterproof the roof of the toilet block,” a council spokesperson explained.

“The scheduling of this project was deliberate to both allow the works to be completed during the best weather while balancing community need for the toilet to be open during the peak summer season (late December 2024 to January 2025).

“The slab needs to be as dry as possible to perform these works. Temperature and predicted rainfall had to be taken

into account and therefore this work could not be completed during the winter months due to frequent rainfall and the resulting damp conditions,” the spokesperson continued.

“The project is scheduled for completion by mid-December.

“Council acknowledges an error on the Engage Bass Coast website which read completion in January 2025, this has now been corrected.

“There are public toilets 270m from the project site with signage. Two temporary toilets were installed on September 25 and a large capacity temporary toilet block will be in place from the MotoGP until the completion of this project.

“Please note that these works are to prevent the unplanned closure of the toilets after rain that has occurred frequently over recent years.”



Isola di Capri's Massimo Fumigalli has criticised the decision to repair the foreshore toilet block, creating a worksite at the bottom of Thompson Avenue as thousands arrive for the MotoGP.

Unsightly repairs criticised

INFRASTRUCTURE

A local trader has spoken out condemning the decision to renovate the foreshore toilet block in Cowes during the MotoGP.

Isola di Capri's Massimo Fumigalli cannot believe that unsightly repair works and the loss of the amenities block at the

bottom of Thompson Avenue have been allowed to detrimentally impact the vital Cowes hot spot.

Spectators from across the world traditionally gather in the entertainment precinct at the bottom of Thompson Avenue during this week's Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix.

“What were they thinking,” asks a perplexed Massimo as he surveyed the derelict sight on Sunday afternoon, just two days before an entourage of international teams and supporters were due to descend on Phillip Island.

“This is a major week in Cowes, and the island's major event.”

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Local agent Greg Price toasts house four's Kylie and Brad. Private inspections are currently open to buyers, with the buying guide for all five homes set between \$1.7 million and \$1.85 million, with reserves to be handed down just before the auction. Agents and properties are listed on Domain.com.au

Save the date: November 10 Block TV auction

REALITY TV

The Block won't have a public open inspection because Justice Road has no parking and Phillip Island no public transport, the show's executive producer has explained.

Creator and executive producer Julian Cress spoke to the Advertiser last week, explaining why – for the second season in a row – they opted not to have a public open inspection, ahead of the auction going to air on November 10.

"To throw a public event on Justice Road where there is no parking or public transport would be a bit of a horror show," said Julian, who was speaking from Daylesford, the location of next season's Block.

"I don't think anyone would enjoy it ... We just don't have the facilities or infrastructure to have a public open event, and that was the challenge in Gisborne (last year's season).

"We don't want to have the neighbours turn against us because 1000 people turn up and park on their lawn."

Julian is on Phillip Island this week and will continue to be in the lead up to filming the auction on November 9 and said they were having a series of private inspections not just for would-be buyers, but also as a thank you to locals.

"We are doing what we can to make sure the local community, people who worked with us in production and helped us are getting a chance to see The Block.

"Last week I visited friends in town – restaurants and shops – and they were saying a lot of people were coming to the island because of The Block. There's an uptick in tourism because of the show, and that's what we always intended.

"And so far it has only been shown in Australia. Over the next few years it will be screened in 170 countries, so eventually tourists from around the world will visit Phillip Island on the back of The Block."

Julian said private inspections were open to genuine buyers, with the buying guide for all five homes set between \$1.7 million and \$1.85 million, with reserves to be handed down just before the auction.

Agents and properties listed on Domain.com.au are:

- Kristina Walters, O'Brien Real Estate
- Judith Wright: House 1 Maddy and Charlotte
- Yvette Tancheff, Ray White Phillip Island: House 2 Courtney and Grant
- Ray White Sunbury and Phillip Island: House 3 Ricky and Haydn
- Greg Price, Alex Scott Phillip Island: House 4 Kylie and Brad
- Jaime Morris, Stockdale & Leggo Phillip Island: House 5 Kristian and Mimi



Last Wednesday night's Block was the first reveal at a Domain inspection for local residents, with house three's Ricky and Haydn enjoying the festivities.

Buyers?

Rumours have been swirling on social media that one of the regular monied buyers of The Block – such as the Lambo Guy Adrian Portelli – could buy the lot.

Julian said there could even be a syndicate of buyers under Paradoor, a co-ownership model for Australian holiday homes. The model launched last month with properties available in Noosa, Byron Bay and Daylesford and sees up to eight parties share the legal ownership of a holiday home, with each owner able to access it for 44 nights each year like a time share.

"I'd love to see a house go to a local family too," Julian added.

He said after four months filming in Cowes, he could see why the island was "such a drawcard for so many families".

Controversies

The 20th season of The Block has – as usual – not been without controversies, including one team not paying tradies on time.

"You can't renovate five houses in a competition with five couples without drama. It happens every year and this year is no different," Julian said.

"What happened was one team were late paying one of their bills and that got some people offside.

"There is no way we would be up to the 20th season if we didn't pay the trades."

Julian also scotched rumours host Scott Cam was leaving the show.

"That's absolutely false. I can tell you his boots were on the ground in Daylesford last week. It's completely untrue."

Julian said he planned to continue producing more Block seasons beyond Daylesford and when he wasn't filming, he and his wife were renovating their own homes.

Details: www.domain.com.au/the-block/



Shire net borrowings increased by \$3 million to \$24 million, due to loan drawdowns for Berninnet. Photo: Lisa Burge.

Council coffers' quick rubber stamp

COUNCIL

A special meeting of Bass Coast Shire councillors was held last week to approve the draft annual financial report for auditing.

The meeting – ahead of this week's ordinary council meeting (October 16), where the full details of the report are revealed – was to approve the report before the legal deadline at the end of October.

The report shows net borrowings increased by \$3 million to \$24 million, due to loan drawdowns for Berninnet.

However, the shire reported a surplus of \$20 million, \$15 million more than the budgeted surplus, although there was \$8 million more expenditure than budgeted, in part because of road asset renewal.

The report also shows:

- The CEO wage band in 2023 was \$320,000 – \$329,999.
- The operation of Berninnet through bookings and ticket sales as well as higher interest rates meant the shire's "own source of revenue" per head of population was \$2071, up on the previous year's figure of \$1958.
- Use of aquatic facilities rebounded post-pandemic, increasing from 47,066 in 2021/22 to 141,639 in 23/24, now above pre-Covid levels.
- All animal management prosecutions in 2023/24 were successful.
- 60.47 per cent of planning applications were decided within the relevant time, well below the target of 74 per cent, met in previous years, with planning officers continuing "to work through the challenges of the implementation of the new software system".
- The percentage of planning decisions upheld at VCAT increased from 43 per cent to 68 per cent.
- There was a drop of one per cent in rubbish collected due to the introduction of the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme.
- The shire's balance sheet "remains strong" with almost \$1 billion in property, plant and infrastructure assets and "relatively low levels of debt", although statutory planning fees have begun declining.

Cr Leticia Laing said it was "disappointing" Federal Government grants previously received in ad-

vance were delayed and had made a "significant impact" on the underlying deficit of \$8.4 million.

"The Federal Government should work hard to provide us these grants in a timely fashion as they have in prior years," Cr Laing said.

"The underlying deficit is not council's fault."

Cr Rochelle Halstead, who sits on the audit and risk committee, agreed.

"We have a lot of pressures with the rate cap and government cost shifting," Cr Halstead said.

"Other levels of government who have far greater resources than we have should get their ducks in a row."

Cr Halstead said she was "comfortable" and "felt confident" with the financial report.

Cr Ronnie Bauer asked why the report was being voted on in caretaker mode.

A shire officer replied there were no issues in voting on the annual report during the election period and the report needed to be finalised one day prior to the election, and the meeting was scheduled to meet that timetable.

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Online Island Ward Meet the Candidates

COUNCIL ELECTION

On Sunday night, federal independent candidate for Monash, Deb Leonard, hosted a meet the candidates event online as the local council election kicks into full swing, with ballots mailed to households last week.

Three council candidates joined the session: Tim O'Brien, Marnie Chadwick and Tracey Bell. The three candidates faced a range of questions from the online audience and moderator Deb Leonard.

BURT

All three candidates stated they were against Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism strategy (BURT). Both Marnie Chadwick and Tim O'Brien came out in strong opposition against the BURT.

Marnie: "I don't agree with the BURT. I think we need to rescind it and we need to try and do that quite quickly."

Tim: "The BURT is (another example) of decisions being made, which down the track prove to be really poor decisions. The BURT decision should be rescinded, and can be rescinded by council, simple as that."

Tracey Bell gave a more tempered response: "At first when I spoke to someone from Destination Phillip Island about the BURT, they were very positive about the prospects for developing tourism, and I've come from having my own tour com-

pany, so I was all about that. I've since reviewed (the BURT) and reviewed my opinion, and I think it opens the gates to a lot of potentially dangerous development."

PICAL, DAL

The candidates were then asked about the recent shock closure of the PICAL community centre.

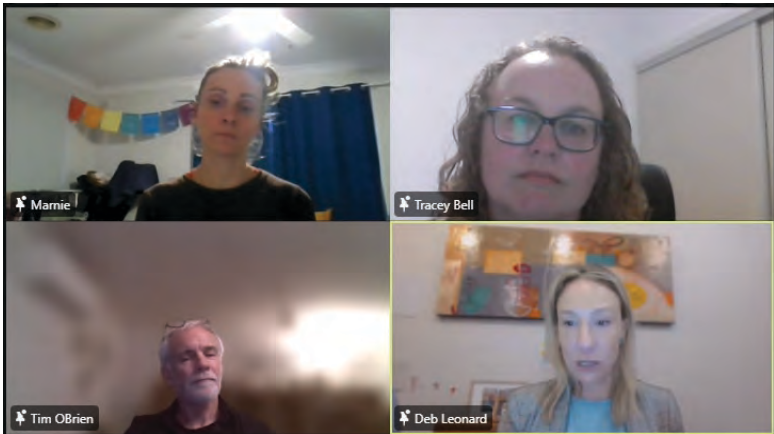
All three candidates spoke glowingly of the community centre and its services and highlighted the important need for the centre's services to continue.

The three candidates then responded to a question concerning the long-awaited Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) report.

Marnie: "We need to keep our town boundaries. We need to know what the hold up is, and get that done, organised and processed so that we can keep our town boundaries."

Tim: "I presented to the DAL, to the panel. I have an interest in Phillip Island retaining its character, and have very strong interest in retaining town boundaries. I've been a founding member of the Save Westernport Woodlands Group, and we want the DAL to protect the character of the whole region."

Tracey: "I think there probably needs to be some consideration to population growth and what's going to happen if the population does grow on the island, where that is going to hap-



Council candidates (clockwise from bottom left) Tim O'Brien Marnie Chadwick and Tracey Bell joined federal independent candidate for Monash, Deb Leonard, for an online 'Meet the Candidates' event on Sunday night.

pen and how it's going to happen if the town boundaries are locked down. We may have to accept some hard truths about Cowes potentially, but let's not count our chickens just yet."

Beach safety

Following a mass citizen's rescue on Smiths Beach two weeks ago, the candidates were asked about how they saw beach safety as a priority.

Tracey: "I don't want to look like I'm shirking any responsibility, but surf life saving is a Victorian State Government concern. It's tricky because Nature Parks are on the beach, the State Government is responsible for surf life saving, and everyone is looking to council ... There's definitely some negotiation and advocacy work to be

done. Of course, we don't want the bad publicity of drownings."

Marnie: "I think council does need to be involved with the lifesaving rescue, and in what capacity I can't even ascertain, but we do need to help advocate for these groups. The Smiths Beach Tower is falling apart."

