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Game on!

Travis Woodfield and Cam Brown celebrate the Bulldogs Seniors' incredible one-point win over Nar Nar Goon, taking them into this weekend's Grand Final. The Phillip Island Football Netball Club is looking to make history, with five teams (three football and two netball) heading over the bridge to Koo Wee Rup on Saturday, chasing their dream of a Premiership flag. Not to be outdone, the Phillip Island Breakers soccer club has four teams playing in the weekend's Grand Finals at Lang Lang. **For everything you need to know about this massive Grand Final Weekend, our bumper soccer and football coverage kicks off on page 28.**



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Former Phillip Islander, Carlton's Sam Docherty is a finalist in this year's Jim Stynes Community Leadership Award. Photo: AFL Photos.

Sam in line for leadership award

FOOTBALL

Former Phillip Islander, Carlton AFL player Sam Docherty is one of four finalists in this year's Jim Stynes Community Leadership Award.

Docherty is a finalist alongside Bailey Banfield (Fremantle), Ben Brown (Melbourne) and Harry Cunningham (Sydney Swans).

Now in its 12th year, the prestigious award will be presented to the player who has best demonstrated the values of late Melbourne champion and former Demons President, Jim Stynes. This award goes to the heart of the sport, recognising those who are committed to helping others and making a difference in the community, and the way they represent the game on and off the field.

Sam Docherty has provided a beacon of hope to those in the community battling illness after recovering twice from testicular cancer, with his inspirational story leading to multiple fundraising campaigns within the football community.

Launched in 2021 the 'Do It for Doc' initiative not only helped raise \$220,000 for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation to support life-saving cancer research, but his voice and position also encouraged more people in the community to book a checkup with their doctor.

Docherty now holds a voluntary role as an Observer on the Board of the Peter Mac Cancer Foundation and is an ambassador for the Peter Mac Cup, which takes place between Carlton and Collingwood every year and is the longest-running charity match in the AFL.

The defender and former Blues co-captain is also an ambassador for Paws4Kids which is a program run through MacK-

illop Family Services. This initiative allows more vulnerable children to get back to the classroom through the support of therapy dogs.

Doc helped Carlton team up with North Melbourne and fellow cancer survivor, Ben Cunningham, to create the first Good Friday Superclash, ultimately raising more than \$200,000 for the Good Friday Appeal and drawing the biggest crowd attendance in this fixture's history of 49,062.

The 2023 Jim Stynes Community Leadership Award will be presented during the broadcast of the 2023 Brownlow Medal on Monday, September 25.

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

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Wind wreaks havoc

WEATHER

The gale force wind and rain last week meant there was little down time for local CFA and SES crews.

On Friday night, the Phillip Island Fire Brigade's "safe working at heights operators" helped the local SES unit fix a loose roof at a local Cowes business.

The SES reported a busy day and night, with multiple call outs to fallen trees and building damage.



Phillip Island SES and CFA crews worked together on Friday night to secure a roof damaged during the storms.

Local roads to be surveyed via vehicles with cameras

ROADS

Bass Coast Shire Council has appointed Infrastructure Management Group to undertake an assessment of unsealed roads for approximately two weeks from September 11.

There will be vehicles driving around the shire recording/photographing the streets as a way to collate data and assess assets. All cameras are focused on the road surface structure with some limited viewing of areas directly adjacent. No image recordings of commercial, residential, private property or structures will be undertaken.

Fliers with further information can be found in Council customer service centres or please visit basscoast.vic.gov.au.

Further information can be found on Road surface assessment | Engage Bass Coast



Vehicles with cameras will be recording and photographing local streets in the coming fortnight, to collate data and assess assets, advises Bass Coast Shire Council.

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Garden business impasse with shire on permit dispute

PLANNING

The owner of a Cowes garden supplies business along the Phillip Island Tourist Road outside Cowes says he is prepared to go to court to fight Bass Coast Shire on a planning dispute.

Andrew Higgins, owner of the Aussie Outdoor Emporium on the Phillip Island Road next to the Ramada Resort, grows and on sells plants to the public.

The shire has confirmed the business has no planning permit and the matter was now with their planning enforcement team "to determine the next process regarding land uses and business occurring on the land".

Andrew bought the property about a decade ago, when it was a golf driving range selling golf equipment.

"Before I bought it, I did my due diligence and checked about zoning and was told – maybe naively – that it would have existing use rights.

"I even spoke to VicRoads and they confirmed the turning lane was for the business."

He said about seven months ago the shire notified him that a planning permit was required for the business, which he believed was triggered by a single complaint.

"After lodging the planning permit I was told they wouldn't approve it because it was a retail business in a farm zone.

"Yet it is an existing business that changed its status from golf to selling plants."

Andrew said the shire had also required him to have a planning permit for the two driveways on the property "that have been here for 55 years".

"They also want me to have permits for what they say are illegal buildings, but I haven't built anything," he said adding the shire considered shipping containers illegal buildings, even though there were many around the island, including at Olive Justice Place.

"They also said my sign was too big and when I suggested I cut it off they said it still wasn't compliant."



The owner of the Aussie Outdoor Emporium on the Phillip Island Road says he is prepared to be prosecuted by Bass Coast Shire in the Magistrates' Court over the dispute.

Petition

Andrew said the shire had double standards, with other businesses on the Phillip Island Road operating retail but zoned farming.

On Phillip Island Road, the only land zoned rural activity (which allows retail) is located at the five-ways including Newhaven College, Phillip Island Adventure Resort, A Maze'N Things, Phillip Island Brewing, and the Park Lane Accommodation.

"I'm trying to understand why what I'm doing is not appropriate. It's unfair, double standards."

He said he has also spoken to the three Island Ward councillors who all said they were "supportive" but powerless to inter-

vene in planning.

"Which I believe is totally incorrect. They have the power to change the decision."

Andrew said six months ago he created a petition to garner public support, which initially received "hundreds of signatures", but he had shelved it to work with the shire.

The petition stated: Save Aussie Outdoor Emporium from being shut down by Bass Coast Shire.

"But I'm now going to get the petition re-started."

"The majority of the community I believe will support me."

"Right now it's at a stalemate."

Andrew said the shire told him he could now appeal their decision to not give a planning permit through VCAT or wait

until the shire deals with the matter internally, which would see him prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court.

"I'm now waiting for that. I'm more than happy for it to go to court."

Andrew also owns and runs Café Bazarre on Thompson Avenue and has mooted making the garden supplies property a caravan park, which he said the shire had indicated they would support.

Shire response

A shire spokesperson confirmed Aussie Outdoor Emporium has no planning permit.

"A planning application was lodged and council sent further information to the owner/applicant," the spokesperson said.

"The application has since lapsed as requested information was not supplied. The matter is now with council's planning enforcement team to determine the next process regarding land uses and business occurring on the land.

"Under local planning laws, retail use is effectively prohibited in farming zones. This application is currently being investigated with the owner and council and as such we cannot provide updates on details at this point."

The spokesperson said the Ramada Resort permit was issued in 2004/05 and predated the 2017 Rural Land Use Strategy, which had strengthened policies around land use and development that can occur in the farming zone of the Bass Coast Planning Scheme.

Support

On social media, Andrew received support after a member of the public posted a message saying he had been told to close shop due to zoning issues.

One person commented it seemed "strange you can't grow plants there especially with Ramada, the church, the school, the wildlife park and a herb farm in the same zone".

Nell said it was "ridiculous" as there were other businesses in the same zone selling retail.

Kym wrote: "I can only think the council received complaints – otherwise I think they would have left it alone".

Christine suggested the shire wanted the business moved because "they are detracting from the approach to Cowes".

"I can think of many things not contributing to the landscape, particularly overflowing red bins in summer," she said.

Tracy said she didn't understand "how it's been running for this long and they do this".

Lulu said all other businesses needed permits.

"There are too many permits required nowadays but if everyone just opened up shop without permits you'd be upset too."

Simonne commented rezoning was "a long-term issue not designed just for one business type".

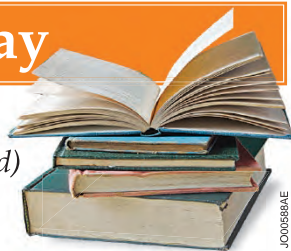
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Wastie starts new role with an interview

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Ms Wastie told the paper she loved local government.

"It is the sector that is closest to the

community, you are left under no misunderstanding whether the community think you are doing a good, bad or otherwise job," Ms Wastie said.

"I'm a very approachable and accessible CEO. It's not what I want to be, it's what I am; it's what I'm known for."

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Wearing their Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary shirts, John and Stevie O'Reilly, with one of the newly installed water tanks that are now locally produced.

Life-saving water for Timor Leste

CHARITY

A recent visit to Timor Leste had both a humanitarian and a personal connection for Newhaven couple John and Stevie O'Reilly.

They were there as Rotarians to continue a project the local Phillip Island and San Remo club had committed to, pre Covid, in providing water filtering systems to remote and rural villages.

These systems, called Sky Hydrants, have proved themselves to be not only practical, efficient and manageable for the local people, but more importantly, are an essential tool in guaranteeing the health and wellbeing of the town.

Once installed these hydrants instantly kick into gear and by simply turning on a tap, they provide clean drinking water 24/7. With these hydrants, the incidence of disease and ill health especially for infants and older generations takes a dramatic downturn.

"These hydrants are saving lives. It's incredible and so heartening to see how easily this can be done by such a simple mechanism," said John in describing the effect they are having.

During this recent trip John and Stevie were on hand to personally oversee the instalment of a hydrant into the remote mountainous village of Lar de Santa Tere-sinha in Queliciai.

Personal

It was an emotional and personal occasion for them as this hydrant was donated by the O'Reilly family in memory of John's 21-year-old grandson, Jameson, who died in tragic circumstances last year. In having a capacity of 10,000 litres, it was installed at the local school, which has an enrolment of 1000 students.

It means the students now have the availability of clean drinking water throughout the day, as does the whole village of over 3000 people.

They would normally go to nearby bores or streams, but sadly suffer the consequences of a contaminated water supply. In effect, these hydrants offer a free health service for all. Stevie has always held a passion for humanitarian projects and has played a prominent role in establishing this Clean Water project in Timor Leste. She has been able to channel her interest through her involvement in Rotary.

"Our club wanted to choose a country close to home which could benefit from our help," Stevie said. It was at a Rotary conference in 2018 where she made contact with fellow Rotarians from Western Australia. Since then, this connection not only supplies clean water hydrants but is currently sponsoring two students from remote villages, in offering board and education for two years. These students, aged 18 to 26, learn English and teaching skills which they then use when they return home.

Alongside the health and education benefits, these hydrants have also extended the manufacturing and trade skills of the local people with water tanks now being made in the capital city, Dili.

In being active Rotarians, John and Stevie are confident this project will be ongoing and will continue to form a strong connection to Timor Leste.

"You really know you're helping people who haven't the means or the facilities to help themselves," they said.

"We take clean water for granted but it means life to these people.

"It's the smiles on their faces that is the greatest reward (for us). It is an ongoing gift."



Jordan Crugnale MP with Cr David Rooks, Cowes Primary School Principal Rod McKenzie, and School Captains Macy, Miller, Bode, Luca and Kaia, announcing funding for road safety upgrades in Cowes.

Pedestrian safety upgrades for Cowes

ROAD SAFETY

As part of a state government investment to upgrade road safety infrastructure, \$675,000 has been allocated to upgrades in Cowes.

Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale said the project areas included:

- Chapel Street/Dunsmore

Road

- Church Street near Park Street and
- Church Street near Berninnet/Transit Centre/Community Hospital.

Ms Crugnale said the \$675,000 safety upgrade in Cowes is one of twenty-six projects funded in Victoria and will include the construction of shared paths,

alterations to islands and raised priority crossings.

"The works earmarked will benefit community members that use, walk or ride to and through the Cowes Recreation Reserve and also in and around Berninnet, Transit Centre and the Phillip Island Community Hospital," she said.

"I want to thank Bass Coast Council for applying for our grant, recognising the pedestrian safety need in the area and in turn supporting the school and wider community."

Keep lobbying for a pool

AQUATIC CENTRE

Phillip Island's pool committee has urged the community to continue pressuring Bass Coast Shire councillors for an aquatic centre. The call comes after the Surf Coast Shire council last month voted to build their aquatic centre.

According to the Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund (PIACF) committee the Surf Coast Shire received a Federal grant of \$20 million plus \$13 million from state government, in addition to other grants totally more than \$9 million.

"The Surf Coast Shire is a good example for the Bass Coast Shire to compare with on many issues," PIACF secretary Peter McMahon said.

"Both shires have similar population, climate and coastline. Surf Coast Shire liaised many times with their architects, outlining new ideas and had many of the original ideas changed or modified.

"The redesign reduced the price and resulted in an environmentally sustainable and energy efficient design."

Peter said the Surf



PIACF secretary Peter McMahon has urged the community to continue pressuring council for an aquatic centre on Phillip Island.

Coast Shire pool will be: all-electric power, supported by maximum rooftop solar, lower pool hall ceiling heights – up to seven metres, compared with 11 metres or higher at similar aquatic centres, double and triple glazing and no skylights, minimal heat transfer between internal spaces and 100 per cent rainwater retention and re-use.

"If the Bass Coast Shire only builds one centre first, we must make the correct call.

"Money is hard to come by, so we should make sure our shire builds the centre that will cost the least to operate and has the best return in patronage.

"It is for this reason we suggest the Phillip Island

Centre should be built first to use our money responsibly."

Peter said community members able to help continue the push to achieve the goal of a Cowes pool should attend the committee's annual general meeting later this year.

Or they can contact Don Turner 0409 856 053; or Peter McMahon 0418 533 256.

While the community has long lobbied for a 50 metre pool, a shire study in 2021 recommended Cowes have a "district level" 25 metre x eight lane competition pool, combined learn-to-swim and hydrotherapy area, and 24-hour gym, at a cost of \$45.7 million.

The study also recommended a \$41 million new pool for Wonthaggi: 25 metre x 10 lanes, with a larger gym, new spa and sauna.

The shire has since forged ahead with a "two-pool strategy", officially seeking \$79.3 million funding from state and Federal governments for Phillip Island and Wonthaggi aquatic centres.

The two-pool strategy is in conflict with the shire's long-term financial plan 2021-31 which only "provides for the delivery of one of these facilities within the next ten years".

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Confusion over charge scheme process

CHARGE SCHEME

Another row has erupted over the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay special charge scheme, with residents claiming the process to support or reject the scheme is overly complex and confusing.

