

# PHILLIP ISLAND & SAN REMO ADVERTISER

YOUR COMMUNITY VOICE!

Wednesday, October 30, 2024

\$1.80 Incl. GST



There were smiles, hugs and laughter when local paramedics and police reunited with Lawton Ho and his family on the weekend. In August, the first responders were called to San Remo when Lawton suffered a cardiac arrest. Family friend FengYe Chan administered CPR and on Sunday she was keen to get a selfie with the entire life-saving crew. Read the full story on page 7.

## “Devastated” landowner landed with a lemon

### PLANNING

A landowner says the \$550,000 she paid for her property is money in the bin after VCAT refused her planning permit because Silverleaves Avenue – which fronts the property – failed to meet a flood safety threshold.

Architect Jude Doyle bought the property that is within the town boundary in 2020.

She then met all the planning

criteria for a proposed, modest, three-bedroom home. The building’s floor level exceeding height limits by up to a metre; and there were no objectors to her permit.

But after Melbourne Water changed the flood height for Silverleaves in 2022, Jude’s property became “worthless” and “sterilised”, with the devastated owner now a casualty of chaotic flood planning.

Bass Coast Shire supported her application at September’s VCAT hearing, with Jude now calling on VCAT to reconsider the refusal “based on the implications for both personal and broader community development”.

Last week she wrote to the Victorian Planning Minister stating the decision will have significant impacts for development state-wide, and asked the minister to overturn it.

Jude said there was now a lack of clarity on minimising flood risk on Phillip Island, and has questioned why VCAT’s focus is on risk elimination rather than risk mitigation.

She said there have recently been a string of inconsistent planning permits issued to nearby Silverleaves properties; with some approved and some refused under different regulations and timing.

“How can my neighbours across the road at 31 Silverleaves Avenue obtain a planning permit in 2021 and I can’t obtain a planning permit in 2022? Why is there no transition period for policy?”

Continued page 5



 FIRST NATIONAL PHILLIP ISLAND

SALES | RENTALS  
HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

CALL US TODAY FOR A  
FREE MARKET APPRAISAL

PH: 03 5952 3922 | WWW.PHILLIPISLANDFN.COM.AU

COWES SELF STORAGE

COWESBOAT  
CARAVANRVSTORAGE



24 hr Video  
Surveillance

FULLY SECURED - FULL SURVEILLANCE

Ray White Phillip Island  
41 Thompson Avenue, Cowes  
5952 2799



SOUTH COAST  
FLOORING XTRA

A FABULOUS FLOORING EXPERIENCE

155 Thompson Avenue, Cowes 03 5952 1488



PHILLIP ISLAND

7 DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Wed/Oct30	Thu/Oct31	Fri/Nov1	Sat/Nov2	Sun/Nov3	Mon/Nov4	Tue/Nov5
CLOUDY	POSSIBLE SHOWER	CLOUDY	PARTLY CLOUDY	POSSIBLE SHOWER	SHOWER OR TWO	PARTLY CLOUDY
13 18	12 18	11 17	11 23	15 21	12 16	11 16



The old house in Church Street went up in flames around 3.30pm on Thursday.  
Photo: Katrina Lawrence.

# Police investigate house fire

## CRIME

Police are investigating a fire that destroyed a Cowes house on Thursday.

The blaze took hold of the Church Street house, opposite Coles, about 3.30pm, with fire crews from Cowes and San Remo quickly dousing the flames of the asbestos building.

Cowes police Sergeant Chris Brinkman confirmed Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit would be investigating the fire.

“The house has possibly been squatted in and we will be making inquiries with the people who have been squatting to try and determine whether it’s suspicious,” Sgt Brinkman said.

“CIU investigate all fires if there’s a question of suspicion.”

Church Street outside Coles was closed for more than an hour while crews battled the smoke and flames.

Shoppers came dangerously close to the blaze to record it for social media.



Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club received an \$83,960 Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program grant for repairs works to the Smiths Beach Rescue tower.



San Remo’s CFA received a \$100,000 grant for an extension to its station.

# Emergency services get funding boost

## GRANTS

Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club (WBSLSC) has received an \$83,960 grant from the State Government’s Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) for repairs to the Smiths Beach Rescue tower.

The project will include wall panel works, inside painting, stair removal and replacement.

This year the club has been seeking \$140,000 in funding to ensure the safety of the rescue base structure, which was built only six years ago.

To date, the club has raised around \$25,000 and with the most recent grant, is well on the way to reaching its fundraising target.

The rescue base is critical for public first aid, as a training hub, surveillance and shelter, as well as storage, and since being built in 2018 harsh conditions have caused decay and rust and the

base requires urgent repairs.

San Remo’s CFA has also received \$100,000 for an extension to its station.

Other local services to receiving funding from the program include Cape Paterson and Inverloch SLSC, and Pound Creek, Corinella and Inverloch CFA.

Local MP Jordan Crugnale announced that locally, eight grants, with a total value of \$658,818 were awarded to CFA brigades and Life Saving Clubs across the Bass electorate.

“This is so welcomed and how wonderful that we will now see an extension at the San Remo CFA station for their growing brigade numbers, and a much-needed new light tanker for Corinella which will service the surrounding waterline townships.

“A massive congratulations to all our successful local volunteer groups and for their stellar fundraising efforts and community support which contribute enor-

mously and ensures what they need for their station, unit or club a reality,” Ms Crugnale said.

“This annual program provides the vital equipment, appliances, facilities you need and deserve to care, support, service and keep us safe. Thank you for all you do in our community, at all hours in all conditions, we are beyond grateful.”

VESEP is an annual grants program that provides funding to Victorian emergency services volunteer groups to purchase essential operational equipment, vehicles and appliances and undertake minor facility improvements.

Full details at: [www.emv.vic.gov.au/how-we-help/grants-and-awards](http://www.emv.vic.gov.au/how-we-help/grants-and-awards)

To donate to the Smiths Beach Rescue Tower fundraiser, go to: [www.woolamaibeach.org.au/donate](http://www.woolamaibeach.org.au/donate) and select ‘Smiths Beach Rescue Base’

PHILLIP ISLAND & SAN REMO

ADVERTISER

CONTACT US:

Editorial: [advertiser@pisra.com.au](mailto:advertiser@pisra.com.au)  
Advertising: [ads@pisra.com.au](mailto:ads@pisra.com.au)  
Sport: [sport@pisra.com.au](mailto:sport@pisra.com.au)  
Classifieds: [ads@pisra.com.au](mailto:ads@pisra.com.au)

Suite 2, 60 Chapel Street, Cowes, 3922.  
Phone (03) 5952 3201  
Fax (03) 5952 3024

Publication No. VBF 9005897  
Registered by Australia Post.

Subscribe online  
[www.pisra.com.au](http://www.pisra.com.au)

Melina BATH MP

THE NATIONALS MEMBER FOR EASTERN VICTORIA REGION

2/181 Franklin St, Traralgon VIC 3844  
[melina.bath@parliament.vic.gov.au](mailto:melina.bath@parliament.vic.gov.au)  
5174 7066  
MelinaBathMLC

RUSSELL BROADBENT

TRUST | REASON | COMMONSENSE

FOLLOW ME ON:

TO KEEP UPDATED ON THE LATEST ISSUES

(03) 5623 2064  
46C Albert St Warragul VIC 3820  
[russell.broadbent.mp@aph.gov.au](mailto:russell.broadbent.mp@aph.gov.au)

Authorised by Russell Broadbent MP, Independent Federal Member for Monash, Warragul

WATERPROOF UNDER YOUR DECK

and turn the area into useable space all year round

PRE WINTER SALE 15% OFF

UNDERDECK

Call 0417 591 113  
for your local distributor  
E: [huntersales@netspace.net.au](mailto:huntersales@netspace.net.au)  
[www.underdeck.com.au](http://www.underdeck.com.au)

COASTAL

REFRIGERATION & AIR-CONDITIONING

Refrigerant Trade Auth No: AU 51426 - PI 48651

- Service Agent for Daikin
- Commercial & Domestic Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
- Licensed Split System Installer • Sales, Installation and Service

DAIKIN

AH’S COMMERCIAL BREAKDOWN EXPERT AFTER SALES SERVICE

Rick North – Servicing Phillip Island & Surrounding Areas

Phone: 5678 5190 – Factory 1, 60 Genista St, San Remo

[www.coastalrefrigandaircon.com.au](http://www.coastalrefrigandaircon.com.au)

coastal\_refrig\_and\_aircon Coastal Refrigeration & Airconditioning





Depending on fundraising efforts, the new museum will take up to three years' construction for the completion of stage one, with civil works expected within 10 months but "a sod turning in the near future".

# Vietnam Vets step up fundraising

## MUSEUM

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum (NVVM) board has cranked up its fundraising for their new museum, with a trip to Canberra and the USA planned.

The board has also hired a professional funding organisation to raise remaining funds, with \$16 million in state and federal government grants so far promised to the project.

Board member Phil Dressing said they had also commissioned quantity surveyor reports, due by the end of the year, which will review the initial \$50 million construction budget.

"That \$50 million looks like increasing substantially due to the increase in construction costs in recent years," Phil said.

Earlier this year the Planning Minister approved the new NVVM, which was initially approved by Bass Coast Shire councillors in 2022.

But after two objectors fought it at VCAT, the permit was refused last year.

The ministerially-approved permit green lights a new museum at 24 Churchill Road, which is similar to the original permit and has incorporated a number of tweaks that take on VCAT's concerns.

Phil said on November 5 he would be joined by board chair Kingsley Munday and Vietnam Veterans Association of Australia (Victoria) president Bob Elworthy on a trip to Canberra to seek more than \$10 million funding.

The trio will meet with Veterans' Affairs Minister Matt Keogh, shadow minister Barnaby Joyce, as well as long-term supporter Senator Jacqui Lambie, Member for Monash Russell Broadbent and hopefully Tourism Minister Senator Don Farrell.

In August next year board representa-

tives will also attend the Vietnam Veterans of America biannual conference as guest speakers.

"We wouldn't be going if we didn't think we would also fundraise," Phil said, adding indications are that veteran philanthropy was strong in the USA.

"I'm supremely confident we will raise the required funds."

Phil added the majority of the 80 acres would be given to the community as re-vegetated parkland.

## Construction

Board chair Kingsley Munday said it would take up to three years' for the completion of stage one construction, with civil works expected within 10 months and "a sod turning in the near future".

He said fundraising had been hampered by the lack of surety for the project.

Following the minister's approval, he said after seven years of planning for a new museum "we have now reached the starting line".

"We have had a number of discussions pending the outcome of the planning process and we expect support from our allies alongside whom our troops served in Vietnam."

Kingsley recently purchased Phillip Island's helicopter business and the front 2.4 hectares of the airport land, on the corner of Veterans Drive and Phillip Island Road.

He said the museum currently used part of that land, "with the good graces of the previous owner", to park a Caribou aircraft and provide parking in front of the museum.

Once the new building is open, the current site will transition into offices, a conservation centre and storage for the Churchill Road collection.



Seal Rocks population surveys since 2007 show pup numbers have decreased 30 per cent over a decade. While there are blanket regulations for boats near wildlife, at Seal Rocks it is 20 metres for a permitted tour vessel, 60 metres for all other boats and 260 metres for jet skis - to the boundary of the colony.

# Boat noise impact on Nobbies' seal colony study

## WILDLIFE

Loud marine watercraft noise leads to behaviour changes in nearby seals, according to a new study which has recommended improved regulations.

For the first time, a team of researchers, led by University of Sydney PhD Candidate Jessalyn Taylor, examined seasonal differences in the behavioural responses of seals near Seal Rocks.

The study found exposure to boat engine noise above 75 dB resulted in short-term behavioural disturbances amongst the seals.

It found while behavioural responses were limited to the period of noise exposure, frequent disturbances could lead to fur seals suffering more population-wide consequences.

"Human activity is changing the environment faster than many species can adapt, if they can even adapt at all, so it is vital that regulations to protect wildlife are frequently reviewed to ensure they are effective," Jessalyn said.

Seal Rocks is home to the country's largest colony of Australian fur seals, with about 20,000 seals or

25 per cent of the species' population, with surveys since 2007 showing pup numbers off the Nobbies have decreased by 30 per cent.

Seal Rocks has a small vessel exclusion zone during the pupping and breeding season when vessel traffic is at its peak: 20 metres for a permitted tour vessel, 60 metres for all other boats and 260 metres for jet skis - to the boundary of the colony.

## Surveys

Researchers conducted surveys over four seasons between January 2022 and August 2023 using pre-recorded vessel noise from an operating outboard motor typical of vessels visiting Seal Rocks.

They assessed seal responses to low (64-70 dB), medium (71-75 dB) and high (76-80 dB) levels of the noise.

"Findings of our study shows that behavioural changes in seals exposed to loud motor vessel noise were limited to the period of noise exposure, but created increased vigilance amongst the seals and reductions in nursing and rest during those times," Jessalyn said.

"We also found that high level noise exposure was more likely to cause seals to move away from the focal area compared to low and medium level noise, likely because they didn't like it or perceived it as a threat."

She said it was important the impacts of human visitation at sensitive marine sites were well understood to ensure adequate protection of seals and effective management of the area.

"This study is one of very few to evaluate the impacts of airborne vessel noise in pinnipeds and is the first to examine seasonal differences in behavioural responses," Ms Taylor said.

"Through this study we have been able to make comparisons between colony sites and species that will hopefully lead to better protection for Australian fur seals at Seal Rocks and other marine areas with high human traffic and interaction."

The study, Behavioural response of Australian fur seals to vessel noise during peak and off-peak human visitation, is available online in the Marine Pollution Bulletin.

# Swan Lake with no swans, or birds

## WEATHER

It may have felt cold and rainy in the past few weeks, but if Swan Lake on the Summerland Peninsula is a sign, we are experiencing below average rainfall.

The lake is usually full of water and birdlife at this time of year, but currently only features a couple of Cape Barren geese in shallow ponds.

A Phillip Island Nature Parks spokesperson said the low level was not unusual following a dry winter and birds would fly to areas with more favourable conditions and return with rainfall.



There were no swans at Swan Lake recently, with the lake's current low levels the result of below average winter rainfall.

**Grandview Family Clinic is being supported by the Melbourne Sexual Health Centre (MSHC), internationally recognised as a leader in sexual health care and research.**

**Our staff have received in-depth training and education from MSHC and we have adopted their policies and guidelines so we can best support our patients.**

## DID YOU KNOW THAT GRANDVIEW FAMILY CLINIC CAN PROVIDE :

- Screening tests for Sexually transmitted infections for people without any symptoms
- Testing and treatment for people with sexually transmitted infections
- We provide onsite treatment for Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, Syphilis and Genital warts
- Check-ups for people working in the Sex Industry
- Prescriptions for PEP and PrEP
- MPOX Vaccines

To book your Sexual Health appointment call us on (03) 5951 1860 or book online via our website: [www.familydoctor.com.au/grandviewfamilyclinic](http://www.familydoctor.com.au/grandviewfamilyclinic)

3 Grandview Grove, Cowes, Vic 3922  
t: 03 5951 1860 f: 08 7560 5102  
w: [www.familydoctor.com.au](http://www.familydoctor.com.au)

**GRANDVIEW**  
FAMILY CLINIC



# San Remo SES: “everyone has something to offer”

## VOLUNTEERS

San Remo SES Unit is looking for volunteers, both operational and non-operational, to join the service and help the community.

The San Remo Unit currently has 24 members who respond to a wide range of emergencies in the community including fallen trees, floods, landslides, beach/land rescues and searches.

San Remo SES also is an accredited road rescue unit, alongside Phillip Island and Wonthaggi SES.

There is no “typical” SES member, as San Remo Unit Controller Mandy Chancellor explained.

“If you look at the people who go to the Grand Final at the MCG, any one of them could be an SES volunteer – many probably are – and I don’t think a lot of the population realise that,” Mandy said, adding “everyone has something to offer”.

“There might be members of the community who want to contribute but feel they aren’t in a position to be operational (out in vehicles attending to requests for assistance) but there are still important roles to play in the non-operational space.

“Areas like community engagement, New Membership Officers, WHS Officers (Workplace Health & Safety), and Grant Officers are all positions where non-operational members can really use their experiences to support the unit.”

Mandy, who earlier this year won the Bass Coast Shire Council’s 2024 Community Leader Award for her work with the service and within the community, joined the SES in August 2019 when she “probably had eight hours” a week free.

“If you’d have said to me ten years ago that I was going to be a unit controller of an SES Unit, I would have thought: ‘well yeah, no,’” Mandy said.

“But I wanted to do something which connected me to my community, and so I went through this SES door and soon it became a fantastic way of life for me.

“Like most SES units, you become family: working beside really good people and sharing amazing experiences. Many members become life long friends.”



There is no “typical” SES member, Mandy Chancellor said, with everyone being able to offer something to the service. From left: Rod Cameron, Rob Bishop, Ross Pryor, Unit Controller Mandy Chancellor, Daniel Blackney, Charlotte Jones, Bianca Peters and David Cox.

## Recruitment

The San Remo Unit Controller explained while expanding and building the unit’s capabilities, the team was “particularly keen” to hear from local members of the community who live close to the San Remo Unit (on Davis Point Road).

However, Mandy also said she was “super excited” to hear from anyone who has a few hours a week available, to talk about how they could contribute to the SES.