Tim: "It's a tricky one ... but is something that council can involve itself with, whether it just means really blatantly obvious signs. They're coming to our place and these tragedies are occurring. We do need to get council engaged in this. It may simply mean really clear signs, really clear information."

Isle of Wight

The candidates were also asked on their stance on the

proposed Isle of Wight development.

Marnie: "I think we need to review the size of it. I don't know that Phillip Island can manage and cope with that much accommodation and that many more people coming on. I am concerned about how they are going ahead, and how they have planned it. And I think it needs a revision."

Tim: "(The Isle of Wight) is another example of a really poor council decision. Allowing something that size, it's right out of scale with Cowes."

Tracey: "It's mind boggling that council went to Canberra to ask for money for the streetscape of the main street, and also approve that monstrosity. People already complain and complain about the parking waivers, and I think the Isle of Wight got a massive amount of parking waivers. But we need to get beyond thinking about everyone driving into Cowes, and provide alternative ways."

Deb Leonard thanked the candidates for their time as well as participants, saying "it's important to give as many people the opportunity to be involved in democracy as possible".

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Fast-tracked erosion controls

EROSION

The State Government has flagged geotextile bags and “modified groyne fields” as temporary solutions to Silverleaves’ erosion emergency.

Following an “angry” community meeting in August where residents demanded answers to accelerating erosion, MP for Bass Jordan Crugnale has followed through on a promise to fast track short-term solutions, this month writing to Silverleaves residents to outline progress.

Ms Crugnale said unfunded options being considered by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) included geotextile bags for about 100 metres, in addition to strategic beach nourishment (sand bulldozing), as well as “modifying groyne fields to support sustained sediment supply along the coastline”.

“I am working with the Minister and the Department to ensure this work is done quickly and I will update the community as our work continues throughout this process,” Ms Crugnale said.

“I know this is causing angst and stress for the Silverleaves community and I want to reassure everyone we are actively monitoring this coastline, working across key agencies and with local council and land managers to make sure Silverleaves is safe in the short term while we work on long term management options.”

Ms Crugnale said following a briefing by DEECA at the end of



This diagram shows the probable diminishing future shoreline of Silverleaves if no solutions are implemented.

September, the State Government had been seeking funding sources internally and “approaching my Federal Government colleagues for potential avenues”.

“Any adaptation pathway being considered is complex and needs to be led by the experts,” she said adding it was critical not to “push the issue further down the coastline”.

“Please know that as your government representative, I am here to support, advocate and do my utmost to secure funding for any appropriate adaptation pathways and keep you updated as best I can.”

On September 17, DEECA also wrote to residents explaining DEECA officers had met with consultants to examine options “with key consideration given to effectiveness in protecting the dune, potential flow-on effects to other areas further down the coast and cost”.

“Together with (consultants) FSC Range, DEECA and Bass Coast Shire as land managers

are considering the options and working together to identify funding,” the DEECA email stated, also promising an update in about five weeks.

Reaction

Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group (CEFPAG) chair Ken Hailey welcomed that a “plan to urgently protect the area between the rock wall and Sanders Road” had been developed.

“The destruction is worse by the week with more erosion and trees continuing to fall,” Ken said.

“I have asked DEECA to release the details of the protection measures to give comfort to the worst affected residents.

“Hopefully funding will be resolved quickly and the works can begin very soon.”

Resident Steve Lapin agreed, saying he supported geotextile sandbags as a temporary solution to the erosion hot spot next to Woodland Avenue, adding he hoped there would also be back filling behind the sandbags with

sand and possibly rocks.

“I believe DEECA have settled on an action plan for this area but need government approval to release the plan to the public,” Steve said.

“I think the plan should be released so as to relieve the anxiety of the affected residents.

“I also think the plan should be released as an emergency action plan so there is no need for community consultation which could delay the process. We are losing more foreshore daily.”

Steve said he hoped securing funding for the project wouldn’t delay the process.

“All in all, I’m happy with the response from Jordan and DEECA at this stage.”

Report

As reported, the Observation Point to Silverleaves: Gippsland West Coastal Processes Studies report was released in September, showing there may be “significant loss” of private property and public assets at Silverleaves

and an area of Cowes East in the short-term.

Written for DEECA by consultants FSC Range, it states since 2022 in a “hotspot” near Sanders Road, about 16 metres of foreshore has been lost to erosion.

Feedback on the study closed at the end of September and Ms Crugnale said DEECA was now considering community submissions, which will ensure future management would be “guided by community priorities”.

The findings will be presented in November and an “adaption pathways” report released in February.

Community consultation on this report is then expected to run in March and April 2025.

In May the findings from the community consultation will be released, before a final adaptation plan is released in July next year.

At the September public meeting, DEECA Gippsland regional director Darrin McKenzie told attendees while a “nice technical report does not give you comfort” it nevertheless showed the erosion was a “dynamic and rapidly changing” issue, which would see an adaptation plan by December, and required a longer term “process that will take time”.

An attendee responded: “We don’t have time”.

Others agreed saying there was an “acute, immediate need to save and protect Woodland Avenue homes” and residents couldn’t wait for December.

Mr McKenzie then committed to providing faster measures.



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SES at the track

MOTOGP

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"We're encouraging everyone to come over and say hello to their local emergency responders from Phillip Island, San Remo, Inverloch and Leongatha," said Bri Reid, Deputy Controller of the Phillip Island unit.

"You'll be able to learn more about the emergency services VICSES provides including flood and storm, land search and

rescue, marine search and rescue, and road crash rescue.

"You can get hands on to understand dangers of flood waters and get some great tips on how to prepare yourself and your household for an emergency."

There will be a rescue boat, rescue vehicles, equipment displays, interactive games, a kids' play truck, colouring, and more at the stand.

"Come past, say hello, and pick up your free Flood and Storm Emergency chart to help prepare your household for an emergency," said Bri.



Local emergency responders from Phillip Island, San Remo, Inverloch and Leongatha will be at the SES stand at this year's MotoGP



The \$20 hearty breakfast at St Philip's Anglican church during the MotoGP is popular with fans, who fuel up before heading to the track.

Top value breakfast for fans

MOTOGP

For the past three decades, members of St Philip's Anglican church and supporters have been serving up delicious and hearty breakfasts during the four days of the MotoGP.

This year is no exception.

Organisers said supplies have been ordered, volunteer rosters filled out and they are ready to go. All they need are hungry fans to fill the seats.

With a keen eye on the rising cost of living, the team has kept the breakfast price at a very reasonable \$20 for a full breakfast. That includes cereal, porridge, juice,

toast, eggs, bacon, sausages and baked beans – more than enough to fuel you through a day of high action on the track.

Breakfast is served at the Parish Hall, 102 Thompson Avenue (opposite Bernin-neit) from 7am to 10.30am from Friday October 20 through to Monday October 23.

"Every year we are delighted to see repeat customers and enjoy meeting newcomers, offering a warm welcome to our wonderful island," organisers said.

Everyone is welcome to attend – you don't need to own a bike.

The breakfast is a major fundraiser for the church, providing funds for the hall's upkeep.



The window of the CWA shop in Thompson Avenue is looking spectacular again in readiness for the MotoGP and Saturday's cake stall.

Cowes CWA MotoGP cake stall

COMMUNITY

This Saturday, October 19, the MotoGP gets a sweet treat, with the annual Cowes CWA cake stall.

The cake stall runs from 9 am until 1pm and will be stocked with the usual CWA range of delicious home-made cakes, biscuits, slices and preserves. Make sure you

drop by and pick up a treat.

The window of the CWA shop in Thompson Avenue is looking spectacular again in readiness for the MotoGP and the annual cake stall.

"We're a vibrant, philanthropic organisation of women supporting women, children and families right across Victoria and proceeds from

our event will once again go to supporting charity," a spokesperson for the branch said.

"We cook, we craft and we advocate for change, while always remaining relevant."

Members would love to see you on Saturday, anytime in the shop during opening hours, or at their next meeting on Thursday November 7 at 11am.

Qatar Airways Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2024

18–20 October, Phillip Island

This weekend, Phillip Island will host the 2024 Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix.

Delays are likely heading to and from the island for the three-day event, running from Friday 18 to Sunday 20 October.

On Thursday 17 October, hundreds of motorcyclists will travel from San Remo to the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit for the Homecoming Ride.

Traffic restrictions and delays will apply on several roads during the event. Please observe signage and drive to the conditions.

To ensure vehicles leave Phillip Island safely and efficiently on Sunday 20 October, the blue line road marking system will be in place.

The blue line adds an additional lane of traffic for vehicles exiting Phillip Island by utilising the emergency lane.

Drivers and riders have a shared responsibility in ensuring each other's safety. If you're travelling to the event, keep an eye out for changed traffic conditions, plan ahead and allow extra travel time.

Find out more

Real-time traffic conditions are available at traffic.transport.vic.gov.au.

The latest public transport information and network status is available at ptv.vic.gov.au or in the PTV mobile app.

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“The forgotten frontline”: surfers perform mass citizen rescue

RESCUE

Around eight people were rescued from a rip in a mass citizen's rescue at Smiths Beach on October 3, as surfers say they are the “forgotten frontline” of water safety.

The rescue followed the Rip Curl GromSearch event, but the persons rescued were not believed to be connected to the surfing competition.

Cahill Bell-Warren, Head of Sport Development at Surfing Victoria, rescued a mother and son from the water.

The competition had finished for the day, when at around 4.30pm Cahill heard a commotion down on the beach.

“There was a bunch of people on the beach yelling and there was a bunch of people in the water clearly in distress,” Cahill said.

“So myself and a couple of other parents from the surf comp ended up having to strip down in our jocks and jump in.”

According to the Surfing Victoria High Performance coach, the response time from the “first yell” to when 10-12 bystanders entered the water was “less than a minute”.

Cahill said when he reached the mother and son they were in a “pretty bad way” and clearly incapable of getting themselves back to shore.

The pair had been dragged out by a rip at low-tide and were sharing a bodyboard to stay afloat. After calming the pair down, Cahill gave his board (which he had borrowed from a competitor) to the mother, and then manually dragged the son on their bodyboard to a bank where he was able to walk in.

Cahill said were it not for the event and all the surfers present, there simply wouldn't have been enough people to perform the mass rescue, which could have easily ended in “tragedy”.

“If the (Rip Curl GromSearch)



Around eight people were rescued from a rip in a mass citizen's rescue at Smiths Beach on October 3, following the Rip Curl GromSearch event, as surfers say they are the “forgotten frontline” of water safety.

event wasn't there, I don't think there would have been enough people on hand that knew what they were doing,” said Cahill.

Not the first, not the last time

Cahill said the very near mass-drowning was another “classic example” of when surfers become first responders on unpatrolled beaches and spoke about the toll it takes.

“Beaches aren't patrolled that often in Victoria; fortunately we were able to provide a safe and successful citizen's rescue. Fortunately, there was no fatality (this time) like there has been in the past.

“I've got personal connections to people who've been involved in rescues with fatalities, and it's a lot of emotion strain on those crew,” Cahill said.

“They're just trying to have a good day, go surfing, and the next thing you know they're involved in a rescue, and it can be quite confronting.

“It's not the first time there'll be a surfer-led rescue at Phillip Island, (and) it's certainly not going to be the last. Surfers are

the forgotten frontline defence for water safety.”

Cahill credited much of his ability to perform the rescue to the education and training he's received through Surfing Victoria, noting while performing citizen rescues surfers often put themselves in great danger.

“As surfers, the main message is we're going to be on the front line. So the most important thing to do is the training, so you can safely rescue crew if you ever need to, but do it safely and efficiently,” Cahill said.

