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# Island youngsters triumph!

Phillip Island's sporting future looks bright after the junior netballers and footballers blitzed the West Gippsland Football Netball League Grand Final series played on Saturday at Garfield, taking four out of five of the premiership matches in which the island was represented.

Heavy rain failed to deter our young players who were

at their best as they took out the first four Grand Final matches played on the day, cheered on by a huge Bulldog Army of supporters. It was not to be, however, for the Phillip Island Senior footballers in the afternoon, the team fighting hard until the final siren, but going down to Tooradin, who won their first premiership in 25 years.

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Goon. 27-13. Best on court Olivia Holmes. Under 15 netball Phillip Island v Korumburra 29-22. Best on court Maya Huther. Under 17 netball Phillip Island v Dalyston 33-31. Best on court Lily Mewett.

Under 16 footballers Phillip Island defeated Inverloch 50-19. Best on ground Zac Walker. More Grand Final photos and reports in sport.

# Rhyll ramp opens this week

The Rhyll boat ramp will re-open this week – just in time for snapper season – after a seven-month, \$4.5 million redevelopment.

The finishing touches over the last week have included line marking and asphaltting, with a spokeswoman for the state Fishing and Boating Minister Sonia Kilkenny – who visited the ramp last week – telling the Advertiser the ramp will “open by the latest” on Saturday (September 17) in time for school holidays.

To celebrate the opening on Saturday there will be a free fishing and boating festival along the foreshore from 10am, with live music, markets, and kids fishing clinics, with

10 places available in each session and bookings essential.

The upgrade of the ramp started in February, and has included the replacement of the existing three-lane boat ramp with new concrete panels and extension of the lanes deeper into the water – enabling all-tide access.

Additional works formed stage one of construction in 2021, including the installation of new fixed and floating pontoon jetties to assist with launching and retrieval, an improved parking layout and longer car and trailer bays.

There will be new fish cleaning tables and a dedicated kayak/yacht/

canoe launching area.

“We’re progressing further boating projects on Phillip Island and surrounds, with designs being finalised for improvements to the Cowes boat ramp,” Minister Kilkenny said.

Details on the celebration day can be found online: [www.vfa.vic.gov.au/rhyllopening](http://www.vfa.vic.gov.au/rhyllopening)

## Cowes, Newhaven

New boat ramp designs are expected to be released soon for Cowes and Newhaven.

Designs for the upgrade of the Anderson boat ramp were released by Better Boating Victoria (BBV) last year, with further detailed designs

required to determine the length and grade of the ramp to make launching and retrieving easier and reduce sand build-up at the ramp.

Under the new designs, the edge kerbs will still be removed, effectively reducing the width of the ramp, with a future option to include an additional lane.

BBV earlier this year said they would “significantly upgrade” Newhaven’s boat ramp with a new jetty and pontoon, with designs set to be released for community consultation in spring.

Last year BBV funded Bass Coast Shire to provide a new pontoon at Newhaven.

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San Remo SES members Elise Biggs (not pictured), Daniel Blackney, Rodney Cameron and Michael Kenny were recognised for their service during the Black Summer fires, receiving National Emergency Medals, presented by Tim Wiebusch (left), SES Chief Officer Operations, and East Region Assistant Chief Officer, Anthony McLean (right).

## San Remo SES members recognised for Black Summer service

Four members of the San Remo SES unit were recognised for their service during the Black Summer fires, receiving National Emergency Medals.

Elise Biggs, Daniel Blackney, Rodney Cameron and Michael Kenny were awarded medals at a ceremony in Traralgon, which recognised 16 SES volunteers and staff for their contribution to supporting emergency services and safeguarding communities during the disastrous Black Summer fires of 2019/2020.

The Black Summer fires burnt through over 50 per cent of the municipality of East Gippsland. From November 2019 to February 2020, communities and first responders throughout the area were on guard and ready for wind shifts and new fire fronts.

SES members (volunteers and staff) worked closely with other emergency services to help support the on-ground operations to defend communities throughout this time. Frequently, the SES members were working in their own communities, with their own homes under threat.

The National Emergency Medals were presented by Tim Wiebusch, SES Chief Officer Operations, with other senior SES personnel attending including East Region Assistant Chief Officer, Anthony McLean.

The Medals are awarded to persons who rendered sustained or significant extraordinary service during nationally significant emergencies in Australia. The medals are inscribed with the following message from Governor General, David Hurley:

"On behalf of all Australians, thank you for your service during the 2019-20 bushfires.

"The intensity of the fires, and the devastation they caused, will long be scarred into our nation's memory. In the midst of the danger and tragedy we also witnessed the best of Australia – Individuals helping loved ones and strangers alike.

"As a recipient of the National Emergency Medal, know that your fellow Australians are grateful for your service."

The SES Units represented at the ceremony included: Inverloch, Moe, Morwell, San Remo, Warragul, Wonthaggi and the East region.



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## PICAL pieces arrive in Cowes

The first room module for the new PICAL building in Warley Avenue arrived on Monday.

The module has been prefabricated at a factory in Melbourne. More modules will arrive this week and be craned into place as work begins in earnest to get the new building finalised.