Mandy said she works closely with members to accommodate a range of personal circumstances, but that spare time and dedication to the community were the two main pre-requisites for volunteering at the SES.

The Unit Controller said anybody can play an important role for the service, and that it all starts with a conversation.

Members at San Remo SES are all volunteers, with many balancing various different day jobs in the community, as well as others who are studying along with retired or semi-retired members.

“And let age not be a deterrent,” Mandy said, noting the different ages in the San Remo Unit ranges from young adults (18 plus) and parents with young children, to retirees and mature age members of the community.

## Dedication

One member of the San Remo SES unit, Rob Bishop, is also

a dual member with Moorabbin SES Unit. Rob said as an SES volunteer “pretty much, you just want to make a real big dent in the community and help them out”.

“The most important thing about this unit is that they work closely with other emergency services to provide support in various emergency situations including road crash rescue as well as the effects of storms, including flooding and building damage from storm events that sweep across our coastline and inland.

“The opportunity to learn new skills with the SES is amazing, as is using those new skills in supporting the community.

“This is actually a lifestyle and a supportive family is vital, both with the time of day we can be called out and the ongoing commitment to support the unit to be operational.”

The unit was grateful to recently receive a donation from STIHL of a cordless chainsaw. The more user-friendly equipment is another way the unit works to remove barriers to people volunteering to be part of the team.

Anyone interested in joining the SES, as an operational or non-operational member, can contact the San Remo Unit at: [sanremo@ses.vic.gov.au](mailto:sanremo@ses.vic.gov.au) or by visiting the VICSES website at: [ses.vic.gov.au](http://ses.vic.gov.au)



Westernport Water’s project leaders of the floating wetland pilot project are from left Zoe Geyer and Mark Dishon.

# Plants fight a gassy problem

## ENVIRONMENT

There’s usually no good news to come out of sewage.

But a “cutting edge” pilot project at Westernport Water’s Pyramid Rock Road wastewater treatment plant has found floating wetlands can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and remove chemicals, a community forum heard last week.

The water authority is halfway through a two-year pilot project at the Cowes Wastewater Treatment Plant, releasing preliminary findings to about 40 community members at the forum, including farmers who can apply findings to farm dams.

The treatment plant recycles Phillip Island’s sewage in a series of processes including a lagoon, before it is either released into the ocean out of a Pyramid Rock outlet or is re-used as recycled water on local sports fields and farms.

The findings from CSIRO and RMIT researchers who are working on the lagoon pilot project show:

- Two of three floating plant species – common reed and jointed twig rush – successfully removed more sewage nutrients;
- The floating plants have reduced carbon dioxide by 27 per cent, nitrous oxide by 19 per cent and methane by 58 per cent; and
- There is early evidence the

floating wetland is able to remove synthetic materials from wastewater, such as PFAS “forever chemicals”.

Westernport Water’s climate change advisor Zoe Geyer told the forum water authorities were legally required to be net zero emissions by 2035 and by July 1 they would be powered by 100 per cent renewable energy.

“We have an ambition beyond zero carbon,” Zoe said, explaining they hoped the pilot project would not only reduce emissions, but sequester or store them to allow potential for carbon credits.

Zoe said there were also strict requirements in the recycled water that could be released out of the Pyramid Rock outflow.

“This is a scientific trial and so if we can reduce the nutrients that will improve what flows out to the ocean.”

CSIRO researcher Dr John Awad, from South Australia, told the forum the trial showed early indications the floating plants could reduce PFAS levels by up to 60 per cent.

RMIT researcher Martino Malerba said globally waste water was responsible for up to five per cent of greenhouse gas emissions and the pilot project could be rolled out across farm dams.

The pilot project will be finished in April 2025.

**Handley & Anderson**  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
Servicing South Gippsland & Phillip Island

Locally owned and operated by

**Scott & Sharon Anderson 5672 1074**

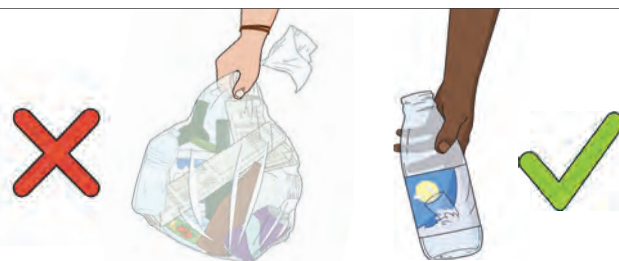
Caring and personal 24 hour Service

**Main office Wonthaggi**  
**3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi**  
**(P.O Box 35, Wonthaggi)**

**Cowes office (by appointment)**  
**15 Warley Avenue, Cowes 5952 5171**

Email: [info@handafunerals.com.au](mailto:info@handafunerals.com.au)  
[www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au](http://www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au)

A.F.D.A.



**Recycle items loose and not in bags.**



Visit [basscoast.vic.gov.au/whichbin](http://basscoast.vic.gov.au/whichbin) to find out more





# “Devastated” landowner landed with a lemon

From page 1

Jude hired a barrister, hydrologist and solicitor for the VCAT case, that cost her nearly \$100,000 – including the creation of a flood risk management plan – and describes the decision as “really heavy-handed”.

“It’s like having \$550,000 and chucking it in the bin. There’s not much I can do with the land now except build a fence and maybe a shed,” said Jude, who pays vacant land tax, on top of land tax and rates.

“I’m stuck with it unless there’s some kind of miracle.”

## Ruling

As previously reported last month, in *Doyle v Bass Coast SC*, Jude was seeking to build an elevated single level, three-bedroom home on 32 Silverleaves Avenue with a Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO).

Under an LSIO, the permit was referred to Melbourne Water who objected and Bass Coast Shire was then required to refuse the permit, which it did in July last year. However, at the VCAT hearing, Bass Coast Shire supported the application.

VCAT concluded the permit should be refused because of risks to future occupants from coastal inundation and sea level rise.

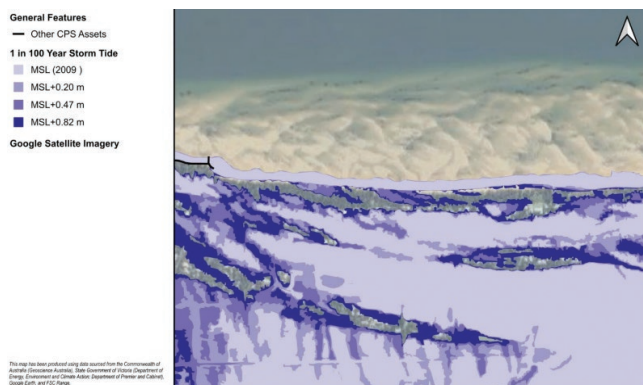
Jude said the blame for her predicament lay with Melbourne Water, which transitioned from using 2040 flooding data to 2100 flooding data in 2022.

“I have been caught out in this change. The crux of the problem is the road level – not my site – is too low to meet the Melbourne Water safety threshold.

“That threshold is a one per cent chance of a flood event in 100 years from the Rhyll Inlet, a freak tidal event, so not days of flooding, but hours.

“I designed my floor level higher, but I can’t do anything about the road height.”

Jude bought the land



A casualty of chaotic flood planning: VCAT’s ruling means the owner of a Silverleaves property is left with worthless land and unable to build. This map shows the extent of temporary inundation in a one-in-100-year storm tide.

with a view to living in Silverleaves in the future.

She volunteers with the Silverleaves Conservation Association and her partner’s family has had a holiday home in the hamlet since the 1960s.

“There’s no precedent for flooding in Silverleaves since that time.”

## Next steps

Jude said for future property owners in LSIO areas there needed to be better guidance to cope with planning changes.

She was scathing of Melbourne Water, saying they had “singled her out”, yet had no expertise in coastal inundation or Silverleaves conditions, instead relying on flood modelling for Tooradin.

“VCAT and Melbourne Water are making decisions that are extremely conservative with no transition for people caught by the goal posts changing.

“People should not be allowed to be caught out. There’s no transition, no discretion. It’s not even about law, it’s about the vibe.

“The planning scheme and Melbourne Water are not talking to each other.

“I understand if this applied to a greenfield site, but my land is within the town boundary.

“It’s pretty sh\*t: government trying to squash one person and then go and approve a commercial development right on the Rhyll foreshore, for example, which was given a govern-

ment grant to build.”

Jude said she could not afford to take the VCAT decision to the Supreme Court and “rolled the dice” on even taking the permit to VCAT, now wishing she had instead simply sold the land or never bought it.

## Precedents

Last year, there has been a spike in planning permit refusals in Bass Coast, with Melbourne Water having the power to veto a permit application.

The owner of 2 Settlement Road, Silverleaves, had their application for an extension of time to build a house rejected by VCAT, with Melbourne Water stating there was “a significant level of risk to life and property resulting from the predicted depth and frequency of flooding” on Settlement Road.

A million-dollar property at 13 Woodland Avenue in Silverleaves had a planning permit for a new home refused. The applicant appealed at VCAT and an agreement to address flood risk was reached, which saw a planning permit approved in July.

Also last year a planning permit for 2 Bruce Road was approved. Melbourne Water did not object, despite the significant flood risk impacting the land, mainly because the proposed building was a replacement dwelling with the same number of bedrooms as the existing dwelling to be demolished.

# Waterline resident wins big

## COMMUNITY

A Grantville resident won \$2 million in the weekend’s Tattslotto draw, with a ticket purchased from the Grantville Newsagency.

The Western Port resident held one of the 10 division one winning entries nationally in Tattslotto draw 4515, drawn Saturday October 26. Each division one winning entry scored \$2 million.

The winning woman and her husband were completely oblivious of their good fortune until an official made contact on Sunday to reveal the enormity of their prize.

“I’ve had a Tattslotto ticket each week for decades; where there’s luck, there’s hope,” the woman said.

When asked how she might enjoy the prize, she said she and her husband already had a few ideas.

“We’d love to help a couple of charities close to our hearts and, of course, family,” she said.

**HAVE YOUR SAY ON WILDLIFE REINTRODUCTIONS ON MULLOWL, PHILLIP ISLAND**

Australian National University

<https://tinyurl.com/WildlifeMullowl>

# Another dead tree falls on Ventnor Road

## ROAD SAFETY

Dead overhanging trees on Ventnor Road continue to be an issue of serious community concern, with another fallen branch reported on the much-used tourist and residential road.

As reported in the Advertiser earlier this month, there was an outpouring of community outrage after a large tree fell immediately in front of a sixty-seven-year-old driver at night.

Residents described driving down Ventnor Road as playing “Russian roulette” and questioned whether it would take a serious incident for the dead trees to be cleared.

Last week Jack (name changed), a Whitesands Estate resident, reported another sizeable branch which had fallen on the road.

“If somebody gets hurt, where’s (the road managers’) duty of care?” Jack questioned, saying he and his wife were “apprehensive” to drive down Ventnor Road, although sometimes it is “unavoidable”.

Jack said he “lost count” while numbering the dead trees along the road, but “there’d be at least ten dead ones”.

A spokesperson for the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), who manage Ventnor Road, said “our crews will be out at Ventnor Road this week to ensure the road remains safe for everyone.”

“Our crews regularly inspect every kilometre of our road network, including across Phillip Island, to identify any issues or hazards and maintain the roads in safe condition.”



Dead overhanging trees on Ventnor Road continue to be an issue of serious community concern, with another fallen branch reported on the much-used tourist and residential road.

Jack described this response as “lip service”, and said he couldn’t understand that if the department are inspecting the road regularly, why the trees which are now falling down on an almost weekly basis were not being removed.

“Some arborists should be able to come along, or somebody with common sense should be able to come along and go, ‘yeah, that’s dangerous. Let’s clear it.’”

## DTP response

Jack said after the wild September storm the road was littered with fallen trees and branches.

Jack contacted the Bass Coast Shire Council (who do not manage the road) and said in less than two weeks the fallen branches and trees were cleared.

The Whitesands Estate resident said he later

realised Ventnor Road fell under the remit of the DTP, not council, but was “quite happy” with council’s response.

“(Council) didn’t say ‘it’s not my job’, they didn’t say that at all, they just said ‘yeah,’ I mean it was almost as if they accepted it was their job.”

A spokesperson for the DTP said “following recent heavy winds and storms, our crews continue to clear vegetation debris as part of our broader clean-up and hazard response efforts across Phillip Island and this will continue through November.

“Over the past quarter, DTP maintenance crews have attended 95 jobs due to heavy weather.

“We encourage members of the public to notify us of any hazards on our roads by calling DTP on 13 11 70,” the DTP spokesperson said.

## ALLFLOOR CARPET CLEANING

A woman-owned and operated business, a lifetime visitor of the island for 40+ yrs. Specialising in steam and dry cleaning carpets, rugs, mattresses, upholstery and stain removal. Residential and commercial properties including homes, holiday rentals, Airbnb, motels, hotels and business premises. For a quote, contact Tracy at 0400 481 891 or visit [allfloor.com.au](http://allfloor.com.au)







# A medical miracle in San Remo

## HEALTH

In August, Lawton Ho and his family had taken visitors from Singapore for a day trip to San Remo.

What was meant to be an unforgettable day has been wiped from Lawton's memory, after he collapsed while enjoying a meal of fish and chips on the San Remo foreshore, suffering a cardiac arrest.

On the weekend, Lawton and his family returned to San Remo, to meet up with the first responders who helped save his life.

Despite the traumatic ordeal, Lawton says he feels incredibly lucky, and it seems the odds were certainly in his favour.

When he collapsed, friend FengYe Chan who is an ICU nurse, immediately started CPR, while daughter Saffina rang Triple Zero.

FengYe had only decided at the last minute to join the outing, invited along by Lawton's wife Jenny. Originally friends through their local church, Jenny describes FengYe as "like family now".

In another stroke of luck, local paramedics Simon McHenry and Paul De Fazio were on their way back from a job in

Melbourne and were just outside San Remo when they received the call and were quickly on the scene.

Local police from San Remo were across the road, following up a vandalism complaint, and rushed to assist.

All in all, it was a perfect storm.

Paramedic Paul De Fazio said when they arrived, FengYe was providing "good, effective CPR", helped by two nurses who were passing by.

"Any CPR is good," said fellow paramedic Simon McHenry, "but FengYe's was amazing."

"The police were a massive help to us and were able to take over the chest compressions which freed us up to take care of everything else," Paul said.

The team were able to shock Lawton and "reset the electrical activity", with FengYe praising the pair for their professionalism on the day.

## Memory

While the events of the day are burned into the minds of FengYe, Jenny and 14-year-old Saffina, Lawton said he has no memory of the day at all.

Rushed to hospital, he remained unconscious for four days, with doctors

telling his anxious family he had around a five per cent chance of waking up with his memory intact.

Once again, luck was on his side, and right at the four day deadline, when doctors would reassess the options, Lawton woke up and within a fortnight was in surgery, having arteries in his heart replaced.

He said his recovery was "extremely quick", and while he can't drive for six months, he feels he is close to being back to his normal self.

"I think I have been blessed."

Lawton and his family said they were thrilled to have the chance to meet up with the team who helped save him.

Paul De Fazio was equally happy to meet Lawton and see how well he had recovered.

"It was a very good feeling when we heard Lawton had survived, and we would like to commend FengYe for the wonderful job she did providing CPR."

"It shows that anyone in the community can make a difference and help to save someone's life, simply by knowing how to do CPR."

After spending 20 days in hospital, Lawton was discharged with no last-



Lawton Ho (second from left) with the team that helped save his life (from left): Victoria Police Lee Neubauer and Andrew Flanagan, Paramedics Simon McHenry and Paul De Fazio, with Saffina Ho, Jenny Ho and FengYe Chan.

ing effects.

He is undergoing five weeks of rehabilitation and recently returned to work as a teacher's aid,

walking every day to keep his heart healthy, and enjoying his new lease on life.

For the local paramed-

ics, it's been a very good news story.

"It's nice to know what we do can make such a difference," said Paul.

## Hands on help for cardiac arrests

Shocktober is a month-long campaign by Ambulance Victoria to highlight the importance of learning CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED).

"We know that bystander intervention has the greatest impact on improving someone's chance of surviving a

cardiac arrest and that is the message we're sharing this Shocktober," local paramedic Paul De Fazio said.

"In a cardiac arrest, for every minute CPR is delayed, survival decreases by 10 per cent."

Find out more about Shocktober at: [www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/shocktober/](http://www.ambulance.vic.gov.au/shocktober/)

Publicly accessible AEDs in San Remo:

- San Remo Post Office, 105 Marine Parade
- San Remo Fire Station, 69-71 Genista Street
- St Augustine's Anglican Church, 111 Marine Parade
- San Remo Fisherman's Co-Op, 170 Marine Parade

## REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

11AM MONDAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
COWES CENOTAPH

WREATH LAYING WELCOME

Please register at [bcarter@pirsl.com.au](mailto:bcarter@pirsl.com.au)  
or call 03 5952 1004



PIRSL.COM.AU  
225-243 THOMPSON AVE COWES VIC  
Facebook Instagram Twitter



L:R: Peter Paul, Kelvin Simpson and John Matthews

## New Chair at Community Bank

Kelvin Simpson is the new Chairman of the Board of the Community Banks of San Remo, Cowes and Grantville, with John Matthews the new Deputy Chair. Previous chairman Peter Paul will resume his role as a director.