Surfing Victoria offers Surfers Rescue 24/7, a free board rescue and CPR course for all surfers and recreational water users in Victoria. The course can be completed in-person, and online at: surfingvic.com/surfers-rescue-24-7.

Cahill recommended all surfers complete the course, “because rescuing someone is quite a challenge, but can also be dangerous to yourself.”

To beachgoers, Cahill said to “know your limits, prefer a patrolled beach, never swim alone, and (to) ask a local” about specific beach conditions.

Emotional residential call for beach safety to be addressed

DROWNINGS

The Smiths Beachcomber Association (SBA) is calling for a roundtable of key stakeholders to reduce the risk of drowning at Smiths Beach, following a mass citizen's rescue of around eight people on October 3.

Following the Rip Curl GromSearch competition two weeks ago, eight people unconnected to the event were rescued from a rip at low-tide by surfers and parents of those competing (see separate story).

The near mass-drowning prompted an emotional response from residents, who said “not at all” to the question has enough been done to mitigate drowning on the island since the devastating Forrest Caves incident earlier this year.

President of the SBA, Phil Dressing, called for a meeting of key stakeholders to discuss potential options to curb drowning on the island.

“We have got to do something and the only way of coming up with valid actions is to sit around with key stakeholders and find potential solutions,” Phil said.

“I can't live with myself if we do nothing, and a drowning occurs 100 metres down the road.”

Unclear beach management

Phil Wright, Vice President of the SBA, was present on the day of the October 3 mass rescue.

Phil said there is a critical lack of responsibility when it comes to the safety management of beaches on the island.

“Who's going to put their hand up, what (are we) going to do, and what is everyone's responsibility,” the SMA Vice President questioned.

“Bearing in mind that four people drowned on the island last year, how have we improved beach management and safety? It's disgraceful.”

Phil, a former councillor, said both Phillip Island Nature Parks

and Bass Coast Shire Council had a responsibility to address beach safety and called for an “immediate meeting” of all involved to ensure there are no further drownings at Smiths Beach.

Woolamai Beach Surf Life-saving Club (WBSLSC) President, Jason Close, confirmed no club members were involved in the citizen's rescue.

“Unfortunately, it is becoming more common that people find themselves getting in trouble at beaches outside of the patrolled services,” Jason said.

“As a voluntary community organisation, we can't be everywhere all the time. It's also not viable for authorities to fund year-round mid-week lifeguard services.

“We would urge people to exercise caution and take responsibility to avoid swimming at unpatrolled beaches.”

Phil Wright said risk is a matter of “likelihood and consequence”.

“You get 200 people on the beach that afternoon, (and) the likelihood of someone who doesn't know what they're doing getting stuck is very high. And what about the consequence?”

Smiths Beach traffic

The President and Vice President of SBA also called for a “traffic management plan” to be discussed in the meeting with stakeholders.

Phil Wright said ambulance and first-responder vehicle access to Smiths Beach is a genuine concern to the community, especially during peak summer periods.

The SBA Vice President said Smiths Beach accessibility via ambulance was “very poor”, noting during summer especially the amount of people who park illegally.

“Everybody's got their own little bit of safety to chew up and say ‘alright, I'll put my hand up for that.’”

Accommodation for health workers

HOUSING

The State Government has committed \$5 million towards health service accommodation in Bass Coast.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale announced Bass Coast Health has been successful in the first round of the \$150 million Regional Worker Accommodation Fund.

The health service will receive \$5 million towards the \$13 million project that will deliver a purpose-built, hotel-style accommodation facility on vacant land at the Wonthaggi Hospital for key health workers and their families.

“This project will increase the supply of accommodation for health workers, reduce Bass Coast Health's reliance on leasing other residential properties and hotel accommodation which in turn will free up housing supply for the broader rental market in our region,” said Ms Crugnale.

“As our community grows, so too does the need for health services and we want our community to get the care and sup-

port they need close to home.”

Acting Bass Coast Health CEO, Shaun Brooks, welcomed the announcement for the Staff Accommodation Facility (SAF) Project and reiterated the housing challenge for BCH as they expand health services.

“Like most regional health services, we have Melbourne-based specialists and health workers come for two or more shifts.

“Offering local accommodation ensures we are able to offer many of these clinical services, including critical medical, nursing and allied health. Having the SAF onsite will also reduce travel time for on-call workers housed in other towns,” he said.

Mr Brooks also acknowledged BCH had received excellent support from Bass Coast Shire Council, Alfred Health, Jordan Crugnale MP and the Minister for Health.

“I'd like to thank them for helping us highlight the need for this facility which will benefit our community by allowing BCH to continue to provide high-quality healthcare closer



The State Government has committed \$5 million towards health service accommodation. At the BCH project site location (from left): Chris Peterson (Facilities Engineer), Carley Gilliland (Manager Medical Workforce), Shaun Brooks (Acting CEO) with Jordan Crugnale MP.

to home. Together, we'll make our vision for onsite staff housing a reality,” Mr Brooks said.

More than 20 projects were supported through the first round of the Regional Worker

Accommodation Fund. For more information, visit rdv.vic.gov.au/rwaf

DAL delayed again, for a month

PLANNING

The State Government has again extended the deadline for finalising the long-anticipated Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) project.

Bass Coast was declared a DAL in 2019, aiming to lock in town boundaries, and tighten planning controls to protect significant landscapes.

The DAL's final hurdle, the Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), which must first be endorsed, was expected last year but was extended to October this year.

Last week Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP said the draft SPP had again been given a year's extension, but with the draft – as well as publicly-available details – to be finalised by next month (November).

The draft SPP will be endorsed by public entities such as Bass Coast Shire, with the final public SPP expected in April 2025.

"Once the draft Bass Coast SPP is finalised in November I will have more to say to the Bass Coast community about the proposed boundaries and outcomes of the plan," Ms Crugnale said.

"I know how important this is and there is frustration that it is taking longer than expected, but I can assure everyone this is a priority for government and the work will be done."

“The Bass Coast SPP will safeguard environmental, landscape and cultural values and encourage good neighbourhood design, while not



The final DAL will have a major impact across Phillip Island, with developers hoping to get the green light for vast new housing developments at Cape Woolamai's airport land, Newhaven West, Smiths Beach, Ventnor and San Remo.

putting communities in areas of environment risk.”

She said the SPP would provide a blueprint for the livability of the Bass Coast for the next 50 years and ensure housing growth and infrastructure investment occurred in the right locations.

"Bass Coast has some of Victoria's most stunning landscape and precious coastline – that's why we're protecting it for generations to come."

As reported, in August Planning Minister Sonya Kilkenny refused to speculate on specifics of the DAL's final release when asked by the Advertiser.

"We are still working through it," Ms Kilkenny said, putting an end to rumours the whole project had been shelved.

“I don’t have a timeline. It’s a priority. It will happen.”

As to why there had been such a significant delay, the Minister said it was a "complex matter".

Impact

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In February councillors voted on a submission, supplied by the Department of Planning, which provides new landscape details suggesting Ventnor and San Remo in particular could be expanded.

Under the new details,

San Remo looks set to almost double in size, with the town boundary extended through to Punchbowl Road.

And Ventnor west may become another controversial battleground, with the government potentially recommending expansion for housing, a move not supported by council.

The DAL delay is also impacting current planning permits.

Just last month VCAT overturned Bass Coast Shire, to approve a home on Phillip Island's "state significant" south coastline, despite concerns about its visual impact.



The Yellow Brick Road Team (from left): Michelle Sargent, Martin Reidy, Chris Roccisano, Mark Bouris (founder and chair), Joe Reilly (owner), Warren West, Glen Edwards and Phil Elliot.

The island's Yellow Brick Road

BUSINESS

There were about 50 people at the recent opening of mortgage brokers Yellow Brick Road Philip Island, at Vista Place in Cape Woolamai.

Special guest was founder and chairman Mark Bouris who made his first trip to Phillip Island for the event.

The company offers a range of broking services, including home loans, commercial loans, personal and car loans and equipment finance.

The Phillip Island branch is owned by locals Joe and Allie Reilly.

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Western Port's ferry services trips between Phillip Island, French Island and Stony Point, operate seven days a week.



Western Port Ferries captain Leon Lever has been in the role six years. More photos at pisra.com.au

Meet Western Port's ferry captain

BAY

Today, chatting to Western Port Ferries captain Leon Lever in his cabin on the MV Naturaliste, conditions on the bay are perfect: no wind, blue sky, waveless water.

"Days like this I can relax," Leon says, looking out to the Mornington Peninsula across to French Island, admitting his office is the envy of many.

"But," he adds, "on rough days it can be mentally draining."

"That requires a lot more concentration."

Western Port's ferry trips between Phillip Island, French Island and Stony Point, operate seven days a week, mid-week 6.30am-8pm and on weekends 7am-7pm.

The MV Naturaliste – a 95-seat catamaran with 380 horsepower – uses about 400 litres of petrol a day ferrying passengers that include French Island school children, to Phillip Island tourists who catch a Melbourne

train to meet the vessel.

Given the demands of the job, Leon says the captain's role is four days on and four days off, "just to ease the fatigue".

"When I'm behind the wheel, I'm always thinking ahead to the next jetty so it's safe."

"On a good day on the bay, there can be 200 boats out, scooting around and across you."

"On rough days you're trying to make it as comfortable as possible for passengers. The northerly winds are the worst days and probably the most difficult jetty to berth is Phillip Island because it is the most exposed."

"When it's a north-westerly, a two-to-three-foot swell rolls down the bay and hits the Cowes jetty and bangs the ferry into it. Any wind from the south is best at Cowes."

Leon says there have even been instances when the stern line has snapped at Cowes because of conditions and as a result in bad weather they

now double the line.

Leon is armed with the best technology available: GPS, radar (which helps on foggy days), wind speed, and tides.

But after six years working these waters, it is his intuition and knowledge that often kick in when the going gets rough.

"There are so many combinations and variations of wind and tide at each jetty," said the 46-year-old father-of-three.

"Things can change in 15 minutes. Even on the way to Phillip Island conditions can change and I arrive and it's too dangerous to berth."

"These days I can read the conditions. I know on certain tides the wind will back off."

Western Port Ferries has reduced cancelled trips considerably, but Leon said if at all uncertain he will warn passengers that if they get on the ferry, they may not have a return journey.

"Cancelled trips are most difficult for Phillip Island because it's

a long way around. For French Island residents, most of them know someone they can stay with in Melbourne or on the Peninsula."

Generally, 25-30 knot winds is "borderline and discretionary on the captain", but if it's a northerly, a trip to Phillip Island will most likely be cancelled.

Sights to see

The MV Naturaliste was built in 2017 for Western Port and is run by the operators of the Queenscliff to Sorrento ferry service.

It is named after French ship Le Naturaliste, which was captained by Jacques Hamelin who named French Island in 1802.

The vessel has two captains: Leon job-shares the role with Daniel Russell, who has been in the job under a year.

Leon, born and bred on the Mornington Peninsula, is now living at Blairgowrie, and came to the Western Port Ferries role after 30 years in the industry.

Even as a school child Leon

worked on fishing charters and dolphin swims, then later in his career worked on prawn, scallop and spanner crab trawlers in Queensland.

He says perched up in the captain's cabin, he has a bird's eye view of the bay and constantly sees seals, penguins, dolphins and, in winter, whales.

"The most beautiful times are the sunrise and the sunset."

He knows all the French Island residents and has regular senior passengers who take advantage of free weekend travel to go via train and ferry to Cowes for lunch.

And he meets the odd celebrities, including The Block crew and former footballer Dermott Brereton who occasionally plays cricket at the French Island pitch.

"I never get bored. Even going to the same office, it's different every day, different conditions, people, marine life."