In an initial letter sent to property owners outlining the process, the email address for lodging submissions was incorrect.

While the council quickly identified the issue, notified all property owners and posted a clarification on the project page on the engage website, the Say No Group has criticised the letter and the mistake.

It issued a media statement saying: "What an absolute disgrace. How can council be trusted with a multi-million-dollar project. You can't even get an email address correct."

The group has also suggested the incorrect email could be a deliberate attempt by the council to "muddy the waters with a hidden loophole in their favour", a suggestion the council denied, stating it is "following the legislative process".

Another resident, John Trig wrote to the Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, saying the community required clarification of the process.

Council clarifies

A spokesperson for Bass Coast Shire Council confirmed all property owners will receive a letter by registered mail, which will outline the process for making submissions, and will contain the specific cost for that property.

"Those property owners with a registered email address



Property owners in Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach have until October 11 to lodge an objection or submission to the proposed special charge scheme to upgrade roads and drainage in the estates.

were also notified by email," the spokesperson said.

"The email notification contained the special charges for all properties, summarised within a table."

The spokesperson said any person (such as a family member or tenant) can make a submission for or against the scheme.

However, only the property owner (or person who will be required to pay the special charge) can lodge a formal objection.

The scheme will not go ahead if a "majority of contributing landowners (as persons required to pay the special charge) object in writing to the Special Charge proceeding", the council spokesperson said.

If people other than the property owner object (for example, other family members, tenants), their submissions will be considered by council, but will not count towards the final objections total.

All submissions and objections will be "summarised in the future council report to consider the special charge declaration",

the spokesperson said.

To assist, council has provided a submission template, but stressed that people did not have to use the form when making their submission.

Copies of the submission template can be downloaded at: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/surf-beachroads

Council confirmed submissions or objections to the scheme must be received by council, either by mail or on email, before 5pm on October 11.

This timeframe provides more than the minimum 28 days required under legislation.

The council has once again confirmed that detailed design drawings for the scheme will only be undertaken if the scheme proceeds, but there will be no major changes to the concept design.

Under the legislation set out for special charge schemes, the final cost cannot exceed 10 per cent of the estimated costings. If the final cost is less than the estimate, then savings are returned to the property owners.



After a conversation with a local elder, MP for Monash, Russell Broadbent said he can no longer support the Voice.

Broadbent backtracks on the Voice

POLITICS

After a conversation with a local elder, MP for Monash, Russell Broadbent said he can no longer support the Voice.

For many years, Mr Broadbent has been a supporter and promoter of the Voice, one of the few Liberal MPs to do so. He has also written essays voicing his support.

However after a recent radio interview, Mr Broadbent said he was contacted by a member of the local indigenous community, Cheryl Drayton.

"It didn't matter what argument I put to Cheryl and the elders in my community, I lost the debate," Mr Broadbent said.

"It was very clear that she came and asked me not to support the Voice and to not be a voice for the Voice."

"I said to her, 'Cheryl, can I walk out of these meetings and say that my Indigenous people do not support the Voice?' She said, 'You can surely say that, Russell.'"

Mr Broadbent said he did not want to make the mistake of not

listening to the local indigenous community on this issue.

"Is there another way to go about what we're trying to achieve here? I don't know," Mr Broadbent said.

"I know that what we have been doing hasn't worked and that it's insanity to keep doing the same thing over and over again with no result."

"Is there a way forward, at the moment, that is going to be beneficial for practical outcomes? I see that both sides are arguing that there'll be no practical outcome for Aboriginal people if we follow the other side's arguments."

In the Monash electorate, the South Gippsland for Yes group is supporting the Yes vote: www.yes23.com.au/south_gippsland_for_yes, while the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, which includes part of the Monash electorate has stated its support for the Federal Government's commitment to recognise the First Peoples of Australia through a change to the Constitution. gunaikurnai.org/

Our winter was warmer, sunnier than usual

WEATHER

Phillip Island has largely experienced a warmer, drier winter, in line with much of Victoria.

According to the Bureau of Meteorology this June the average temperature at the Rhyll weather station was 14.3C (compared to the overall average of 14C); in July it was 14.2C (average 13.4C) and August it was 15.1C (average 14.3C).

The daily global solar exposure – the total solar energy for a day falling on a horizontal surface measured from midnight to midnight – was above the average, with records at Rhyll going back to 1991.

For June the average is 6.4, but this year the solar exposure was 7.

July (mean 7.2) this year was 7.8; while August (average 9.9) this year was 10.1.

Rainfall, however, was a mixture.

In June, at the tail end of La Nina, we received a massive 115mm of rain (average 68mm).

But then it dropped dramatically with July's total 43mm (average 67mm) and August 44mm (average 79mm).

The Bureau's long-range forecast for spring shows below average rainfall is likely for most of Australia along with warmer

than usual temperatures.

The warmer spring forecast comes as Australia recorded its warmest winter on record.

The absence of cold weather brought below average frost and near record low snowfalls.

Bureau of Meteorology senior hydrologist Dr Masoud Edraki said the global climate system was looking very unusual.

"Record high warm sea surface temperatures in all of the

global oceans are likely to continue to impact the weather we experience for many months," he said.

"We know that a warmer climate does increase the risk of extreme weather including heatwaves and drought."

"We are already seeing longer fire seasons, and an increase in the number of dangerous fire weather days over most of Australia."

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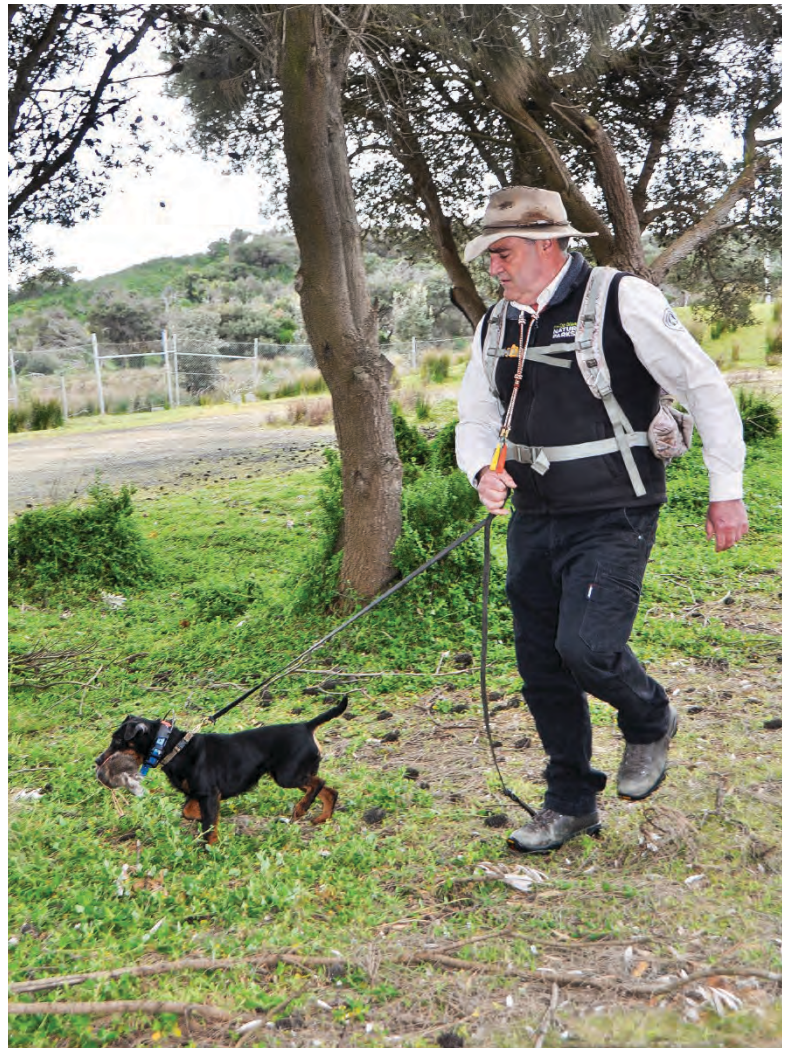
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Catherine Basterfield - Nature Parks CEO with her daughter and Sarah Hain - Community Engagement Officer.



Conservation Dog Presentation with Craig Bester - Snr Pest Program Officer.

Doors open at the Nature Parks

COMMUNITY

Phillip Island Nature Parks threw open its doors to local residents on Sunday, with over 3500 locals attending the 12th annual Community Open Day.

This annual opportunity for locals to enjoy all four of the Nature Parks' attractions, saw families and groups of all ages attending to go behind the scenes and gain exclusive insights into the island's conservation and eco-tourism work.

Crowds appeared at all Nature Parks attractions with smiles on their faces and were seen enjoying the activities and demonstrations on offer.

At Churchill Island groups flocked to ride the horse and wagon across the farm, watched performances from two choirs and enjoyed farm demonstrations including blacksmithing, sheep shearing, working dogs and whip cracking.

Meanwhile, at the Koala Conservation Reserve the koala joeys stole the show, seen cuddling with their mums amongst the verdant green of the reserve.

The informative, ranger-led Koala and Curlew Walk and Talks took groups through the reserve, giving community members an insight into the history of the site, the koalas that call the sanctuary home and the interesting Bush Stone-curlews.

The Barb Martin Bushbank Nursery was open to talk native plants and help the community to choose habitat supporting species on the day.

On the Summerland Peninsula, the Nobbies Centre had a full room for the educational talk on seals presented by Adam Yaney-Keller. Creativity was unleashed at the Turn the Tide art activity where marine debris sorted by colour was used to create art. Volunteers chatted with those who took part about

the importance of disposing of litter mindfully.

The Penguin Parade Visitor Centre opened early so community members could learn about the conservation work across Phillip Island, at stalls manned by Nature Parks rangers and other community groups including Landcare and Westernport Water.

The event was officially opened by a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony led by a member of the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Mark Brown.

The Conservation Dogs Demonstration wowed onlookers as the cute canines showcased their incredibly powerful noses. These dogs have been trained to assist with the Nature Parks' conservation work in pest monitoring and management.

Inside at the Expo, art activities were run by the Penguin Foundation and the Nature Parks' Reconciliation Action Committee. The Penguin Foundation also hosted a soft book launch of *The Littlest Penguin*, with book signings from the illustrator Jedda Robaard available on the day. Later, penguin expert Dr Andre Chiaradia hosted a Secret Life of Penguins talk before the magical Penguin Parade at sundown.

For the first time, the community was able to attend the general viewing at the Penguin Parade at no charge over two nights (Sunday and Monday), with all tickets sold out on the Sunday night.

The Nature Parks said the once-a-year celebration of the unique and remarkable conservation work being done on Phillip Island was well attended and gave the community the chance to connect with local rangers, volunteers and staff.

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The day was officially opened by a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony led by Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation's Mark Brown.



Stalls at the event highlighted conservation efforts on the island. Jeff Woodham - Senior Fisheries Officer Cowes (centre) with Jeff Nottle - Phillip Island Conservation Society and Mary Mutsaers - Reconciliation Group.

Working on the job and loving it

EDUCATION

The thought of returning or entering the workforce can be filled with trepidation for many mothers of young children.

How to juggle the demands of home with those of employment, mixed with feelings of uncertainty and the need for greater time management, are the usual rollercoasters.

These were the issues facing mother of three Lee Fitzgerald when she decided to throw caution to the wind and add another dimension to her life.

Lee is now midway through her studies in early childhood education and she couldn't be more satisfied with her decision.

"I love hanging out with kids," Lee explained.

With her youngest child at daycare at PIELC or the hub as it's commonly known, Lee took up the offer to enter a traineeship.

This means for two years, Lee is able to work in the field – with the three year old Joeys group – while studying online at her own pace.

It is a system that is the preferred option of this daycare/kinder centre and one that has proven to be a successful model.

"It means that we can keep study local, as there's no travel involved," said centre manager Karen Treppo, "otherwise students would have to travel to a TAFE centre to attend classes."



Being down among the kids is a favourite part of Lee Fitzgerald's day at the Phillip Island Early Learning Centre (PIELC) in Cowes. Lee is undergoing a traineeship for her certificate 111 in Early Childhood Education and Care.

It also means a traineeship enables students to gain valuable first-hand experience in the field.

Currently there are three mature age women undertaking this course.

An added bonus for Lee is the ability to extend her skills as a kinesiologist.

"As a health professional I work with young children, so this position is giving me greater insight and a broader perspective on how they develop."

"I can see how factors interconnect," she said in explaining how the home front, cultural backgrounds and varying individual developmental levels come into play.

"And," Lee added, "it

has definitely helped me as a parent."

The key to her three-day work commitment is time management.

"You need a supportive team around you and I think it's important you have this in place before you start your studies. It makes life less stressful and easier," she added.

"As mothers, we just make it work."

Lee is looking forward to the rewards of her studies and the challenges of the next 12 months.

In her eyes, it is much more than just a job, it's a fulfilling and invaluable experience.

"I feel proud of myself for having got this far. I love it."

Heather's connection with community applauded

COMMUNITY

Local mosaic artist Heather Fahle has been nominated in the 2023 Victorian Community Achievement Awards.

Heather, who runs Mosaics by the Bay, is nominated in the Connecting Communities category for her "Birds of a Heather" group exhibition held this year.

"I came up with the idea of my group 'learning to fly' to become artists in the very sense of the word," Heather explained.

The exhibition featured birds that represented a significant idea in each person's life, complete with a description of the inspiration for the bird, or their story.

"The stories were of love, of loss, of tragedy – all personal stories of my group's lives," she said.

Working with Phillip Island Nature Parks, Heather has also created a yarnning circle, where indigenous youth designed artwork that was then created by volunteers into a fire pit.

Heather said around 30



Heather Fahle of Mosaics by the Bay has been nominated in the 2023 Victorian Community Achievement Awards.

people take part in her art group, with many using the classes to help overcome barriers of communication, fear and anxiety.

"This group comes together to create mosaic art, to help each other," she said.

"They lift each other up and tell their stories in a safe environment."

Other local nominees include Hannah Eisen, President of the Phillip Island Boardriders' Club and the Cape Woolamai Surf Lifesaving Club.

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Mental Health First Aid training for farmers

HEALTH

Bass Coast Shire Council is running mental health first aid training for members of the agricultural community as well as people and organisations who have regular contact with farmers.

Council is encouraging organisations, businesses and networks that directly service/support or who are in touch with our agricultural communities to participate.