"I look forward to my role as Chair and thank Peter for his leadership, commitment and enthusiasm over the last 3 years in helping our banks support our communities," said Kelvin.

Peter said, 'I congratulate Kelvin and John and will continue to support them to progress our Community Banks for the benefit of our Communities.'

**Bendigo Bank**



# No signs of avian flu yet: PINP CEO

## WILDLIFE

The community is being asked to remain on the lookout for signs of avian flu in birds across the island, especially in the migratory short-tailed shearwaters, or 'mutton birds'.

CEO of Phillip Island Nature Parks (PINP), Catherine Basterfield, has issued another alert to the community to stay vigilant, saying "surveillance and reporting will be key to early detection" of the flu.

While the HPAI H5N1 strain of avian flu has not yet been detected in Australia, disease screening results of up to 250 short-tailed shearwaters are currently being analysed as part of the National Avian Influenza Wild Bird Surveillance Program.

"Phillip Island Nature Parks is continuing to monitor the shearwaters as they return to Phillip Island for their breeding season, and we are happy to report that



The public is being urged to report any unusual sickness or mass mortality events in wildlife via the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

we have not detected any signs of sick birds," said PINP CEO Catherine Basterfield.

"As a further precautionary measure A3 signage is now in place including information about HPAI H5N1, symptoms and how to report sick or dead birds or wildlife."

The signs are displayed at

We are concerned about bird flu arriving in Australia this spring

If you see dead birds in Australia:

- (1) Do not touch dead birds
- (2) Report all instances of dead birds via the Emergency animal disease watch hotline **1800 675 888**
- (3) Follow guidelines provided by state and national response teams
- (4) If feasible, collect information pertaining to the number of dead wild birds, species compositions, location, date and time. Do this from a distance using binoculars and/or cameras.



While there has not yet been a detection of H5N1, a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, in Australia, residents are being reminded to stay on the lookout for signs, and avoid, record and report sick or dead birds by calling 1800 675 888.

Swan Lake, Observation Point and Fishers Wetland.

Stephen Brend, Scientific Officer of the Western Port Biosphere Foundation has said the potentiality of the Highly Patho-

genic Avian Influenza spreading through Australian bird and animal populations is "scary".

"Australia remains the only continent free from H5N1," Stephen said.

"It has devastated bird populations overseas and, as the shorebirds start to return, we are worried that the virus may travel with them."

The public is being urged to: Avoid contact with sick or dead wildlife and their environment, and to not allow pets to touch or eat sick or dead wildlife; Record what you see, the location the animal was found, and take a photo or video; and Report any unusual sickness or mass mortality events in wildlife via the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888.

Along with death, other signs of H5N1 are:

- Lack of coordination, tremors, swimming in circles
- Twisted neck or other unusual posture
- Inability to stand or fly
- Difficulty breathing, coughing or sneezing
- Swelling around the head,

## Your chance to network

### COMMUNITY

A new networking opportunity is launching at 6.30pm on November 13, at the San Remo Recreation Centre.

A second meeting will be held on January 8, then monthly after that.

Organisers say the two-hour event is a chance for people to

connect – "meet new people, make new friends or professional and social connection".

Connect Events is an initiative of community leaders, Jen Rutherford and Geoff Ellis.

"Connect Events' purpose is to bring people together for the pure joy of connecting," they said.

It is also an opportunity to

"explore new perspectives, increase the amount of compassion, and reduce ignorance and intolerance in the world".

The tickets are \$10 per head and the event runs from 6.30pm until 8.30pm. A light supper will be served.

The night starts with a few activities to get participants "warmed up" and the rest of the evening will be "free-range connecting".

Tickets online at: [events.humanitix.com/connect-events](https://events.humanitix.com/connect-events)



A new networking opportunity, Connect Events, is launching at 6.30pm on November 13, at the San Remo Recreation Centre.

Gift Card  
**FLIGHT CENTRE®**  
The Airfare Experts

## Spring Super Sale

### You could win a \$5,000 Flight Centre Voucher\*

Purchase any New or Demonstrator vehicle from September 1 until October 31, 2024 to go into the draw.

**Plenty of stock • Great deals • Finance available**

\* Offer Valid on the purchase of any new or demonstrator vehicle sold from 01.09.2024 until 31.10.2024 and delivered by 31.10.2024. Not valid in conjunction with any other offer. \$5,000 Flight Centre Voucher is not redeemable for cash. Winner will be drawn at the dealership on 15.11.2024. Winners will be notified by phone. Only vehicles in stock are eligible. LMCT 8179

**Wonthaggi Mitsubishi**  
346 Bass Highway, Wonthaggi VIC 3995  
T (03) 5672 1122 LMCT 8179  
[www.wonthaggimitsubishi.com.au](http://www.wonthaggimitsubishi.com.au)

**Leongatha Mitsubishi**  
1 Hughes Street, Leongatha VIC 3953  
T (03) 5662 4088 LMCT 8179  
[www.leongathamitsubishi.com.au](http://www.leongathamitsubishi.com.au)

**10 YEARS**  
NEW CAR WARRANTY

**10 YEARS**  
CAPEX FREE LOAN REPAYMENT

WHEN ALL SCHEDULED SERVICES ARE COMPLETED AT A MITSUBISHI DEALERSHIP

JD02715AF





David Jobe, Chair of the Newhaven College board presented the Papworth Prize to Ella Berry who was also the recipient of both the ADF Future Innovators Award and academic awards in four subjects.



Tony Corr, Newhaven College Principal presented the prestigious Principal's Prize to Max Arceo.



Kim, Kath, Sharon and Trude ... Sabine Wrigley, Alice Mabilia, Ella Berry and Heidi Driscoll enjoyed a bit of fun with the dress up day celebrations.

# Newhaven College's Year 12 celebrate graduation

## EDUCATION

Newhaven College's Class of 2024 bid farewell to their school life last week, with a few days of festive activities.

The three-day celebration commenced with a playful twist as students donned 'White Lie' T-shirts or 'blinged' their uniforms. This was just the beginning, as the days that followed were filled with Celebration Day dress-ups and competitive House commando games at the Year 9 Environmental Centre. The College said the activities provided an opportunity for the students to let off some steam before they embarked on the more official formalities of their final all-school assembly and emotional goodbyes.

The pinnacle of the last day was the release of 51 white doves, each symbolizing one of the 51

students who embarked on their journey at Newhaven College during its inaugural year.

A Valedictory dinner was held at Silverwater Resort that evening, where the students had the chance to spend their final moments together as the close-knit Year 12 cohort, surrounded by their dedicated teachers and proud parents.

### Final assembly

Addressing the gathered Class of 2024 at the final all-school assembly, Principal Tony Corr imparted a heartfelt congratulations to every student.

"From all of us – congratulations. Not just on finishing your schooling, but on the extremely successful way you have completed your schooling," he said.

"Not just in the last few days, not just in Year 12, but in your entire time with us here at Ne-

whaven. You are a year level that has great admiration and respect from our school and our community – and that has been earned over many years.

"As a year level you have come together as one over the journey. You have celebrated and supported each other through the best of times and the hardest of times. Your cohort has grown and evolved together," Mr Corr continued.

"Whilst today it ends, you will always be connected. No matter where life takes you. And like on your first day in Prep when your parents brought you to school, it is symbolic that your parents are here today to accompany you on your last day of school."

Mr Corr concluded, "Please know that while your time at school here may be over, the door to Newhaven will always

be open to you."

The final assembly included the presentation of awards. Awards were given to students in each Year 12 subject who had achieved the highest grades and made significant contributions to the development of their subjects for the benefit of all students.

Tony Corr, Newhaven College Principal presented the prestigious Principal's Prize to Max Arceo. Max is an all-rounder, showing leadership in every aspect of College life.

The prestigious Papworth Prize was awarded to Ella Berry who was also the recipient of both the ADF Future Innovators Award and academic awards for four subjects. Mr Corr said Ella exemplifies the values and academic excellence for which Newhaven College is renowned.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) also recognised Gabriel Winterson with the Long Tan Leadership Award. Gabriel was instrumental in the Youth Parliament team this year, and one of the presidents of the SRC.

Harry Butcher was presented with the Year 12 Academic Endeavor Award.

Additionally, awards were bestowed upon those who exemplified the school's House values, excelled in sports, and who earned the prestigious Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award.

As Newhaven College's Year 12 students embark on their future endeavours, they do so with fond memories, cherished experiences and a bright outlook on the road ahead. Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

More photos and a full list of awards at [pisra.com.au/education](https://pisra.com.au/education)

## YOU CAN'T CONTROL FIRE, BUT YOU CAN PREPARE FOR IT.

The best way to keep you and your loved ones safe this fire season, is to make sure you have a fire plan.



Go to [fireplanner.vic.gov.au](https://fireplanner.vic.gov.au) to create your personalised fire plan now.

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW FIRE?

Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne





# KEEP IT LOCAL

DIRECTORY

BEAUTY



**Mobile  
Hairdresser**  
*Over 20 years experience*  
**Claire Sunderland 0408 566 620**

HOME

**PROPERTY CARE – PEACE OF MIND**  
**Do you own an unoccupied property?**  
**Do you need small jobs attended to?**

- External property inspection and photo report
- Small external maintenance painting requirements
- Specific garden, spraying and watering requirements
- Bin management

Contact [johnmc7251@gmail.com](mailto:johnmc7251@gmail.com) | Mobile 0407 760 167



**Recycle items loose and not in bags.**

Visit [basscoast.vic.gov.au/whichbin](http://basscoast.vic.gov.au/whichbin) to find out more



**Phillip Island Laundromat**  
Self-Service Laundromat, Wash and Dry  
Every Tuesday Local's Day 15% OFF with the CODE: LOCAL15

**Eco Friendly Wash & Dry Self-Service**  
NEW: Linen Service Available!  
[pilaundromat@outlook.com](mailto:pilaundromat@outlook.com)  
4/14 The Esplanade, Cowes, 2nd Floor, above M&O Café

**SOUTH COAST FLOORING XTRA**

155 Thompson Avenue, Cowes 03 5952 1488

**COWESBOAT CARAVAN STORAGE**  
FULLY SECURED - FULL SURVEILLANCE  
Ray White Phillip Island, 56-58 Thompson Avenue, Cowes 5952 2799

**COWES SELF STORAGE**  
24 hr Video Surveillance



**1300 OURCAB (687222)**  
SouthCoastTaxi

**HAVE AN AIR B&B PROPERTY OR GOING AWAY?**  
**NEED YOUR BINS TAKEN OUT AND BROUGHT BACK IN?**

Let us take your bins out on schedule and pop them back in securely for you the next day.

Call 0437 227 535 to arrange.  
Servicing Phillip Island and San Remo.

**FURNITURE OUTLET COWES SALE NOW ON**

**MATTRESSES**  
ALL SIZES AVAILABLE AT GREAT PRICES  
Queen/double/ single/ king single/king size PLUS Beds / tallboys /bedside chests. Etc. etc.  
DELIVERY AND TAKEAWAY AVAILABLE

**BEATS PRICES IN MELBOURNE**  
Furniture Outlet. P/L. 153 Thompson Ave. Cowes. 0402 042 576.

LEISURE



**OPEN 7 DAYS from 10am**  
1805 Phillip Island Rd, Cowes  
Ph: 03 5952 2283  
[amazethings.com.au](http://amazethings.com.au)  
**FUN | MAGIC | ADVENTURE**

*Watch the little penguins waddle home*

See more & SAVE with a **3 PARKS PASS**

**Phillip Island NATURE PARKS**  
Penguin Parade, Churchill Island, Koala Conservation Reserve  
**BOOK NOW** at [penguins.org.au](http://penguins.org.au)

**Barb Martin BUSHBANK NATIVE PLANT NURSERY**

Choose from an array of native and endemic plants to Phillip Island (Millowl).  
**OPEN** 9am-3pm Wed, Thur, Sat & Sun  
**LOCATION** Next to Koala Conservation Reserve, 1810 Phillip Island Rd, Phillip Island  
[W penguins.org.au/bushbank](http://penguins.org.au/bushbank) T 0427 897 448

**Cruise the Island**  
*four departing daily*

[WWW.WILDLIFECOASTCRUISES.COM.AU](http://WWW.WILDLIFECOASTCRUISES.COM.AU)

**Wildlife Coast cruises**

**Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling & Entertainment Centre**  
91-97 Settlement Rd, Cowes 5952 3977



**The Centre Cowes**  
Call 1800 247 669  
[thecentrecowes@hotmail.com](http://thecentrecowes@hotmail.com)

**Venue for Hire**  
Music. Arts. Dance.  
Functions. Private Events.

**Melaleuca Lodge Secondhand Book Sale**  
**Open 10-12 every Saturday**  
**BILLS BOOK SHED**  
1 Watchorn Road, COWES (off Settlement Road)  
**0437 949 029**

ACCOMODATION



**RANFURLIE BED & BREAKFAST**

*A cosy retreat that sleeps up to six people. From \$75 per person per night including a delicious continental breakfast. Call 0434 174 251 for more info.*

FINANCE

**Your local bank for locals**

**Bendigo Bank**  
San Remo (03) 5678 5833  
Cowes (03) 5952 3383  
Grantville (03) 5678 8773

**LJ Hooker Home Loans**  
Gippsland

For all your refinancing or home loan needs in Gippsland and surrounds.  
Gabriel Caffieri – Franchise Owner | Lending Specialist  
[gcaffieri@ljhookerhomeloans.com.au](mailto:gcaffieri@ljhookerhomeloans.com.au) | 0421 338 914



**YellowBrickRoad**  
Home Loans

**PHILLIP ISLAND BRANCH NOW OPEN**

- Home Loans
- Personal Loans
- Refinance
- Investor
- Self Employed
- Commercial Lending
- Private Lending
- SMSF

Yellow Brick Road Finance Pty Ltd ACN 128 708 109, Australian Credit Licence 393195

**8 Vista Place Cape Woolamai 3925**  
[phillip.island@ybr.com.au](mailto:phillip.island@ybr.com.au)

**Joe Reilly M 0402 005 933**  
T 03 5956 6892

**KRISTO'S CHARCOAL ROTISSERIE**

Online ordering now available  
[kristoscoves.com.au](http://kristoscoves.com.au) | 03 5952 3355  
Shop 5 /15-16, The Esplanade, Cowes

**"THE BEST HAMBURGERS ON THE ISLAND"**  
ONE WITH THE LOT ... HEAVEN! CHIPS TOO!  
**ORDERS 5907 6796**  
RHYLL GENERAL STORE AND BOTTLE SHOP



**Service Centre**

**Phillip Island Tyre Service**  
101 Settlement Rd, Cowes 5952 1480



**PHILLIP ISLAND TYRE SERVICE CENTRE**

**3 HARVEY DRIVE, COWES**  
**03 59 523 305**  
[PHILLIPISLANDTYRESC.COM.AU](http://PHILLIPISLANDTYRESC.COM.AU)  
[HELLO@PHILLIPISLANDTYRESC.COM.AU](mailto:HELLO@PHILLIPISLANDTYRESC.COM.AU)

**COMPUTER SERVICES**

**Waterfront Computers**  
(03) 59523312 | [waterfrontcomputers.com.au](http://waterfrontcomputers.com.au)  
[fixme@waterfrontcomputers.com.au](mailto:fixme@waterfrontcomputers.com.au)

**PRINTITFAST**

San Remo | 5952 5379  
[info@printitfast.com.au](mailto:info@printitfast.com.au)  
[www.printitfast.com.au](http://www.printitfast.com.au)

Shop Local Support Local PRINT LOCAL

MEDICAL

**NEWHAVEN MEDICAL CLINIC**

Shop 5 8-10 Forrest Ave, Newhaven

**Opening hours:**  
8.30am-5pm Monday-Friday

**Call 5926 6910**  
**to make an appointment!**



**YOUR PREMIUM LOCAL DENTIST**

(03) 9120 2122

**Handley & Anderson**  
FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
Serving South Gippsland & Pt. Phillip Island

Locally owned and operated by  
**Scott & Sharon Anderson 5672 1074**



**0448 602 005**

[www.basscoastfunerals.com.au](http://www.basscoastfunerals.com.au)

REAL ESTATE

**FIRST NATIONAL PHILLIP ISLAND**

LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED  
CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE SALES APPRAISAL OR PERMANENT/HOLIDAY RENTAL APPRAISAL.  
[WWW.PHILLIPISLANDFN.COM.AU](http://WWW.PHILLIPISLANDFN.COM.AU) 5952 3922

**OBrien** | Judith Wright | San Remo (03) 5678 5885 | Cowes (03) 5952 3100 | Wonthaggi (03) 5672 5558

**Agency of the year** | **Your local experts** | **Rental Agency of the year**

Specialising in real estate sales, commercial sales and leasing, business sales, residential asset management, holiday accommodation, owners corporation, and storage

[obrejudithwright.com](mailto:obrejudithwright.com)

**RayWhite**

**Selling more properties on Phillip Island than any other agency**  
**5952 2799**  
[raywhitephillipisland.com.au](http://raywhitephillipisland.com.au)

**Stockdale & Leggo** | PHILLIP ISLAND | SAN REMO  
*We see more than property.*  
03 8583 4701 | [stockdaleleggo.com.au/phillipisland](http://stockdaleleggo.com.au/phillipisland)

**ALEX SCOTT AND STAFF** Est. 1886

113a Thompson Avenue, Cowes  
5952 2633 | [ALEXSCOTT.COM.AU](http://ALEXSCOTT.COM.AU)

**GARTH LISLE**  
Property Consultants  
Shop 3/129 Marine Parade SAN REMO  
5678 5878 [www.glpc.com.au](http://www.glpc.com.au)

**WE KNOW REAL ESTATE**

PET SITTING



**Ri-jana's Paw-fect Pet Sitting**  
Rianne Ranic | 0432 728 913  
**Ri-jana's Paw-fect Pet Sitting**

Support the businesses at the ♥ of our community



# Kids get creative to protect water

## COMPETITION

In celebration of National Water Week (October 21-27), Westernport Water have announced the winners of this year's poster competition.