"I love being on the water. There are not many better places to work."

Bass Coast Shire Council postal election

My council, my vote

An election is being held for Bass Coast Shire Council.

Check the mail for your ballot pack

Ballot packs containing voting material were mailed to enrolled voters from **Monday 7 October**.

This is a postal election only.

If you do not receive your ballot pack by **Tuesday 15 October** please visit vec.vic.gov.au to complete the online replacement form, or call **131 832** to arrange a replacement.

Candidates

Candidates who have nominated for election are listed in the ballot packs and at vec.vic.gov.au

A photo and candidate statement will also be included if provided by candidates. Responses to a candidate questionnaire, if provided, are available at vec.vic.gov.au

How to vote correctly

You must complete your ballot paper correctly for your vote to count. Put the number **1** in the box next to the candidate you want to see elected, then number all the other boxes in order of your choice. You must number **every box** and only use each number once.

How to return your ballot pack

Put your completed ballot paper in the ballot paper envelope, complete the declaration, then post it ASAP using the reply-paid envelope provided, or hand deliver it during election office hours to:

Old Post Office
74 McBride Avenue
Wonthaggi

Voting is compulsory

Voting is compulsory for all voters who were enrolled at 4 pm on Wednesday 7 August. This includes state-enrolled and council-enrolled voters.

If you don't vote and don't have a valid excuse, you may be fined.

Your completed ballot pack must be in the mail or hand delivered by **6 pm Friday 25 October**.

State-enrolled voters can register for free VoterAlert SMS and email reminders at vec.vic.gov.au

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PICAL services will continue

Community responds

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"Although program delivery may be limited in the short term under NHG's coordination, the primary focus will remain on providing access to vital community services," she said.

"NHG is working closely with PICAL to address its financial challenges and explore alternative solutions to maintain essential community services."

Ms Halloran-Lavelle said following discussions with Bass Coast Shire CEO Greg Box, council will provide access to PICAL's Warley Avenue headquarters and the Settlement Road community garden "to support NHG and ensure continuity of service if needed".

"NHG is dedicated to supporting the Phillip Island community through these challenging times."

"Our priority will be to sustain essential services and provide the necessary support to navigate these changes."

Although unconfirmed by the PICAL Committee of Management, it is understood key players are keen to see a new not-for-profit organisation set up after the November meeting.

The Advertiser understands the debt is more than \$250,000 and as previously reported, dates back more than 10 years but is not a result of fraud or misappropriation of money.

Recap

Debts have been mounting up because of "incorrect classifica-



Neighbourhood Houses Gippsland said it is working closely with PICAL to address its financial challenges and looking at ways to maintain essential services.

cations" of job roles of past and current employees – believed to number more than 20 – "which led to some individuals being paid on an incorrect pay scale", according to PICAL Committee of Management president Graeme Turner.

PICAL currently employs centre manager David Rooks – also a Bass Coast Shire councillor who is re-standing in the council elections at the end of October – for what is believed to be 30 hours per week, as well as a finance officer for one day a week, and a cleaner.

"PICAL would like to emphasise it is both illegal and against the responsibilities of the Committee of Management to continue trading when we cannot meet, or demonstrate the ability to meet, our debts," Mr Turner said.

"Despite our best efforts to resolve this historic issue, we are compelled by law to make this incredibly difficult decision."

Mr Turner explained enterprise agreements PICAL entered into with staff a decade ago "were quite generic and open to interpretation, which contrib-

uted to the error that persisted undetected over the years".

"This has led to a significant debt that PICAL is unable to pay."

"It is important to note that this was an administrative inaccuracy and not the result of management, misappropriation or fraudulent behaviour by anyone involved with PICAL."

"While there are no current demands for payment, these historic debts are so significant that they far exceed PICAL's financial reserves or capacity to repay, thus making PICAL technically insolvent."

PICAL not the first charity to err

While PICAL's insolvency has shocked the community, it is not the first time a charity has underpaid staff.

According to a review by the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, larger charities were struggling to adjust to financial reporting requirements with nearly a third making mistakes when reporting the pay of senior staff.

The charity watchdog review found 28 per cent of large charities made errors in reporting management personnel remuneration in the 2022 reporting year.

And Pro Bono Australia reported that in 2018 Red Cross Australia was in the spotlight for incorrectly paying its work-

ers based on assumptions about the award, enterprise agreement, and classification of roles.

In 2019, World Vision Australia owed 200 casuals and 45 permanent staff money because there had been an error in determining the correct award for employees.

More recently RSPCA NSW agreed to back pay staff more than \$220,000 because of a payroll error.

Pro Bono Australia said none of the charities underpaid staff on purpose, adding insiders say the problem could be widespread, but under the radar, because "they don't want to risk the reputational damage", and "paying staff is actually a complex and constantly moving beast".



How could this happen? PICAL Committee of Management President Graeme Turner said debts have been mounting up because of "incorrect classifications" of job roles of past and current employees.

PICAL

The news of PICAL's insolvency saw hundreds of responses from local residents on social media, many wanting to know how this could happen, while others offered to run fundraising campaigns to keep services operating.

There was also speculation a group of locals was planning to continue services or establish a new not-for-profit organisation.

Here is just a sample of some of the responses:

Deb Leonard, Member for Monash candidate: "With the rising costs of living and housing crisis, more and more families and individuals in our community are struggling to make ends meet. But we as a community are strong, and we will always look after one another."

Jo: "We should be coming together to campaign the local and state government to help bail out PICAL to ensure we can keep supporting vulnerable members of our island."

Monica: "They helped us so much in the past, and so now we are happy to help in return. Even happy to set up the foodbank somewhere else up if needed."

Belinda: "It would be good to have the answers as to why they were being underpaid for years. Someone needs to be held accountable for this essential service to be closed."

Denise: "It is an organisation that is important and vital to a lot of people living on the island."

Vanna: "The very nature of being a not-for-profit group means they are not going to hang on to cash in the bank when there are hungry people who need assistance. Whatever they receive in donations or goods they pass on quickly because there is so much need in the community. It doesn't have to be catastrophic if the situation moving forward is handled with clarity and transparency."

Narelle: "Any funds PICAL now finds, now it is under administration, will be directed towards repaying its debt. The idea of a community funded food bank, of whatever you believe to be the neediest of these services, most likely has merit. Maybe another island not-for-profit or charity."

Nobbies makeover, but no plans for new attraction

TOURISM

Phillip Island Nature Parks still has no plans for a replacement attraction to the now closed Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies Centre.

In January, the Antarctic Journey closed due to "ongoing technical issues" and last week the Nature Parks board endorsed the appointment of a contractor to carry out critical repairs on the Nobbies Centre.

Nature Parks infrastructure and planning general manager Jarvis Weston said they would soon start long term planning for the site as part of a broader refresh to the Summerland

Peninsula Master Plan.

"There are no plans for the site as yet, however, options will be developed and explored through consultation with key stakeholders including the local community," Jarvis said.

He said the centre's maintenance and repair work was expected to run over the next nine months and would include repairs and maintenance to structural steel elements, rust treatments, painting, stormwater systems, eaves, facias, plumbing and electrical services.

"The works will be coordinated to minimise any impacts to operations and visitation to the site," he said.

The Antarctic Journey ran for eight years and when announcing its closure Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield said "we now have an exciting opportunity to plan for a new chapter in the life of the Nobbies Centre".

Technical issues with the equipment that ran the show had been apparent for some time.

"The challenges posed by the ongoing failure of equipment, along with the age and condition of the remaining functional equipment has led us to make the decision to close the Antarctic Journey permanently," she said at the time.



While the Nobbies Centre is about to get a nine-month makeover, there are no plans for the area that previously ran as the Antarctic Journey and closed in January.



Multi-award-winning author Jock Serong will be the guest speaker at a Literary Luncheon to be held at the Phillip Island Winery on Friday October 25. Tickets at trybooking.com.

Lunch with Jock Serong

LITERATURE

Multi-award-winning author Jock Serong is the guest speaker at a Literary Luncheon to be held at the Phillip Island Winery on Friday October 25.

Focus of the afternoon will be Jock's latest release *Cherrywood*, but will include insights into his early days on Phillip Island, where he learned to surf.

Cherrywood is described in reviews as a wildly imaginative, intricately woven tale; and Jock, its author, as an exceptionally gifted writer.

It begins in Edinburgh, in 1916, when Thomas Wrenfether, a rich Scottish industrialist, is offered the opportunity to take on a startling project –

construction of a paddle steamer from European cherrywood; taking readers through the decades onto Melbourne in the 1990s.

Jock Serong is the acclaimed author of *Quota*, winner of the 2015 Ned Kelly Award for Best First Fiction; *The Rules of Backyard Cricket*, shortlisted for the 2017 Victorian Premier's Award for Fiction, finalist of the 2017 MWA Edgar Awards for Best Paperback Original, and finalist of the 2017 Indie Book Awards Adult Mystery Book of the Year; and *On the Java Ridge*, which won the Colin Roderick Award and, internationally, the inaugural Staunth Prize (UK), and was shortlisted for the 2018 Indie Awards.

He has won praise for his trilogy of historical novels *Preservation*; *The Burning Island*, which earned him the ARA Historical Novel Prize and the Historia Award for Historical Crime Fiction (France); and *The Settlement*, which was shortlisted for the Voss Prize and the ARA Historical Novel Prize.

The opportunity to enjoy an afternoon with Jock Serong is not to be missed by lovers of literature, and everyone who would like to attend is very welcome.

Signed books will be available for purchase.

Tickets, through Try Booking, are \$50 and include lunch, drink on arrival and a very entertaining afternoon.

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The winning team First Place is congratulated by trivia host Warren Davie (centre). Bottom from left: Trevor Ryan, Tori Cleeland, Clarrie Cleeland, Todd Cleeland, Meaghan Ryan, Rachel Mitchelson Hall and Angus Hall.

Cambodia trivia night raises \$25,000

FUNDRAISER

Stephen Davie, who heads the Growing Cambodia committee on Phillip Island, has thanked everyone who supported the Growing Cambodia Trivia night on the weekend.

Over \$25,000 was raised which will go to support a school first established by Stephen and his committee, to provide educational opportunities for children in Cambodia.

The winning team was aptly named First Place thanks largely to the performance of Tori Cleeland who won extra points for her team with her "Raygun" imitation in the final.

"The Phillip Island community has done it again, with some help from supporters travelling down from Melbourne," said a delighted Stephen on Monday.

"The incredible generosity by our supporters resulted in Growing Cambodia raising \$25,085 at the annual fundraiser held at Berninnet on Saturday night.

"With Warren Davie and Ash Read hosting trivia and games, it was a very relaxed, comfortable and fun evening for everyone at the new facility, with over 200 supporters dancing and listening to the sounds of the fabulous Laing Brothers, in between trivia questions and games.

"Thank you to everyone for coming along. Your support helps over 800 students in four rural Cambodian villages be taught



Growing Cambodia committee member Sigrid Tucker checks a winning ticket held by Tim O'Brien, an Island Ward candidate in the current municipal elections, at the trivia night. Tim is hoping his luck continues when the election results are announced in two weeks' time.

English by 15 local teachers.

"Seventeen students undertaking a variety of courses are also sponsored at various universities in Cambodia. By offering these educational programs, students undertaking them then have the opportunities to earn higher incomes and experience a better and more sustainable quality of life."

Donations can still be made direct to Growing Cambodia's bank account: 633 000 150148583, or make a donation at www.growingcambodia.org.au/donate/

Follow the clean up

ENVIRONMENT

Last month, the Advertiser spoke to 15-year-old Mili Janjic about her campaign to clean up the island's beaches.

The aspiring marine biologist wants to dedicate her life to protecting our oceans. She has recently created an Instagram ac-

count to document her journey.