These may include financial services providers (accountants, banks, insurance agents), vets, stock agents, agriculture supply businesses, health care providers as well as community organisations.

Sadly, close to one third (30 per cent) of Australian farmers reported a decline in mental health over the past few years.

The National Farmer Wellbeing Report was commissioned by Norco – Australia's oldest and largest 100 per cent farmer owned dairy co-operative – in partnership with the National Farmers' Federation.

It reported that in recent years, nearly half of Australian farmers (45 per cent) have felt depressed, with almost two thirds (64 per cent) experiencing anxiety.

For one in seven (14 per cent), it's a frequent experience.

Even more devastating, close to half of Australian farmers (45 per cent) have had thoughts of self-harm or suicide, while close to a third (30 per cent) have attempted self-harm or suicide.

"We acknowledge the unique challenges faced by rural land-owners when it comes to farming and agri-business," said Bass



Council is running a two-day mental health first aid course on September 25 and 26 for members of the agricultural community.

Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan.

"Providing mental health resilience and capacity within the farming community will help to destigmatise the challenges that our farmers face.

"This program is helping us create community champions to support resilience and mental health in farming communities.

"We really want to get those who have regular contact with farmers to be equipped with the skills to help them when times are tough."

This accredited Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training will be run over two days and costs only \$20.

MHFA training offers practical first aid skills and gives confidence to help anyone experiencing mental health issues.

You'll learn how to approach someone who's struggling, ask the right questions and help them access professional help.

Mental Health First Aid Course – Two-day course

Dates – Monday and Tuesday, September 25 and 26.

Time – 9am – 4pm lunch included.

Cost – \$20 (valued at \$300).

Place – Wonthaggi Civic Centre Council Chambers.

Facilitator – Veronique Hamilton, Registered Mental Health Nurse of Exploring Minds, Mental Health Education

Included in registration will be a MHFA hard copy manual, refreshments, and lunch. For more information and to book your spot: mental-health-first-aid-BC-SC.eventbrite.com.au.

This course is one component of a larger program of works Council are delivering which is funded by the Department of Health.

The broader program is focused on building resilience and wellbeing of the farming community across Bass Coast. It includes three core elements that aim to complement each other:

- Small Agribusiness and Farming Diversity and Resilience Program currently underway with 20 participants.
- Mental Health First Aid course tailored to farming communities.
- Program in partnership with Food & Fibre Gippsland to better support existing health and agribusiness support networks.



Bass Coast Health District Nurse Therese Humphreys enjoys caring for clients like Cecil Salter in their homes.

Hats off to our wonderful Community Nurses!

HEALTH

People who need healthcare don't have to come to a hospital for treatment and care.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) offers many community programs that are delivered in people's homes, and many of these services are delivered by Community Nurses.

These nurses have a diverse range of skills and expertise, and while many people think about nursing as a profession in a hospital, BCH has more than 50 expert nurses who provide their excellent care in the community.

The biggest Community Nursing cohort work as part of the District and Palliative Care Service, providing pain management, palliation, wound care, showering and medication support, along with many other nursing tasks in the home.

BCH have Community Nurses who work in Residential in Reach, the Transition Care Program, Domiciliary Care Service, Maternal and Child Health Service and Better at Home service. It also has specialist Clinical Nurse Consultants such as Continence Nurses, Stomal Therapy Nurses, Diabetic and Cardiac Nurses, and an Aboriginal Health Clinical Nurse Consultant.

This team of Community Nurses at Bass Coast Health (BCH) help to keep people out of hospital, and they enable people to live as independently as they can, in their home.

"During Nursing in the Community Week from September 11, BCH is keen to give a huge shout out to these nurses," and BCH spokesperson said.

"And to make sure the community understands that so much care takes place outside the walls of the hospital, by a kind and talented team."

District Nurse Rachel Bennett adores the variety of her role.

"It is an honour to care for someone in their own home, to assist them in maintaining their health, dignity and independence," she said.

Client Gwen Gilbert said knowing a District Nurse was visiting helped her to feel safe.

"I look forward to the nurses coming to see me twice a day. I know if I have any problems I feel very comfortable talking to the nurses about it. They're an absolute pleasure," she said.

Client Cecil Salter said of his District Nurse Therese Humphreys, "I really, really appreciate the way you look after me."

Another District Nurse, Te-



Bass Coast Health District Nurse Teresa Pors has found the role to be one of the most rewarding of her career.

resa Pors, has worked with the BCH team for three years.

"Community Nursing has to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my 33 years as a nurse," she said.

"To be able to offer high quality medical care and support in the homes of our clients is something I am very proud of. This care allows us the privilege to really get to know our clients and often their families and what is important to them, the good and the bad.

"The variety of our clients and their needs keeps every day interesting and no two days are the same.

"Our team here is one of the most supportive and fun I have ever been a part of and let's face it, water views every day as you work cannot be beaten. This will be my forever job and a wonderful way to end my career in the future."

Residential in Reach nursing staff support residential aged care services to care for more complex residents, while the BCH Transition Care Program helps older people in their home at the end of their hospital stay.

Better at Home service provides hospital-level care in the comfort of the patient's homes, including the services of the Hospital in the Home Program, and the GEM at Home program.

Maternal and Child Health/ Domiciliary Care staff provide assessment, care and support to women, babies, partners and families.

Opportunities to join any of BCH Community Nursing services are advertised on BCH's recruitment website: basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au

Bike Ed wheels are turning

EDUCATION

A record number of schools across Bass Coast are conducting Bike Ed programs this year. Bike Ed is a program that teaches Middle and Upper Primary students the knowledge, skills and attitudes to safely cycle on the roads, footpaths and shared paths.

Thanks to the support of a group of volunteers from the Phillip Island Bicycle User Group (BUG), and the free use of bikes belonging to Wonthaggi Blue-light, schools across the shire are able to offer the program.

This term Cowes Primary, Our Lady Star of the Sea and Newhaven Primary have all run Bike Ed programs, as well as Bass Valley and Wonthaggi North.

Earlier in the year, the Phillip Island Village School ran Bike Ed, and next term there will be programs at Newhaven College, San Remo Primary and schools in Wonthaggi and Inverloch.

A typical program starts within the safety of the school grounds, on a hard, flat surface, such as a basketball/netball court. Bikes are checked for road-worthiness, including the condition of brakes, tyres, chain and the size of the bike for the rider. Bells and reflectors are part of that check.

Riders practise riding in a straight line, scanning for traffic and other hazards, tight turns, rid-



Bike Ed teaches primary school students the knowledge, skills and attitudes to safely cycle on the roads, footpaths and shared paths.

ing slowly when approaching an intersection or hazard, then left and right turns at an intersection.

The Phillip Island Bicycle User Group received funding from the Department of Transport and Planning (formerly VicRoads) to train school staff and volunteers, as well as funding to help operate the program and offer incentives and prizes to riders.

The Bass Coast Community Road Safety Committee also received VicRoads funding to maintain the bikes and trailers. Jonathon McCormack, PE teacher at Bass Valley Primary voiced his support for the program.

"Most of our students travel to

and from school by bus, so getting bikes here has its problems," he said.

"The kids respond really well to the challenges of improving their riding skills. There are some who were non-riders last year, and now they are completing the tight U-turns, the Slalom and riding the track around the oval, same as those who've been riding for years.

"For kids who have just learnt to ride, it can be life-changing for them. We've also had parents ringing the school saying how pleased they are with the Bike Ed program. Their kids are a lot more confident now."

The Bass Valley Year 5/6 students concluded their Bike Ed program with a ride from the school to the Corinella Bowls Club, via the new shared path, where they were treated to a game of Lawn Bowls and a barbecue lunch.

Over at Wonthaggi, Physical Education teacher at Wonthaggi North Primary School, Beth Walker, said the school was grateful for the support of the cycling community.

"A number of our students don't have bikes, so the program would not succeed without the bikes on loan.

"The extra volunteers mean the riders get to develop their skills in groups of around 6 to 8, so they get lots of practice."

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From bottles to towels

RECYCLING

A love of creativity and art is becoming a passion for local designer Cheryl Griffiths.

Within a short space of time Cheryl has turned an idea into a useful, everyday product.

She is now producing a range of towels, for both beach and bathroom, that feature a variety of vibrant attractive designs.

But what is making these towels all the more interesting is the fact that they are being made from recycled plastic bottles.

The end result is a fabric that is lightweight (each towel weighing about 300g), is quick drying and hygienic in its anti-bacterial qualities, and as far as Cheryl is concerned, works perfectly for her purposes.

As a seasoned traveller, packing a bag or backpack is something she is well aware of, especially in making it as light as possible.

With this in mind, she decided to put her experience and skill base to good use.

After outsourcing a reliable supplier offshore, Cheryl set to work on a website creating designs that would suit this material.

Her connection with nature, and especially that of the beach has been her initial inspiration.

"I was born on an island, in the north of Wales, and now live on an island, so coastal designs



Local designer Cheryl Griffiths displays some of her towels that have been made from recycled plastic bottles. Each towel comes with an accompanying drawstring travel bag.

appeal," Cheryl said.

"I'm using five different colour combinations at the moment, but I'd like to do more, and get into themes like penguins for the kids."

Her latest towels are now printed with the words Phillip Island on the back.

Towels also come in a handy drawstring bag making easy work of holiday packing.

Although it is early days yet,

Cheryl is buoyed by the popularity and positive feedback that she's receiving from friends and travellers who are using her towels.

"Some of my towels have made it overseas and around parts of Australia."

To date these towels can be seen at The Island Marketplace, local markets in Cowes or on her website islandbeachtowels.com.au

Phillip Island jobs expo

EMPLOYMENT

Businesses and would-be employees are encouraged to take part in a Phillip Island Jobs Expo and a range of events through October.

The events will focus on filling job vacancies for businesses, showcasing local career pathways, providing networking opportunities for business owners, and skills development for staff or potential staff.

A physical jobs board will also be available to display local vacancies, to help connect with employers who are unable to attend on the day, or who have one or two vacancies. Bass Coast Shire, with the Australian Government's Local Jobs Program, South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network and the state government's Skills and Jobs Centre

will be hosting the events.

Aside from the Cowes job expo, there will also be an expo at Wonthaggi, as well as a special Business Breakfast where local businesses are invited to join Catherine Bell, from the Bell Training Group to learn about creativity in recruitment and creating a workplace of choice.

- Phillip Island Jobs Expo, 9.30am to 2.30pm, Wednesday, October 4 at St John's Uniting Church, 86 Chapel Street, Cowes; Details: basscoast.vic.gov.au/jobs-expo

- The Wonthaggi Jobs Expo, October 11, Wonthaggi Workmens Club. Details: basscoast.vic.gov.au/jobs-expo

- A workshop on "How to Attract and Retain Great People with Catherine Bell", October 10, RACV Inverloch Resort, details: attract-and-retain-great-people.eventbrite.com.au

- A Small Business Mentoring Clinic, October 12, with free 45-minute online mentoring sessions, details: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/explore/whats-on/events/small-business-mentoring-clinic-october

"The Bass Coast Jobs Expo provides an opportunity for job seekers to meet with employers and discuss available positions, apprenticeships and career pathways in Bass Coast and the surrounding region," Mayor Michael Whelan said.

"We encourage employers with job vacancies to register an exhibit so they can have more engaged conversations with attendees as well as provide a platform to showcase their business."

"We are delighted to be able to expand this important program which helps boost employment in our region and support economic growth." For further information please contact the Business Development Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or 03 5671 2211.



Enjoying the Father's Day lunch at the Senior Citizen's Club, (from left): Roy, Barry, Dominic, Bert, Jean Pierre, Norrie, Michael, Arthur, Stan, Bob, Ian, John, Graham and David.

Special day for dads

COMMUNITY

The Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club recently hosted a great Father's Day lunch.

"Our members had a fabulous time entertained by local muso Corza, who had them singing and laughing all through lunch," said club secretary Liza Lee.

The scrumptious meal cooked by Melva Smith was leek and potato soup followed by traditional roast beef and veg, with butter-scotch cake and ice cream for dessert.

During the lunch there were lucky door prizes for the men including two boxes of beer from Green Gully Microbrewery in Cowes, along with other prizes of glasses of wine and chocolates.

The main prize was an apron made by Gwyneth Carvell say-

ing, "men's rules" and a very generous \$100 voucher from Bowens Cowes. Long time member David Garret was thrilled to hold the winning ticket and was "over the moon as he always shops at Bowens".

Upcoming events at the club include: the Gadget Lady and Hot to Trot Fashion show in October; Melbourne Cup by Gippsland enthusiast and a garage sale on Cup weekend in November.

Of course, members won't want to miss the annual Christmas lunch in December. With great raffle prizes to be won, fabulous Christmas food, and entertainment, it is sure to be a fantastic day.

For any details or to make a booking for upcoming lunches which are on the first Friday of each month, call Liza Lee (Secretary) on 0431 867 058.



Mike and Pip Cleeland exploring the birthplace of Mike's great grandfather, Captain John Cleeland.

Tracing Captain Cleeland's birthplace

HISTORY

Phillip Island residents Mike and Pip Cleeland recently visited Kilkeel, in Northern Ireland exploring the birthplace of Mike's great grandfather Captain John Cleeland.

Captain Cleeland left Ireland for Australia as a 14-year-old boy in 1840, eventually settling on Phillip Island where he built Woolamai House and went on to win the Melbourne Cup of 1875, with locally born thoroughbred Wollomai.

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An illegal scheme?

Is the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay Urban Road Scheme legal in the first instance?

Firstly, Bass Coast Shire Council (BCSC) advertised in their initial publicity campaign in our local papers (PISRA and The Sentinel Times) announcing the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay Urban Road and Drainage Scheme as the “most expensive roads and drainage scheme in Bass Coast Shire history”. This announcement was published with an end project cost of \$35 million plus 10 per cent before environmental studies were performed, before consultation and surveys with ratepayers of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay had occurred, before the scope of work was known and costed.

Council has effectively denied all ratepayers of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay legal rights to fair tendering and costings under consumer law by their actions.

Please note also that even though the “cheaper” of the limited three road and drainage design options offered by BCSC was selected by the ratepayers, the total project cost did not reduce from the first published project cost being the most expensive option.

Again, BCSC has deprived Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay Ratepayers of any potential fair and competitive tendering process for the Urban Roads and Drainage Scheme with an inevitable over cost to be covered by ratepayers.