This year's theme "Water for All, Inspiring Action" is about inspiring changes to help our water resources and our planet. We want to do things now that will make a big difference later, so we need to work together to make sure our water stays clean and plentiful for everyone, now and in the future.

The annual poster competition for local primary school and kindergarten students showcases their creativity and

passion for protecting water resources through art. Students embraced the theme creating some amazing art, with almost 150 students entering this year's competition.

"We appreciate the schools and students taking part in this competition each year, we love seeing the posters. The level of creativity and understanding of the importance of water displayed in their artwork is inspiring," said Westernport Water's Managing Director, Dona Tantirimudalige.

"Congratulations to all the finalists and to Powlett River Primary School which was the lucky winner of Westernport Water's \$1000 school participa-

tion prize that will support their efforts in promoting water education."

The top three winners from each age group received prizes at their school assembly over the past two weeks, taking home gift vouchers from Turn the Page bookshop in Cowes and a Westernport Water prize pack. Every entrant also received a certificate for participating.

Winning posters from each age group were also entered into the state level competition against 12 other regional winners. Excitingly, two posters from local students were awarded first place in their categories. See below for a full list of winners.

For more information about National Water Week or the poster competition, please visit Westernport Water's National Water Week webpage.

## Top three posters in each category

### 4-Year-Old Kinder – Individual:

1st Place – Gemma, Phillip Island Early Learning Centre. Gemma also came first in the state competition.

### 4-Year-Old Kinder – Collaborative:

1st Place – Seal Group, Phillip Island Early Learning Centre. The Seal Group from PIELC also came equal first in the state competition.

## Prep

1st: Rosie, Newhaven PS  
Equal 2nd: Georgia and Clarke, Newhaven PS  
3rd: Remy, Newhaven PS

## Grade 1-2

1st: Isla, Cowes PS  
2nd: Lucy, Newhaven College  
3rd: Luca, Cowes PS

## Grade 3-4

1st: Ruby, Newhaven College  
2nd: Mason, San Remo PS  
Equal 3rd: James and Eva, San Remo PS

## Grade 5-6

1st: Vera, Powlett River PS  
2nd: Georgia, Powlett River PS  
3rd: Shyla, Powlett River PS



WPW's Katrina Knight with Gemma McKenzie PIELC who came first in the Kinder category, local and at the state level.



San Remo Primary's Grade 3-4 winners with Principal Karen Bowker; Mason (2nd), James and Eva (equal 3rd)



Cowes Primary winners (Grade 1-2) Luca and Isla with Katrina Knight.



Poster winners Ruby (first, Grade 3-4) and Lucy (second, Grade 1-2), Newhaven College.



The PIELC Seal group which won the best four year old Kinder collaborative effort locally, and took out joint first place at the state level.



WPW's Geoff Russell with the Newhaven Primary Prep Award winners Remy, Clarke, Georgia and Rosie.



Powlett River PS principal Wendy Nicol and Katrina Knight (WPW) with the top three students in the grade 5-6 category. Georgia Henry (2nd), Shyla Forrest (3rd) and Vera Jelisivac (1st). The school also won the \$1000 participation prize.



Island  
HOME

Advertising Feature

YOUR PHILLIP ISLAND AND SAN REMO PROPERTY GUIDE



This luxurious townhouse located in the heart of Cowes, designed with high-end finishes and coastal tones, offers the perfect retreat for comfort and relaxation.



A spacious kitchen with all electric appliances seamlessly transitions to a stylish living space.

# Exclusive Steele Street location – walk to the beach

Discover your coastal oasis in this luxurious townhouse located in the heart of Cowes. Designed with high-end finishes and coastal tones, this stunning home is drenched in natural light and offers the perfect retreat for comfort and relaxation. As you enter, you are welcomed by an attractive front

garden leading to this near-new townhouse. Features include a split zone ducted heating and cooling system, full double glazing and quality finishes throughout, allowing for a 6-star energy rating. Downstairs, the light-filled entrance hall opens into a stylish living space, which seam-

lessly transitions into a spacious kitchen with all electric appliances. The adjoining dining area flows to an outdoor decking space overlooking the fully secure backyard. Also downstairs is a large master bedroom with full ensuite and walk in robe, main bathroom and laundry facilities

with internal access through the remote-control garage. Upstairs is the second living space, two large bedrooms and a second main bathroom with a large bath perfect for relaxing after a day at the beach. A second balcony complements the upstairs living area. Four carparks are unique in

this location, plus room for the caravan or boat behind secure gates. This property is offered for sale with all the furniture to help support a generous holiday income with future bookings. Call Alex Scott & Staff today on 03 5952 2633 to arrange your private inspection.

Stockdale & Leggo

Phillip Island | San Remo

Happy Melbourne Cup Weekend!

See what's on:

03 8583 4701

JD04592AA





This well-appointed and stylish three-bedroom townhouse in central Cowes is the perfect location for your next Phillip Island holiday.

# Tranquillity on Thompson

Need some well-earned RnR? Or book your Christmas getaway.

This well-appointed and stylish three-bedroom townhouse is the perfect location for your next Phillip Island holiday. Centrally located on the main street of Cowes, leave the car and enjoy all the main street has to offer – in less than a five-minute walk, you will arrive at shops, cafés, restaurants, mini golf, and more!

From Tranquillity on Thompson, the Grand Prix Circuit is only an eight-minute drive, the Penguin

Parade is 10 minutes, and the Cowes front beach is a 15-minute walk. There is also parking for four cars, including secure parking in the single garage and behind the gate.

With three spacious bedrooms and two living spaces, there is plenty of room for the whole family or a few couples. The townhouse also has two and a half bathrooms, reverse-cycle air-conditioning/heating upstairs and downstairs, three smart TVs, and free Wi-Fi.

The primary bedroom is on the ground floor and

contains a queen bed and an ensuite. The main living area has the kitchen, dining room, and outdoor entertaining deck with a barbeque. The ground floor also contains the powder room and separate laundry with a washer and dryer. The first floor has an additional lounge room, bathroom, toilet, and two more bedrooms, one with a queen bed and the other with two single bunk beds.

Call Pago or Jodie at First National Holiday rentals on 03 5952 3922, or email: [holidays@phillipislandfn.com.au](mailto:holidays@phillipislandfn.com.au)

Holiday Lifestyle

CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED!!



Discover how you can own with Holiday Lifestyle

- Luxury Townhouses
- Four plans to choose from 2, 3 and 4 bedroom options
- Packages from \$621,919 to \$886,513
- Resort Facilities
- Land title security
- No hidden fees
- INVEST 6.5% or OCCUPY

Inspect this Saturday and Sunday 12pm to 2pm

137 Thompson Avenue, Cowes

[www.holidaylifestyle.com.au](http://www.holidaylifestyle.com.au)

1800 788 968  
Peter 0418 900 041



San Remo  
(03) 5678 5885

Cowes  
(03) 5952 5100

Wonthaggi  
(03) 5672 5558



21 Dunvegan Crescent, Surf Beach  
\$1,650,000

For Sale



300 McKenzie Road, Bass  
\$1,800,000 - \$1,900,000

For Sale



230-232 Church Street, Cowes  
\$2,300,000

For Sale



68 Penniwells Drive, San Remo  
\$1,400,000 - \$1,500,000

For Sale

Spring is selling season!

Get your current market appraisal and report today by scanning here

For all things OBrien, visit [obrejudithwright.com](http://obrejudithwright.com)

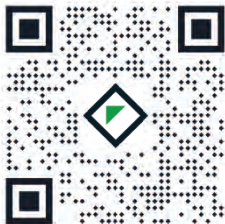


OBrien  
Proudly representing



Maddy & Charlotte

Register your interest





# Back a Winner with Your Local Bass Coast Real Estate Experts

## Current Listings

4/2-4 WARLEY  
AVENUE,  
COWES

\$560,000 -  
\$610,000



4/20 THE  
ESPLANADE,  
COWES

\$999,995 -  
\$1,099,990



2 LIBERTY  
CRESCENT,  
CORINELLA

\$588,000 -  
\$646,800



284 SETTLEMENT  
ROAD, COWES

\$1,099,000 -  
\$1,150,000



27 HILL STREET,  
SUNDERLAND  
BAY

\$690,000 -  
\$759,000



182 SMITHS  
BEACH ROAD,  
SMITHS BEACH

\$848,000 -  
\$932,000



13 PANORAMA DR, CAPE WOOLAMAI - \$980,888  
20 DAFYDD ST, COWES - \$850,000  
98 SCENIC DR, COWES - \$630,000  
2/19 CHAPEL ST, COWES - \$948,888  
12/146 THOMPSON AVE, COWES - \$580,000

15 SHETLAND HEIGHTS RD, SAN REMO - \$958,000  
3 KYEMA CRES, SAN REMO - \$999,888  
22 PANORAMA AVE, SUNSET STRIP - \$695,000  
2 HALLWAY DR, WIMBLEDON HEIGHTS - \$659,000  
109 LYALL ST, VENTNOR - \$3,200,000

Scan here to view local  
property listings



**eview**  
REAL ESTATE

## FIRST NATIONAL PHILLIP ISLAND

9/11 COTTESLOE AVE,  
CAPE WOOLAMAI  
TENDER ENDING  
23/11/24 3PM

An extremely rare opportunity awaits set over two level blocks with excellent beach access, ample room to cater for family and friends for every occasion. All the hard work has been done just let the beach lifestyle take the stress away, an early walk on the beach before coffee, fish or surf the afternoon away. With so many activities on Phillip Island just enjoy and relax. This property could be the perfect holiday rental with extra long term potential of the vacant land to build on. A very unique coastal lifestyle with luxury features are a rare commodity, just move in and enjoy. Tender ends 23/11/24 3pm

CONTACT MICHAEL MCLEOD, 0412 712 034



**TENDER CLOSING 23/11/24  
3PM. PRIOR OFFERS INVITED**

13 LONGRIDGE STREET,  
COWES  
\$680,000 TO  
\$710,000

This north facing beach house is the perfect example of modern design with a stunning view. All the work has been done just move in and enjoy even the furniture can be included. The light filled living and entertaining area flows to a large deck which is ideal for watching the setting sun. Ideal for permanent or holiday living. The low maintenance means you can enjoy more of Phillip Island.

CONTACT MICHAEL MCLEOD  
0412 712 034



**PERFECT LOW MAINTENANCE  
BEACH HOUSE**

28 HEYLEY AVENUE,  
VENTNOR  
\$795,000

Tucked away in a quiet court setting and only meters to Salt Water Creek and an easy walk through the tea-tree lined path past the local wallabies to the beach is this fantastic property. Set on a large block this home would make the perfect beach house or permanent home. Entertain family and friends on the large deck enjoying the beach life this place has on offer. Featuring 3 large bedrooms, 2 with built in robes, a spacious kitchen and dining and family area as well as a separate second living zone. On cold days enjoy the wood heater, as well as a bonus reverse cycle split system heating & cooling. This location offers all what Phillip Island's about and is sure to please the next owner.

CONTACT KENDALL O'GAREY, 0410 595 130



**LOCATION BLISS**

75 SCENIC DRIVE,  
COWES  
\$565,000 TO  
\$590,000

This original beach house has all the bases covered, set over a single level with a large garage there are so many options. With the option of permanent or holiday rental just an added bonus. Nestled in the quiet Cowes west area the beach access is but minutes away. You can put your own personality into this property and create the ideal beach setting, let the stress of Melbourne wash away.

CONTACT MICHAEL MCLEOD  
0412 712 034



**PERFECT BEACH HOUSE**

28 LAWSON STREET,  
SURF BEACH  
\$839,000

This wonderfully presented residence has a genuine appeal from the moment you enter. Whether its the higher ceilings, or the warmth of the timber flooring or the natural light it captures. This double story design enjoys 3 large bedrooms, serviced by 2 bathrooms including ensuite off the main bedroom. A second living area can be enjoyed downstairs which flows out to the tropical garden setting and spa area. One of the brilliant aspects of the position is that you can enjoy a flat easy walk to the beach. An excellent opportunity in the price point for those seeking a well presented, well positioned property.

CONTACT KENDALL O'GAREY, 0410 595 130



**PRICED TO SELL  
- WALK TO THE BEACH**

17 JILL STREET,  
SUNDERLAND BAY  
\$525,000 TO  
\$575,000

Welcome to your dream home! This spacious 2 bedroom residence offers the perfect blend of comfort and coastal living, situated just a short stroll from the beach. Enjoy ample room in the open plan living and dining area, perfect for relaxing or entertaining guests. Equipped with both a cozy wood fire heater and reverse cycle heating and cooling system, ensuring comfort all year round. Relax and unwind on the inviting deck or enjoy the privacy of the courtyard, ideal for alfresco dining or retreat. Set on a substantial block, providing plenty of outdoor space for gardening, play or potential expansion.

CONTACT KENDALL O'GAREY, 0410 595 130



**CHARMING 2 BEDROOM  
BEACHSIDE HOME**





ALEX SCOTT  
AND STAFF

Est. 1886

McGrath

ALEX SCOTT  
AND STAFF  
Est. 1886

AUCTION SATURDAY  
9TH NOVEMBER FROM 11AM

House 4  
113 Justice Rd  
Cowes  
Luxurious  
Family Living

4 | 3 | 2  
Beds | Baths | Cars

Greg Price  
0419 337 441  
Michael Townsend  
0406 823 776  
Josh Stirling  
0432 071 806



35 BONWICK AVENUE, SAN REMO



- Elevated brick home in the heart of San Remo, just a short stroll to shops, cafes and beach
- Set on an expansive 998m<sup>2</sup> (approx.) corner block with two secure entry points and postcard perfect views over the bay, extending to Newhaven Yacht Squadron and further along to French Island
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, high carport perfect for the boat or caravan, workshop, double lock up garage



AUCTION SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER @ 12PM ON SITE

92 MCFEES ROAD, RHYLL



- First time offered – held in the same family since settlement
- 43.9ha (108.5 acres approx.) with a north facing slope, adjoining foreshore reserve
- Sweeping views of Rhyl, French Island and Westernport Bay
- Opposite the famous Purple Hen Winery, this property has so many options



CONTACT GREG PRICE

24 MCRAE AVENUE, COWES



- Absolute foreshore reserve frontage with amazing water views and access to beach via sandy track
- Sun soaked open plan living upstairs leading to a huge deck, perfect for entertaining
- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living areas, wood fire, downstairs kitchenette, lock up garage, 2 north facing decks, fully fenced yard



AUCTION SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER @ 2PM ON SITE

Greg Price  
0419 337 441

Brian Silver  
0407 347 509

Maree Malloy  
0408 316 715

Chase Watters  
0423 272 819

113a Thompson Avenue, Cowes  
5952 2633 ALEXSCOTT.COM.AU

JD0269AA



# Ukuleles return to Cowes

## FESTIVAL

The Phillip Island and Bass Coast Ukulele Festival is returning on November 30 and December 1 at Berninneit, in Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

The festival runs over two days. Saturday includes a selection of workshops with Sally Carter, Chantelle Riordan, Ian McMullan, Leif Ericson and Awkward Strangers.

The workshops provide an opportunity to learn new skills and accommodate all abilities. Included in your Saturday tickets are performances by Sally Carter and Chantelle and the Cat Cartel. Chantelle's rich vocals draw the audience in and get their attention with her jazz partners.

As an added bonus, Bass Coast Cultural Venues are bringing The Ukulele Death Squad to Cowes on Saturday November 30, in the evening at 8pm at Berninneit.

Proclaimed to be the planet's "most dangerous ukulele band", there is a strong sense of showmanship, theatricality, and raucous energy in their live shows that has gained international recognition and critical acclaim worldwide.

Sunday December 1 will be a great celebration of the ukulele with performances throughout the day. There is an opportunity for play-along sessions and sharing.

Awkward Strangers is a ukulele-based duo who are theatrical, witty, atypical and experimental. They will lead the morning in with a Kanikapila play-along.

Local and regional ukulele groups will also perform and



The Phillip Island and Bass Coast Ukulele Festival is returning on November 30 and December 1 at Berninneit in Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

share with play-alongs.

"Across The Waters" project by Dr Laura Brearley will be a highlight prior to lunch on Sunday. The afternoon session will include more local groups and play-alongs and upcoming young ukulele star Sage Marie who recently hit number one in the Atomic top 20.

It will conclude with a wonderful performance by Green Fieldz. The duo create a storm of high end energy with blazing fiddle, wild guitar work and melodic ukulele.

The Sunday 10am-4pm Kanikapila cost is \$15 for adults.

It is a great way to start your ukulele journey if you are thinking about taking up the instrument. There are loan ukuleles available on the day.