PICAL Manager Greg Thompson said Bass Coast Shire Council and the builders are still on schedule to hand over the new premises to PICAL by the end of November.



Trucks arrived at the new PICAL site in Warley Avenue on Monday, delivering the first prefabricated module for the new building, which is due to be handed over to PICAL by the end of November.

## Local case numbers dropping

Reported Covid case numbers have halved in the past fortnight, with local cases now under 50.

The warmer weather and more outdoor activity, as well as high vaccination rates are contributing to the decline in infections.

However authorities warn the pandemic is far from over.

The Department of Health continues to report Covid deaths, with over 4000 Covid-related deaths in Victoria so far this year, and over 5000 since the pandemic began.

Everyone is urged to ensure they receive their Covid booster if eligible, continue to socially distance or to wear a mask when social distancing is not possible. Mask must still be worn on public transport.

If you are gathering indoors, either socially or for work, the department said ensuring adequate ventilation is important to reduce the spread. Adding fresh air into a space reduces the risk of COVID-19 transmission from one person to another.

The Department has updated information on ventilation available on its website.

[www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/ventilation](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/ventilation)

If you are diagnosed with Covid, the department has developed a new online tool to help determine if you are eligible for COVID-19 medicines. [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/find-out-if-you-are-eligible-covid-19-medicine](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/find-out-if-you-are-eligible-covid-19-medicine)

The website also includes information on how to report the results of your RAT, where to book a Covid vaccination, reducing the risks and stopping the spread and managing Covid at home.

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# Rock on: coastal walk (sort of) open

The Cowes east rock wall and coastal walk has unofficially opened to the public, with an official launch expected on November 16.

Bulldozers and construction workers have now left the area and according to Bass Coast Shire the 360-metre wall and walk between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road is this month open to the public, with restrictions to the stair access.

“The majority of the works associated with the rock revetment are now complete, including the high tide access connecting

Coghlan Road beach access and the new access track on the rock revetment,” the shire said.

“The remainder of the installation works, which include the two stair accesses and the topping layer on the access track, will be undertaken in late October subjected to availability of materials. These works have been unable to be completed until now due to delays in material supply.”

The shire said access to the track could be restricted in October during these works with the stair access areas currently barricaded off for safety reasons.”

The \$3.35 million project will be officially opened to the public on November 16.

Stage one last year saw the construction of eight timber groynes. Earlier this year some locals took to Facebook to share their opinions with one saying the “beautiful beach” had been “ruined” “by what can only be described as an act of eco vandalism”.

“It is totally out of scale with the surrounds and is a complete eyesore,” they said.

However in 2020 residents celebrated after a green light was given to the groyne and rock wall

construction, following six years of lobbying, the release of an engineers’ report and Federal government funding.

Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group (CEFPAG) chair Ken Hailey said the project would solve erosion problems from Erhwon Point to Coghlan Road.

“We are fully supportive of the work being done. Full credit to the shire for pursuing such a major project,” Ken said.

“While the rockwall will prevent erosion, the groynes will keep the beach there. If you don’t have them, there will be no beach.”



Parklets are back. Last week Hotel erected its parklet on the Esplanade, which is once again one-way to traffic in an easterly direction.

## Parklets return for the summer season

After a break over winter, outdoor dining parklets are back.

While some parklets have remained outside hospitality venues in Cowes, last week Hotel erected its parklet on the Esplanade, which is once again one-way to traffic in an easterly direction.

The partial road closure will be in place until April 2023.

Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie said there were no new applications for this year, on top of existing permits.

“We currently have ten parklets across Bass Coast in Cowes, Newhaven, San Remo and Inverloch, but do not have any new applications under assessment,” she said.

“The parklets were initially introduced as a CovidSafe measure for outdoor dining and have been hugely popular.”

Ms Wastie said businesses that would like to erect a parklet, should submit an expression of interest.

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Wimbledon Heights residents last month took part in an Australia Post poll to see whether they wanted mail delivery rather than this post box. Resident Peter Hammond has lobbied Australia Post for more equity, asking why Australia Post don't deliver to all homes across the island.

# Mail poll fail

Wimbledon Heights residents won't be getting direct postie mail delivery any time soon after a postal poll failed to get a majority of households in support.

Australia Post last week notified residents that the August poll – asking whether they wanted to switch from post boxes to mailbox deliveries via postie – only received a 32 per cent vote for change.

"This is well below the required threshold of at least 50 per cent," an Australia Post spokeswoman said.

"The current arrangements will remain, and residents can continue to choose to collect their mail free of charge over the counter at the nearest post office, or have mail delivered to their PO Box."

She said changes to mail

delivery and postal services could impact the local community, "which is why Australia Post will only implement a change if it's what the majority of the community wants".

The postal service left the door open to another poll in the future.

"We understand that what suits a community may change over time, and Australia Post remains open to reviewing delivery arrangements in the future if the community indicates support for a change."

Australia Post did not say how many of the 324 households polled replied to the vote, with any forms not sent in counted as a vote to stay with the current system.

Wimbledon Heights resident Peter Hammond lobbied Australia Post for more equity, asking why they don't deliver to all homes across the island.