Emily Clarke, Surf Beach

It's all in the detail

I don't think this Council actually understand this phrase. As a member of the Say No campaign, I also work in a job with one of the more outspoken councillors, who supports the Surf Beach and Sunderland Road Scheme. In his other role, questions have been asked where some council decisions have been queried. The answer to those questions was greeted with, “we don't get into the detail!” Well maybe Council should look into the detail, before they vote on such important matters.

How can an email go out to more than a thousand residents, on a crucial matter that could cost that rate payer \$30,000 and have the incorrect return email on the form.

How can Council spend thousands of dollars on a full-page ad in The Age, announcing legislation, and then send an email with a different end date for the vote?

Surely the legislated date is the correct one?

How can Council make an assumption that we who live in this area travel an average of six times a day from our property? This assumption was based on road counts using December as peak and February as off peak. February, in the height of summer and at a beach area, is considered off peak? Council say 72 per cent of the homes in this area are considered secondary residences. So the other 38 per cent must be going in and out of their properties an awful lot. One would laugh this off, ex-

cept Council used this information in a mathematical formula to help support (the estimated) costs. The difference between six trips a day, to two trips is actual many millions of dollars! Are we being fleeced here, or is it that nobody on the Council is looking at the actual detail?

Why would anybody spend \$945,000 on the survey costing of this project, before sending a simple survey to the actual ratepayers asking questions to see the appetite to such a scheme. In the world of real business, one would need to put a business plan together before spending close to a million dollars.

Neil Wilmot, Surf Beach

Cape track damage

In regards to the bike track damage at Cronulla Ave, Cape Woolamai, the council decision to remove the illegal tracks and repair the damage created was not only the right one, but the only decision that could result, taking into account the foreshore is Crown Land and the legal obligations underpinning the shire's management of the reserve.

However, within a few days of the shire undertaking a re-vegetation of the area and the installation of solid fencing along access paths, a group of the advocates of the track accessed the area and removed a number of plants, guards and also damaged signs and fencing.

Surely this is an indication they cannot be trusted when they claim they will use the area without causing any more damage to existing vegetation.

Their promises to maintain and look after the area certainly cannot be believed.

If they are serious about wanting the shire to support and help them establish a bike track for their kids this is not the way to go about it.

If they want their views respected then they need to show respect for the foreshore and the decision to protect it.

Peter Dumergue, Cape Woolamai

Confidence?

Regarding the council August Bass Coast Shire Council and the Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach special charge scheme

The planning manager, in presenting his report on the scheme, said as per the Local Government Act all ratepayers in Surf Beach and Sunderland have the opportunity to vote for or against this scheme.

Cr David Rooks in moving this motion waffled on, as did councillors Clare le Serve, Geoff Ellis and Brett Tessari, who out did all of them with his story of growing up on a dirt road.

Cr Rochelle Halstead also stated she was in favour of the scheme.

Cr David Rooks did qualify that replies by ratepayers to proceed with this proposal would be confidential.

As all councillors know I am all in favour of freedom of expression as per our constitution and will not deny the councillors their rights in expressing their views.

What is clear is that the above-named councillors are in favour of the proposed scheme, and no councillor spoke against the proposal or abstained from voting.

I am fully aware to abandon the process to proceed with the scheme has lapsed and council must justify the \$950,000 spend on preparing this proposal.

Cr Ronnie Bauer raised a question whether non-voters would be counted.

However, what does concern me is the transparency on how the council collect and count the votes and where will they include the non-voters in their tally.

I have no confidence in this council under mayor Cr Michael Whelan that the Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach ratepayers will get transparency.

I declare as a ratepayer of Surf Beach I will abide by the majority vote as per the democratic process.

John Trigt, Surf Beach

Free soil testing offer

As the state's environmental authority, EPA Victoria recently offered home gardeners a free soil testing service as part of a research project designed to map soil conditions across the state.

More than 2000 gardeners have taken up the offer but most are in Melbourne, so I'm encouraging everyone who enjoys gardening in the Phillip Island area to consider sending in soil samples from their garden.

They'll be helping EPA's science-based work and getting the soil from their garden scientifically assessed for trace elements and quality indicators, including soil texture, composition, nutrients and organic carbon.

The only cost to the gardener is the postage.

Anyone growing their own fruit or vegetables can find GardenSafe on the EPA website at www.epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/get-involved/citizen-science-program/gardensafe

Prof Mark Patrick Taylor, Chief Environmental Scientist, EPA Victoria

CFA warning

Victoria is expecting a warmer spring and an earlier start to the fire season this year and we're asking those living in high-risk areas to take action to prepare their family and property.

The new Spring Seasonal Outlook predicts the fire risk in the coming months to be normal across the state, as well as strong drying patterns in Gippsland's forested areas.

While La Niña conditions have subdued Victoria's fire risk the past three years, our state is one of the most bush-fire prone areas in the world and we need people to be prepared as we approach warmer conditions.

CFA crews have made every effort to prepare their communities ahead of this fire season, as they do every year.

However, while we continue our work, our crews implore people to understand that fire safety is a shared responsibility

between fire services and the community.

If you live near areas with bush, forest, long grass or coastal scrub, these actions and decisions may well save your life and property in the event of a bushfire.

Find some time to sit down with your family or household and make a Bushfire Survival Plan, and if you already have one, it's a great time to review it.

It's also the perfect time to tidy up your property, this can include clearing your gutters, pruning branches away from your roof or walls, keeping grass shorter than 10cm and removing leaves and twigs from around your property.

All burn-offs must be registered, which can be done online at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au.

Stay informed by downloading the VicEmergency app to stay across incidents and fire danger ratings in your area.

I urge all Victorians to visit the CFA website to learn more about how they can prepare themselves ahead of this bush-fire season at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/prepare.

Jason Heffernan, CFA Chief Officer

Cancer checks

Cancer Council Victoria is urging regional Victorians to urgently act on unexplained symptoms and to get up to date with cancer screening.

Victorian Cancer Registry data estimates over 1,000 Victorians living in regional and rural areas could be living with an undiagnosed form of cancer.

Cancer Council Victoria's Victorian Cancer Registry (VCR) estimated there was 1,024 fewer cancer diagnoses than expected over 2020 and 2021 in regional Victoria.

This means regional residents may be unknowingly living with cancer.

Combined with the fact that regional Victorians are 10 per cent more likely to die from cancer, compared to those who reside in major cities, health experts are concerned if these missing cancers aren't found even more people's lives are at risk.

To address higher cancer rates in regional Victoria we need to increase participation in Australia has three cancer screening programs for bowel, breast and cervical cancer and people need to act when they notice unexplained symptoms.

Kate Broun, Cancer Council Victoria

The Voice will make a difference

The Salvation Army is one of the biggest providers of social services in Australia. We are a pragmatic movement, not really into empty gestures or performative virtue signalling. I don't think in our 140-year history in Australia that we have ever been called “elites”.

But we do support the Voice.

We support the Voice, simply, because we believe it will make a difference.

For 140 years, the Salvos have rolled up their sleeves and helped where we can. We

started small by assisting discharged prisoners at the prison gates in Melbourne and now we provide over 2000 services across every state and territory in Australia. We support people experiencing homelessness, family and domestic violence, financial hardship, unemployment, substance use disorders, social isolation and loneliness, and help them recover from natural disasters.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are over-represented in almost every service we deliver – and that's why we support a Voice.

There is no escaping the fact that what we are doing right now, as a nation, is not working.

The Salvos will always do what we can on the ground, but the issues we see are deeper; they are structural and systemic. We believe the only way to practically address the hardship experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is to change how the government makes and carries out policy. We believe the best way to do that is to actually listen to the people affected – to give them a voice.

Not everyone agrees with us on this and that's okay. We just ask that people respectfully consider, before they decide on October 14: “Will the Voice make a difference for people who really need help?”

We think the answer is a resounding yes.

Captain Stuart Glover, The Salvation Army Australia

Take action on dementia

During this year's Dementia Action Week (September 18-24) we are encouraging people to learn more about the signs and symptoms of the condition and how to make their communities more accessible to people living with dementia.

There are estimated to be more than 400,000 Australians living with dementia and more than 1.5 million involved in their care – and those numbers are set to rise.

As dementia diagnoses increase, it's important to learn more about the signs and symptoms and how to make our communities more accessible to people living with dementia. That's why this year's theme for Dementia Action Week is “Act Now for a Dementia-Friendly Future”.

Many people can continue to live well with dementia, but it's important they feel supported in their community.

Greater awareness helps to create discussion and break down stigma or barriers that could stop people from seeking help.

Increasing our understanding of dementia can make a big difference to the lives of people around us who are impacted.

There are things we can all do to make our communities more dementia-friendly. To find out how you can make a difference, please visit dementia.org.au.

Maree McCabe AM, CEO Dementia Australia

Bobby Redman, Chair Dementia Australia Advisory Committee



SHORT STACK

A QUICK ROUNDUP OF NEWS, VIEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Take part in the Victorian Dance Census.

Ausdance VIC launched the Victorian Dance Census on September 7.

Designed to help shape the future of dance in Victoria, everyone from social dancers and students through to professionals and business owners, is encouraged to get involved.

The census will take nine minutes to complete. To take part, please visit ausdancevic.org.au/victorian-dance-census

Creative funding for regions

Applications are open for the Small Regional Presenters Program, with grants of up to \$15,000.

The program supports community groups and councils to bring single live shows, a series of events or an annual program to their local community, as well as mentorships and workshops.

Applicants must be members of Regional Arts Victoria or Local Government Authorities that do not receive organisational or multi-year funding through Creative Victoria. Applications close October 30. To apply visit rav.net.au

Fishing club grants

Applications are open for the Stronger Fishing Clubs Grant Program, with grants of up to \$10,000 available to help strengthen participation in recreational fishing.

Projects eligible for funding include events that provide recreational fishing tuition for women, multicultural groups, First Nations peoples and all-abilities, alongside open days, training and events, and guest speaker nights. Projects involving IT upgrades, website development, clubroom improvements, and equipment that will benefit all members are also eligible.

To apply online or learn more visit vfa.vic.gov.au/strongerfishingclubs.

Applications close on December 6.

Tiny towns fund

Victoria's tiniest towns (including many in Bass Coast) will be eligible for grants from \$5000 up to \$50,000 for communities of up to 5000 people.

Funding will be provided for local projects and organisations to deliver better public places and spaces, providing the facilities families need and want in their communities. It will also help support tourism and back local jobs and businesses.

Details and guidelines will be published via the Regional Development Victoria and Suburban Development websites. www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/tiny-towns-fund

Supporting the veteran community

The state government has launched a Veterans Card, which provides eligible veterans with discounted registration for one light vehicle, free trailer and caravan registration, a marine (boating) licence, free public transport on Anzac Day and Remembrance Day, a fishing licence exemption, and access to the Victorian Government veteran-specific employment programs.

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For more information on the card, or to apply visit service.vic.gov.au/services/veterans-card-victoria.

Help find closest relatives of prominent Bass Coast Women

Bass Coast Shire Council is actively participating in the Put Her Name On It campaign aimed at commemorating women and their achievements.

Developers of a new estate in North Wonthaggi are creating new roads and several will be named in honour of local women. Put Her Name On It is a Victorian program designed to commemorate women in public spaces.

To comply with the naming rules, Council must endeavour to obtain consent from the closest living family member for any proposed commemorative naming.

It is seeking comment from the closest living family member of these women's names supplied by the Wonthaggi Historical Society: Dawn Turner, Velia Treuel, Grace Gent, Doris Menzies, Ruby Connelly, Doreen Fincher, Cecilia Sullivan, Emily Seymour, Valda Unthank, Agnes Vurlow, Meg Foster, Meg Curry, Minnie Gillespie, Edith Nash, Winifred Baker, Filomena Nesci, Violet Taberner, Goldie Guthrie and Agnes Doig.

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IBAC report reveals perceptions of corruption

The Independent Broad-based Anti-corruption Commission (IBAC) has released the findings of its Perceptions of Corruption Survey completed by Victorian Members of Parliament (MPs) and local government councillors.

The survey showed that 73 per cent of councillors and 68 per cent of MPs think corruption is a problem in Victoria, with 59 per cent of councillors and 61 per cent of MPs agreeing it is a problem among elected officials.

Favouritism/nepotism, breaches of professional boundaries, misuse of resources, and collusion were identified as the most common risks facing MPs and councillors.

Councillors appeared to be more aware of how to report corruption (88 per cent) compared to MPs (61 per cent). Councillors are more likely than other cohorts to have personally observed corrupt behaviour compared to MPs or local government employees. The survey findings reinforced the recommendation in IBAC's Operation Sardon special report, for better training on governance, leadership and integrity and the development of a model Councillor Code of Conduct.

Survey results available at www.ibac.vic.gov.au/perceptions-corruption-2023

Arrests up thanks to Victorians contacting Crime Stoppers

Crime Stoppers Victoria is receiving an average of one report every five minutes about unsolved crimes and suspicious activity, according to the latest annual figures.

Over the last year, Crime Stoppers Victoria recorded 97,115 reports from the public, resulting in 916 arrests and 1432 charges being laid.

Information provided to Crime Stoppers Victoria over the past financial year has led to an average of 18 arrests each week.

The new data shows information from the public has contributed to the seizure of an estimated street value of more than \$5 million in illegal drugs, \$747,900 in cash, and \$1,469,000 worth of criminal assets. Contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at crimestoppersvic.com.au.

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Reporting Season

- What is it and why the fuss?

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

It is the time of year when most publicly listed companies report their financial results to the market and media so investors can look under the hood and see how the company is performing. This editorial will explore what the reports offer for an investor and what it can mean for the performance of shares.

If you are looking to buy (or sell) shares in a company then it makes sense to understand the financial performance and business activities of that company before making a decision. To make this possible companies that are publically listed on the Australian Stock Exchange are legally obligated to report their results at least twice a year. The reporting dates used for most companies in Australia is 31 December and 30 June in which they respectively report their half-year and full-year results.

As the results must be released to the market no later than two months after the end of these dates, the reporting season typically falls in February and August.

The reporting season therefore provides the most up-to-date information to evaluate a company's financial health and strategic direction. During this time many companies also host conference calls to discuss their results and answer questions from market analysts as well as the media so the heavy hitting and interpretation of results is already done for you.

The results released are usually compared to market analysts' estimates to determine how well a company actually performed. At the same time peer comparisons with companies in the same industry are also undertaken to benchmark performance. The share price of the company will fluctuate depending on whether the company over or underperformed against their forecast and competitors' results.