If you can play already – this event will certainly inspire you to continue your journey.

Tickets available at: [www.trybooking.com/CRSZS](http://www.trybooking.com/CRSZS) or scan the QR code.

Daytime Festival tickets: Saturday \$30, Sunday \$15 or a two-day pass \$40.

Tickets to Ukulele Death Squad at Berninneit range from \$25 – \$35. Bookings at: [www.trybooking.com/CUCWB](http://www.trybooking.com/CUCWB)

The festival would like to thank Bendigo Bank, Westernport Water, National Music, Coleman's Music, Shorelec and Woolworths for their sponsorship support and Bass Coast Shire for the 2024 Round 2 community grant.

/Sponsored article/



In early November, Maru Koala and Animal Park will host its annual 'Dreamnight at the Zoo' event, an invitation only, free event for local special needs children and their families.

## Dreamnight at the zoo

### COMMUNITY

In early November, Maru Koala and Animal Park will open its doors to our local community by once again hosting its annual 'Dreamnight at the Zoo' event.

This night is by invitation only and is a free night for special needs children and their families from our local region.

Free entry to the animal park and mini golf is offered along with a range of children's entertainment including face painting, a jumping castle and carnival ride and a free BBQ dinner is provided. The families also receive a souvenir showbag of donated items to take home and a photo of their family with a koala.

This night is aimed at children who face a physical or mental challenge or who have a life-threatening illness and their entire immediate family are invited along with them. To avoid having to ask any personal questions and to maintain the privacy

of the individual, Maru sends out invitations via health care providers, support workers and support groups. Families who have been before are welcome to keep coming back each year.

Children under the age of 18 years of age from the greater Gippsland area are eligible to be invited. This includes the shires of Bass Coast, Casey, Cardinia, East Gippsland, Wellington, Baw Baw, Latrobe City Council and South Gippsland.

If you know someone you would like to be invited or are a health care or support worker please contact Maru so they can arrange for an invitation to be sent which will have the exact date and details of the event.

Only those that have received and returned a completed invitation form will be allowed entry on the night.

For more information or to request an invite please email Maru: [dreamnight@marukoala-park.com.au](mailto:dreamnight@marukoala-park.com.au) or call 03 5678 8548.

**Phillip Island is springing to life**

Welcome new life on the island at the **Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Reserve** and all the farm excitement on **Churchill Island**.

**SAVE with a 3 Parks Pass**

**BOOK NOW**  
[penguins.org.au](http://penguins.org.au)  
03 5951 2830

**Phillip Island NATURE PARKS**

**CORONET BAY**

**FUN RUN/WALK**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3 2024**

**Fred Gration Reserve – Bantering Bay Rd**

**Registrations from 9am**

<b>Adults \$15</b>	<b>Children \$10</b>	<b>Family \$40</b>
15 years and over	14 years and under	2 Adults 2 Children

**Registrations 9am Race starts 10.30am**

For further details search online for our website

**Coronet Bay Fun Run/Walk**

or contact Kevin on 0418 990 214

**PHILLIP ISLAND & BASS COAST UKULELE FESTIVAL**

**NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> & DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> 2024**

**BERNINNEIT, COWES**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

**SCAN TO BOOK**



# Happy birthday Berninneit

## ARTS

This Friday, November 1, Berninneit celebrates its first birthday and the community get to enjoy a fantastic range of community arts for the week.

A highlight of the celebrations is Offshore Theatre presenting an exclusive preview of their production of "My Sister Jill". The show is sold out, with tickets snapped up by people eager to see the work of this local award winning group.

Adding to the party atmosphere at Berninneit, the Artist Society Phillip Island Region (ASPIR) is exhibiting in the community spaces.

The mammoth Cup Weekend exhibition runs from November 1 to November 5 and features over 150 works from members of ASPIR, with five different award categories: Best in Show, Best Painting, the Nature, Environment and Wildlife Award, Best 3D Artwork, Best Digital Artwork or Photograph, and Best Other Medium.

### "Unseen"

Across at Berninneit's gallery, award winning San Remo photographer Matt Bagley presents his "Unseen" exhibition, a deep dive into the natural world beneath the ocean.

"Unseen" takes viewers on a mesmerising exploration



A highlight of the Berninneit first birthday celebrations is Offshore Theatre presenting an exclusive preview of their production of "My Sister Jill" on November 1.

tion of forgotten and discarded ocean debris being reclaimed by Mother Nature.

Using ultraviolet photography, he captures the beauty and devastation of discarded manmade objects found during his nighttime free diving adventures on the San Remo coastline.

"I'm fairly passionate about the environment. Having grown up here I can see how things have changed, even just the erosion and sand movement on the back beach," Matt said.

"As the population here grows, we need to start taking notice and looking after the environment.

"I think my images can make a difference. Many people who live in San Remo don't realise what is in the ocean. It educates people about what is out there and helps raise awareness."

The exhibition runs un-

til December 8.

Bass Coast Shire CEO Greg Box said the birthday celebrations for Berninneit were exciting for residents of Phillip Island and the surrounding areas.

"We have had many thousands of people enjoy the shows and cinema here since it began as well as exhibitions, art galleries, community activations and of course the beautiful MYLI library and historical museum.

"It is great that we can enjoy this first year with one of our local community theatre groups leading the celebrations and amplify the great work that all the artists involved are doing.

"I am sure this will bring great pride to all involved" he said.

Details: [www.basscoast-culturalvenues.com/event-details/1st-birthday-celebrations-berninneit](http://www.basscoast-culturalvenues.com/event-details/1st-birthday-celebrations-berninneit)



Acclaimed author Jock Serong was guest speaker at last week's Literary Luncheon at the Phillip Island Winery. MC for the event was Sue Becker.

## Literary lunch with Jock Serong

### BOOK CLUB

The Phillip Island Winery proved to be the perfect venue for last week's Book Club literary luncheon with guest speaker the multi-award-winning author Jock Serong.

Over 100 guests enjoyed hearing insights into the background and inspiration behind Jock's latest release, the intricately woven "Cherrywood" as well the writing of his famous trilogy and many other of his works that have flown off bookshelves across Australia over the

last decade.

The afternoon with Jock Serong was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, with signed books available for purchase from the Turn the Page table.

Well known islander Matt Ryan, an old friend of Jock, officially welcomed him to the function with plenty of anecdotes about surfing exploits from their younger days. MC for the day was Sue Becker.

Jill Ryan gave the vote of thanks, which included a presentation to Jock of a number of quintessential Phillip Island items.

## GIG GUIDE

01/11 TENNYSON KING - 8PM  
02/11 INXS TRIBUTE SHOW - 9PM \$39+BF

03/11 THE LAING BROTHERS - 5PM

09/11 URBAN GROOVE - 9PM

10/11 ANNA SCIONTI - 5PM

15/11 THE SMITH STREET BAND - 9PM \$50 +BF

07/12 WRAYLETTES & EL ROLLO - 9PM \$30+BF

PLUS:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT  
PARMA NIGHT

THURSDAY NIGHT  
BURGER NIGHT

FRIDAY NIGHT  
LOCALS NIGHT MEAT RAFFLE  
HAPPY HOUR 3-5PM

SUNDAY NIGHT  
SUNDAY ROAST

MONDAY - SATURDAY  
\$20 EXPRESS LUNCH

[WWW.THEWESTERNPORT.COM.AU](http://WWW.THEWESTERNPORT.COM.AU)



Offshore  
THEATRE INC.

## MY SISTER JILL

Patricia Cornelius

"Award winning community theatre, presenting contemporary Australian drama."

★★★★★



NOV 1, 7, 8, 9  
Berninneit, Millowl







Newhaven Primary is hosting a special 'On the Lawn' market on Sunday November 3, 9am – 2pm.

# On the Lawn market for Newhaven Primary

COMMUNITY

Over the spring and summer months, the vibrant outdoor market 'On the Lawn' is coming to the grounds of Newhaven Primary School.

The growers and makers market will kick off with a special Melbourne Cup weekend market on Sunday, November 3, from 9am to 2pm. Then from November through to February, the regular market will run on

the third Sunday of every month. Under the eucalypt trees and alongside the playground is where locals mingle, and visitors are welcome. This new outdoor market showcases growers and food producers, locally handmade art and design-based products such as ceramics and pottery, works on paper, jewellery and silversmithing, textiles and apparel makers.

'On the Lawn' Market supports Newhaven Primary School

and funds raised will go towards some new play equipment for the kids, and a cover for their bike shelter.

The school looks forward to seeing the broader community at its first market on Melbourne Cup weekend, Sunday November 3, 9am – 2pm, at 12-22 School Avenue, Newhaven.

Get regular updates on Facebook: On the Lawn Market – Newhaven

/ Sponsored article /

# Movie Club's November screening

FILM

Phillip Island Movie Club presents "There's Still Tomorrow" on November 6 at Berninnet, starting at 7pm.

The 2024 Italian film was written and directed by Paola Cortellesi who also stars in the main role of Delia.

Delia (Cortellesi) lives in a working-class community in Rome in the late 1940s – a city divided between the positive thrust of liberation and the miseries of the war that has just ended – with her domineering husband, Ivano (Valerio Mastandrea), their three children, and father-in-law. She rises above the daily challenges of family life; has a best friend with whom to share moments of levity, and dreams for her daughter Marcella to one day have a better life. Delia accepts her fate – the good with the bad – until one day a mysterious letter arrives.

The film is set in the scarred remnants of Rome following the Second World War.

"There's Still Tomorrow" is a working-class drama that's equal parts funny and stone-cold serious said Movie Club secretary Margaret Byrne.

"The film looks at the life of an industrious heroine who endures a life of misogyny and domestic abuse.

"It sounds bleak, but right from the opening scene, where Cortellesi's Delia strolls through the streets of Rome to a punk-rock backing track it shows a lighter



Phillip Island Movie Club presents "There's Still Tomorrow" on November 6 at Berninnet, starting at 7pm.

side to their lives and a hope for change. One should be aware that divorce wasn't legal there until 1970 so there were not many options for women in her position.

"It is hard to explain how a black and white film about domestic abuse and how Italian society permanently changed in 1946, could outgross Barbie and Oppenheimer and win the Sydney Film Prize at the 2024 Sydney Film Festival, but it did. It is an amazing film," Margaret said.

The film will start at 7pm and members should prebook their seat prior to the night. You can call or drop in to Berninnet and book. All PIMC films are now members only events, so you need to bring your membership card and proof of booking.

"There's Still Tomorrow" is a drama that runs for 118 mins and is rated M.

The next Movie Club film is on Wednesday December 11.

JD04637AA

## MARKET DATES

Sunday Nov 3rd (Long Weekend)  
Sunday Dec 15th  
Sunday Jan 19th  
Sunday Feb 16th

9AM - 2PM

at

NEWHAVEN PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

On the  
Lawn  
• MARKET •

Makers, growers & farmers please send stallholder applications to  
newhavenonthelawn@gmail.com



## Picture this – Scenic Estate

### CONSERVATION

In September, three groups came together for a guided tour of the Scenic Estate Conservation Reserve.

Members of the Friends of Scenic Estate Reserve (FOSER), Red Rocks and Saltwater Coastcare group and the Phillip Island Camera Club enjoyed a walk and guided tour through the estate with local expert and plant guru John Eddy.

John's theme was Flora, Farm Relics and Foreshore, and participants were introduced to the major spring flowering plants in the reserve: Swamp Paperbark, Hedge Wattle, Prickly Moses, Common Boobiala,

Coast Beard Heath and Coast Saw Sedge.

They also got to see some more unusual plants such as the Dodder Laurel, and mosses such as the Pipe Cleaner, Hypnum and Swan Neck Moss.

John shared many fascinating facts about the reserve and its history, as well as pointing out relics from former farming days, such as the remains of a farmhouse chimney and a well.

The final FOSER working bee for this year will be held on Sunday November 3, focused on weeding and thistle and gorse control in the estate.

Meet at the carpark at 10am.

## NYE on the Hill gets the gong

### ENTERTAINMENT

Gippsland's NYE on the Hill festival has won the Best Regional Festival at this year's Music Victoria Awards.

The awards were announced at a ceremony at Fed Square in Melbourne last Thursday.

In the industry voted award, NYE on the Hill beat out Beyond the Valley-Golden Plains, Loch Hart Music Festival, Port Fairy Folk Festival and the Queenscliff Music Festival.

Event Director Rhett McLaren said it takes "a massive effort to put on festivals, particularly regional ones".

"Everyone in this category puts on great ones from commercial to community.

"Shoutouts to all the nominees, I know the hardships and what it takes to put them on.

"Emerging artists is what New Year's Eve is all about and we support Victorian ones and offer first festival opportunities to as many emerging artists as we can of all types."

In July NYE on the Hill announced the line up for its 11th festival, including Mallrat, The Dreggs and Teen Jesus and the Jean Teasers.

For the past 10 years, the popular local festival has sold out and looks set to continue that trend, with



Rhett McLaren, NYE on the Hill event director celebrates winning the Best Regional Festival at this year's Music Victoria Awards.

more than 30 bands on the bill and a special performance by Millowl Dreaming.

The event takes place over New Year's Eve, Monday December 30 to Wednesday January 1, 2025. Three days/two nights of music, free camping, BYO drinks (yes you can bring your own drinks), cocktail bars, incredible views and sunsets, over 30 amazing bands, DJ's and

artists, field games, awesome food, chill out areas, late night boogies, art installations, morning yoga and much more!

Buses will be running from Melbourne to The Farm and back again for the first time ever.

Tickets available at: [www.nyeonthehill.com.au](http://www.nyeonthehill.com.au)

For a full list of award winners from the Victoria Music Awards: [musicvictoriaawards.com.au](http://musicvictoriaawards.com.au)

**Phillip Island Patchworkers Inc.**  
**Quilt Show**

**Cup Weekend**  
Sat. Sun. Mon. Tues.  
10.00am - 4.00pm  
Newhaven Hall  
Quilt Raffle - Devonshire Tea  
Patchwork Maze &  
Wonthaggi Woodcrafters  
Admission: Adults \$8.00 - Children Free  
Proceeds to:  
Local Emergency Services and Charities

facebook phillip island patchworkers

**THE ANNUAL PALM LAKE RESORT**  
**SPRING MARKET**  
**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3RD**  
**FROM 10AM TO 1.00PM**

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND**  
**DEVONSHIRE TEA ALL DAY**

**ARTWORKS, CRAFTS,**  
**SECOND HAND BOOK,**  
**DVDS, BRIC A BRAC,**  
**CLOTHING, PLANTS AND**  
**LOTS MORE FOR XMAS**  
**TIME PRESENTS.**

**PALM LAKE RESORT**  
**ENTRY GATE 2**  
**NEAR GOLF COURSE**  
**48 SETTLEMENT RD COWES**

# STAY SAFE IN BASS COAST

As we enjoy more beautiful weather, the Bass Coast region is calling all beachgoers to come and enjoy the sandy shores safely.

To help you stay safe, we encourage everyone to **download the Surf Life Saving Australia, Beachsafe app** and access important information available on the Life Saving Victoria website ([lsv.com.au](http://lsv.com.au)) and throughout the Visitor Information Centres.



**[beachsafe.org.au](http://beachsafe.org.au)**

Always swim at patrolled locations whenever possible, and in hot weather, take steps to protect yourself and others by keeping cool, staying hydrated, planning ahead and checking in with others.