The Instagram account, *_marine_mili* will include posts of the content she's found during her beach clean ups.

If you'd like to follow her progress, or join her campaign to improve our beaches, follow her on Instagram *@_marine_mili*.



A 70th celebration

COMMUNITY

Norris and Elsie Gresham celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary at Mario's Restaurant in San Remo this month, surrounded by their family.

The happy couple met at the Lido Ballroom Dance Studio in Collins Street Melbourne, where Norry danced and taught five to six days per week – in addition to his day job.

Norry was immediately interested, but Elsie thought he was a bit loud and over enthusiastic. Clearly persistence pays off as they married on October 9, 1954 at the Methodist Church in Richmond.

The young newlyweds

moved around, but eventually bought land and built a house at Wonga Park, later moving to Wandin North, Ringwood and finally settling at Phillip Island nearly 40 years ago. Elsie worked at Rose lodge, then Griffiths Point Lodge for 12 years prior to retiring. Norry worked at Rodane Hardware in Wonthaggi for a few years after the move, whilst renovating the family home.

Retirement is full of activity, with Norry assisting with the initial set up of the Men's Shed in Cowes, sourcing equipment donations and keeping an eye on the actual setup.

Norry continues his association with the RSL, but with



Celebrating Elsie and Norris Gresham's 70th wedding anniversary. Front: Andrew Urbas, Elsie Gresham (nee Robertson), Norris/Norry Gresham, Susan Barrie-Gresham, Callista Barrie-Gresham, Cathy Gresham. Back: Robert Gresham, Gary Gresham, Jeremy Alfonso-Hine, Kiana Barrie-Gresham, Greg Tingate.

the more social aspects of the monthly servicemen's morning get together and as a venue for the Probus Aviation Group.

Elsie loved the line dancing that she did for 15 years and was an active member of the

local Country Women's Association, initially at Grantville then for 12 years at the Cowes Branch. Elsie and Norry were foundation members of the Cowes Probus Club and continue to enjoy many of the

associated activities, such as the Wine Appreciation Group outings.

When asked about the secret to this longevity, the happy couple responded "support, understanding and love".



The inaugural Phillip Island Camera Club 'Photographic Walk for Wellness' group after a Churchill Island sojourn. From left, Rear: Dave Morgan, Brenda Berry, Gary Parnell, Graeme Lawry, Rob McKay. Front: Faye Morgan, Lorraine Tran, Jon Hogan, Annie Duncan, Brian Asbury, Karen Cashen, Rae Lawry.

Photography Walking for Wellness a great success

CAMERA CLUB

The Phillip Island Camera Club (PICC) held its first Walking for Wellness on Friday October 4 at Churchill Island as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival. Thankfully the rain held off for the 14 participants who with cameras in hand, had over an hour to explore, discover and record all that the historic precinct has to offer.

President of PICC, Graeme Lawry, who organised the event, thanked the members of Friends of Churchill Island who dressed in costume to provide some extra atmosphere by playing the piano in Amess House and demonstrated fleece spinning using a spinning wheel under a tree in the beautiful cottage garden.

Monthly Photography Walks for Wellness were started in 2019 in Melbourne

by photographer, Craig Wetjen, who created the book 'Men and their Sheds'. Research has shown that exercise combined with photography, interacting with others and engaging with the world around us can have a positive impact on personal wellbeing.

Participants meet in a designated location, are given a theme, walk and photograph the surroundings for 50 minutes or so and meet back with the group for morning tea to share their experiences. The theme at Churchill Island was 'Historic' combined with 'Up close'.

The Camera Club plans to continue holding Photography Walking for Wellness events in the future and hopes even more locals will participate. If interested, please contact phillipislandcameraclub@gmail.com or phone 0407 092 352.



Walk attendees were treated to a fascinating blacksmith demonstration. Some keen photographers also got down low to photograph the local barnyard residents.

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Get in Touch at Berninneit

MOVIE

The Phillip Island Movie Club presents the 2024 film *Touch* as its film for October.

The Icelandic drama, directed by Baltasar Kormakur will screen at 7pm on October 23 at Berninneit.

The story relates to a widower Kristofer (Egill Olafsson) who sets off from Iceland on a seemingly impossible mission after he visits his doctor to talk about some diminishing of his memory and fine motor skills. The doctor gently suggests that this might be a time for Kristofer to consider any unfinished business or any unresolved issues he may wish to address while he still can.

Decades earlier, the young Kristofer (Palmi Kormakur) met his first love, Miko (Koki), in London. Kristofer is a student of economics and decides – as part-commitment to the working class, part-whim, part-dare – to give up his studies and work in a Japanese restaurant. And it's there he meets Miko, the owner's daughter, and romance blossoms. Then she disappears without trace. All these decades later, with limited time left, Kristofer ends up in Covid-affected London and tries to track



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her down, eventually leading him to Japan and an astonishing discovery.

The film is based on the bestseller *Touch* by Olafur Johann Olafsson and is a deeply moving, delicate and spellbinding romance. A heart-wrenching love story and unashamedly emotional but also an absorbing mystery.

Although the story seems simple, initially, it covers memory, ageing, loss, but also covers cross cultural romance in a time when the memory of WWII was still very present for all the counties involved in the film. The film goes back and forth in time from the present

to the 60s in London, so it also covers lots of the issues around Covid.

The film will start at 7pm and members should prebook their seat prior to the night as bookings are already high. Booking details were sent a few weeks ago and if you haven't got them you can call or drop in to Berninneit and book.

All PIMC films are now members only events, so please bring your membership card and proof of booking.

The film screening starts at 7pm, and runs for two hours. It is rated MA.

PIMC's November film, *There's Still Tomorrow*, will screen on November 6.

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The Phillip Island Jazz Club presents Steve Temple at this week's Sunday Jazz Club, on October 20, starting at 1.30pm.

The Sunday Temple!

JAZZ

The Phillip Island Jazz Club presents Steve Temple at this week's Sunday Jazz Club, on October 20.

"Steve Temple is excited to be coming back to play at his favourite Jazz Club and we are just as excited that he will be back," said a club spokesperson.

Steve will be playing cornet and his backing group will be Lin Wallace on drums, James Clark on bass, Will Purcell on banjo, Callum Mintzis on trombone and Cam Robbins on clarinet.

"The quality of this group is

unquestioned. Each member of the group are talented individuals who come with a reputation of fine musicianship."

The show is at the usual venue, Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, in Cowes.

However there is a new starting time, with the event running from 1.30pm to 3.30pm, to allow the band and patrons easier access off the island due to the Mo-toGP.

Tickets are \$20 for Jazz Club Members and \$25 for visitors.

For more information, please ring Robin on 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300.

CWA calls for donations

COMMUNITY

It is World Food Day on October 16 and CWA Branches across Victoria will be collecting non-perishable food to be distributed through local food pantries.

Food security has been identified by members statewide as one of the key areas to advocate for, working with charities such as Second Bite and assisting those most vulnerable in local communities.

CWA Phillip Island Twilight Branch has been stocking a dedicated space in the Myli Library at Berninnet for the past six months.

"This has proven to be a valuable resource for our vulnerable mums and bubs in our community, providing items such as baby needs – nappies, wet ones, dummies, toothpaste and brushes, and care products for mums like shampoo, conditioner, personal protection, lip balm and deodorant," said Sally Ann Matthews, the branch president.

"We also provide ingredients for healthy quick meals. Many members of the public have asked if they can assist in stocking the cupboard, and we are pleased to welcome donations on World Food Day on Wednesday October 16."

There will be a dedicated table set up at the library in Berninnet and members of the community are welcome to leave donations there.

The CWA Twilight Branch will also be collecting on Thursday October 17. Please do not leave perishable items.



On World Food Day (October 16) CWA Phillip Island Twilight Branch is calling for donations to help stock the pantry for mums and babies in the library at Berninnet.

Suggested items can include:

Personal Care

- Pads, tampons, shampoo, conditioner, moisturiser, deodorant

Children's care

- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, bath bubbles, shampoo, sun protection cream, wet wipes, nappies

Food items

- Cruskits, rice cakes, rice, pasta, tinned tuna, WeetBix, Oats

"We particularly provide food items where mums can make healthy meals for their children, rather than premade food items," said Sally Ann.

"On this day we also welcome books suitable for two- and three-year-olds. These will be distributed by the Bass Coast Maternal and Child Health nurses to nurture reading in the families they visit.

"We are grateful for the support of Myli Community Library and our partnership with Bass Coast Maternal and Child Health Service," she continued.

"Come and meet us and chat with us about joining CWA and making a difference to vulnerable women, children and families."

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Offshore Theatre presents 'My Sister Jill'

THEATRE

In a little over three weeks, Phillip Island's Offshore Theatre group will be performing their highly anticipated season of *My Sister Jill* at Berninneit in Cowes.

Adapted for stage, *My Sister Jill* was the first novel from revered Australian playwright Patricia Cornelius.

Set in Melbourne throughout the 1950s and 1970s, the coming-of-age play delves into the intricacies and complexities of suburban family life, contextualised by two young girls with a father recovering from WWII PTSD.

With the Vietnam War looming, the fabric of the family is tested as the tension between heroic wartime stories and enduring trauma boils over in dramatic household disfunction.

Director Melissa McMillan said the "light and shade" of the play was what resonated most with her.

"There are some really complex themes around PTSD and the treatment of veterans, and the impact on families particularly after World War II," Melissa said.

"There's a scene between Martha (the mother, played by Kate Bindley) and Jack (the father), when (Martha) says 'we're not supposed to talk about this Jack, they told us not to ever talk about it'.

"And the treatment of the kids, who grow up with a dad who can turn on a dime – joyful and playful, and the next thing like a raging bull."

But Melissa also noted there



An exclusive preview performance of Offshore Theatre's *My Sister Jill* is at 8pm on Friday November 1 to coincide with Berninneit's first birthday, with the main season running from Thursday November 7 until Saturday November 9. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

are some "really funny" and light comical moments in the play.

Simon Furniss, who plays the father Jack, said he has thoroughly enjoyed studying the duality of his character.

"It's a very difficult character to embody, because (Jack's) a WWII POW survivor, and all his post traumatic stress is pushed deep down inside, and it comes out as intolerance to his family, the kids, wife; (Jack's) just horrible," Simon said.

"Jack is not always a hundred mile an hour tornado of hate, there are some very funny moments that a slice of family life can only bring. There are some

moments when I'm just lovely.

"So I will need to bring the audience along with me, to gain their sympathy with my position, their empathy with what I've been through and what I've done."

'Exciting challenge'

Director Melissa McMillan said one of the "exciting challenges" in staging the play was having adults portray their characters as children.

Melissa said it was pivotal for the actors to be conscious of the physicality of kids, but noted "it's also a fine line between not making it farcical or too over the top".

Marni Johnston plays the

role of Christine, the youngest daughter in the play. She graduated from the National Theatre Drama School in 2011 and starred in the ABC's telemovie 'The Broken Shore' in 2013.

My Sister Jill is Marni's debut performance for Offshore Theatre and following her audition Melissa said the panel was "stunned".

Last year, the Melbourne Theatre Company (MTC) performed a season of *My Sister Jill* which was attended by Offshore Theatre President Remi D'Agostin.

Remi returned from the MTC's performance and suggested Offshore Theatre stage

their own rendition.

When Melissa read the script, she "loved it", adding Offshore Theatre holds a strong focus on scripts which tell Australian stories with powerful female leads.

The director described the staging of the *My Sister Jill* as "a real ensemble piece".

"We've discussed, negotiated, reworked scenes, and (the play's) developed as a group. Things I wouldn't have even imagined, we're picking new ideas out of the script at this stage. It's been an absolute team effort in terms of that," Melissa said.