For example, if the market analysts forecasted a company to perform well then the share price will often increase in the lead up to the reporting season as the market will have backed in the predicted growth. Conversely, if the

company underperforms the forecast then the share price will often fall. Generally the same applies to under-performance when compared to their peers.

In saying that earnings (profit) doesn't always correlate to share price increases as the company's financial reports usually include the outlook for the future and the strategic direction such as growth and expansion plans, cost-cutting measures and plans for mergers and acquisitions activity or divestments. If any of these decisions are deemed to impact negatively on the company it may cause uncertainty. Uncertainty in the share market normally leads to fear and can result in a sell off of the company's shares despite posting a profit.

The financial data contained in the financial reports include: the profit and loss statement which shows a company's revenue and expenses, gross profit and net profit; the cash flow statement which shows a company's level of free cash flows and capital expenditures; the balance sheet which shows the company's assets, liabilities and shareholder equity, and the statement of changes in owners' equity which shows how much equity shareholders maintain in the company.

Another important piece of information that is also disclosed is the company's future dividend payments (if any). The amount usually depends on the company's net profit after tax and cash available in the bank as this ultimately funds the dividend.

The reporting season essentially paints the picture of what a company actually does, how it makes money, its place in the market, its plans for the future and if they are successfully meeting their own objectives. With all this information at hand you can then make an informed decision as to whether you buy (or sell) shares in a particular company based on your views about its potential to perform or not.

The information above does not constitute financial or other professional advice and is general in nature. It does not take into account your specific circumstances and should not be acted on without a full understanding of your current situation and future goals and objectives by a fully qualified financial advisor. Before you make any decision about whether to acquire a certain financial product, you should obtain and read the relevant product disclosure statement.

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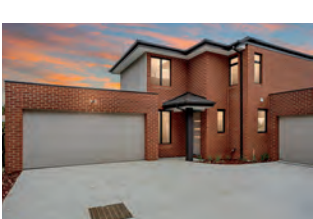
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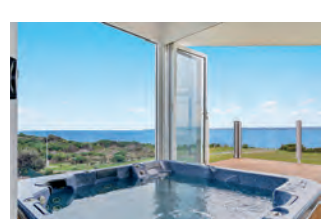
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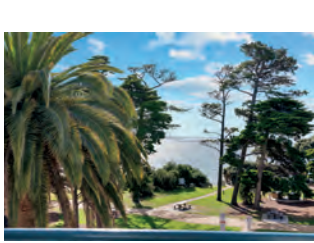
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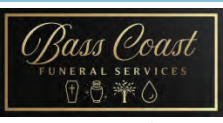
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Art fundraiser for CFA

ART

The Artists Society of Phillip Island (ASPIR) is excited to be involved with a fundraising exhibition for the CFA.

The exhibition at the Wild Food Farm in Rhyll will run during the school holidays from this Friday (September 15) for one week until September 22.

The exhibition is in the beautiful Rainforest Function space at the WildFood farm, open from 9am to 3pm daily.

The works by members of ASPIR will all be for sale with a commission of 20 per cent on every purchase price going to the CFA. Some pieces have also been donated, with the entire purchase price going to the CFA.

Save the Forest by ASPIR member Grazyna Mackiewicz is one of the paintings entered in the ASPIR fundraising art exhibition opening at the Rhyll Wild Food farm this week, with proceeds going to the Phillip Island CFA.



The Phillip Island Jazz Club presents the Jennifer Salisbury Quartet on September 17 from 2pm at the Phillip Island Bowling Club.

Get jazzy with Jennifer Salisbury Quartet

ENTERTAINMENT

The Phillip Island Jazz Club presents the Jennifer Salisbury Quartet on September 17 from 2pm to 4.30pm at the Phillip Island Bowling Club.

Those with good memories will recall Jen appeared at one of the club's earlier Jazz Festivals as the vocal list with Dr Crask and His Swingin' Elixir, and is now fronting her own group.

Join Jennifer as she weaves her smoky jazz vocals and lively swing stylings with class, glamour and sophistication,

backed by Mark Morand on guitar and featuring the fabulous Sean Hamilton (double bass) and Larry Kean (drums).

Performing some of the most beautiful jazz standards of all time, as well as a host of songs you know and love to get your feet dancing and your toes tapping.

Join us at the Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, in Cowes from 2pm. Entry is \$20 for members and \$25 for visitors.

For more information, please contact Robin on 0432 814 407 or Jill on 0417 416 300 to purchase tickets.

Labyrinth walk for YES campaign

COMMUNITY

Lorraine and Geoff Rodda invite the Bass Coast Community to engage and be willing to explore their authentic response to the Referendum by participating in the National Day of the YES campaign on Sunday, September 17, from 5pm to 6.30pm.

Walking Labyrinths for reflection and contemplation quiets the mind, enabling us to go beyond the noise so we can listen deeply to the message from the Uluru Statement from the Heart, the couple say.

"Walking the Labyrinth is a spiritual and physical meditative practice that sends more messages from your Heart to your brain than vice versa," Lorraine said.

"By walking with a sense of Presence, our heart-to-heart conversations, offer safely to explore our feelings, find our voices and discover our authentic response to the Referendum."

For details, email Lorraine and Geoff, Rodda: lgrodda@gmail.com.

Directions: Drive to the end of Back Beach Road in San Remo and continue on the unmade road past Lions Picnic and Children's Park. The Labyrinth is on the right, alongside a row of Cypress Trees. The Labyrinth, maintained by the Bass Coast Shire Council, is always open. Messages can be written in the Reflections Journal.

Youth Brass Success at Traralgon!

MUSIC

Following on from their recent success at the State Band Championships, Wonthaggi Youth Brass took out the title of Junior Brass Champion Band at the 2023 Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod this weekend.

The band, conducted by Nick Beale, is made up of current and former students from local schools including Bass Coast, Korumburra, and Foster Secondary Colleges, and scored 132 points out of a possible 150 to take home the trophy.

Wonthaggi musicians also had success in the solo and duet sections on Saturday, with Noah Robertson, Alex and Nick Beale and Anthony Foon placing across eight different sections. In addition to her section placings, Alex Beale was also awarded the Merv Leitch Memorial Trophy (for most promising junior cornet player), the Carole Ingwersen Junior Encouragement



The Wonthaggi Youth Brass Band are the Junior Brass Band Champions! Band members Josiah, Jeffrey, Neva, Dylan, Nick, Caleb, Noah and Alex.

Award, and the Robert Hentschel Memorial Trophy (presented to the most promising junior bands person in Gippsland).

The next major performance for these musicians will be the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band Annual Con-

cert at the WUCAC on Saturday October 14. Tickets are now on sale at www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au. Follow the band on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WoniCitzBand to find out more about all upcoming performances.



Three teams from Bass Coast College San Remo Campus will be heading off to Latrobe University in September to compete in the Victorian final of Tournament of Minds.

Tournament of minds

EDUCATION

Three teams from Bass Coast College San Remo Campus will be heading off to Latrobe University in September to compete in the Victorian final of Tournament of Minds.

The teams progressed to this level after winning at the regional division in Churchill, entering the

language literature, STEM and social science challenges.

Students had six weeks to prepare a creative response to their challenge, with teams working collaboratively to present solutions, including writing scripts and making all props.

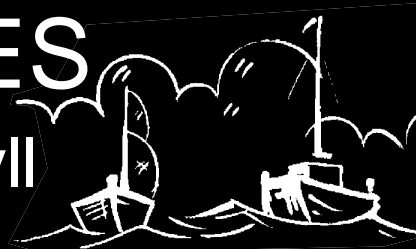
Teachers and other adults are not allowed to

assist or give advice and at state competition level teams are given only three hours to create a challenge.

Tournament of Minds has a long successful history at Bass Coast College with many teams moving onto national finals.

Students from year 7-9 are all welcome to join a team.

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Head back to Nature these holidays

ENTERTAINMENT

Get the kids outside during the holidays, with some fun activities on offer from the Phillip Island Nature Parks.

Spring is a fantastic time to get out into nature, with plants in bloom and beautiful babies to enjoy.

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Take a walk around Swan Lake and enjoy the beautiful spring vegetation—including wattles and coast beard-heath. Keep an eye out for baby swans (cygnets), taking to the water with mum.

Plan a visit to Churchill Island and catch some of the fantastic daily demonstrations and activities.

- 10.30am: Blacksmithing**
- 2.10pm: Cow Milking**
- 2.30pm: Sheep Shearing (Weekends only and school holidays)**
- 2.45pm: Working Dogs sheep round up**
- 3.00pm: Whip Cracking**

Add to your list of baby-sightings with the new lambs at Churchill Island.

Or take a step back in time and hitch a ride on a wagon.

The popular wagon rides are back at Churchill Island for the school holidays! The horse and wagon rides will run daily from September 16 until October 1, from 1pm – 2pm.

The restored wagon can hold 10 people at a time, with tickets \$7 per person.

Of course, you can always enjoy all the fun of the Penguin Parade each evening. The visitor centre opens daily at 4pm, while the stars of the show – the penguins – arrive every evening at sunset.

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These holidays, visit the Koala Conservation Reserve and see three joeys – the biggest baby boom at the reserve in 13 years.

Get yourself in a Pickle!



The Bass Coast Y is holding Pickleball come and try sessions on September 13 to give people a taste of this fun new sport. The Cowes session runs from 10am-12pm. Photo Brendan Sapp, Unsplash.

SPORT

These holidays, why not try something new?

Pickleball is a new sport, combining tennis, badminton and table tennis, which can be played indoor or out.

The Bass Coast Y is holding Pickleball come and try sessions to give people a taste of this fun new sport.

With simple rules, this fast-paced and competitive game is growing in popularity – in fact it is currently the fastest growing sport in the United States – and looks set to take Australia by storm.

Fun and friendly for all ages, the come and try sessions will provide all the equipment needed. All you need to do is show up, get on the court and learn and enjoy the game.

The Phillip Island free come and try day is September 13, from 10am – 12pm, at the Leisure Centre, 10-14 Church Street, Cowes.

There will be two sessions later that day in Wonthaggi, from 1.30pm – 3pm and 7.15pm – 8.15pm, at the Bass Coast Aquatic and Leisure Centre, 41 Wentworth Road.

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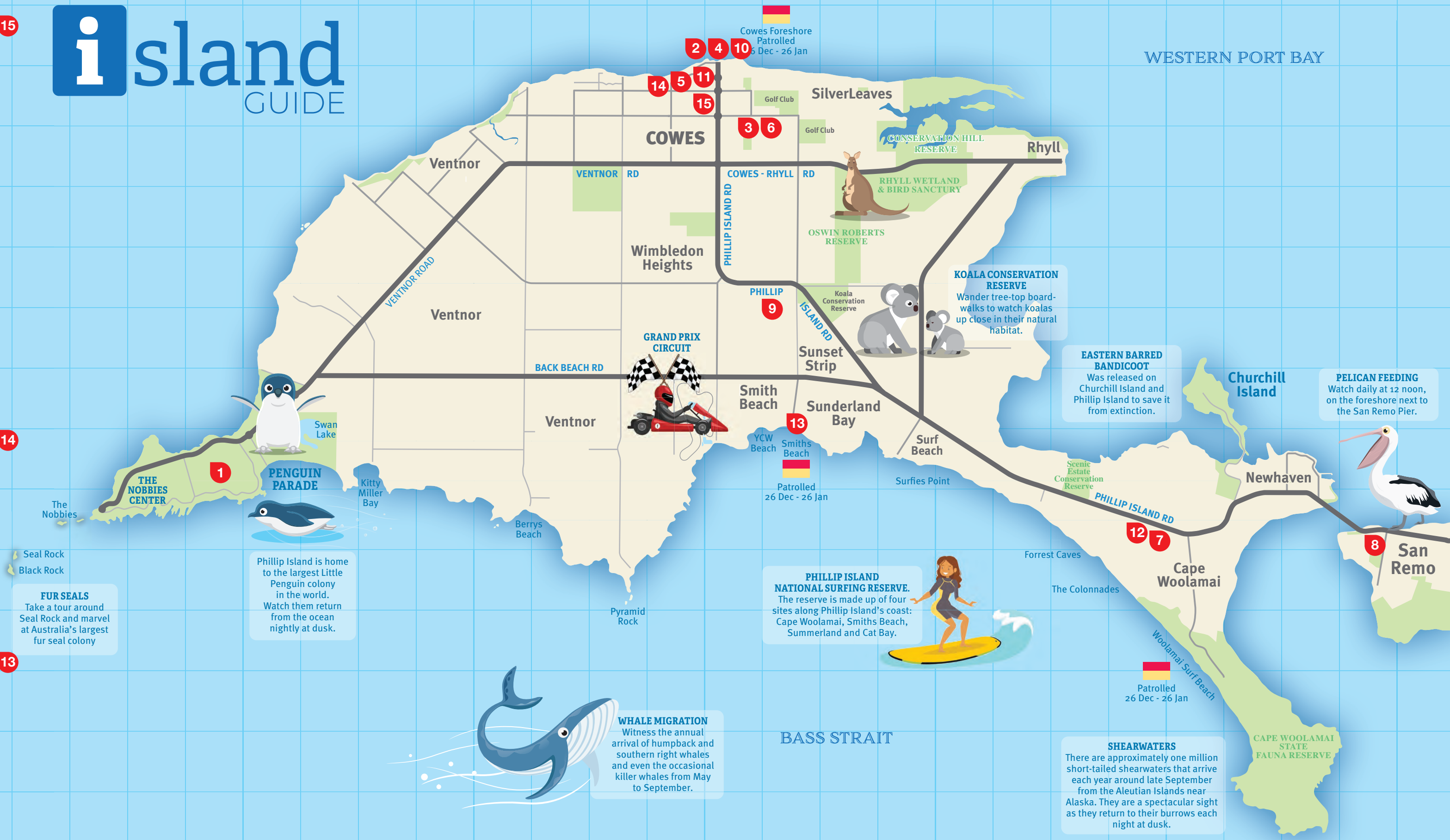


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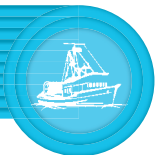
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San Remo three-day festival of seafood and fun

ENTERTAINMENT

San Remo will be a-buzz this weekend with the return of the San Remo Fishing Festival, rejuvenated and revitalised, running from Friday evening through to Sunday.

Rebranded The Tidal Seafood Festival, a weekend of festivities kicks off on Friday night (September 15) with a Gala Dinner in a huge marquee on the foreshore, setting the scene for a packed weekend of fun and festivity.