**We want everyone to keep safe when exploring the amazing coastline of Bass Coast.**





# BUSINESS GUIDE

LOCAL TRADES AND SERVICES

AIR CONDITIONING

## ALWAYS COOL

AIR CONDITIONING

HEATING & COOLING SPECIALISTS

1800 931 631

www.alwayscoolair.com.au

Pic lic 45137  
Au 34551

BUILDER

## JSN

Constructions

SPECIALISTS IN:

- Carpentry
- Decking
- Extensions
- Bathrooms
- Renovations and more

Contact us for a quote:  
JAMES 0488 552 579

JSNCONSTRUCTIONS@YAHOO.COM

CARPET CLEANING

## ROB'S CARPET CLEANING

- Carpet cleaning
- Steam cleaning
- Pressure cleaning

robertarthurgrant@gmail.com

0413 241 963

EARTHMOVING

## MK EARTHWORKS

BULK CARTAGE • SITE CLEAR • TRENCHES • DRILLING

- Excavations
- Demolitions
- Drive/Pathways
- Retaining walls
- Spoil removal

- Free quote / consultation
- Experienced local business
- Innovative solutions
- Quality workmanship
- Transparent communication
- Full compliance / insurance
- Tight access specialists

\* TIPPERS • EXCAVATORS • SKIDSTEER • AUGERS • ROLLER \*

em: mkearthworksgmail.com

ph: Mick - 0408 575 472

AIR CONDITIONING

**BONUS**  
GIFT CARD CAMPAIGN

**CITY TO COAST AIR**  
WONTHAGGI

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION,  
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

Shop 1/13 Inverloch Rd, Wonthaggi  
0400 001 465  
citytocoastair.com

OFFER ENDS 31 JULY 2023

CARPENTER

## CARPENTRY

Est 1982

Home Renovations  
Maintenance & Repairs  
Window Replacement | Decks

John 0447 975 626

EARTHMOVING

## Bobcat/Excavator Tipper Hire

All aspects of earthmoving, driveways,  
draining and landscaping

Rubbish removal  
0418 372 399

Servicing all Phillip Island areas

**Ray's Skip Hire + Earth works**

AIR CONDITIONING

## COASTAL

REFRIGERATION & AIR-CONDITIONING

03 5678 5190  
office@picra.com.au

Coastal Refrigeration  
and Airconditioning

coastal\_refrig\_and\_aircon  
AUS1426

COMMERCIAL & DOMESTIC  
SERVICE, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND SALES

CABINET MAKER

## JOINERY SMOOTH

RECYCLED TIMBER CABINETRY  
KITCHEN'S  
INSTALLATION SERVICE  
TRADITIONAL SAUNA'S  
BESPOKE DESIGN

0457 239 600  
MITCH.JOINERYSMOOTH@GMAIL.COM  
WWW.JOINERYSMOOTH.COM.AU  
JOINERYSMOOTH  
ACN 672 446 769

CONCRETER

## RAY MATTOCK CONCRETING AND EXCAVATIONS

- Exposed aggregate paving
- Coloured - Slate - Brick paving
- House slabs - Garages

PH: 5952 3853 FAX: 5952 5103  
Mob: 0418 560 202

ELECTRICIAN

## JACKSON ELECTRICAL & AIR CONDITIONING

- Reliable & fully insured
- Split system installers
- Air conditioning sales and service
- TV Antenna & data
- All types of electrical services
- Free quotes
- Hot water systems
- Ovens and cooktops

CALL MICHAEL 0427 633 667  
CAPE WOOLAMAI REC 17893 LIC. 48834

AIR CONDITIONING

## southcoast air

Air conditioning & refrigeration  
Cooling & heating specialists

Split system sales & complete installation  
Service, repairs Electrical contractor

0402 044 377

Dave Miller  
PIC. 43216

L109866 REC26099

CLEANING

## ISLAND CARPET CLEANING

EST1981

- Extreme heat extraction – Rapid Dry
- Commercial – domestic
- Rental bond specialists • Fast, efficient service

0415 106 443  
islandcarpetcleaning87@gmail.com

CONCRETER

## TIM NEWMAN CONCRETING

- Exposed aggregate • House slabs
- Driveways • Footpaths • Sheds & garages
- All concreting needs

Tel/Fax 5956 8791

RMB 2180 Ventnor 3922 E:newman@waterfront.net.au

0419 312 805

FURNITURE RESTORATION

## THE WOOD WIZARD

COWES

FURNITURE RESTORATION  
BESPOKE TIMBER FURNITURE

CALL BOB, 0418 173 388  
5 HARVEY DRIVE

AUTOMOTIVE

Locally owned mechanic shop  
for all your vehicle needs

NOW OPEN

**JA AUTOMOTIVE**

Vehicle servicing  
General maintenance  
Vehicle diagnostics  
Brakes

319 White Road, South Dudley  
Josh Wilson 0478 054 037

Island Flue Cleaning

- CHIMNEY & FLUE CLEANING
- NEW COWLS SUPPLY & FIT

0488 522 950 5956 6888  
richandi@hotmail.com RICHIE & DI LAING

CONCRETER

## NEW WAVE CONCRETING

0402 454 742

Luke Hinrichs  
FACTORY 3, THE CONCOURSE

GAS SUPPLIERS

## WRIGHTON GAS SUPPLIES

Agency for **ELGAS**

Servicing Phillip Island & San Remo  
For all household gas supplies

**Bruce Wright**  
Tel: 5952 3252 Mobile 0409 164 441

BLINDS/AWNINGS

## Creative Blinds & Awnings

FREE MEASURE & QUOTE  
Mobile Showroom

Peter: T/F: 5952 5092 M: 0417 358 650

CAR REMOVAL

## BASS COAST CAR REMOVALS

Unwanted cars removed free

CHEAP TOWING NOW AVAILABLE

Call Shane  
5678 2002 or 0407 599 616

DECK RESTORATION

Enjoy your outdoor space  
for years to come with DeckSeal!

DECK SANDING, CLEANING, OILING AND MAINTENANCE.

**DeckSeal**

Call Nick on 0411 988 401  
basscoast@deckseal.com.au  
www.deckseal.com.au

GUTTER CLEANING

## GUTTER-VAC

Clean. Safe...Easy

Vacuum gutter cleaning,  
gutter guard, solar panel cleaning,  
ceiling cavities cleaning.

0427 393 291  
swgippsland@guttervac.com.au

COMPUTER REPAIRS

## WATERFRONT COMPUTERS

SALES, REPAIRS & UPGRADES TO PC & MAC

PC & Mobile Accessories, Ink & Toner  
Exetel NBN & Mobile Reseller partner  
Modems, Routers, WiFi powerline & extenders  
Web, Mail & Domain hosting services

130 Silverleaves Ave | Ph 5952 3312  
Open 9 to 5 Weekdays, Sat 9 to 12

CAR REMOVAL

AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA

## FREE CAR REMOVAL

WE PAY YOU\*

BUYERS OF SCRAP METAL, BINS PROVIDED

BASS COAST RECYCLERS

5672 2946 0417 556 593

\*Conditions apply

DRIVEWAY RESTORATION

## CLEAN, PRESSURE BLAST AND RESEAL

## DRIVEWAYS AND PATHS

MARK: 0418 105 262

HANDYMAN

Painting interior & exterior  
15 years experience  
Pressure cleaning weatherboards  
Flat pack assembly  
Doors installed, handles fitted  
Lawn mowing

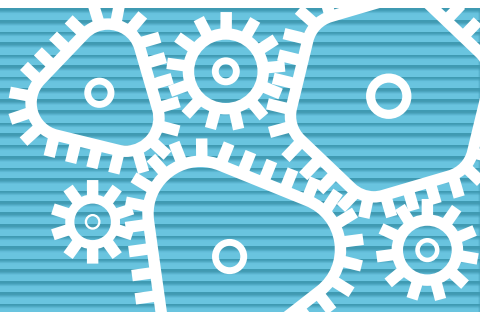
**Frank**  
0455 596 433

No job too big  
or too small



# BUSINESS GUIDE

LOCAL TRADES AND SERVICES



HANDYMAN

MOTORCYCLE REPAIR

PLASTERING

SLIDING DOOR REPAIRS

**affordable quality**  
home maintenance and repair.  
Decks. Verandahs. Pergolas.  
Renovations and extensions.

**DB\_U 8980**

**Peter Stasinowsky**  
Ph 0408149488 email. pstaza@hotmail.com

**APEX**  
**MOTORCYCLE REPAIRS**  
**PHILLIP ISLAND**

**5919 0080**

Unit 2, 7-9 Shorland Way, Cowes Vic 3922  
**apexmotorcycles.com.au**

**Phillip Island & Bass Coast**  
**Motorcycle Towing & Transport**

**Also Servicing Melbourne & Gippsland Regions**

\*Breakdowns \*Flat Tyres \*Race Tracks  
\*Shows & Events \*Dealer Deliveries \*Auctions  
\*Local & Interstate \*Group Discounts  
\*Show Bike Specialists

**motorcycletow.com.au 0431 655 749**

**WONTHAGGIplaster**  
& Construction Supplies

T: 5672 1535 F: 5672 3786  
**42 INVERLOCH ROAD, WONTHAGGI**  
wonthaggiplaster.com.au

CEMENTEL GYPROCK CSR NIMNATIONAL MASONRY EARTHWOOL ALUTEX

**SLIDING DOOR REPAIRS**

Are your doors sticking, catching or just not sliding properly?

- Timber & Aluminium Sliding Doors
- Bi Fold Doors
- Cavity Doors
- Wardrobe Doors
- Security Doors
- Track & Roller Replacements
- Screen Replacements
- New Locks Fitted
- And Much More

Now Servicing Phillip Island

**ALL Sliding Door REPAIRS MELBOURNE**

Ph 0438 538 244  
info@asdrm.com.au  
www.allslidingdoorrepairsmelbourne.com.au

**SJC HOME MAINTENANCE**  
Qualified Tradesman with over 35 years experience

Call for a Free Quote  
No job too small  
Quality work at a great price, Fully insured

**Call Mick 0424 414 495**  
www.sjchomemaintenance.com.au

**brenex**  
plumbing & gasfitting

24 hours 7 days

- Roofing - Gas - Water - Hot Water - Pumps  
- Water Tanks - Sewers & Storm water - Blockages

Brendan Duncan 0418 342 649  
PIC No. 26296  
Email | brendan@brenexplumbing.com.au

**ROTARET**  
HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING

Hydraulic, pneumatic and mechanical repairs.  
Design and fabrication.  
We also stock industrial supplies.

Factory 2, 3 Cyclone St, Wonthaggi  
(03)5672 5924  
Email: enquiries@rotaret.com.au

We are More than Just Hose and Fittings

**Jim's Mowing**  
Need it Done?  
Jim's the One

Call 131 546

- ✓ FREE QUOTES
- ✓ Fully insured
- ✓ Police checked
- ✓ OH&S compliant
- ✓ All work guaranteed

**RISK FREE**

Lawn mowing, gardening, pruning, hedging, rubbish removal, gutter cleaning, weeding, mulching, odd jobs

www.jims-mowing.com.au

**CHUNKS PLUMBING**

All types of plumbing  
24 HOUR SERVICE Lic # 48411

- Gas • Hot water units
- Sewers, storm water, blockages
- A local, reliable business

**Daniel Campbell - 0438 520 546**  
daniel@chunksplumbing.com.au

**islandenergy**

**SOLAR - BATTERIES - OFF GRID**

1300 534 110

REC 19496

**FIRST FOOT FORWARD**  
LANDSCAPES & CONCRETING

Call Kirk 0423 054 520

Concreting  
Landscaping  
Retaining  
Fencing  
Paving  
Crossovers  
& more...

**TOPWATER MARINE**  
0402 761 692

- Inboard / outboard motor servicing and repairs
- Accessory Installations and electrical work
- Trailer servicing and modifications
- Anchor winches • Boat detailing • Insurance work

www.topwatermarine.com.au | topwatermarine@yahoo.com  
64 Dixon street, Inverloch

**Same Day Plumbing Service**

**Morris Brothers**  
Lic 43482

Free Quotes - Pensioner Discounts  
**0403 116 435**

**ISLAND STEEL**

Steel fabrication • Stainless/Aluminium fabrication  
Steel sales cut to order • Sheetmetal fabrication  
Guillotine and folding • Gal lintels / Retaining wall posts  
Truck mounted CRANE HIRE • Genie lift and generator hire

Call for a quote WE DELIVER

14-16 The Concourse, Cowes 5952 1432  
Email:sales@islandsteel.com.au

**THE STONE STORE**

0424 426 932

FACTORY 14, 71 FRANKSTON GARDENS DRIVE, CARRUM DOWNS  
WWW.THESTONESTORE.COM.AU

VICTORIA'S PREMIER DESTINATION FOR ALL THINGS NATURAL STONE AND PORCELAIN TILES.  
OVER 500 HUNDRED PRODUCTS TO CHOOSE FROM!

**JOE'S PAINTING**

Internal & external.  
No job too big or too small.  
Will provide a friendly service with reasonable prices.

**0410 621 189**

**RELIABLE PLUMBER**  
Fast Response at an honest price

**Tappy the Plumber**  
0427 776 808

email: tappy@waterfront.net.au  
Fully Licenced & insured. All work guaranteed Lic. No. 119269C

- NO CALL OUT FEE
- Leaking taps & toilets
- Hot water systems replaced
- Vanities & water
- Filters installed
- Gas fitting
- General plumbing

**Island Secure Storage**

Large & Small Units  
Boxes & Packaging  
Security Monitoring  
On Site Manager  
24hr / 7 day access

**Phone 0400 214 446**  
4 Industrial Way, Cowes 3922  
Alt Ph: 5952 1432 Fax: 5952 5690  
Email: storage@islandsteel.com.au  
Web: www.islandstorage.com.au

**Dave Costello**

For all your lawnmowing, landscaping & rubbish removal

Call for a free quote  
**0411 175 957**

**B&C Roberts Decorating Services**

**Brian Roberts** 0417 529 042

**RESTUMPING & RELEVELLING**

Restumping, Levelling,  
House Raising & Repacking,  
all renovation works

**CALL 0418 506 788**  
Licence DBL24625

**eventops**

**TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

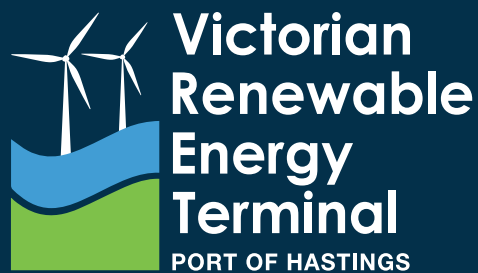
5900 2932  
projects@eventopsgroup.com.au

EOGTRAFFIC.COM.AU









The Port of Hastings has been selected by the Victorian Government as the preferred location for the establishment of the Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal.

The Terminal will receive, store, and assemble offshore wind components before they are transported to offshore wind farms off the Victorian coast for installation.

Port of Hastings Corporation will be hosting the following information sessions to provide an overview of the project.

For more information visit [renewableenergyterminal.com.au](https://renewableenergyterminal.com.au)

## Upcoming community information sessions

### COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS

#### Tuesday 12 November 2024

Time: 6 pm – 9 pm  
Hastings Community Hall,  
3 High Street, Hastings, VIC 3915

#### Saturday 16 November 2024

Time: 1 pm – 4 pm  
Hastings Community Hall,  
3 High Street, Hastings, VIC 3915

### VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION

#### Thursday 14 November 2024

Time: 7 pm – 8 pm  
Hosted via Microsoft Teams

#### Register interest:

Scan the QR code or visit  
[renewableenergyterminal.com.au/community](https://renewableenergyterminal.com.au/community)



## Join our Community Reference Group

The Port of Hastings Corporation is establishing a Community Reference Group (CRG) for the Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal.

The CRG will bring PoHC together with local community and provide a regular forum to discuss impacts and opportunities relating to the Terminal.

The project is seeking expressions of interest from community members interested in joining the CRG.


If you want to nominate, please complete the CRG Application Form below.

Scan the QR code or visit  
[surveymonkey.com/r/D3QDZJX](https://surveymonkey.com/r/D3QDZJX)  
to apply.



 **Phone**  
03 5979 5500

 **Email**  
[engage@portofhastings.vic.gov.au](mailto:engage@portofhastings.vic.gov.au)

 **Sign up for project updates**  
[renewableenergyterminal.com.au](https://renewableenergyterminal.com.au)



For languages other than English, please call 9209 0147.

Please contact us if you would like this information in an accessible format. If you need assistance due to a hearing or speech impairment, please visit [relayservice.gov.au](https://relayservice.gov.au)





Sophia Harding of Newhaven College was awarded second Prize, with Chair of judges Don Paproth, Sophie Hogan and Alex Charlton, Nicky Chung from Wonthaggi Rotary and Amanda Mc Mahon and Sarah Bourke from CUC Bass Coast. Photo courtesy of South Gippsland Sentinel Times.

## Local students leading the way

### EDUCATION

For the second year Country Universities Centre Bass Coast partnered with the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi to deliver the Annual Primary School Public Speaking Competition for 2024.

Congratulations to Tamsin Watson from Newhaven Primary School, taking out the top prize.

The event showcased the calibre of talented Grade 6 students from across the Bass Coast as they shared their thoughts, hopes and dreams for the future. All finalists were chosen from their respective schools and inspired the audience with their maturity and ability to speak confidently and clearly about issues they were passionate about.

As a not-for-profit dedicated learning community, Country Universities Centre Bass Coast works closely with schools, tertiary partners and other educational organisations to increase access and opportunity for rural and regional students in Higher Education.

Additional funding through the Federal Governments Regional Partnership's Program Pool, has meant that CUC Bass Coast has been able to extend their reach in the community and roll out widening participation programs to nurture aspirations for current primary and secondary school students in the region.

CUC Centre Manager, Sarah Bourke said, "Tonight's event leaves you feeling that our future is in very safe hands; it is about nurturing the aspirations of our amazing young people, because we know that the earlier we are having conversations about our hopes and dreams for the future the better".

Wonthaggi Rotary Club Immediate Past President Nicky Chung commended the partnership saying that the development of resources and targeted sessions across local primary schools by CUC has helped to build students' confidence and support teaching staff to help build confidence in public speaking.

"The Rotary Club of Wonthaggi is thrilled to collaborate with the Country University Centre (CUC) in Wonthaggi.



Tamsin Watson of Newhaven Primary School took out first prize at the 2024 Primary School Public Speaking Competition. Photo courtesy of South Gippsland Sentinel Times.

Their involvement has significantly enhanced our public speaking competition by mentoring over 700 primary school students and providing opportunities for CUC student ambassadors to mentor and serve on the judging panel."

Results of 2024 Competition: 1st prize: Tamsin Watson, Newhaven Primary School, 2nd Prize: Sophie Hardy, Newhaven College and 3rd Prize: Leila Andrews, Wonthaggi PS.

CUC Bass Coast is a community led model which aims to increase access and opportunities to higher education pathways for regional students, and in doing so, building the capacity of our local community and workforce. The centre is open for access to registered students seven days a week, providing high speed technology, academic mentoring and educational support. The study space allows students to network with others to create a community learning environment and reduce isolation while studying remotely.