"I live in Wimbledon Heights surrounded by rural farms and they have their mail delivered to their front gates, yet I'm about 5km from the post office and I have a PO Box."

"There needs to be a level playing field for all residents on Phillip Island."

Ray Webb is another resident who has been lobbying for six years for mail delivery, even contacting members of parliament.

"For years I have been trying to have mail delivered to our homes in Wimbledon Heights and have received flimsy excuses for the reasons they're not doing it," Ray said.



In 1985 Queen's ship, Her Majesty's Yacht Britannia, sailed through Western Port bay, accompanied by a Navy frigate, although the Queen was not on board at the time.

## Memories of the Queen

Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II last Friday, a local reader contacted the Advertiser saying she recalled the day in 1985 the Queen's ship, Her Majesty's Yacht Britannia, sailed through Western Port bay, accompanied by a Navy frigate.

Residents along the whole of the northern beaches braved a cold day to see the ship sail past, she said. Unfortunately, the Queen was not on board at the time.

Reader Heather recalled in 1954 being a seven-year-old, "lining the street in Sale outside the school, waving our flags, as her motorcade travelled from the RAAF air base to the railway station to travel into Melbourne".

Prince Philip visited Phillip Island in 1973, with members of the Conservation Society meeting him on the Cowes jetty.

Former students in attendance at the Ventnor Primary School 100 year anniversary celebrations recalled their excitement back in 1954 at being driven across to Leon-gatha where they joined students from across Gippsland to wave flags that they had been given, as the Queen and Prince Phillip drove by.

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## Rebecca Naughtin joins Newhaven College Board

Newhaven College is delighted to announce a new member of the College Board of Directors, Rebecca Naughtin BArch (Hon).

Rebecca is a College Alumni from the 1990s and has returned to Phillip Island to live with her young family. Her children attend the Junior School and have settled well into the school community.

Rebecca has worked as an architect, tertiary tutor, and co-ordinator, and has sat on various boards and panels across an array of educational sectors.

Rebecca is the Principal Director of Rebecca Naughtin Architect Pty Ltd, which she founded in 2012. With experience in business, education and project management, the College said Rebecca's skills and knowledge are perfectly placed for the benefit of Newhaven College.

Rebecca is looking forward to contributing to the Board for years to come.

"I'm here for the long run."



Rebecca Naughtin has joined the Newhaven College Board. The College Alumni from the 1990s has returned to Phillip Island to live with her young family.

We're Philip Island lifers now, so I'm hoping there's some longevity in this position," Rebecca said.

Rebecca has been designated as the Chair of Projects and is excited about putting her knowledge and skills into action.

"I have a background in tertiary education in architecture, including accreditation and registration. Along with this, I have board experience for an early learning centre in Melbourne," she said.

"So, I can understand the levels of governance within those two roles but also, understand how to benchmark against other institutions."

Principal Tony Corr said the College was thrilled have Rebecca join the board.

"She has an exceptional set of skills and experiences that can only help grow our College."

"She also has a unique connection with the school as a past student, the daughter of Life Governor and past Board Chair Bill Naughtin, and now with her own two children in the early years of their educational journey here at the College."

"Her perspectives and insights will be invaluable. We are looking forward to Rebecca's contribution."

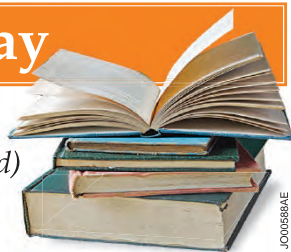
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Batteries mounted on the top of power poles are like virtual power plants and could supply local energy to smaller towns like Newhaven or Smiths Beach.

# Phillip Island solar farm in the planning

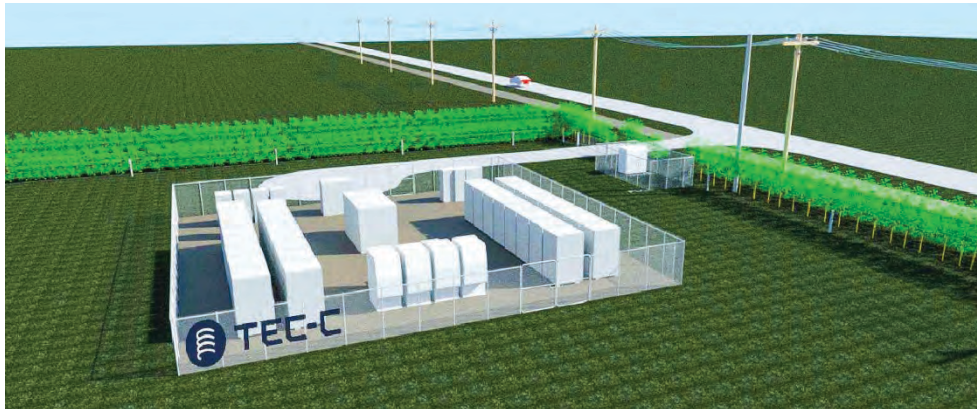
A study looking at the potential to build a solar farm on various sites around Phillip Island will be released next month, with the potential even to crowdfund the project. The feasibility study will examine the cost-benefit analysis of solar farms ranging in size from 100-kilowatts to the largest 5-megawatts. Sites under examination include Bass Coast Shire's Gap Road property – next to the 5MW battery currently being built by Mondo and AusNet, as well as leased farmland, a combination of residential homes and even the potential to encourage businesses in the Cowes industrial estate to erect solar panels on their rooves. Energy Innovation Co-operative chair Neroli Raff said it was part of a larger plan to get Phillip Island to zero carbon emissions by 2030. "There are lots of rooves on Phillip Island, including in the industrial estate, but