"Once I got this cast in front of me, they have just been so amazing."

"I just keep shaking my head, I can't believe we're just a small community amateur theatre of performers and people, because there's some quality stuff there. There's seven (cast members) and they are all so strong."

An exclusive preview performance will be held at 8pm on Friday November 1 to coincide with Berninneit's first birthday, with the main season running from Thursday November 7 until Saturday November 9.

Tickets to the preview performance, which are \$15 and include a free drink and nibbles, can be found at: trybooking.com/events/1286862/sessions/4904143/sections

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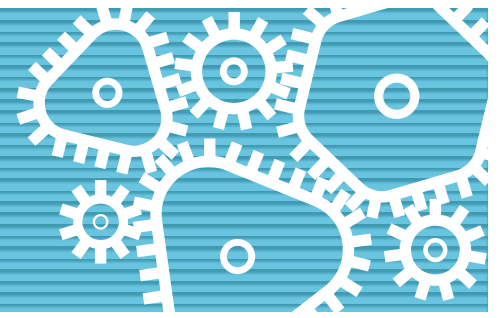
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Painter, author and academic Dr Marian Quigley launched her biography *When the Ship Comes In – Memories, Journeys and Creations at Clay and Co* last week.

Island painter and polymath releases new biography

ARTS

Phillip Island renaissance woman Dr Marian Quigley has released a biography on the extraordinary life she has lived thus far: *When the Ship Comes In – Memories, Journeys and Creations*.

Three months ago, Rhyll based arts patron Phyllis Papps approached Dr Quigley about compiling a biography of the artist, writer and academic's life.

Phyllis Papps and her late partner Francesca Curtis were described as the “modern day Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas” – two literary giants of the explosive modernist scene in Paris in the early twentieth century.

Dr Quigley said when Phyllis, who has written a number of other biographies on locals, came to her “out of the blue” she thought it would be a “real opportunity” to document her life for her daughter.

Dr Quigley arrived in Australia as a ‘ten-pound-pom’ at three years old, and initially became an art schoolteacher before returning to university to study English literature, and subsequently taught Media and Communications at Monash University.

Marian then went on to research animation and claymation during the 1990s, writing a book based on interviews with Australian women animators.

However, after the university suffered large staff cuts in 2006 Dr Quigley pivoted to focus on her art, which she says she’d formerly lost confidence in while at teacher’s college.

Painting

Marian has since established herself as a successful painter, holding an exhibition at the Sol Contemporary Australian and Asian Art Gallery in Fitzroy this April, which the painter said went “really well”.

“One of (the gallery’s) regular collectors came in and bought five (artworks) before the exhibition opened, and then I sold two others after that,” Dr Quigley said.

Marian’s style marries a bold colour scheme reminiscent of English artist David Hockney with hard edge abstraction, often playing with perspective and depth-of-perception.

Having lived on the island since 1987 and arriving in the country by boat, water is a strong motif in Dr Quigley’s work.

Marian also sells her work via online art retailer Bluethumb (bluethumb.com.au) through which Marian says she has sold about 25 pieces and helps her find a new audience for her art.



Marian’s style marries a bold colour scheme reminiscent of English artist David Hockney with hard edge abstraction, and her work is available at online art retailer Bluethumb (bluethumb.com.au).



Marian’s work is held in private collections in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore, and she has been a finalist in, and won, a number of art awards across Australia.

Through a series of interviews with Sally Whitehead, Dr Quigley’s biography tells the story of an incredible life well lived – including seeing Bob Dylan at Festival Hall in 1966.

When the Ship Comes In was launched at Clay and Co in Cowes on Sunday October 6. Sales revenue from the book will go to local arts organisations.

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Charlotte, Haydn and Maddy from *The Block* with event organiser, Darrell Clark, at the WBSLS fundraising auction. All photos: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

Block auction comes to Woolamai Beach SLSC

FUNDRAISER

The Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club’s (WBSLSC) fundraising auction night at the Clubhouse on Friday October 11 was a “huge success”, with the team from the Channel 9 TV series *The Block* turning out in force to support the event.

The MC and lead auctioneer for the night was the *Block*’s legendary landscaper, Dave Franklin and the special guest auctioneers were *Block* contestants Hadyn and sisters Maddy and Charlotte. The *Block*’s Executive Producer Julian Cress also joined in proceedings.

Over 100 members of the local community, life-savers, *Block* cast and crew and their families mingled and enjoyed a wonderful evening of food, drinks, live music and entertainment from the auctioneers.

Those present dug deep and bidding was fierce for some of the great items donated by the local community, local businesses and members of the *Block* team.

“The night was a huge success in raising funds which will go towards the much-needed repairs to the Smiths Beach Rescue Base as well as some upgrades to the clubhouse. We are so grateful to everyone who supported the night,” Club President Jason Close said.

“Much of the credit for the evening must be given to Club members Darrell and Alison Clark, as well as Dave Franklin who were the driving force behind the event.”

Club music impresario Glenn Davidson organised some great local musicians Daisy Spratt and Dan Searle who kept the crowd entertained throughout the evening. Club members Emma Gallagher and Jordan Kuerschner made their clubhouse musical debut with an acoustic set, with Glenn helping out on bongos.

Delicious food was provided by the San Remo Hotel. Colleen Williams and many of the Williams family were also in attendance to support the event.

“As well as being a fun-



Life savers and musicians Jordan Kuerschner, Glen Davidson and Emma Gallagher.



The Block’s Executive Producer, Julian Cress gives the night the thumbs up. More photos at pisra.com.au

draiser, the event was also about bringing the local community into the club,” said Club Director of Assets, Darrell Clark.

“We have enjoyed so much support from local businesses and the community for many years and so it was great to see so many enjoying the evening, and the clubhouse and its facilities.

“We would really like to thank Island Surfboards, Dave Franklin, the *Block*, Amelia Trappett, Colleen Williams, San Remo Hotel, Korumburra Hotel, Rubicon Hotel, Alana Kozik, Phillip Island Winery, Shoreline Pest Control, Tommy Williams Photography, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Thundercat Tours, Phillip Island Chocolate Factory, Wildlife Coast Cruises, Prestige Surfaces, Pyramid Rocks Gallery and Green Works all of whom donated items that were auctioned.”

Nici Cahill of Snapshot Photography was there to capture lots of images of the night. Photos of the night are available by visiting the Snapshot Photogra-

phy Facebook page.

“The *Block* has made a transformational change to the Clubhouse, making it a much more inviting facility,” Club President Jason said.

“Some of the improvements have also made it a more comfortable environment for our volunteer life savers who give up so much of their time to be there.

“We are thrilled that our connection with the *Block* has continued and are so happy that they reached out to support our fundraising efforts by donating auction items and then coming along and making it such a great night.

“We’ve also discovered some very talented musicians in our midst. Keep an eye out for some more great social events at the Club over summer.”

The Club will continue its fundraising events over the coming months, including the effort to raise \$140,000 to save the Smiths Beach Rescue Base.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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Rhyll Hall deserves better

The village of Rhyll is a special place. It has a gentle ambience about it.

The historic hall is very much part of that. My great uncle, William Richardson, was involved in the building of the hall and was very proud of it, as he was of Richardson Cottage where he lived.

He was a jetty builder, sail maker and designed and built his boats, the "William Henry" and "Oceania". What a shame he isn't around to design the access ramp at the historical hall.

Rhyll deserves better.

Julie Box, Cowes

Community empowerment

I want to express my gratitude to all the volunteers who have generously helped to spread awareness about the local issues that are important to me.

In my conversations with people, a noticeable gap appears between Council and the public. It would be beneficial to utilise Berninnet for quarterly council meetings, allowing the public to personally engage with councillors and address their concerns or have them listened to and investigated. The inclusion of a question time is crucial as ratepayers deserve to have their voices heard.

Organising meetings among various community groups and promoting assemblies also holds significant importance. Collaboration within the community is vital, ensuring effective communication and transparency that will lead to informed decision-making and a stronger bond with Bass Coast Shire Council.

As a council candidate, my goal is to rebuild trust between the council and the community by addressing various concerns such as re-zoning and adjusting the timeline of the Recreation Reserve, supporting the restoration of PICAL and advocating for a renewed community focus within it. My aim is to empower residents, research resources, implement strategies, and foster partnerships to enhance the health and well-being of our diverse community.

Ultimately, I strive to create a secure, supportive, and understanding community for everyone. I pride myself on being honest, enthusiastic, compassionate, and dedicated to learning and making a significant impact within our distinctive ward.

Marnie Chadwick, Candidate for Island Ward

Bring back commonsense

Great to see a team at work on the footpath near Glen Isla Court last week. A team of eight from Melbourne spent some days repairing/maintaining about 50m of footpath. Was using a Melbourne based work team the best value for money?

The team also told us they were due back in January for footpath works in Thompson Avenue. Really? In the middle of summer when crowds are largest? Lacking a bit of commonsense if you ask me.

Bring commonsense decision making for the community back to Bass Coast Council. Vote 1 Darrell Silva for Island Ward.

Darrell Silva, Island Ward candidate

Authorised by Darrell Silva.

Mental health awareness

I write on behalf of the not-for-profit Mental Illness Fellowship Australia to highlight that if you or someone you know is facing a mental health issue reach out. Help is out there.

It is absolutely critical there is much more action from all governments to support people in your area who have severe mental health issues.

It is now estimated an alarming 68 per cent of people who have severe mental health issues are missing out on any kind of community support to help them ... that's nearly seven out of ten.

We are completely focused on getting rid of the stigma around severe mental ill-

ness in particular. It is time we all realised people who are affected need our support.

On average, people with severe mental illness die 23 years earlier than the general population. 50 per cent of people with severe mental illness attempt suicide ... compared to 3.7 per cent of the general population.

A huge number of people, who have a severe or complex mental illness, are getting no community support whatsoever for their condition. It is critical to end the massive neglect of people who have mental illness in Australia.

Thousands and thousands of Australians with mental health issues end up in our local hospitals and emergency departments because they believe it is the only option for them.

We are highlighting as part of this new awareness campaign that the current system unfortunately actively channels people into emergency and hospital services ... placing massive extra pressure on the system. So much trauma is involved with this process.

We urge people in your area to realise recovery is unquestionably possible. We have a key not-for-profit network called Finding North which has become a growing community on the internet, to link people with mental health issues with others in a similar situation so they can share their experiences.

To get more information, just go to www.findingnorth.org.au ... it is a powerful tool for readers to easily access.

Tony Stevenson, National CEO - Mental Illness Fellowship of Australia

Standing for council

There is a brutal reality check that comes with standing for council. When 'throwing the cap into the ring' I have to admit a degree of surprise to the angst, passions and pressure groups awoken by the arrival of 'the cap'.

Some of it, particularly the expressed frustrations with council, is eye-opening.

Also eye-opening are the insights into the many layers to the community we seek to represent. For me, when letter-boxing, I have been really struck by the economic disparities evident, so too by the numbers of clearly unoccupied houses. There is work to do here.

So, aside from the 'rates, rubbish and roads' mantra, what should be the key duties and priorities of an incoming council?

As I see it (whether I get elected, or not), the primary obligation of councillors is that their priorities reflect community priorities.

The previous council waved through some pretty poor decisions and missed the mark on a number of matters of deep importance. The inactivity on the sporting precinct - on ovals, netball courts, and soccer pitches - is almost impossible to digest. Forty years in waiting; how was this not a priority?

The ill-considered decision to wave through the Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism Strategy (BURT) was also a mistake by the previous council. And Silverleaves residents might be wondering where council has been in responding to the galloping coastal erosion threatening their houses and that beautiful foreshore. What I see in terms of council's foreshore management there is decades of half-measures and failed measures.