For more information, please give the team a call on 0472 741 451 or visit [www.cucbasscoast.edu.au](http://www.cucbasscoast.edu.au)

## Cowes Primary students speak up

### EDUCATION

The Year 6 students at Cowes Primary School are speaking up.

The students were recently challenged to create a three-to-five-minute speech from a list of topics.

These were presented to class groups with two representatives from each class entering the Cowes Primary Public Speaking Competition.

Hailey Dunn was the winner and went on to represent Cowes Primary at the Rotary Public Speaking Competition in Wonthaggi.

Hailey placed fourth in the competition. Her speech was a call to action about the environment.

"The Cowes Primary community is very proud of Hailey's excellent achievement," a school spokesperson said.



Cowes Primary student Hailey Dunn placed fourth in the Rotary Public Speaking Competition in Wonthaggi.

# RSL annual dinner

### COMMUNITY

The Phillip Island RSL's annual dinner, held earlier this month, was a gala event which recognised community leaders, veterans, volunteers, milestones achieved by RSL staff, and in particular, the recipient of this year's Anzac Day Community award Gill Scrase.

Guest speakers on the night were Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent and Dr Robert Webster OAM, State President of the RSL.

Dr Webster provided all present with an update of the work being carried out at state level by the RSL. In particular he focussed on the Royal Commission Final Report into Defence and Veteran suicides, which was presented last month to the Federal Government for consideration.

Dr Webster was applauded when he emphasised the Victorian RSL is committed to strongly holding the government to account when it comes to the implementation of the 122 recommendations that have emerged from the seven page document.

Mr Broadbent regaled the audience with a slice of political history, spanning his 40 plus years as a parliamentary representative across Gippsland. There were instances when he could not toe the party line, he commented, but always in the interests of his constituents, he emphasised.

Now sitting in parliament an Independent, after serving decades as a Liberal Party member, Mr Broadbent said he is not yet prepared to announce if he has intentions of running for seat of Monash at the 2025 Federal election.

He made a presentation of a large Australian flag to Mr Paul, who said it would hang proudly at the front of the RSL premises.

### Acknowledgements

Acknowledgements and thanks for the contribution and achievements made by community volunteers, award recipients and RSL staff were made throughout the evening.

General Manager Chris Simpson was warmly acknowledged for a successful year at the helm of the RSL. Stacey Carter was recognised for 10 years of service as part of the RSL's bistro team.

Andrew Tolley was thanked for 14 years of community service looking after the Banfields Aged Care residents for the RSL on Anzac Day.

And Greg Smythe who has headed the RSL maintenance team for 16 years, in charge of presenting the venue at its best at all times, was thanked and acknowledged.

Former Phillip Island RSL Annual Community Anzac Award recipients Joy Niven, Cheryl Overton and Bruce Procter were guests at the dinner.

A warm tribute was paid to the late Jock McKechnie and Graham Cock, joint recipi-



Guest speakers at the Phillip Island RSL annual dinner Dr Robert Webster (OAM) RSL State president (second right) and Russell Broadbent, Federal Member for Monash (right) are welcomed to the event by RSL General Manager Chris Simpson, (left) and president Peter Paul.

ents of the same award in 2016, for their achievements in the field of health care.

Jock and Graham were the founders of PIMHAG, and with their small committee, worked tirelessly toward the provision of 24/7 health care after the closure of Warley Hospital in 2008. This was finally achieved with the opening of Health Hub in 2018.

### Community

Two important community programs long conducted by the RSL were also discussed during the evening.

An extensive scholarship program covering both primary school students and those wanting to study at tertiary level, but who may not be able to afford to do so, is run annually; and the much-loved Carols by the Bay community event, conducted by the RSL, in conjunction with the Bendigo Bank.

Many representatives of organisations that received RSL grants towards the important work they do in the fields of recreation, the arts, education and culture were guests at the dinner, with Chris Ross, Phillip Island Football Netball Club president, singled out for special mention by Peter Paul.

Chris, who is retiring from the position next month after eight years on the job, was thanked for his leadership providing sporting opportunities for no less than 560 football and netball players, with just one oval and two courts at their disposal. In spite of lack of access to adequate playing facilities, three senior and numerous minor level premierships were achieved in that time.

"Importantly, you have moulded PIFNC into a family club," Mr Paul commented.

In response, Chris thanked the RSL and commented that without their support, the club would be unable to operate.

The evening concluded with a thank you to the RSL chefs and kitchen crew for the delicious meal.

More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au)

## Gill presented with Anzac Award

A feature of the RSL annual dinner this month was the formal presentation to Gill Scrase of the 2024 Phillip Island RSL Annual Community Anzac Award, announced on Anzac Day.

The presentation was made by RSL Committee member Cheryl Overton at the dinner, in recognition of Gill's significant and ongoing commitment to helping improve health services in the community.

Gill has been a member of the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG) Committee since 2012. And she was also appointed as an independent member of the Bass Coast Health Commu-



A feature of the RSL annual dinner was the formal presentation to Gill Scrase of the 2024 Phillip Island RSL Annual Community Anzac Award, announced on Anzac Day.

nity Committee in 2018, to advance the Phillip Island Community Hospital, working closely with

Jan Child, former CEO of Bass Coast Health.

Other contributions include the past six years as a member of the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary, with two years as Secretary, as well as volunteering at Wonthaggi Hospital for the last three years.

In her role as Auxiliary Secretary, she has been instrumental in the organisation of the Annual Woolamai Race Meeting which has been a wonderful fundraiser for the Phillip Island Hospital.

Gill's voluntary community contribution has involved countless hours advocating for the Phillip Island Community Hospital, which is due to open next year, Cheryl said.



# Phillip Island Boardriders Club Welcome 24/25 Supergroms

## SURFING

On October 25, Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) kicked off the Supergrom season with their annual Supergroms information night at the PIBC clubrooms.

This season's Supergroms Coordinator Melanie Wright and Supergroms committee Alisha Hill and Jasmine Keogh, along with President Jake Eisen organised a fantastic event.

With help from PIBC president Jake they delved into the club's history, explored a day in the life of a Supergrom, and shared valuable tips for parents to support their groms in the surf.

There was even a sneak peek at PIBC's 2024 merchandise to get the groms frothing.

"It was heartwarming to see so many new faces ready to embark on their journey with PIBC," President Jake Eisen said.

"Mel, Ali and Jas did such a great job organising and running the Supergroms intro night."



PIBC Supergroms committee Jasmine Keogh, Melanie Wright (Supergroms Coordinator) and Alisha Hill.

PIBC extend a special thank you to the Supergroms grads kids Bill Easton and Otis Joyner who inspired the next generation with their stories, Diego Monteiro for manning the BBQ, and local IGA San Remo and Bakers Delight Cowes for helping put the event together.

PIBC is also looking forward to their first Aggregate comp and Supergroms day on Saturday, November 9, which will be followed by their first 24/25 presentation evening at the PIBC clubhouse, featuring musicians 1080 Door Jams playing from 8pm to start the season in flying form.



Tom Fahey, Best Noseride award. Photo by Craig Anderson Photography.



Nala Taylor, Coordinator Longboard, 3rd Open Women's. Photo by Joanna O'Reilly Stubbs

## PIBC's first Longboard comp of the season

### SURFING

Saturday, October 19, the Phillip Island Boardriders club held their first Longboard competition for their 24/25 season, with a new season heat format.

All competitors surfed two heats each, with all genders and ages surfing in heats together.

Each competitor's best two waves from each heat totalled for their top four waves overall, with winners announced at end of day.

Emphasis was also placed on surfing etiquette with some custom signage by artist Zev Landes – where courtesy and priority apply including surfer out back first and longest, has choice of wave and direction, communicate with one another which direction going on wave, and no snaking.

As usual for each competitor everyone who surfed a heat then judges a heat, with all competitors contribute to the set up and pack down of the marquee and equipment.

### Results

**Open Mens:** 1st Andy McHenry, 2nd Tom Fahey and 3rd Ben Taylor.



Awards for the Phillip Island Boardriders Club Longboard competition held on the weekend went to, from left: Andrew Lindsey (Winner Masters 45+), Andy McHenry (1st Open Men's), Ebony Maier (1st Open Women's), Joanna O'Reilly Stubbs (Lemon Award), Tom Fahey (Best Noseride Award) and Nala Taylor (3rd Open Women's). Photo: Jake Eisen, PIBC. More photos at [pisra.com.au/sport](http://pisra.com.au/sport)

**Open Women's:** 1st Ebony Maier, 2nd Jerrie Liberati and 3rd Nala Taylor.

**Mixed Masters (45+):** 1st Andrew Lidsey, 2nd Natalie Van Der Heyden and 3rd Emily Scott.

**Mixed Juniors (U18):** 1st Sonia Seuren, 2nd Scarlett Rennie and 3rd Savannah Bennett.

### Awards

**Best Cutback:** Andrew Lidsey.

**Best Noseride:** Tom Fahey.  
**Lemon Award:** Joanna O'Reilly Stubbs.

Honourable mention also went to Bobby Matthews for being the Grom who frothed the hardest, and a big congrats to this season's Longboard Coordinator Nala Taylor on her first event as head, while also taking out third in the Open Women's.

## Red Rocks competition results

### GOLF

#### Saturday, October 26, Monthly Medal – Stroke

Winner: Ray Pobjoy (6) 56 nett c/b.

2nd Place: Rod Widmer (20) 56 nett.

3rd Place: David Pearce

(20) 58 nett.

#### Sunday, October 27, Stableford

Winner: Dylan Wilson Brown (10) 35 points c/b.

2nd Place: David Pearce (18) 35 points.

3rd Place: Ian Murray (19) 34 points c/b.

## Euchre results

**Ladies winner:** Phyllis Staples – 7 wins.

**Men's winner:** David Armstrong – 6 wins.

**Encouragement award:** Kay Strudwick, one of our new members.

We welcome Kay and Carol Courtis to our friendly Thursday night Euchre sessions.

New players most welcome, contact Bob Hee on 0418 173 388.

## Results from the green

### GOLF

#### Tuesday, October 22

**Men's competition Stableford 18H**  
Overall winner: Jim Brown (23) 44 pts.

A Grade winner: A-1 Peter Cartwright (7) 38.

B Grade winner: B-1 Terry McGregor (16) 42.

C Grade winner: C-1 Jim Brown (23) 44 pts.

BDL to 35 c/b.

NTP: 5th Alf Micallef, 7th Neil Williams, 10th Peter Williams and 17th Phillip Bencraft.

#### Men's 9 Hole Stableford

Overall winner: Clive Scott (24) 20 pts c/b from Steve Rieger (24) 20 pts c/b.

BDL 17 pts.

#### Wednesday, October 23

**Women's 4 Person Ambrose 18H**  
Overall winners: Karen Green and Gwen Mather and Jennifer Fitzgerald and Debra Orr 59.

From: Liz O'Neil and Lesley Meadowcroft and Lyn Dunne and Michelle Pardoe 61.75.

BDL to 64.875.

NTP: 5th Jeanette Diss, 7th Pamela Rothfield, 10th Lesley Meadowcroft and 17th Helen Coghlan.

#### Women's 9 Hole Stableford

Overall winner: Judy Griffin (37) 19pts from Joanne Westthorp (41) 18 pts.

BDL to 17 pts c/b.

#### Thursday, October 24

##### Open Stableford 18H

Overall winner: Phil Cooksey (20) 39 pts.

A Grade winner: Darrell Clark (10) 37 pts.

B Grade winner: Phil Cooksey (20) 39 pts.

C Grade winner: Harry Sterling (21) 38 pts.

BDL to 33 c/b.

NTP: 5th Ross Cooper, 7th Heath Grace, 10th Syd Hadley and 17th Darrell Clark.

#### Open 9 Hole Stableford

Winner: Col Cordery (27) 21 pts from Brian Baker (19) 18 pts c/b.

BDL to 17 pts.

#### Saturday, October 26

##### Men's Comp Stableford 18H

Overall winner: John Shaw (30) 40 pts c/b.

A Grade winner: Brady Ross (6) 39 pts.

B Grade winner: Syd Hadley (16) 40 pts.

C Grade winner: John Shaw (30) 40 pts c/b.

BDL to 35 c/b.

NTP: 5th Ricky Males, 7th Paul Ledwith, 10th Reece Jamieson and 17th Alf Micallef.

#### Women's competition

##### Stableford 18H

Overall winner: Jan Daff (26) 40 pts c/b from Judith Lawrence (32) 40 pts.

BDL 34 pts.

NTP: 5th Jan Daff, 7th Pamela Rothfield, 10th Joanne Disher and 17th Helen Coghlan.

#### Open competition Stableford 9H

No competition.

#### Sunday, October 27

##### Foursomes Championships 18H (nett)

Overall winner: Jack Ross and Isaac Batty 67 from Phillip Bencraft and Garry Thompson 68.

BDL 75.5.

##### Foursomes Championships 18H (Gross)

Overall winner: Jack Ross and Isaac Batty.

#### Open competition Stableford

Winner: Max Mattock (20) 46 pts from Brady Ross (5) 37 pts.

BDL 36 pts.

## Spring Series draws new faces and a dominant victory

### DARTS

On Monday night, 31 darters gathered for Round 3 of the Phillip Island and Districts Darts League's Spring Series.

The competition welcomed two fresh faces, Brendon and Phil, who joined the fun to get a taste of the competition before committing to a team next year.

One of the unique aspects of the Spring Series is the ability to bring along friends, giving them a chance to experience the competitive atmosphere without the pressure of a full-season commitment.

The night was dominated by the team of Jamie, Gareth and Scott, who claimed a resounding 7-0 victory.

Their exceptional performance marked them as the standout team of the night, showing both precision and teamwork on the oche.

In addition to the action-packed darts, Scotch emerged as the lucky winner of the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle.

Known for his generosity, he was eager to share the prize with his "All-In" teammates, who showed up looking sharp in their new team uniforms.

Meanwhile, Peter's positive thinking was rewarded when he accurately predicted he'd



All-In dart team with their new uniforms and winning the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle (L-R) Grum, Scotch, Will and Bones.

win the beers, adding to the night's celebrations.

As for the overall standings, Chris remains in front with 17 points after another strong showing.

However, Jamie Martin made a significant leap, jumping to second place with 13 points, while Scott Lethbridge secured third with 12 points.

The competition is heating up as we approach the midway point of the Spring Series, and with fresh faces joining and seasoned players sharpening their skills, the coming rounds promise more exciting action.

Be sure to join us next week for another thrilling night of darts – same time, same place.

Anyone interested in coming along, contact Scott on 0407 543 154 for details.



# Great start to the season

## CRICKET

### A Grade

Newhaven Recreation was bathed in sunshine, as the young Sharks welcomed Leongatha Town.

George McCausland suffering a side strain in the morning left a big hole in bowling line up. Along with star Max Royal missing the game there were opportunities aplenty for future stars of the club to shine.

After losing the toss and being asked to bowl, Tom Niven produced an early chance that was unfortunately dropped in slips.

Jobe Williams, in just his second game and at only 14 years old, opened the other end with great pace and accuracy and was able to find the edge to get the first wicket.

Zac Brown and Tim Niven bowled in great partnership, with Brown reaping the reward getting the wicket in his first spell.

The game was evenly poised at 2/82 at the halfway point of the innings, before the introduction of Heath Womersley turned the match on its head.

After removing the set batsman, he was able to rip through the Scorpions' middle order, ending his spell with an incredible 5/18 from his eight straight overs.

Heath's first five wicket haul in A grade was a result of an incredibly disciplined spell of bowling. Down the other end Brown picked up another, whilst Williams and Tom Niven finished the innings with a wicket each.

Town all out for 132.

With a tough little chase ahead, the Sharks made good inroads early. Lochie Cleeland looking like he had somewhere to be, regularly found the boundary.

Brodie Johnston also looking very comfortable, the scoreboard was ticking over at a rapid rate. With the score on 53 after eight overs, Cleeland (27) found a fielder and shortly after Johnston (35) hit a return catch to the bowler.

This brought in Daniel Mock and Tom Niven to finish the job, and in a partnership that relied



U/13's coach Tony Hornsby, rallying the troops before they head into battle on Friday night against Inverloch.

on working singles and punishing bad balls, the pair were able to see the Sharks home in 23 overs. Mock finished on 36 not out and Tom Niven undefeated on 28.

A good start to the season with the side winning both their games so far, leading into the league wide bye this week.

### U13

The Under 13 Sharks headed to Inverloch for their opening game of the season.

Captain Liam Cleary opened the batting with Harshaan and got the team off to a steady start.

Ethan Cleary top scored with 14, as Ethan and Nash Hornsby-Ramage put together a great partnership.

Ziggy smoked some big boundaries while Sonny pulled out all his classy shots.

Archie Dallinger eased into his innings and finished off with a powerful boundary that whistled past the bowler.

Max Carville kept the score ticking over and Jackson Ramage on debut crunched a massive boundary.

Johnny Rizzo and Riley Whyte, also playing their first game for the Sharks, finished off the innings with the Sharks on 83.

Harshaan opened the bowl-



Heath Womersley had an incredible 5/18 from his eight straight overs in the A Grade match.

ing and got a wicket early, smashing the stumps.

All the players fielded brilliantly as captain Cleary kept ringing the bowling changes.