would every factory be interested in putting solar on their rooves for community benefit?" said Neroli, who met with consultants last week to finetune the draft study. Neroli acknowledged a solar farm would come with a hefty price tag, most likely funded by government grants, but even possibly crowdfunding and philanthropic investment. "There are a lot of options and we're not yet at the point of discussing the detail. "This study is the first step in a long journey but the study is not going to sit on a shelf and will be used to advocate for a solar farm here." She said the study had been given \$20,000 funding from Sustainability Victoria and built on a previous 2019 study that mapped how Phillip Island would achieve zero emissions by 2030. "In 2019 we realised that Phillip Islanders wouldn't

accept land-based wind turbines because of the danger to birds and other wildlife. "We are open to other renewable energy projects as well as energy efficiency, because the cheapest power is the power you don't use. "There's no one fix."

**Mini battery boost**

Neroli said another project they were working on was investigating small batteries mounted on the top of power poles. Projects in other areas have described the batteries as a virtual power plant, helping manage electricity from rooftop solar, and periods of peak demand on the network. Generally the pole-mounted batteries are about 30kW and provide at least two hours of storage. "We could put them on poles in smaller communities like Rhyll, Smiths Beach or Newhaven," Neroli said.



A 5MW, \$12 million lithium iron phosphate battery energy system is currently being built at 100 Gap Road.

# Big battery could be powered by renewables

The \$12 million, 5-megawatt battery currently being built near Wimbledon Heights could be used to store excess, locally-produced solar power in the future. That's according to Energy Innovation Co-operative chair Neroli Raff who last week gave a talk on land next to the battery construction, while also calling for 100 Phillip Island households to take part in a Victorian-first 12-month renewable energy trial. The battery will comprise of a series of units in a 38 x 34 metre fenced compound, connected to the electricity grid via underground cables, energised later this year 2022, after an initial testing period. Mondo, who won the right to deliver the Gap Road battery for AusNet, said the battery would "help balance the fluctuating power demand on the island and support an increase in the uptake of renewable energy" for 10 to 15 years. Neroli said one of the most common questions she was asked about the battery by the community was "why isn't it powered by renewables?". "We are working on that," she said. "We want to use the battery day to day to put in excess solar, so those with solar would be paid for it and could then access it at night. "About seven to 10 per cent of power is lost between the Latrobe Valley and Phillip Island, because the energy dissipates, so we want to make



Energy Innovation Co-operative chair Neroli Raff, from Phillip Island, gave a talk about the 5MW battery currently being built at Gap Road, calling for volunteers for a new trial that will hopefully lead to the battery being powered by renewable energy.

the most of locally-produced renewable energy." Neroli said a first step to achieve this would be the upcoming Tariff Trial. About 100 Phillip Island households are needed to take part in a Victorian-first 12-month renewable energy trial, being run by Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI). She said owners, renters or holiday houses, as well as people with or without solar panels, could volunteer for the Tariff Trial, adding it would demonstrate how the community would benefit from the battery. Trial participants will sign with a partnering energy re-

tailer for 12-months (April 28, 2023 – April 28, 2024) to create a price structure for energy sharing between people with solar panels and those without. "In this trial we'll be using the battery to virtually store the power and export, consume and share the excess solar energy among participants." The battery is being built on the north-east corner of a 45-hectare site on Gap Road, purchased by Bass Coast Shire in 2019 for a new transfer station. For Tariff Trial details email: [totally.renewable.phillip.island@gmail.com](mailto:totally.renewable.phillip.island@gmail.com) or contact Zoe Geyer on 0422 580 921.

## Solar rebate extended to new builds

The state government has announced it will expand the eligibility for the solar panel rebate to new homes under construction, enabling Victorians to save on installation costs and electricity bills from the moment they move into their newly built home. The government said changes will save homeowners up to \$800 on installation costs by fitting panels as they wire the electricity to their new homes, as well as an average of \$1073 each year in energy costs. So far, there have been 2724 Solar Rebates approved in Bass Coast, with 2521 solar systems installed. Now, new homes are eligible for the rebate, and with 224 new building approvals in 2020-21, that means several hundred new local homes are now able to take advantage of the solar offer. The government said the expansion paves the way for the increasing electrification of homes, while opening the program to tens of thousands of additional households each year – with around 40,000 new homes built in Victoria annually. Under the changes, eligible Victorians building homes will be able to apply for a rebate of \$1400 as well as being able to access a \$1400 interest free loan to install solar panels during construction. Since it began in 2018, the government's Solar Homes Program has helped more than 195,000 Victorian households install solar PV systems. It said this investment has already cut Victoria's carbon emissions by 1.6 million tonnes – equivalent to the emissions produced by 500,000 cars each year – while supporting 5500 clean energy jobs. Household solar is expected to generate 12.5 per cent of Victoria's 40 per cent renewable energy target by 2025. This financial year, there are 64,000 Government rebates available for solar PV systems. Applicants must use a Solar Victoria authorised retailer and install a product included on the approved products list to qualify for the rebate. For further information, including eligibility criteria, visit [solar.vic.gov.au](http://solar.vic.gov.au).