Of the three levels of government, local government is closest to the community. And it has a compact with that community. That is, when the community needs it, it will be there, it doesn't look away and it doesn't let them down.

And, most particularly, it does not fail them when the community is under threat. For Silverleaves residents, the next steps must be the right ones. DEECA, and council, cannot kick the can down the road any longer.

Tim O'Brien, Candidate for Island Ward

A decade of volunteering

AGED CARE

For the past decade, Gillian Scoble has dedicated her time and energy to enriching the lives of residents at Banfields Aged Care, creating moments of connection, comfort, and joy.

As society becomes increasingly focused on the wellbeing of our older community members, Gillian's story shines as a heartwarming example of the power of volunteering.

Gillian's journey with Banfields began in February 2015, primarily as a pastoral carer, when she responded to the growing need for volunteers at Banfields.

Under the guidance of Robyn Montague, the Lifestyle Team Manager, she took on a wide array of roles. With her background as a retired teacher and psychologist, Gillian found fulfillment in leading group activities like singing, crafting, and even organising poetry sessions.

Her skill set didn't stop there-she also spent countless hours offering one-on-one support to residents, lending a compassionate ear when it was needed most.

Throughout her volunteering, Gillian has had the privilege of celebrating life's special moments with residents, their families, and staff, as well as grieving alongside them in



For the past decade, Gillian Scoble has dedicated her time and energy to enriching the lives of residents at Banfields Aged Care.

times of loss. Her presence has become a comforting and familiar part of the Banfields family.

Now, as she celebrates her 80th birthday, Gillian reflects on her time at Banfields with gratitude.

"I'm thankful to God for this opportunity," she says, "but I also see the ongoing need for more volunteers to join in. We can all play a role in enriching the lives of older people in our community, starting with empathy and a willingness to give our time."

Gillian's contributions have been extensive. From

gardening and dementia care to music therapy and bingo, she has brought joy to countless residents. Her expertise in social work, dementia care, and palliative care has been invaluable, and she remains a beloved part of the Banfields family.

Through her dedication, Gillian has shown that volunteering is not just about giving - it's about building relationships, sharing experiences, and becoming a vital part of a community that cares for its most vulnerable members.

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College students visit Japan

EDUCATION

Newhaven College has had a long running association with Ibaraki Christian Junior High School in Honshu, Japan that started in 2000.

Nine enthusiastic Year 10 and Year 11 students took the opportunity to visit Japan for two weeks in September. The tour offers an opportunity to soak in Japanese culture as well as providing an opportunity to broaden Japanese language skills.

On arrival at the school in Ibaraki, the students were introduced to their host families who welcomed them into their homes. Students were immersed in the Japanese way of life, including visiting onsen (hot springs), local sites and sampling traditional cuisine.

At school, Newhaven College students became involved with classes assisting with English lessons and mixing with the students.

"I was incredibly excited to have the opportunity to go on this year's Japan Tour," said Ruben Jungwirth, one of the participants.

"It was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity to dive into Japanese culture and experience their education firsthand. During my time at Ibaraki Christian Ju-



Newhaven College students William Yarranton, Ruben Jungwirth, Bailey Dean, Jasmine Ruffin, Eli Bowker, Alexandra O'Neill, Ashlynn D'Andrea, Georgia Courtney and Emily Kesterton enjoyed some sightseeing as part of the cultural exchange.

nior High School, I enjoyed making new friends with the students and creating countless memories. The program was an unforgettable experience."

The students were accompanied by Newhaven College teachers, Ms Mitsuko Horiguchi and Ms Melanie Flower.

Ms Horiguchi has been coordinating the tours for over 20 years.

"It was wonderful to continue the Japanese Exchange program this year, connecting with our sister school and hosting Japanese students in July, followed by our visit to Japan in September," she said.

"We are immensely proud of our students, who represented Newhaven College and Australia ad-

mirably while adapting to a new cultural environment and overcoming language barriers.

"Through the exchange program, we believe our students have discovered new aspects of themselves and experienced personal growth. Spending time with our students and creating unforgettable memories together has been a joy."

The exchange program has provided valuable experiences, uniting students from various backgrounds and encouraging cross-cultural friendships while promoting mutual understanding. For Newhaven College students learning Japanese, it was an ideal opportunity to practice their language skills.

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Runners up: Cheryl Floyd (L), Rob Jefferey (3), Max Williams (2) and John Nicholson (S).



Best one game winners: Phil Wright (3), Margaret McConville (L), Peter Gratton (S) and Chris Coulson (2).

Midweek battle at Corinella

BOWLS

Fifty-one midweek bowlers headed out to Corinella to fight it out for team of the week.

Players were greeted by Pauline and John, whilst Peter arranged teams.

The green was in excellent condition, but with the wind blowing, it proved a challenge for many players.

A few intrepid members were in a charitable mood as can be seen by the swelling jar of coins for the RCH appeal in a few months.

Congratulations to last week's winners on 32 points: Shirl Corcoran (3), Craig Brown (S), Peter McWilliams (2) and Bob Arnold (L).

Runners up on 30 points: Cheryl Floyd (L), Rob Jefferey (3), Max Williams (2) and John Nicholson (S).

Best one game winners on 20 points: Phil Wright (3) Margaret McConville (L), Peter Gratton (S) and Chris Coulson (2).

The club give their thanks to Phil and Corinella's members for their set-up work, as well as in the kitchen and behind the bar.

This week, the club will be meeting at San Remo to fight it out in the hope of being part of the winning teams. Arrive on site by 10am.

The weekend has marked the beginning of the 2024/25 pennant season; the club's members wish each bowler good luck and success.

Island Summer Triples

BOWLS

The Phillip Island Bowling Club hosted their Summer Triples match on October 9.

Best last game: Neville Stevens, Steve Farrelly and Graeme Key.

Runners up: Jim Power, Tony McKiernan and Barry McGowan.

Congratulations to winners: Scott Miller, Wayne Mattock and George Pargeter.



Congratulations to Summer Triples winners (from left): George Pargeter, Wayne Mattock and Scott Miller.



The 2024/25 Ladies group has kicked off in Cowes. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

Ladies competition returns

TENNIS

The Thursday night tennis ladies group has kicked off the 2024/25 spring-summer competition in Cowes.

The ladies are all local to the Phillip Island area and the season is a combination of a lot of laughter, friendly competition, and a few wines and nibbles thrown in. A perfect combination!

Results from the green

GOLF

Tuesday, October 8

Men's 18H Stableford

Overall winner: Anthony Owens (20) with 41 pts.

A Grade winner: A-1 Ian Smith (8) with 35 pts.

B Grade winner: B-1 Mike Fitzmaurice (18) with 40 pts.

C Grade winner: C-1 Anthony Owens (20) with 41 pts.

BDL: 34 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Leigh Hayhurst, 7th Ross Cooper, 10th John Monk and 17th Stephen Mack.

Men's 9H Stableford

Overall winner: Ian Samuel (28) with 21 pts from Vic Mitchell (26) on 20 pts.

BDL: 19 pts.

Wednesday, October 9

Women's Teal Day

Congratulations to all involved in a great day and thank you to all who donated to the event.

Thursday, October 10

Open 18H Par

Overall winner: Stephen Mack (17) +6 C/B.

A Grade winner: Garry Birch (14) +5.

B Grade winner: Barry Gibson (14) +2 C/B.

C Grade winner: Paul Waylen (32) +6. BDL: 0 C/B.

NTP: 5th Stephen Mack, 7th Heath Grace, 10th Nathan Pirouet and 17th Rob Haydon.

Open 9H Stableford

Winner: David Henstridge (20) with 20 pts C/B from Chris Hailes (37) on 20 pts.

BDL: 18 pts.

Saturday, October 12

Men's and Mixed 4BBB

Overall winner: Harry Bentley and Max Bentley with 50 pts from Bailey Hennessy and Finn O'Brien on 48 pts.

BDL: 44 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Travis Johnson, 7th Mark Reid, 10th Alf Micallef and 17th Alex Andrews.

Women's 4BBB 18H Stableford

Overall winner: Helen Coghlan and Jeanette Diss with 46 pts from Maureen Ellard and Pip Hollaway on 45 pts.

BDL: 44 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Dawn Andrews, 7th Adrienne Anglin, 10th and 17th Tracey Cuff.

Sunday, October 13

Open Stableford

Winner: Scott Huther (10) with 41 pts from Callum Farman (9) on 38 pts C/B.

BDL: 36 pts.

2nd Neil Malcolm – HCP 18, nett 53 and 3rd Martin Giblin – HCP 17, nett 58.

Red Rocks golf results

GOLF

Saturday, October 12

Stroke: 1st Rod Widmer – HCP 19, nett 52,

Sunday, October 13

Stableford: 1st Paul Fixter – HCP 20, 37 pts, 2nd Rod Widmer – HCP 19, 36 pts and 3rd Adam Guyatt – HCP 12, 33 pts.

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Congratulations to winning team, McHenry Motors, pictured with President Jake Eisen (far right).



Captains and Co Captains of teams with President Jake Eisen (far left).

PIBC's first comp goes off with a bang

SURFING

On Saturday October 12, the Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) kicked off their 2024/25 season with their first competition, a tag team event at the Bang Bang Shootout.

With five teams – each made up of 11 surfers – competitors of all ages hit the lineup to show off their skills.

Each team had 120 minutes to make their mark, led by their Captains and Co Captains, and for a bit of fun, all Captains hit the waves in their signature hats for a bonus scoring point.

The groms truly impressed everyone, showing tremendous leadership and courage throughout the day.

Special shoutouts to Max Agonostou, Lennox Archibald,

Scarlett Rennie, Sarah Seuren and Eddie Maier (who also took home Grom of the Day).

The day's Courage Award went to the fearless Dylan James, while Codie Jeffery earned Wave of the Day with an impressive 9.33 ride that left everyone in awe.

Both Dylan and Codie were awarded Narval wetsuits for their exceptional performances.

The big overall team win went to McHenry Motors, whose teamwork and skill stood out across the heats.

"It was amazing to see the spirit of competition and camaraderie on full display," said club President Jake Eisen.

"Our younger surfers really stepped up, and the atmosphere of fun, teamwork and community was felt by everyone.

"Days like these remind us why we love being part of this club."

"Overall it was a fantastic event and we're already looking forward to the next comp. A big thanks to everyone who participated and supported!"

The tag team event was sponsored by Bang Bang Restaurant, Woolamai Pizza and Narval wetsuits.

Sharks kick off season

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Kurt Lane joined Max and he proceeded to slaughter the MDU attack all over the ground.

Max rotating the strike well, Kurt proceeding to hit the roof of the clubrooms and the skipper's car bonnet. In a scary moment, a flat bat six that went no more than two metres off the ground all the way to the clubrooms, had everyone scampering for cover, Dave Fusinato almost wearing the ball to the legs.

With drinks looming the pair had just brought up 100 when Max was dismissed LBW for a patient 14 ending a 72-run stand and went to drinks shortly after at 3/105 off 20 overs.

Tim Niven had joined Kurt and after immediately hitting yet another six, Kurt was caught near the boundary for an electric 70 off just 40 balls, clubbing five fours and sixes along the way.

Andrew Finlayson was up next, and together with Nivo, the two built a solid partnership over the next 14 overs with some good running and keeping the boundaries coming. They combined for a solid 67-run partnership before Finno was out caught chasing quick runs for a well-made 43, the score now 5/182 with four overs to go.

Sarith Angelo came out and made a quick fire 20. Tim picked up his own pace as well to finish unbeaten on 29, seeing the Sharks finish 6/211 off 40 overs.