The focus of the festival, being organised by the San Remo District Tourism and Business Association (SRDTB) is on the fishing industry of San Remo.

SRDTB President Craig Edmonds, said the aim is to celebrate the fishing industry and capture the essence of the town.

Craig said local traders have embraced the opportunity to boost the return of the popular local event significantly.

“In line with the renewed focus, all the stores at the festival will feature either local wine and produce or fishing industry related products and information.”

Friday night

The festival kicks off with a five-course gala dinner on Friday night showcasing the very best of Bass Strait seafood, which will be prepared and presented by San Remo’s chefs and popular eateries.

The gala night includes full bar service, live entertainment, interviews with local fishermen, with an historical display and slide show.

Saturday

A full program of activities is planned throughout Saturday. With a huge marquee set up on the foreshore, in which many of the demonstrations and activities



Watch out for Red Mo The Pirate at this year’s San Remo Tidal Festival.

take place, the festival will go ahead rain or shine.

There will be fish filleting demonstrations by Bass Strait Direct and the San Remo Fisherman’s Co-op as well as cooking demonstrations from local chefs.

A great array of local food and wine stalls, fishing stalls and competitions, live music, a huge kids area with kids’ activities and free face painting are on offer.

So too fresh fish sales, including oysters from the jetty, and wine and beer tastings in the marquee. Five fresh seafood tray prizes are up for grabs on the hour at the popular spinning wheel stall which will operate throughout the day.

Other entertainment includes Red Mo The Pirate, and buskers in the marquee. Sammy the Seal and Pete Penguin will also be dropping by to hand out some giveaways.

In support of the Plastic Free Phillip Island campaign, the giveaways will be in reusable shopping bags and packed with vouchers and special offers from local businesses.

Festival cruises

Wildlife Coast Cruises is offering five 45 minute scenic cruises, viewing the cliffs and caves around Cape Woolamai. The special festival cruises depart from the San Remo jetty on Saturday at 9am, 10am, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. Cost is just \$20 an adult and \$15 for children and tickets are available at www.wildlifecoastcruises.com.au

Deckies Race

The Kilcunda-Bass Cricket Club will be running the popular Deckies Race, starting at 10am on Saturday. The event is always a crowd favourite, with all proceeds going to the cricket club.

This year’s format will be different from the unique relay event of previous years.

Previously contested only by deckies working within the San Remo Fishing Fleet, it is now open to anyone who would like to participate, with entries taken on the day. The new format involves two peo-



Deckie’s Race champions back in 2018 were crayfisherman George Brocklesby and wrasse fisherman Richie Blakemore, proudly holding their trophy.

ple to a team, competing in a four-leg relay.

And in a nod to the fishing history of San Remo, each leg of the relay will involve a different boating or fishing skill.

These are: rolling a cray pot for 30 metres; carrying a bin full of ice; float toss into a cray pot; and a rope drag and coil challenge. Heats will be throughout the day and timed, with the two fastest teams going head-to-head in a grand final race.

Blessing of the Fleet

The Blessing of the Fleet, a tradition which originated in Sicily centuries ago is scheduled to take place at noon on Saturday.

The Blessing of the Fleet prays for a plentiful season for the district’s fishermen and their safety on the high seas.

It will be a major focus of the weekend and participation is open to both commercial and recreational boats. Vessels can register online.

Presiding over the blessing this year will be Father Manning, from the Star of the Sea Catholic Church at San Remo.

The celebration will also include the Wonthaggi Citizens’ Band.

Safety checks

The CFA, SES and Coast Guard will be on hand, offering free safety checks on fire extinguishers and tips on boat safety.

And of course, all the San Remo shops and cafes will be open for business.

The festival has received strong support from Victorian Fisheries Association, the major sponsor, Bass Coast Shire Council, Bendigo Bank, Westernport Water, San Remo Fisherman’s Co-op, Visit Victoria, Destination Phillip Island and many others.

Craig Edmonds said this support, along with the local businesses that have thrown their weight behind the event, has been invaluable.

“Over the years the festival has changed its shape and format, but one thing has stayed the same. It is a festival made possible by local businesses and local volun-

teers, who are proud of their town and proud of their heritage.”

Sunday

Sunday’s festivities will start with a Clean Up San Remo event in the morning at 10am (register at the rotunda near the playground).

The main gates will then open at 11am to a packed carpark full of market stalls selling fresh/home or handmade products.

The doors of the foreshore marquee will open at 12pm with a full afternoon of music to enjoy. There will be plenty of food available, the bar will be open and the kids’ area will be setup again.

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The first San Remo Blessing of the Fleet took place in 1955.

A slice of fishing history

LOCAL HISTORY

The history of fishing in San Remo stretches back tens of thousands of years, with the local Bunurong people travelling there in springtime where they knew fish, crayfish, abalone and mutton birds were plentiful.

In more recent times, commercial fishing in San Remo has been taking place for the past nine decades, with the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op officially founded in 1948.

The original target species of the San

Remo fishing fleet was couta, the favourite fish in Melbourne's fish and chip shops at the time. These days gummy shark is the firm favourite brought in on the San Remo boats, but crayfish, scallops, squid, wrasse, and trawl fish are also targeted.

The early fishing boats out of San Remo were sturdy but not particularly comfortable and fishing was a tough and dangerous occupation.

In 2008, a monument to those local fishermen lost at sea was erected and takes pride of place on the foreshore.

The Blessing of the Fleet was a proud tradition that began in the 1950s, but had been consigned to the past two decades on.

It has now returned as a highly valued tradition, and annual event on the San Remo Tidal Festival program.

Another past tradition the Fisherman's Co-operative has revived in recent years is fresh fish straight off the boat.

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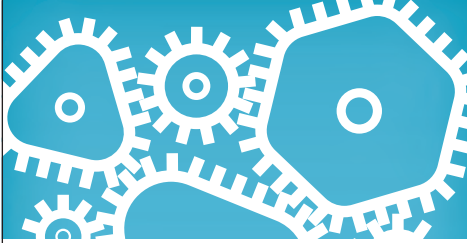


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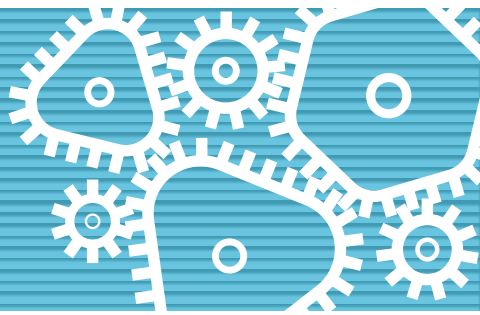
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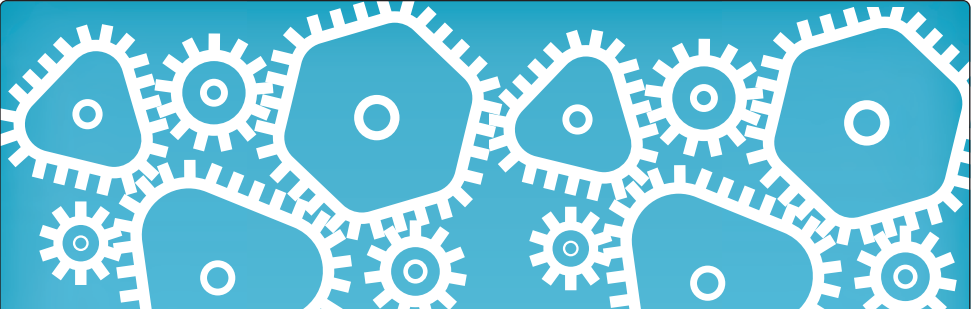
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Wildlife Coast Cruise on dry land

ENVIRONMENT

It was a change of scenery recently for the team from Wildlife Coast Cruises, who swapped whale spotting around the coast of Phillip Island, for a day on dry ground.

The team spent the time with Phillip Island Landcare, in support of Landcare's Island Bush care program.

Georgia Bisset, Wildlife Coast Cruises environment officer, said the planting session was the first in what is planned to become an annual event.

"The aim is to help reduce our carbon emissions in what we hope will be an annual event," said Georgia.

"We have also recently setup the process of a Positive Impact Purchase where customers have an opportunity to make a donation toward revegetation of the Phillip Island and Bass Coast environments."

As well as digging holes in which to plant the trees, the team fitted guards and bamboo stakes for their protection.

The Landcare group invites other businesses and groups who may like to get involved in a similar way to contact them.

It's a great way to bond with



Wildlife Coast Cruises Environmental Officer Georgia Bissett and Jackie Reed, pictured at the Gap Road tree planting day.

your work colleagues, and have a productive but fun day out together.

The Island Bush Care program is open to any individu-

als, businesses or community groups from Phillip Island or San Remo.

Details: phillipislandland-care.org.au/a-plant-a-day



THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO – SEPTEMBER 1990. “Grand Prix fight is on”. Phillip Island is not prepared to allow the Grand Prix to go to Sydney without a fight. A unanimous motion at last week’s Phillip Island Shire meeting reiterated support for the event.



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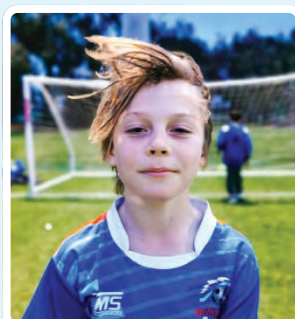
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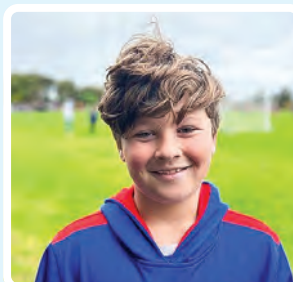
Judd:

Our leader and the heartbeat of the team.



Jesse:

Getting comfortable playing on the wing and is quick off the ball.



Blair:

Our lone striker. Always a threat to score.



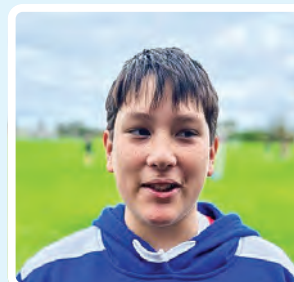
Bailey:

Very versatile player. Enjoys running at defenders with the ball.



Callan:

Plays with heart and versatile across many positions.



Jackson:

A strong centre back with a commanding presence and great boot.



Cooper:

Runs all day and seems to play attack, midfield and defence all at once.



Ebony:

Developing into a goal threat off the wing.



Kayde:

Started in goal and now developing into a good defender.



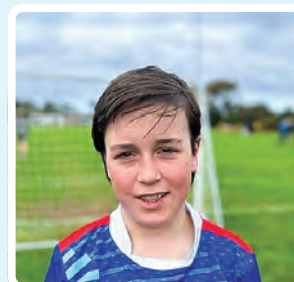
Harry:

Silky skills and strong on both feet. A long-range goal threat.



Graeme:

Stepping in as coach for the finals full of gusto and ready to take us all the way.



Alasdair:

Learning the game quickly. Closes down the opposition well.



Saxon:

Plays well as a holding midfielder. Easy player to coach. Great attitude.



Hailey:

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Ariana:

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U14 soccer team



Myles: (midfielder)

Has made a big impact in the midfield.



Lochlan: (defender/midfielder)

Evolved into a goal scorer who can also defend in big time moments.



Hamish: (forward)

Scored goals in big time moments and made a huge impact this year.



Harvey: (defender/midfielder)

Mr Reliable will play any position asked of him and gives his all no matter where he plays.



Turi: (defender)

Relentless and always gives 100 per cent no matter the situation.



Tiki: (defender/midfielder)

Gives her all every game and can always be counted on to make big plays.



Hamish: (GK)

A brave, courageous and vital part of the reason we made the finals.



Jarvis: (midfielder/forward)

Speedy forward who can also assist his teammates with goals.



Aiden: (defender)

Fearless centre back who gives his all no matter what.



Jasper: (midfielder)

Midfield engine who can make plays and score goals in big time moments.



Kade: (midfielder)

Centre midfielder who gives his all and can score goals.



Harley: (midfielder)

Gives his all and is relentless in the midfield.



Sam: (defender)

Smart player whose vision and defensive work ethic has made him a regular starter in our backline.



Dev: (defender)

A vital centre back who always can play as a goalkeeper.



Kobey: (defender)

Our little pocket rocket off the bench who provides a defensive spark with his tenacity.



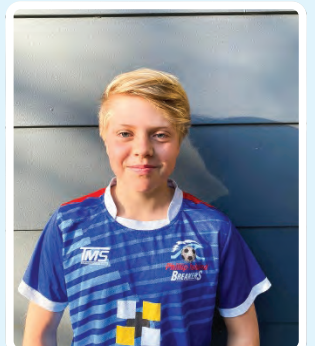
Fletcher: (midfielder)

Our captain for a reason. Always encouraging his teammates and is the midfield engine.



Heath: (midfielder)

Gives his all when called upon.



Jakob: (striker)

Always encouraging teammates and can score.



Coach Frank:

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U17 soccer team



Xavier Godena (Captain):
No.11 striker, midfielder. Very fast and gives 100 per cent, always encouraging teammates on the pitch.



Adam Dean:
No.16 midfield-defence. Silky skills and always finds teammates feet. Can score from long range.



Anthony Petropoulos:
No.31 striker-winger. Very fast and will not stop. Is deadly up front and strikes the ball with venom.



Tate Russell:
No.9. Solid all-rounder with great ball skills, uses his voice well and his left boot.



Dean Rizzo:
No.25 centre attacking midfielder. Uses his body well to protect the ball, and then delivers the ball to perfection.



Angus Dempsey:
No.27 very quick all rounder. Opponents get nervous when he has the ball at his feet, always looking for best options to pass.



Jack Middleton:
No.18 centre back. Huge heart and speed, closes down any attack, always talking.



Josh Vojkovic:
No.34 defensive midfielder. Solid player that wins the ball and plays to teammates' feet.



Justin Tran:
No.1 & 28 goalkeeper. Huge agility, also very fast when on the pitch; nothing can catch him.



Cadel Tsioulakas:
No.1 & 15 right back-goalskeeper. Shows great composure with a lovely first touch.



Nate Anderson:
No.33 winger. With a huge tank and a deadly strike, can sneak inside and score.



Bailey Leed:
No.32 left back. With huge speed, can run the game out and won't give up.



Jad Ellaz:
No.17 striker with great foot skills. Makes defenders nervous. Has kicked the most goals for the team this season.