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Nature Parks researcher Duncan Sutherland gave a talk that showed Phillip Island's penguin colony was now believed to be the largest in the world, with the once larger Gabo Island population in eastern Victoria having decreased. Duncan with conservation manager Jessica McKelson.

# A wake up call on the future of our penguins

Penguins are being dunked in buckets of cold water during heatwaves to avoid another "catastrophic" death toll, a global wildlife conference on Phillip Island was told last week.

And climate change is forcing Nature Parks to come up with more ingenious solutions to protect the heat-sensitive birds from increasingly intense high temperatures, the conference heard.

The Island Arks Symposium VII saw more than 100 attendees gather at the Penguin Parade from islands around Australia and the world, including New Zealand and Hawaii.

The five-day conference heard talks ranging from feral cat-free French Island to Alaskan shearwater research and Lord Howe rat eradication.

Nature Parks' research officer Paula Wasiak told attendees the climate crisis needed immediate on-ground action, giving the example that in March 2019 a heatwave on Phillip Island – with 38C during the day and night time not falling below 23C – saw more than 100 penguins die from heat stress.

Paul described the event as an "oh sh\*t moment" – which impacted moulting penguins – a wake-up call to avoid it happening in the future.

"That summer was 1.5-2.5C above the average," Paula said, "and on March 3 during the day moulters left their burrows because it was too warm and died on their way to the water to cool off."

"We'd never seen that before. They're nocturnal and don't go out during the day. But as soon as they stepped out of the burrow they succumbed to the heat."

"It opened our eyes to how catastrophic heat waves are to little penguins."

She said the death toll was likely much higher, given they didn't find all birds.

As a result, Nature Parks staff have since been designing a series of measures to avoid another death toll.

"We now identify days where it could happen again: consecutive hot days, moulting penguins, temperature not dropping at night."

"One of the best ways to cool down a penguin is to stick it in a bucket of water and take



Paula Wasiak told the conference more than 100 penguins died from heat stress in one day in March 2019, which was a "wake-up call" to the impacts of climate change.

it to the clinic."

Paula said all staff, even the cleaning department and ground services, had been trained to identify heat-stressed penguins, while rangers had also planted trees and vegetation around artificial boxes and burrows, which decreased temperatures by more than 8C.

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Organiser Derek Ball told the audience researchers had to be honest in explaining to the public "what can and can't be saved" as a consequence of climate change, including animals, and habitable islands.

"The floods in Pakistan, the heat wave in Europe, fires in the US, there's a realisation we are in deep doo-doo," Derek said.

"We have to be up front to the Australian community."

# Regional design hub opens

Brinnie T Design launches a design studio in Cowes, bringing city design to the coast.

Brinnie T founder Jo and her family made the transition from Melbourne's busy city life to Cowes ten years ago and made it home. On the back of divorce, she rose from the ashes of domestic violence to create something truly special.

With a background in administration and finance management, Jo embraced what had always been a passion by retraining in Interior Design and started her own practice.

Her first studio opened on Thompson Avenue a month before the Covid global pandemic, but not only did the business survive, it adapted and created something new and fresh for the island. The studio became a homewares and gift store offering a curated selection of unique and luxury products, each with their own story to tell.

During the pandemic, Jo was selected to be a part of The Good Incubator program – a government funded initiative to assist persons with a disability to start or grow their own business. This program gave her the confidence to not only continue through an unprecedented time of business challenge but to grow.

Fast forward two years and Jo has created another unique offering to her community, now launching her dedicated design studio in The Concourse which is set to be a regional design hub.

"Living in a regional area is difficult for locals wanting not only to renovate their homes, but to do so in a way that supports local business and trades as well as making selections that bring something special to the table," says Jo.

"Added to that, the island has seen a tremendous shift in the local population over the last 10 years. That shift during the pandemic, as people left the city in such large numbers, has seen an explosion in people wanting to renovate their homes."

Brinnie T Design works closely with local businesses such as South Coast Furniture and Flooring Xtra, Elegance Tiles, Reece, Haymes Paint shop, Lightique and more.

"Instead of having to go from one shop to the next to make your selections, our studio is designed to bring all of that together in one location," explained Jo.

Brinnie T Design goes on to bring the city to the country by



Brinnie T founder Jo is thrilled to launch a new design studio in The Concourse in Cowes, to help people wanting to renovate and decorate their homes.

offering so much more than has been seen here before.

Wallpapers from Australian designer Kerrie Brown or UK designers Divine Savages are amongst many samples that can be seen in her studio. Fabrics from Australian brand Warwick though to international brands such as Schumacher, Misia, William Morris and more can also be chosen from an extensive range for both drapery and upholstery.

On display you'll find a range of custom-made bedheads to suit your style, as well as linen too, or work with the team to find that perfect furniture or rug selection. The studio showcases artwork including that of Gippsland artist Fiona Kennedy.