After consuming what will be an early contender for the best afternoon tea of the year, the



B1 Grade bowlers, Tim Niven and Harry Arceo bowled well to combine for five wickets.



Century maker and Captain Daniel Mock with A Grade debutant Jobe Williams.

Sharks hit the field with young guns Tim Niven and Harry Arceo ready to take the new ball.

It did not take long before the team were celebrating, Nivo grabbing the edge of the MDU opener to have him caught behind in the first over.

Not to be outdone, Harry picked up one in his first over to a fantastic reflex catch from reluctant gully fieldsman Tarryn Allan and it was 2/8.

The very next over the MDU batsmen decided to chance a second run on Kurt's arm and were left disappointed as he whipped the ball into keeper Finlayson to complete the run-out, and MDU were in early trouble at 3/8.

In Harry's fourth over he drew a false shot from the dangerous Hooper, Tarryn running back

to take another nice catch and MDU were in all sorts at 4/16.

At this point, the MDU skipper Bright decided attack was the only option as he quickly belted 14 off Harry's next over, but the partnership was short lived as his partner smashed a Tim Niven delivery straight at Harry who took a great catch; Meeniyana now reeling with the score 5/31.

Over the next ten overs until tea, the Sharks coughed up a couple of chances, particularly off Justin Tran, who was bowling a fantastic spell in his first game of B1 cricket. The drinks break arriving with MDU recovering to be 5/76 off 20.

The Island skipper urged his players to stay patient and hang on to our chances, which Tharidu did fantastically not long

after the break, taking a great catch to get Kurt his first wicket and MDU were now 6/81.

MDU keeper Thomas joined Bright, and the pair proceeded to slowly tick off the runs. Bright launching some massive bombs, Kurt getting a taste of his own as the pair pushed towards an unlikely victory, Bright brought up a sensational 100 along the way, better than a run a ball.

With just four overs to go and only 31 to win, MDU were looking at pinching a mammoth win, when the re-introduced Harry Arceo finally broke through to have Thomas caught behind for an excellent 36, ending a 100-run

stand and the score now 7/181.

Tarryn combined with Finno next over for a stumping to make it 8/183, and with time now running out, MDU skipper tried to run on any chance, resulting in two runouts to quickly wrap up the game, seeing MDU all out for 188, Bright unbeaten on a magnificent 104.

Harry picked up three wickets for the Sharks and Tim Niven two to be the pick of the bowlers. In the end a great win to start the season.

Man of the Match was Tim Niven for his excellent unbeaten 29 and two wickets.

Go Sharks.

Euchre results

Ladies' winner: Sandy Slaney with seven wins.

Men's winner: John O'Brien with six wins.

Encouragement award: Tony Fallon.

A special and belated congratulations from the club to Leon Brennan for being crowned the September ladies' champion.

With a busy MotoGP week the club is expecting the Phillip Island RSL to be abuzz Thursday night.

Tables are pre-booked for those wishing to dine prior to cards beginning at 7.30pm.

New players are welcome to join. For more information contact Bob Hee on 0418 173 388.

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Cricket superstar tees off

GOLF

Australian cricket superstar Glenn Maxwell will be heading to the Blitz Golf League event at Red Rocks Golf Club on Phillip Island in December.

Maxwell has confirmed that he will play at the second event in the Blitz Golf League series at the Red Rocks Golf Club on December 21. Joining him from the cricket stables will be Melbourne Renegades Captain Will Sutherland and teammate Fergus O'Neill.

Victorian Golf Professionals Zach Murray and James Marchesani are locked in to take on their cricketing counterparts. Murray, who hails from Wodonga in Victoria is currently on the Asian and Australian PGA Tour. Marchesani, born in Melbourne, is on the Australian PGA Tour and in his tenth year as a Professional Golfer.

Red Rocks said it is going all out for the fans with plans for the event including:

- VIP Hospitality offerings
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Australian cricket superstar Glenn Maxwell will be heading to the Blitz Golf League event at Red Rocks Golf Club on Phillip Island on December 21.

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- Prizes to be won on the day

Blitz Golf is the world's first short format Golf event colloquially known as the T20 of Golf. It features pro-golfers playing off against sporting and media celebrities, revolving around a central Stadium Hole – with three progressively shorter rounds of knock-out golf

played over three hours.

"We're excited to host our first Blitz Golf League event this year," said Ed Farquharson from the Red Rocks Golf Club.

"It is a great chance to showcase what the Phillip Island and San Remo area has to offer, as we host some of Australia's PGA golfers and superstars like Glenn Maxwell."

Grounds passes start from \$10, kids are free and there are VIP Packages available at BlitzGolf.net



Registrations are now open for the Nippers 2024/25 season. The program is designed to give children aged 6 to 13 essential water safety and surf lifesaving skills.

Nippers program now open for registrations

SURF LIFESAVING

The Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club is excited to announce registrations are now open for its highly anticipated Nippers program for the 2024/25 season.

This surf program will take place from December 29 to January 5 (excluding New Year's Day), and is designed to give children aged 6 to 13 essential water safety and surf lifesaving skills.

Held at Cleeland Bight (U6-U11's) and Smiths Beach (U12 and U13), the program offers an action-packed week where nippers can learn about beach safety, build water confidence and develop crucial skills such as ocean swimming, board paddling, beach running and rescue techniques.

Nippers is not just about training future surf life savers; it's also about making the beach a fun, safe place for children and families to explore and enjoy.

The program emphasises community

involvement and personal growth. Participants will gain a better understanding of the ocean environment and through a range of fun, challenging activities, they will also learn the importance of teamwork, leadership and discipline.

It's a great opportunity for kids to develop both their physical skills and a strong sense of responsibility toward the beach community on Phillip Island.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to get involved as volunteers to assist the week run smoothly. The program also offers a supportive environment where children of all swimming abilities are welcome, ensuring everyone gets the chance to improve at their own pace.

Don't miss this opportunity for your child to learn lifesaving skills while having fun on the beach. For more information or to register in the Woolamai Beach Nippers program, visit www.woolamaibeach.org.au/nippers



Nippers learn about beach safety, build water confidence and develop crucial skills such as ocean swimming, board paddling, beach running and rescue techniques.



Phillip Island's Arthur McKenzie came third in the Over 35 Masters Category at the Worksafe Tradies Challenge at URBNSURF on the weekend. Photo: Noah Clifford (moshxmmedia), Surfing Victoria.

Tradies swap tools for tubes

SURFING

Congratulations to Phillip Island's Arthur McKenzie who came third in the Over 35 Masters Category at the Worksafe Tradies Challenge at URBNSURF on the weekend.

Jan Juc surfer Ethan Huxtable won the Open Men category, Callan Cross (Torquay) won the Masters and Ryan Jucker (Hampton East) won the Open Bodyboard category.

Along with the premium URBNSURF waves the

surfers got to enjoy Worksafe tradie packs, Hello Sauna's relaxing sauna and an exciting range of demo boards thanks to Boardlab throughout the day.

Full results via www.surfingvic.com/live

Results from the league

TENPIN BOWLING

Phantom: 1st on 128 pts Jewls, 2nd on 127 pts Saucer and 3rd on 127 pts HSB.

2s Company – Monday evening: 1st on 19 pts King Pins, 2nd on 18 pts Jail and 3rd on 17.5 pts Pinpushers.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends) – Wednesday evening: 1st on 132 pts Storm, 2nd on 123 pts Dreamers and 3rd on 118.5 pts Pinpals.

Business Early – Thursday evening: 1st on 3 pts Old Timers, 2nd on 3 pts Happy Hour, 3rd on 3 pts Wooly Balls and 4th on 2 pts Turkey Slappers.

Business Late: 1st on 3 pts Team Rich, 2nd on 3 pts The Big D's, 3rd on 2 pts S&R Clarke Auto and 4th on 2 pts Holy Splits.

Top scores across each league:

Men: Jason Bence (207), Toby Durdin (194) and Scott Lynch (193).

Women: Tricia Niessink (167), Penny Wolswinkel (156) and Valma Peterson (154).

TIDE GUIDE

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

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HIGH 11:31 am 2.53 m	LOW 5:53 am 0.97 m	LOW 7:14 am 0.95 m	LOW 8:20 am 0.90 m	LOW 9:16 am 0.86 m	LOW 10:07 am 0.84 m	LOW 10:54 am 0.84 m
LOW 5:16 pm 1.02 m	HIGH 12:40 pm 2.58 m	HIGH 1:43 pm 2.66 m	HIGH 2:39 pm 2.74 m	HIGH 3:29 pm 2.79 m	HIGH 4:15 pm 2.82 m	HIGH 4:58 pm 2.81 m
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A Grade's Daniel Mock leaves the field after his unbeaten century.

Sharks kick off season

CRICKET

A Grade

The A Grade Sharks ventured over for a rare trip to Koonwarra to face the newly promoted Cougars in a battle of the reigning A1 and A2 premiers.

Captain Daniel Mock won the toss and had no hesitation in batting first at the picturesque but heavy Koonwarra reserve.

Lochie Cleeland and Brodie Johnston opened up proceedings and got the innings off to a solid and controlled start as the scoreboard constantly ticked at four runs an over.

The Sharks lost their first wicket in the 10th over as Johnston nicked a cut shot on 20 with the score on 43.

Mock joined Cleeland at the crease and begun cautiously, putting on a further 20 runs until Cleeland was dismissed for 37.

At two for 63 off 15 overs, it was important for the Sharks to consolidate whilst still looking to score. Joining Mock was Tom Niven and he played the

perfect role in getting off strike and allowing the senior batter to become the aggressor.

A change in tactic from the Cougars saw Mock capitalise on some short pitched bowling, finding and clearing the boundary on multiple occasions to take the run-rate up to five an over at the drinks break.

A steady few overs out of the break saw the partnership grow as both batters began scoring with ease until Niven skied a pull shot for a mature 27. With the score on 152 after 32, a solid platform was set for the middle order to cash in.

Kohen Beaumont strode to the crease and had immediate impact as he scored a better than a run a ball 26, as he and Mock took the score over 200.

With a couple of overs left, Mock was able to pile on a few late runs as he passed 100, eventually finishing on 115 not out, including three fours and seven sixes.

At the end of the 40 overs, the Island Sharks finished on 4/234.

A difficult chase was ahead

of the Cougars and that become a whole lot harder when young star George McCausland ripped the stumps out of the ground, two balls in a row during the third over.

Some agricultural hitting and some sloppy catching saw the Cougars work their way back into the game, before Zac Brown's offies' were able to produce the vital breakthrough of the aggressive batsman which opened up the door for more wickets.

Zac's impressive spell continued as he found two more breakthroughs, eventually finishing with three for 24 off his eight overs.

In his first bowling spell for A Grade, Jobe Williams came into the attack with great effect, looking the most dangerous of the bowlers, claiming two wickets in his spell of five overs and only conceding 13 runs — this is even more impressive considering he is only 14 years old.

At 7/92 the result was all but decided, a 60-run partnership ensured the game went the distance.

Max Royal bowled without luck all day but picked up a late wicket as the Cougars batted out their overs, finishing eight for 156 off their 40 overs.

A great win to start the year for the Island Sharks.

B1 Grade

After round one was washed out, B1 welcomed Meeniyar to Rhyll for the round two one day clash, which was in immaculate condition thanks to groundskeeper Niven's impressive mower work.

Island skipper Andrew Finlayson won the toss and elected to bat first.

Max Arceo and Tharidu Asurumuni opened for the Sharks and had only reached 12 when Tharidu was bowled by a beautiful yorker for five.

Connor Epifano was in next with Max and the pair looked in control when Connor skied an attempted pull and was left to wander off grimacing in frustration at a lost opportunity, and the Sharks were 2/30.

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