Balian Prendergast:
No.10 right forward. Delivers great corner balls and has a huge heart. Always gives his all.



Michaela Marr:
No.8 defence-striker. She's one tough player that gives her all. Can sneak a goal.



Dylan Gregory:
No.26 striker-midfield player that gives 100 per cent on the pitch and won't give up.



Andrew Dean: Coach
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Breakers double! Soccer U12s face off in Grand Final

All roads lead to Lang Lang on Sunday for Phillip Island Soccer Club players and supporters, with three Phillip Island Breakers teams playing off in the 2023 Gippsland Soccer League grand final series.

Phillip Island's Under 17 mixed team will do battle with the Drouin Dragons at 10:15am, the Under 14 mixed team takes on Korumburra City at 8:30am; and in the Under 12b mixed division Phillip Island Red v Phillip Island Blue at 9:15am.

Soccer report

The very best of luck to the young Breakers players as they strive for glory on Sunday.

After some wild and windy weather on Sunday morning, the skies finally cleared in time for the Breakers Soccer club at Newhaven to host the Gippsland Soccer League second semi-final.

With the U14s, U17s and U12B red teams securing their place last week in the upcoming Grand Final series this weekend, after winning their semi-finals, the focus on Sunday was on our remaining teams.

The Seniors and Reserves sides, as well as the Under 12A and Under 12B junior teams, all faced do or die playoffs for a chance to play for the 2023 coveted premiership.

It was not to be for the Seniors or Reserves teams, but the Under 12 Blues secured their place with a 7-3 win over Drouin.

Under 12A

Phillip Island Breakers U12A team played Drouin in the second U12A semi-final at Newhaven on Sunday.



Phillip Island Breakers U12A Blue team.

Drouin scored the first goal, and the Breakers demonstrated some great passing and terrific defensive skills to prevent the visitors scoring again.

Phillip Island goalie, Levi, saved lots of shots and Kaylan kicked the first goal for our Breakers with the half-time score level at 1-1.

A free kick to Phillip Island in the second half from a Drouin handball resulted in a quick pass from Kaylan back to Toby to loop the ball over the opposition into the back of the net (score 2-1) but a quick header from Drouin levelled the score.

Phillip Island applied strong pressure in defence, but goal at-

tempts going forward were unsuccessful.

Another free kick from Toby brought the Breakers back in the lead (3-2). Drouin answered with another goal to again level the score.

An awesome scissor kick from Kaylan took the ball away from the Dragons but the Breakers were still unable to get ahead.

The siren sounded at 3-3.

Extra time was called, with unsuccessful attempts at goal by Kavish and Toby in the first minutes.

Breakers players continued to apply strong pressure and stick close to their Drouin opponents to prevent a further score.

The second five-minute half saw continued pressure applied by Phillip Island. Toby, Kaylan and Angus kicked some great penalties, but the Drouin Dragons were just too strong on the day.

Final score: Drouin defeated Phillip Island 3-3 and 5-4 in penalties.

Thanks to Coach Callum for an amazing season and for his patience, inspiration and skills passed on to his U12A players this season.

Thanks also to team managers Megan and Melijah, and all the parents who helped with various roles and gave support through the season.

Great work Breakers!

U12B Blue

The Blue team were missing team leader and coach Gareth Kennedy as well as regular Goalkeeper Chase and pocket rocket Henry Kennedy on the day.

But they were lucky enough to have Graeme Sivori step in to take the reins. And boy did the team step up to the challenge.

Cooper filling in as GK was quick to impact the game, once moved up forward.

Drouin took the lead in the first half scoring 2-1 but the Breakers team came back firing to take the win and finish up 7-3.

Congratulations to everyone involved.

Bring on the Breakers versing the Breakers Grand Final.

Reserves

Sunday was not the way they wanted to finish off the season however the Reserves fought hard until the very end.

A tough and physical game for the Breakers saw them up 1-0 at half time only to be held scoreless in the last half by Drouin who managed the 2-1 win.

A fantastic season was enjoyed by all and hopefully better luck next year.

Seniors

After a successful home and away season, a berth in the Grand Final would have been the icing on the cake.

But Leongatha had other plans for the Breakers Senior Men's team knocking them out of finals contention with a 3-2 win.

Well done to everyone involved and here's to next year!

Gippsland Soccer League Senior Presentation Night

The Gippsland Soccer League's 2023 Presentation Night was a great success, with 120 attendees coming together to celebrate the league's successful season.

The event was held at the Dakers Centre in Leongatha.

Throughout the evening, a variety of awards were presented, including pennants to the 2022 Grand Final winners, 2023 League Champion plaques, Club of the Year award, Golden Boot and Best and Fairest to the Senior divisions.

Overall, it was a night to remember and a great way to end the season for the Gippsland Soccer League.

Season achievements for Phillip Island teams were awarded to:

2023 League Champions:
U12B Mixed – Phillip Island (Red) Soccer Club.
U17 Mixed – Phillip Island Soccer Club.

2023 Golden Boot (leading goal scorers):

U12B Mixed – Casey Geer (Phillip Island Red) 27 goals.



At the Gippsland Soccer League presentation night last week (from left) are Ben Taylor – senior player, Frank Licciardi – Under 14 coach, Angus Reed – equal first in in the Reserve's Golden Boot award, Andrew Dean – coach of the Under 17s League winners, Meagan Forbes and Kelly Wall – senior womens players, Andrew Thomas – senior player, Adam Dean – Under 17 player and Jake Taylor – senior women's coach. Photo: Morgan Fisher Photography.

Gippsland Soccer League Grand Final

**Sunday, September 17 at
Lang Lang Community and
Recreation Precinct**

Under 17 Mixed at 10:15am:
Phillip Island v Drouin
Dragons White
Under 14 Mixed at 8:30am:
Phillip Island v Korumburra City
Under 12b Mixed at 9:15am:
Phillip Island Red v Phillip Island Blue

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Phillip Island's playing coach Cam Pedersen (left) was named captain of the West Gippsland Football Netball League "Team of the Year" which was announced at the League's pre-Grand Final presentation evening in Warragul on Monday night.

Cam was selected in the prestigious team, made up of the League's best players, alongside teammates Hayden Bruce (third right) and island captain Jack Taylor (second right). Hayden was also runner up in the League Seniors vote count, a great achievement after missing the last three games of the season with a serious injury.

On the netball front, A grade coach and island player Kristy Edwards (third left) was selected in the A Grade Netball team of the year; and Lily Mewett (second left) won the League vote count for best Under 17 player. Congratulating his players on their prestigious awards is proud PIFNC president Chris Ross (right).

Bulldogs into five Grand Finals

History could be in the making with an incredible five Phillip Island Football Netball Club teams winning their way into WGFL grand final matches to be played at Koo Wee Rup this Saturday.

Of the ten Grand Final football and netball matches to be played on Saturday, Phillip Island is represented in half of them.

After two consecutive heart stopping one-point wins in the final series to get to the grand final, the Bulldogs senior footy side take on Inverloch; the Under 18s come up against Inverloch as well; and the Under 16s will battle for premiership glory against the Warragul Industrial side.

On the netball front, our Under 17 girls take on Korumburra in a rerun of last year; and the Under 15s will play for the 2023

flag against Nar Nar Goon.

The success achieved on the footy field and netball courts this year is not unprecedented, but if our players bring five premiership cups back over the bridge on Saturday afternoon, then history will indeed be made.

PIFNC president Chris Ross, speaking on Monday, said he could not be prouder of the island's football and netball players for their commitment to the club this year, and thanked the army of club volunteers who have supported them.

The good wishes of the entire community go with PIFNC and its players as they head over the bridge on Saturday to do battle for Phillip Island.

Go our Bulldogs! Bring home those flags.



Inverloch captain coach Tom Ham and Phillip Island playing coach Cam Pedersen will be vying for the 2023 West Gippsland Football Netball League Premiership Cup as they face each other in this weekend's Grand Final. With just a point separating the two teams in each of two hard fought matches leading up to the big day, Saturday's game is expected to be a very close one. Cam (right) and Tom at the WGFL presentation night on Monday.

Congratulations Phillip Island Football and Netball Club on another exciting season. Our very best wishes to you all on Saturday!



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SENIORS



1. Hayden Bruce
Classy mid-fielder with precision skills. Struck by injury late in the season.



2. Brendan Kimber
Hardest player ever seen, leads by example, and steps up in big moments. Fine wine upset by season ending injury mid season.



3. Jordan Patullo
Good on both sides of his body, knows where the goals are. Is an X factor when up and about since moving to the wing.



4. Cameron Brown
Classy small forward with great turn of pace and dangerous around goals.



5. Kai Mackenzie
Mid turned backman and provides speed and delivery from the backline.



6. Jason Tomado
Plenty of swagger and would do anything for the team. Tough, great mark and leader.



8. Travis Woodfield
Smooth moving crafty forward with a good set of hands.



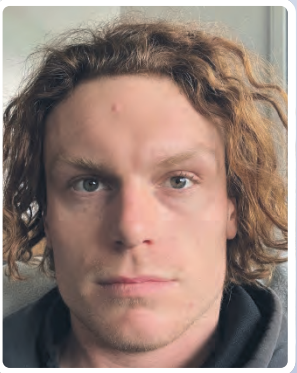
9. Billy Taylor
Classy half forward, great at setting up goals and kicking them. Great tackler despite weighing very little.



11. Bryce Hinghaugh
Fast winger who is elusive, has strong hands for his size, runs all day.



13. Daniel Pearce
Leader of the backline with sublime defensive and offensive skills.



14. Tarquin McMillan
Beautiful judge of mark and spoil and had a great season in defence.



15. Matthew Jones
Smart winger with good skills. Loves the big games.



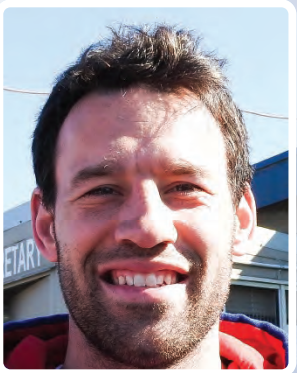
16. Damien Holmes
Brings enormous experience and classy delivery to his backline role. Rarely beaten.



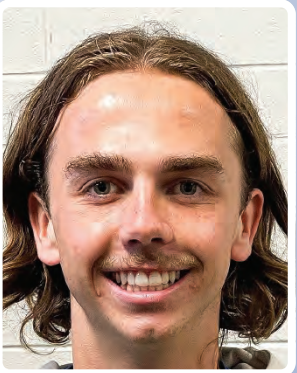
17. Jack Opitz
Big bodied mid who attacks the ball and man ferociously. Adds real grunt to the midfield.



18. Coby Olarens Shaw
Young gun making his way in the backline, with piercing kicking skills and quick turn of speed.



19. Cameron Pedersen (Senior Playing Coach)
Former AFL player who has dominated games on a consistent basis. His field kicking and big marks bring fans through the gates.



20. Ben Taylor
Classy half forward with exceptional courage and skills for his size.

Congratulations to all the teams and Good Luck Saturday!





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22. Daniel Bourke

Strong bodied ruckman who can demand the ball as a forward. Tap specialist.



23. Tully Dickie

Young dashing defender, settled into senior footy as if he had always been there. Prime mover with the footy.



25. Jack Papas

Small forward who loves to tackle, highly skilled and loves a goal.



27. Thomas Niven

Tall defender who can lock down the biggest of forwards, calm head and uses the ball well.



28. Max Blake

Key forward, who loves crashing packs and taking big marks. Can kick them from more than 50 metres.



29. Orlando Kane-Gillard

Classy forward with skills and speed to burn. After the siren goal in the last years prelim shows steely capabilities.



30. Noah Bee-Hickman

High work rate player, always puts his head in the hole, uses the ball well by foot.



35. Jack Taylor

Key forward. The big bison has great dukes, skills and his second and third efforts are a feature.



36. Jesse Patullo

Freakish skills in the forward line, can do anything with almost no notice. Defenders nightmare.



39. Max Walton

Speed, anticipation, and outstanding kicking skills and hard at the ball. Welcome addition to the side.

Seniors stage remarkable comeback

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Final quarter

So, the final began – the final quarter for one of these gallant teams. Points early to both sides, but the Bulldogs began to look stronger than their opposition, peppering the forward line with Cameron Brown, Bryce Hindhaugh, Jack Taylor, and Max Walton leading the way.

Finally, a big mark from Max Blake resulted in a goal – only after a near comical umpire conference (the second of the quarter).

A couple of minutes later, Billy Taylor put himself in the right spot to receive a vital free kick. A pass to Coach Pedersen for a goal, and the Bulldogs were back in front.

Just when it looked like the Bulldogs were pushing towards the win, the Goon prime movers decided that it wasn't going to happen.

Dermott Yawney stepped up and slotted a vital goal, and the Gooners were back in front.

But the Bulldogs were not to be denied. Continued forward thrusts led by Captain Taylor and the Patullo-two resulted in a loose ball and a goal from Trav Woodfield for a two-point Bulldog lead.

To be expected, the Goon was not to be outdone. Jake Smith received the ball on his own in the centre and put the ball into the hot spot, and after a series of ball-ups, the ball was finally rushed through, leaving the Bulldogs one point up.

With everyone's hearts in their mouths, the final siren rang, and the Bulldogs were through in a classic, tough preliminary final encounter.

It's mothballs for the gallant Nar Nar Goon, as the Bulldogs head into the Grand Final next week against Inverloch at Koo Wee Rup. Who knows what will happen there.

Scores: Phillip Island: 1.2.8, 2.3.15, 3.5.23, 6.8.44. Nar Nar Goon: 0.3.3, 1.4.10, 5.6.35, 6.7.43.

Goals: Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen, Travis Woodfield – 2, Jack Papas, Max Walton – 1. Nar Nar Goon: Dermott Yawney – 2, Deon Boavida, Jeconiah Penl, Jake Smith, Jarrod Witnish – 1

Best Players: Phillip Island: Jack Taylor, Max Walton, Cameron Pedersen, Daniel Pearce, Max Blake, Jordy Patullo. Nar Nar Goon: Trent Armour, Nate Pipicelli, Aidan Pipicelli, Flynn Parker, Jeconiah Peni, Sam Blackwood.



65. Mark Griffin

Highly skilled, tough player, who can play a number of roles for the team.



66. Jarrod Witnish

Stylish tall can play either end of the ground. Returning after a few years off and still has the goods.



James Stirton (Assistant coach)

Calm head on the bench, looks after the offence. Is a wizard with engaging players with creativity.