Bathroom products from ADP Australia sit alongside new sensation Eight Quarters and ABI Interiors. Perhaps Perrin & Rowe are on your wish list? All budgets can be catered for in-house. Choose these whilst making selections from Polytec and Laminex cabinetry colours, pulling together tiles and choosing handles. Australian and international stone and porcelain solid surfaces also take pride of place. Brinnie

T Design is also excited to be able to bring American high end paint brand Benjamin Moore to the table.

Designing for Diversity is close to Jo's heart. She continues her research on designing for Autism, with a range of accessible bathroom supports on display that work beautifully within a design rather than against it.

To that end, Jo has now been asked to assist in the delivery of next years' Good Incubator Program as well as taking part in an initiative from Monash University in the creation of video course material to be available to differently abled young high school students learning to pitch themselves.

Brinnie T Design is proud to be able to bring to the community a comprehensive offering of product and service.

Whether it is a straightforward order for wallpaper, the re-upholstery of a loved piece of furniture, purchase of a basin, or new handles, right through to one off consultations or full renovation projects.

The new design studio celebrates its official opening on September 17.

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# Push for Cape Woolamai skate park grows

The skating community's decade-long wait may soon be over with an updated skate strategy set to go before Bass Coast Shire councillors, including recommendations for a regional park.

Cr Rochelle Halstead last week told the Advertiser she expected to receive the strategy "shortly", ahead of community consultation.

"I would expect the strategy to be presented if not at the next meeting, then at least before Christmas," Cr Halstead said.

"As for location (of a regional park) that would be something the community should be consulted on but I would be advocating for Cape Woolamai as a central location that fits so well into the strong surfing interest that surrounds this area."

Just last week an online petition calling for a bike and skateboard pump track in Cape Woolamai closed with almost 800 signatures.

That comes as another homemade skate/bike track has been built at Cape Woolamai, with approval from the owner of the airport land, measuring about three house blocks-long. This follows an illegal foreshore track constructed on foreshore land earlier this year and then pulled down by the shire.

The DIY tracks reflect growing frustration by the skate community, which has lobbied for upgraded facilities since before 2014.

In 2018 a regional skate park was proposed at San Remo, which was stymied following community opposition and after experts assessing the site said underground infrastructure and soil conditions made it impossible to construct a skate park of that scale.

A regional park was then mooted for Newhaven's Graydens Reserve, again stymied by opposition.

## Newhaven, Cape Wooli

While Graydens Reserve is now set to be a local, smaller skate park, local residents say they still plan to fight any upgrades to the reserve.

Earlier this month a Newhaven Residents Association meeting voted to create a resident group to protect the park, "to become custodians to look after the green open space".

"Cape Woolamai is pushing for a pump track.



Another DIY skate/bike park has sprung up at Cape Woolamai (with approval from the owner of the airport land). Cr Rochelle Halstead said "this latest one only shows how important it is that council take the proposal for a skate precinct seriously".

It would be fantastic for us to support that initiative because that is where the bulk of the younger people are," association president Jeannie Chapman told the meeting.

Cr Halstead – who in April voiced her frustration at the slow pace of finding a regional skate park site – said the shire's change of plans from San Remo to Newhaven and then no regional skate park had "caused a community rift at the time".

"Council needs to ensure absolute transparency and genuine consultation with all parties before proceeding with any further plans," she said.

"There has been some considerable concern expressed by residents around the size of any planned skate park at Graydens Reserve.

"In saying that there is also incredible support for a local skate park in the vicinity of the Cape Woolamai community."



State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale with PICAL Pantry Co-ordinator Michelle McKenzie and Centre Manager Greg Thompson, after the government announced an additional \$19 million for neighbourhood houses across the state.

## PICAL welcomes funding boost for neighbourhood houses

PICAL has welcomed the announcement from the state government that an additional \$19 million will be directed to neighbourhood houses over the next three years.

Earlier this month the government said the network of 400 neighbourhood houses across the state would receive the extra funding, on top of the annual \$6.6 million currently allocated.

PICAL Centre Manager Greg Thompson said the guarantee of funding provided a degree of certainty for the whole sector.

"Many local neighbourhood house community centres provided frontline essential services, such as emergency Food Banks, throughout the entire Covid pandemic," he said.

"The demand for this type of assistance, as well as all the other community services delivered, has continued to grow throughout 2022, as higher cost-of-living expenses are causing extreme financial pressures for many families. The announcement of the ongoing extra-hours funding will keep neighbourhood houses open."

Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale was thrilled to see the additional funding and said the surety it would provide would allow the neighbourhood houses to "continue their incredible work".

"We have 31 neighbourhood houses across our local government areas of Bass Coast,

Casey and Cardinia," Ms Crugnale said.

"They do an incredible job at supporting and empowering our local community, their door is always open and their services exponential: food pantries, childcare, learning to drive, women's friendship cafes, getting job ready, homework clubs, classes, social group activities in health and wellbeing and of course being a safe and welcoming space for our community members in need.

"Our neighbourhood houses are there for our community members when we need them most."