The highlight of the bowling innings was Johnny Rizzo on debut getting three wickets, including two catches off his own bowling.

The Sharks kept Inverloch to 61, giving the Sharks a 22-run victory.

A fantastic effort by the team in the first game of the season.



The Senior Women's cricket team had four players on debut (from left): Zora, B, Jane and Grace. Grace also received 'Player of the Match'.

## Great win for the Senior Women's team

### CRICKET

The Phillip Island Women's cricket team played their round one match at Rhyll on Sunday against Wonthaggi's first ever women's cricket team.

The oval was in mint condition, and sun shining to welcome both Wonthaggi and four new players to the Phillip Island side.

Captain Bec won the toss and elected to bat.

Sienna and Grace got the Island off to a flying start, Sienna turning the strike over and Grace peppering the boundary.

The score 29 after four overs. Winnie and Jane then brought the score to 54 with fast running from Jane and a sensational six from Winnie.

Rosanna then smashed three, fours, and B also found the boundary bringing the total to 82.

Jay's first ever six was an awesome shot over mid-wicket, and Jill kept the runs steadily ticking over. Zora made her first runs for the club and Bec closed the

innings with the Island reaching 117.

Sienna and Winnie opened the bowling with speed and precision, while B and Grace made it hard for Wonthaggi to score.

Jane and Jay both bowled well, restricting the scoring and Jill and Bec kept the pressure on.

Rosanna did a fantastic job as keeper and Zora fielded brilliantly on debut.

An amazing team effort in the field resulted in nine run outs; wickets to Grace, B and Bec and catches to Sienna and Rosanna.

Wonthaggi reached 43 at the end of their innings.

Congratulations to Grace, top scoring with 20 runs and Rosanna with 18.

Best bowlers included B 1/1(3), Bec 1/5 (2) and Grace 1/10 (3).

Player of the match was Grace in her debut game for the Sharks.

A great start to the season for the PIDCC Senior Women's team.

The Island will be back at Rhyll at 10am, on Sunday November 17 against Leongatha Town.

## The midweek battle at Loch

### BOWLS

Midweek bowls was played at Loch District Bowls Club with 39 bowlers turning up to once again fight it out for team(s) of the week.

Pauline and Vern greeted us as Peter arranged the teams with the help of Claire and Rob. When the teams were arranged, the challenge commenced.

A little cooler than last week as the southerly wind and the showers throughout the day kept the bowlers rugged up to beat the weather.

However, bad weather or not, there were plenty of excellent bowls played through the day and, as usual lots of fun and laughter across the green. Of course, a couple of wrong biases, but generally a great day of bowls.

Anyway, as always, we have winners and others, and last week's winners on a score of 36

were: David Smith (S), Simon Mallia (3), Shirl Corcoran (L) and Alex Martin (2).

Runners up on a score of 34 were: Michael Saunders (2), Jenny Smith (L), Laurie Bell (3) and Tony Heppleston (S).

Best One Game Winners on 19 points were: Mark Hanrahan (S), Gillian Harper (3), Bobby Arnold (L) and Chris Brooks (2).

A big thank you once again to Sue and Trevor who looked after the kitchen as well as the bar.

We are always well looked after and made to feel so welcome when we visit Loch.

This week we will be meeting up at Lang Lang to once again fight it out.

Until then we wish everyone success in their pennant matches.

We know everyone can't win but we do wish all our members well.



Winners of Midweek bowls played at Loch were David Smith (S), Simon Mallia (3), Shirl Corcoran (L) and Alex Martin (2).



Michael Saunders (2), Jenny Smith (L), Laurie Bell (3) and Tony Heppleston (S) were runners up at Midweek bowls.



The seniors women cricket team after their win against Wonthaggi on the weekend.

## Tenpin bowling

**Phantom:** 1st place on 192.5pts HSB, 2nd place on 187pts Ghan and 3rd place on 186.5 Healy.

**2s Company - Monday Evening:** 1st place on 25pts King Pins, 2nd place on 22pts Jail and 3rd place on 20.5pts Pinpushers.

**ABL (Almost Bowling Legends) Wednesday evening:** 1st place on 158pts Storm, 2nd place on 155pts Dreamers and 3rd place on 133.5pts Fairlanes.

**Business Early - Thursday Evening:** 1st place on 9pts Happy

Hour, 2nd place on 5pts Woolly Rollers, 3rd place on 5pts Old Timers and 4th place on 5pts The Redundants.

**Business Late:** 1st place on 8pts Holy Splits, 2nd place on 6pts City Lights, 3rd place on 6pts S & R Clarke Auto and 4th place on 6pts The Big D's.

Top scores for the week across all tournaments:

Women: 166 Valma Peterson, 156 Tricia Niessink and 148 Penny Wolswinkel.

Men: 244 Anthony Hancock, 225 Justin Porthouse and 201 Jason Bence.



# Angling Club hosts successful competition

## FISHING

The Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club (RPIAC) held its third weekend angling competition for the 2024/2025 season on October 19-20.

This year, the competition coincided with the MotoGP, allowing anglers to maximise their experiences in both angling and motorsport.

Competitors gathered to fish in the beautiful waters surrounding Phillip Island, including Western Port Bay and Bass Strait, targeting a variety of salt-water species.

Despite starting with some rain and wind, the weather improved, offering participants a gentle breeze and sunshine to cast their lines.

Over the weekend, a total of 63 fish were weighed in, featuring an impressive array of species, including snapper, King George whiting, trevally, gummy sharks, and calamari.

With recent reports of huge Snapper entering the bay, the \$5000 incentives for angling members with extraordinary catches, during a competition weekend, remains in the bank.

The five eligible species nominated for each first-to-catch \$1000 prize, by equalling or exceeding the nominated weight, are: King George whiting (1000 grams), snapper (10kg), Gummy shark (20kg), mullet (25kg) and kingfish (25kg).

RPIAC encourages participation in recreational angling and children, aged 16 and under, receive complimentary membership to the angling competitions to develop skills and an interest in sustainable and responsible angling.

## Results

The competition featured several categories, with

standout performances from young anglers.

In the Squidgies Mixed Bag competition for participants aged nine and under, Harley Griffin secured second place with three fish worth 50 points, while Saige Nicolaci claimed first place with four fish worth 75 points.

In the Junior Weight and Junior Points competitions for anglers aged 10 to 16, Thomas Grogan excelled, weighing in a snapper at 770 grams and a King George whiting that earned 1288 points (460 grams) respectively.

In the senior divisions, Kate Jinnette triumphed in the Senior Female Points competition with a King George whiting worth 1442 points (515 grams).

Brian Bowers took home the Senior Male Points award with the biggest King George whiting of the season, worth a massive total of 2170 points (775 grams).

Tenille Preddice dominated the Senior Female Weight competition with a snapper weighing 2710 grams, while Trevor Gleeson secured the Senior Male Weight title with a remarkable 5610-gram snapper.

Adding excitement to the competition, RPIAC is also running a Heaviest Snapper contest for fishing weekends in October and November.

Currently, the leading catch is a 6200-gram snapper caught by Kevin Reid.

Alex Bowden had an impressive weekend, winning both the Shark competition with a massive gummy shark weighing 13,950 grams and the Squid/Cuttlefish competition with Southern calamari weighing 1365 grams.

The Game Fish competition went uncontested, while John Wright claimed the Secret Weight prize with a trevally weighing



Kate Jinnette won the Senior Female Points competition with a King George whiting worth 1442 points (515 grams).



Brian Bowers caught the season's biggest King George whiting worth 2170 points (775 grams).

650 grams (secret weight 614 grams).

The post-competition presentation on Sunday was a great celebration.

Many thanks to Peter Rowan who was the weekend's barbecue master, and the generous assistance from RPIAC's sponsor Bakers Delight Cowes.

The event showcased not only the talent of local anglers but also the vibrant community spirit surrounding the RPIAC.

The club is open on Fridays from 5pm and on competition weekends from 4pm to coincide with weigh-in.

The next competition will be held on November 9-10.

For more information about upcoming events or to join the RPIAC, visit [www.rpiac.com](http://www.rpiac.com).

More photos at [pisra.com.au/sport](http://pisra.com.au/sport)



The Bass Coast Cycle Challenge on November 9 includes spectacular coastal and hinterland views, range from 40 kms through to 121 kms and starts and finishes in Inverloch.

# Bass Coast Cycle Challenge just around the corner

## CYCLING

The Bass Coast Cycle Challenge is just weeks away, with riders lining up for a range of cycling challenges across the shire on November 9.

The rides, which include spectacular coastal and hinterland views, range from 40 kms through to 121 kms and start and finish in Inverloch.

The 100 km gravel road race takes in sections of the Bass Coast Rail trail, including the iconic Kilcunda bridge.

The event raises money for road safety education workshops in local high schools and many local cyclists have already signed up for the challenge.

For spectators, as well as cheering on the riders, there is a market with delicious food and stalls from local students selling crafts, art and jewellery.

To date over 3000 students from local secondary schools in Wonthaggi, Phillip Island, Korumburra, Leongatha, Foster and Mirboo North have undertaken intensive road safety education courses which help to save lives on our roads.

"These students have had access to these programs thanks to all the people who have ridden in the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge," said Bass Coast Cycle Challenge event director Gavin Slavin.

With all proceeds from the event funding these courses, the Bass Coast Cycle

Challenge is undoubtedly making an enormous impact on road safety through education of high school children.

According to Anton Hockey from Road Safety Education Limited, the courses are practical and powerful.

"Through interactive workshops, we aim to change the way young people think about road safety," they said.

"Students experience braking at different speeds, devise travel strategies that will work in the real world and get tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family. The most powerful moments come from crash survivors who take the time to tell their stories."

Organisers say early education is an important initiative that contributes to decreasing the road toll and arming the next generation of drivers with the skills they need to be safe on our roads.

"It's our local youth who benefit most from this event," said Slavin.

"Road safety is an issue that touches us all and we encourage all locals – no matter what your cycling ability, to register for the Bass Coast Cycle Challenge, in order to keep these courses accessible to our local youth as they approach that crucial time in their lives where they start to drive independently or are travelling as passengers of novice drivers."

[www.basscoastcyclechallenge.com](http://www.basscoastcyclechallenge.com)

# Ladies squid session

## FISHING

There will be a Ladies squidding session on Tuesday November 12 on the San Remo jetty from 3pm.

Already 31 keen fishers have registered to attend the free event

Organised by Amanda Keilar of the Women in Recreational Fishing and Boating Network the event is a chance for women to "come and try" squid fishing.

Amanda said the group would be there until at least 6pm, so women could come down after work.

"You can bring your own rod or let me know if you need to borrow one."

All registered participants receive a complimentary squid jig

The event is free, but please register with Amanda on 0403 902 354.



Great session on the Snapper on Westernport Bay on board Ladies Fishing Charters San Remo with hostess Amanda Keilar aka Fishing Nanna. More photos at [pisra.com.au/sport](http://pisra.com.au/sport)

# TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 30 OCT	THU 31 OCT	FRI 1 NOV	SAT 2 NOV	SUN 3 NOV	MON 4 NOV	TUE 5 NOV
LOW 4:57 am 1.27 m	HIGH 12:33 am 2.34 m	HIGH 1:33 am 2.53 m	HIGH 2:22 am 2.72 m	HIGH 3:05 am 2.89 m	HIGH 3:44 am 3.01 m	HIGH 4:22 am 3.08 m
HIGH 11:30 am 2.31 m	LOW 6:14 am 1.29 m	LOW 7:18 am 1.24 m	LOW 8:10 am 1.18 m	LOW 8:53 am 1.11 m	LOW 9:30 am 1.06 m	LOW 10:05 am 1.03 m
LOW 5:35 pm 1.09 m	HIGH 12:30 pm 2.32 m	HIGH 1:23 pm 2.37 m	HIGH 2:07 pm 2.43 m	HIGH 2:47 pm 2.50 m	HIGH 3:24 pm 2.56 m	HIGH 4:00 pm 2.60 m
	LOW 6:33 pm 0.97 m	LOW 7:23 pm 0.82 m	LOW 8:04 pm 0.67 m	LOW 8:43 pm 0.55 m	LOW 9:19 pm 0.47 m	LOW 9:56 pm 0.42 m

All material is supplied in good faith and is believed to be correct. No responsibility or liability for errors or omissions is accepted.



**PHILLIP ISLAND MARINE**

NEW & USED BOAT SALES

14 Beach Road, Rhyll  
OPEN 7 DAYS

PH: 5956 9238

[www.phillipislandmarine.com.au](http://www.phillipislandmarine.com.au)





Coached by Saskia Schmidt and Kiara Brusamarello, the Senior Girls Netball Team of Amy Scott, Olivia Bramley, Keely Dennerley, Marli Box, Mataya Maloney, Lara Mullin, Isla Cousins, Eva Garnham, Macy Peterson and Sienna Tiziani became Bass Coast College's first School Sport Victoria State Champions.

## BCC's Netballers win first ever State Title

### NETBALL

Last month Bass Coast College won their first School Sport Victoria State Championship, with the Senior Girls Netball Team defeating Maribyrnong Sport Academy by 13 goals in the Grand Final.

Playing at Waverly Netball Centre on September 9, the girls faced a field of five teams and emerged victorious after narrowly losing their first match of the day by one point.

The Bass Coast College team then went from

“strength to strength”, eventually snatching the State Championship from a dedicated sports academy.

Assistant College Principal Emma Harris said, “it really was an amazing effort by the netballers”.

Bass Coast College con-

gratulated the team of Amy Scott, Olivia Bramley, Keely Dennerley, Marli Box, Mataya Maloney, Lara Mullin, Isla Cousins, Eva Garnham, Macy Peterson and Sienna Tiziani.

The team was coached by Saskia Schmidt and Kiara Brusamarello.

## Gippsland dominating regional competition

### SWIMMING

It was with great excitement that 29 young SGB swimmers aged 8-11 raced in the pool at MSAC on Saturday.

The swimmers who made up part of the 87 strong District 21 team, representing the seven Gippsland Clubs at the 2024 Country Junior District Competition.

Gippsland once again came away champions, dominating the field with 1598 points, beating 2nd Ovens and Murray 957, 3rd Central Victoria 891, 4th Barwon South West 543, 5th Midlands 505, 6th Hume and Upper Goulburn 162 and 7th Goulburn Valley 144.

The youngsters held their nerves together to swim against the other regional teams on the big stage.

For many there was great



SGB swimmers aged 8-11 years were part of the District 21 team that competed at the 2024 Country Junior District competition on Saturday.

excitement to see their names on the large screens and the footage of them and their friends racing.

Having watched their idols

racing in the same pool they were now in, added to the excitement.

It was also a chance for the swimmers to get to

know swimmers from other Gippsland Clubs who they race against in their age groups.

With the top eight fastest swimmers for each stroke competing in the races, it was fantastic to see SGB well represented in all ages and strokes.

Coach Lorri, one of the coaches of the development and junior program was thrilled by how many of the club's juniors were competing.

“It just shows the strength of our junior program.

“Many of our development swimmers moved up from their group to the junior squad and this is a great chance for the younger kids to have their first taste of a statewide competition.”

See full results at [pisra.com.au/swimming](http://pisra.com.au/swimming)

**ALEX SCOTT  
AND STAFF**

Est.1886

**COWES OFFICE**  
**113a Thompson Ave**  
**5952 2633**

**24 MCRAE AVENUE, COWES**



- Absolute foreshore reserve frontage with amazing water views and access to beach via sandy track
- Open plan living upstairs leading to huge entertainer's deck
- 4 bedrooms/2 bathrooms/ lock up garage

**AUCTION SATURDAY 30TH  
NOVEMBER @ 2PM ON SITE**

**150 THOMPSON AVENUE, COWES**



- Positioned on high exposure Thompson Avenue with a land area of 1819m<sup>2</sup> (approx.) and a substantial 20.1m frontage
- Ideal for immediate development (STCA)
- Short term lease in place providing income while you develop your plans

**AUCTION SATURDAY 16TH  
NOVEMBER @ 12PM ON SITE**

**I GALLEON CRESCENT, SUNSET STRIP**



- Immaculately presented double-storey home situated on 616m<sup>2</sup> (approx.) allotment
- Upstairs open plan living leading to generous wrap around deck offering views over surrounding farmland

3 bedrooms/1 bathroom/ 1 car garage

\$780,000

**SAN REMO OFFICE**  
**127a Marine Parade**  
**5678 5408**

**35 BONWICK AVENUE, SAN REMO**



- Refreshed and ready for a new chapter, this single level brick veneer gem with stunning panoramic views over the bay and beyond
- Large 998m<sup>2</sup> (approx.) allotment, just a short stroll to stunning beaches and township
- 3 bedrooms/ 2 bathrooms/ 2 car garage plus carport and workshop

**AUCTION SATURDAY 30TH  
NOVEMBER AT 12PM ON SITE**

**3553 BASS HIGHWAY, KILCUNDA**



- Ultimate coastal living with breathtaking water views and beach access directly across the road
- Spacious open plan living, 2 front and rear covered decks on 823m<sup>2</sup> (approx.) block
- 3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms/double garage with workshop/office

\$1,195,000

[www.alexscott.com.au](http://www.alexscott.com.au)

HOME DELIVERY  
Call your local  
newsagency

ISSN 2200-100X



9 772200 100002

PHILLIP ISLAND & SAN REMO

**ADVERTISER**