Daniel Larsson (Assistant coach)

Experienced campaigner, demands respect and gets the best out of players. Controls the midfield.

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Saturday September 16 at Koo Wee Rup

9.15am: Under 15s Netball:
Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon

10.05am: Under 17s Netball:
Phillip Island v Korumburra-Bena

8.30am: Under 16s Football:
Phillip Island v Warragul Industrials

10.10am: Under 18s Football:
Phillip Island v Inverloch-Kongwak

2.30pm: Seniors Football:
Phillip Island v Inverloch-Kongwak

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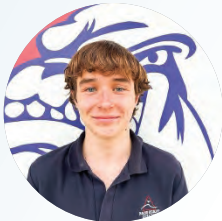
1. Jeremy Kelly – Wing/Mid.
Tough, ball winner. Loves a contest.



2. Xavier Williams – Fwd/Mid.
Strong in the middle and loves a goal when forward.



3. Benji Chihotski – Fwd/Mid.
Straight at the ball and opposition. Loves the tough stuff.



4. Noah Williams – Fwd/Wing.
Skillful, smooth mover. Can run all day then some.



5. Bailey Hennessy – Wing/Mid.
Thinking footballer, important for setups. Contested ball winner.



6. Jack Kennedy – Defender.
Strong, reliable back man. Runs straight lines, rarely beaten.



7. Isaac Savona – Defender.
Strong, rebound defender. Can match up on small or tall.



8. Jack Briggs – Ruck/Fwd.
Huge leap, never beaten in the ruck. Dangerous when forward.



9. Ollie Duggan – Fwd/Mid.
Smart moving high forward. Good decision maker with the ball in hands.



10. Charlie O'Garey – Fwd/Mid.
Vice-captain. Chuckles sets the tone with intensity. Danger man.



11. ChaCha Martus – Forward.
Silky mover. Can't be stopped when on the move. Goal kicker.



12. George McCausland – Forward.
Dangerous high forward. Strong in the air and on the ground.



13. Max Taylor – Forward.
Strong in the air, clever on the ground. Ready to fire.



14. Will Hill – Defender.
Mr Reliable. Tough defender, who is never beaten.



15. Harry Arceo – Wing/Back.
Smart footballer. Sets up perfectly then hard at the ball.



16. Cade Wragg – Wing/Fwd.
Strong tackler with great intensity. Can play anywhere.



17. Parker Trappett – Ruck/Fwd.
Strong overhead. A great competitor. Always improving.



18. Cooper Walton – Forward.
Dangerous forward who loves a big game. Ready to fire.



19. Lachie Eastwood – Defender.
Strong mark, good kick. A great competitor.



20. Tommy Newman – Forward.
Dangerous small forward who brings teammates into the game.



21. Will Peppard – Back/Mid.
Rock solid defender and strong in the middle. No one's getting past Moppa.



22. Blake Murphy – Wing/Mid.
Tall, running player who loves a contest. Strong overhead or on the ground.



23. Gianni Caffieri – Mid/Back.
Team leader. Strong, brilliant ball user. Let the lion out of the cage.



24. Jack Larsson – Wing/Back.
Thinking footballer with good leadership. Strong mark, good ball user.



25. Jasper Cashman – Defender.
Team leader. Captain of the backline. Strong against the opposition's best.



26. Finn O'Brien – Mid/Forward.
Captain. Senior footballer. Strong in the middle, dangerous down forward.



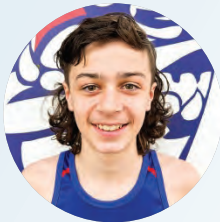
27. Heath Womersley – Defender.
Straight line running defender. Tough and sets the tone.



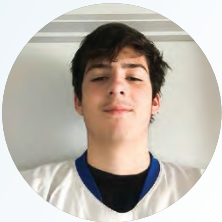
28. Archie Ross – Forward.
Smart mover in the forward line. Finds the right spots and kicks goals.



29. Max Kelsey – Defender.
Strong, tough defender. Sets up well and is a great team man.



34. Harrison Carlon – Back/Mid.
Smart moving footballer. Sets the team up with the ball in hands.



40. Joel Robinson – Fwd/Ruck.
Strong in the air and clever on the ground. Dangerous, ready to fire.



Steve Duggan
Coach.



Gab Caffieri
Assistant Coach.



Sean O'Brien
Assistant Coach.



Ant Williams
Runner.



Ralph Arceo
Rotations.



Rachel Duggan
Team Manager.



Kate Williams
Trainer.





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1. Brady Ross
Leader and can play any position.



2. Brodie Grude
Winger that keeps great shape has good skills.



3. Alexander Barbate
Small crumbing forward.



4. Christopher Eastwood
A great team man.



5. Beau Davies
We want the ball in his hands at half back.



6. Darcy Thompson
Hard in and under, midfielder.



7. James Lewis
Elite skills with speed, mid/forward.



8. Brayden Kleverkamp
Tall mid/forward can turn a game.



9. Finn Cashman
Captain, leads from the front, midfield.



10. Henry Peppard
Clean onus defender.



11. Blake Olarenschaw
Skilful player by foot, mid/backline.



12. Jack Johnson
Power forward brings his team-mates into the game.



13. Lucas Chihotski
Very dangerous player forward also plays midfield, great kick.



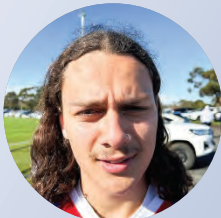
14. Jack Huther
Smart forward uses ball, creates great space.



15. Timothy Niven
Reliable defender, never loses a contest.



16. Sonny Mcmillan
Great speed and uses the ball well, wing.



17. Tama Nihver-Tenali
In pack player that can do anything.



18. Zac Walker
Tall athletic, great mark, match winner. Ruck/forward or back.



21. Eden Goldsbury
Lock down backman plays on their best forward.



22. Kohen Beaumont
Exciting backman that takes the game on.



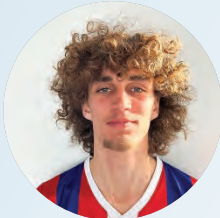
23. Leo Savonna
Strong in the air forward/ruck.



24. Daniel Caffieri
Dashing defender with a great kick.



25. Noah Muller
Speed with skill can play mid/forward or on the wing.



26. Vicent Kennedy
Solid defender, great spoiler third man up.



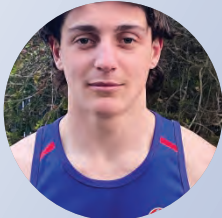
27. Oliver Hibbert
Hard at it midfielder with skill, loves the contest.



29. James Mckelvey
Reliable defender that plays for his teammates.



34. Max Arceo
Hard at it small forward/wing that gives his all.



37. Jye Sutherland
Strong in the air and uses the ball well, forward/wing.



20. Sunny Merryfull
Strong midfielder that can take a good mark.



40. Sonny Mattock
Tall forward, good hands and a strong lead.



Scott Huther
Coach.



Ash Beaumont
Assistant Coach.



Brad Thompson
Assistant Coach.



Dale Gude
Team Boardman.



Des Hibbert
Team Trainer.



Luke Davies
Team Runner.



Melissa Cashman
Team Manager.



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UNDER 15



Piper O'Brien
Speedy midcourter who is agile and crafty. Smart attacker crucial to the attacking line-up.



Aisha Hibbert
Rangey GA who is clever on court and damaging in the goal ring. When on fire, she is difficult to stop.



Abbey Clarke
Our trusty captain, versatile midcourter with patience and poise. Drives the ball down court beautifully.



Ruby Mewett
Tall, athletic defender who thrives on rebounding and consistently hunts the ball for intercepts.



Jasira Derham
Smooth midcourter who works hard all game and consistently takes her opponents out of the game.



Matilda Trew
Smart and strong defender who works tirelessly to get the intercept. An awesome defensive reach.



Ellie Hennessey
Classy midcourter/defender with a massive work rate and will be an important cog on Grand Final day.



Mia Hughes
Strong GS, controlled and accurate under the ring. Opposition will find it difficult to outplay her front holds.



Olivia Homes
Tough defender/midcourter who is sharp at reading the play. Will be fired up after missing the second semi.



Ava Blake
Under age player who stepping up. Fast mid court legs and calm under pressure.



Anna Mewett
Coach



The island's Under 15 netball team will face Nar Nar Goon in the WGFL Grand Final at Koo Wee Rup on Saturday.

**Congratulations all round to Cam and the Seniors
Scott and Under 18s
Steven and Under 16s
Cath and U17s
and Anna and U15s**

Good Luck and go Doggies!

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Maya Huther

Consistent, strong and reliable in C. Huge work rate and just as good defensively as in the attacking end.



Aisla Cousins

Ball hunter, always there with her hands up ready for rejections. Super quick and athletic all over the court.



Sophia Hungerford

Solid down back, takes many clean, two-handed intercepts and can read the play really well.



Matilda McKenna

Amazing in WA, has strong drives into the goal third and feeds beautifully into the shooters. Brings composure to the team.



Jazz Mau

Has great hands over the ball and provides much needed pressure for the defenders. Brings plenty of voice on and off the court.



Ruby Anderson

Strong in GK but is versatile and can play down the other end in GS. Pulls in rebounds both ends.



Meika White

Super speedy GS who pops up out of nowhere in the ring, works really well in attacking.



Lily Mewett

League best and fairest and our captain. Such a leader and has a huge impact game in and game out.



Siena Trew

Sticks like glue to her opponent and uses her body well. Moves the ball well down the court out of defence.



Cath Huther

Coach



A great group of girls showed determination and smiles right through to the final siren, well done to all players – Anna Dixon, Ashby Sibson, Izzy Gove, Makenzie Summers, Matilda Patton, Mia Caile, Pepper Burke, Rose Iverach, Scarlet Jongejan and Tahlia Jessup.

Congratulations to our U15 LDNA Island netball team

With a full team of 10 the day had come to tackle the strongest team of the league.

The rain held off, and a wet court made conditions tough.

The first quarter saw defenders Anna and Mia get a taste of what was to come, their strength and ability was admirable.

The tall opposition's shooters were just too fast and accurate, gaining a nine-point lead.

The second quarter the centre Pepper had great direct passing using the mid courters, Makenzie and Tilly to get into the goal circle.

A no scoring quarter gave the shooters, Rose and Scarlet the fire needed to

dig deep for the second half of the game giving the team momentum and good confidence and goals were going in.

With a changeup of mid court using Ashby, Tahlia and Izzy the girls all got to take part in the game of the season and each team player shone.

Under 15s were defeated but not deflated, what an amazing group of girls showing determination and smiles right until siren sounded.

A proud presentation of runners up for our Under 15s LDNA and a great year to remember.

Well done girls, you are winners to all the Phillip Island community.

Phillip Island: 11
Mt Eccles Dark Grey: 42

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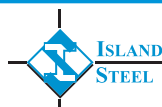
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Orlando Kane-Gillard helped to lead his team to another thrilling victory to secure the seniors place in the Grand Final. More photos at pisra.com.au

Seniors stage remarkable comeback to seal Grand Final berth

What a difference a week makes!

Last week, perfect Spring finals conditions, and yet this week, back to the depths of winter with showers, cold winds, and slippery footballs!

It's a beautiful part of the world we all share, but from a footy perspective, it can sure be frustrating on the weather front. But the show must go on. The Bulldogs Under 18s and Seniors headed to Dalyston for Preliminary finals, with the winners earning the right to join the Bulldogs Under 16s in the Grand Finals.

With the sunshine breaking through the intermittent showers, the Bulldogs Seniors headed into their Preliminary final against the 'Gooners' from Nar Nar Goon.

Only one meeting in round four at the Kennel – resulting in one of the Bulldogs' 2023 draws – offering no real pointer to the likely the outcome.

Even the WGFNC Barracker struggled to separate the teams, predicting a couple of point victory to the Gooners in a close encounter.

After the previous two weeks, where the Bulldogs supporters were to be put through the wringer of emo-

tions after a draw and one point loss, all hoped this prediction was not on the mark.

A close prediction indeed from the Barracker, but one that was to prove only marginally off the mark.

But it was again sure to be a test of the Bulldogs loyal supporter base's emotions and heart rates, with a nail-biting come from behind run to – you guessed it – a one point (44-43) win.

Relief and joy in equal measures flowed through the rooms after the win, savouring what was a stunning effort.

Brutal

In what began as a brutal, physical, but completely fair contest, the Gooners and the Bulldogs attacked both the ball each other from the outset.

The slippery conditions early were compounded by a heavy shower through the first, as the two teams pushed, prodded, tackled and harassed each other.

Only one goal for the first through the agency of Bulldogs youngster Jack Papas, answered by a string of behinds towards the end by the Goons.

Bulldogs captain Jack Taylor led from the front, whilst the

Goon captain Trent Armour was equally prominent as well, aided admirably by Nate Picicelli and Jeconniah Peni.

The second opened Bulldogs domination around the ball, with Max Walton leading the way, and the Patullo-two (Jordy and Jessie) on top.

But all was to come to naught as the Gooners defence stood tall, with James Cairns marking everything that came his way.

A goal from Dermott Yawney brought the scores level.

Neither side was able to break through the opposition defences – with Bulldogs Daniel Pearce and Jesse Patullo prominent – until finally the Bulldogs were rewarded with a Cameron Pedersen goal late in the quarter.

After a traditional final slugfest in the first half, scores of 15-10 at half time reflected the evenness and defensive domination for both teams.

The third began as the second left off, with both sides going as hard at each other as anyone could recall.

Sam Blackwood and Flynn Parker were outstanding for the Gooners, whilst Max Blake, Orlando Kane-Gillard and Daniel Bourke lead the Bulldogs.

Jack Taylor and Trent Armour continued to lead their charges into the battle, until the Bulldogs, through a combination of Daniel Pearce, Orlando Kane Gillard and Trav Woodfield were able to score a very welcome Bulldog goal, and a match-high 12-point lead.

Not ready to concede, the Gooners decided that it was time to answer, and for a stunning 10-minute period they were able to slam through four goals.

The Smith duo – Jack and Jed slotted through a couple, combined with Captain Armour and Matt Homfray who were feasting on a period of dominance from Nate Picicelli, Jeconniah Penu and Dean Boavida, and the Goon looked good with a 35-23 lead at the three-quarter time break.

Coach Pedersen remained steely and confident for the Bulldogs at the three-quarter time break, reminding the Bulldogs of their enviable final quarter record across the entire year.

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