Neighbourhood houses like PICAL encourage community connection and cohesion by bringing local people together to socialise in a safe, inclusive and convenient space, participate in recreational activities and deliver essential services.

The hubs provide childcare, employment, education, training and opportunities to volunteer in local communities.

During emergencies, they provide critical support to communities through services like food relief.

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Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child, with staff from the Cowes, San Remo and Grantville Bendigo Community Bank branches, accepted \$200,000 which will go toward equipment for the new Phillip Island Community Hospital, due to open in 2024.



Phillip Island Masonic Lodge representatives Colin Cordery (left) and Ian Samuel were presented with a defibrillator by Cowes branch staff member Tania Marshall.



Ann Brown, representing Coronet Bay Galleries (\$487) and Josette Dorey and Stuart Wood, (Coronet Bay Community Garden \$1823) with Leah Burston, Kelly Hocking and Kim Grant from the Bendigo Bank Grantville branch, at the cheque presentation.



Steve Bray and David Burzacott (Corinella Bowls Club \$25,000), Jan Eriksen (Corinella Hall \$7579) and Michael Saunders, Greg Roberts and Brian Whelan (Corinella Mens Shed \$3569) with Bendigo Bank staff members Kelly Hocking, Kim Grant and Leah Burston, after being presented with their cheques.



From left: Geoff Russell and Hannah Eisen, Bendigo Bank Director Bruce Procter, Shirley Collins, Dawn Balfe, Cowes branch staff member, Sheryl Stewart, Steve Munro, Rev. Jo White, Ian Diss, Deb Amor and Wayne Barr and Richard Black.



Back row from left: Bendigo Bank Directors Pat Russell and Kelvin Simpson, Manager Michael Scott, Peter Roberts and David Hynes, Bendigo Bank Director Luke Hill, and Peter Hall. Front from left: Ric Oldham and Nicole Hynes, Rosemary Knox and Marilyn Hayes and Dalyston's Graham Pigdon.

# Community bank hands \$428,000 to community groups

The Bendigo Community Bank presented \$428,000 to local community groups last week, to the grateful thanks and appreciation of hard working community volunteers.

Twelve local groups benefited at the Bendigo Community Bank cheque presentation night at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve rooms. All but one are run entirely by volunteers, and provide sporting, social, health and cultural opportunities for their diverse populations. Two grants were for emergency services brigades.

The establishment of a Bendigo Community Bank at San Remo nineteen years ago, after its only bank moved out of town, has certainly paid off for this district, said Bank Chairman Peter Paul.

He said an additional two branches, at Cowes and Grantville, have subsequently opened, enabling over \$5 million to be distributed back into

the community over that period.

Peter thanked Bendigo Bank Directors, all of whom give their time voluntarily, and bank staff, for their input, and noted the funds that go back into the community each year are made possible through the support of the bank's 7026 customers.

He said the community bank continues to grow, and this enables the returns to the community to increase each year.

"We are here to stay, unlike other banks that have left," he emphasised. He described banking with the Bendigo Bank, which offers the same services as all others "as making an investment in your community".

"Bank profits are returned to organisations that enhance community life."

"Tell all of your members to bank with the Bendigo Bank," was the message to the packed room from an appreciative Steve Bray, who ac-

cepted a cheque to resurface the Corinella Bowls Club's green.

"It's the only bank which gives back to the community," Steve said.

All the successful groups extended a huge thank you to Bendigo Bank.

The Archies Creek Cricket Club, completely operated and maintained by volunteers, said the money they received would be used to fund a new mower. It's a new tractor for the Dalyston Rec Reserve committee; safety and amenity works at the Archies Creek hall; and disability access and a wall replacement at Woodleigh, in time for the hall's 100th birthday celebrations in March next year.

The Phillip Island Lions Club will put the funds towards a replacement truck to collect donated furniture, the sale of which provides funds for many local charitable organisations.

The major presentation made on

the night was a cheque for \$200,000, toward equipment for an oncology department in the new Phillip Island Community Hospital, scheduled to open in Church Street Cowes in 2024.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child, expressing her thanks and appreciation for the donation, said that plans for the new hospital facility will be going on community exhibition in the next few weeks.

"This money will be used to purchase the crème-de-la-crème equipment," Ms Child said.

## Community ideas wanted

Peter Paul also appealed to everyone present, and to members of the Phillip Island and Waterline communities in general, to suggest ideas for future major project donations.

He said a meeting will be held on October 19, where ideas for major community grants from the bank of \$200,000 plus will be aired.

"We want to talk about what we can do, where we can go, to get a result that will benefit everyone."

He said that was the rationale behind this year's presentation to BCH toward oncology services in Cowes, as hundreds of community members are required to regularly travel long distances to access this type of health facility.

Peter said that the Bendigo Bank is committed to making a real difference to local groups and organisations, and that it is community members banking with the Bendigo Bank that makes this possible.

"It is the unwavering support of our branches at San Remo, Cowes and Grantville that has made \$428,000 of grants tonight to all of these excellent projects, possible."

Call in to one of the San Remo, Cowes or Grantville Bendigo Bank branches, if you would like to make the change.



The Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club received \$2500 to go toward fuelling IRB rescue operations. San Remo branch staff member Sally Croker (centre) with Club president Jason Close (left) and Alan Hailes.



The Kernet Grantville Fire Brigade will buy a new chainsaw, search light and battery pack to assist them with their important work. Bendigo Bank Director Pat Russell presented Captain Andrew Blackney with a cheque for \$2366 to cover costs.



Cowes Bendigo Bank branch staff member Chloe Grant-Collins presented a cheque for \$10,000 to Corinella Fire Brigade Lieutenant David Jarrah and member David Cox for a project which will provide off street parking for the brigade.



Phillip Island Croquet Club has a new defibrillator thanks to a Bendigo Bank donation. Bank Director Caroline Talbot (centre) made the presentation to Club representatives John Swarbrick and Claire Earl.



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## Council Update



**Council Meeting - 21 September**

Council's next meeting will be held at 1.00pm, Wednesday, 21 September 2022 in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi. In the interest of community health and safety, the Council Chamber will open to the public by RSVP only. Please RSVP to [c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au). The meeting will also be livestreamed at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings).

The Agenda is released on Council's website on Friday, 16 September 2022 at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings). There is an opportunity during the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question, please submit it in writing no later than 1.00pm Monday, 19 September, 48 hours prior to the meeting.


**Bass Coast Women Leading Locally Forum**

Bass Coast Shire Council is hosting the Bass Coast Women Leading Locally Forum to encourage and connect with women of all ages and backgrounds and inspire them to become successful leaders within the Bass Coast community.

Join Deputy Mayor, Cr Leticia Laing and Cr Clare Le Serve and former Mayor and Councillor Pam Rothfield, as they share their experiences as Councillors, why they got involved and the benefits of having more women on Council. Cr Rochelle Halstead will share her experience via video.

You will also hear from guest speakers Ruth McGowan OAM, former Mayor of Baw Baw Shire Council and Cr Sarah Race from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. Morning Tea provided. Child minding available on request.

- When: Thursday, 6 October from 10.00am to 11.30am
- Where: Old Post Office Meeting Room, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi
- Register: <https://womenleadinglocallyforum.eventbrite.com.au> or use the QR code.



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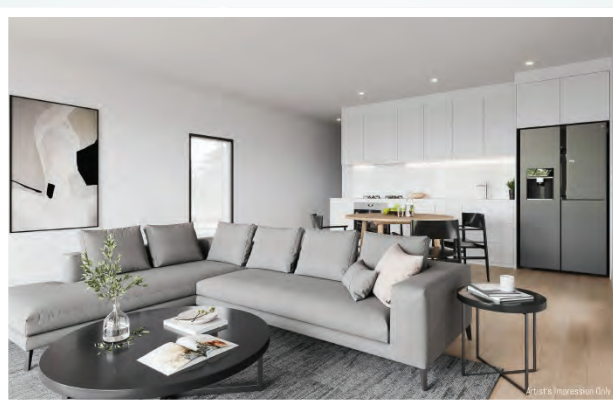
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Jazz Club favourites Caught In The Act are at the Phillip Island Bowling Club in Cowes on Sunday, September 18 from 2pm.

# Get Caught In The Act this Sunday!

Phillip Island Jazz Club presents Caught In The Act at the Bowling Club on Sunday, September 18 from 2pm.

Caught In The Act is an instrumental band playing a wide range of music, from exciting Latin tunes and jazz-funk (fusion) adaptations of standards to gentle songs from the 30s.

Since their initial appearance at the Phillip Island Jazz Club in February 2021, the group have added even more jazz favourites to their repertoire.

Caught In The Act have played at many regional jazz festivals (recently appearing at the Inverloch Jazz Festival), at the Brunswick Green, at the Australian Jazz Convention and monthly Jazz on Sundays at the Ringwood RSL.

The band's first CD, "Pretty Eyes", was launched at the Castlemaine Jazz Festival in June 2022.

Ann Craig on flutes and percussion and Kevin Blazé on guitars first met at the Inverloch Jazz Festival in 2012.

A chance meeting a few weeks later led to a band (Jazz Notes) that would feature flute and guitar. Over the years, Jazz Notes has diverged into ensembles from duo to larger vocal and instrumental bands including Caught In The Act. Ann and Kevin are a great musical team and love what they do.

Joining them is Ashley Thomas on sax and clarinet. Ashley has been playing music since she was four. She pursued classical piano and then ventured into the world of woodwind instruments, taking the lead from her strong family history of playing wind instruments.

Studying at secondary college under Bob and Mal Sedergreen, Greg Clarkson and others drove her passion of everything jazz.

On keyboard is Malcolm Hornby who started learning the piano when he started school, and has been playing ever since. His first job when he finished school was working in a music store, where he bought his first keyboard.

Malcolm's first band played covers but has performed in a wide range of settings since then. These have included a piano bar duo.

Frank Morgan on bass cut his teeth playing rock and roll and pop with local bands, even making it into the Top 40 on a couple of occasions. He then moved into reception bands, playing with many luminaries. In the 1990s, Frank took to jazz, meeting Ann many years later and, thus came to Caught In The Act where he anchors the band.

Simon Atkinson is on drums and percussion. During his career with the police force, Simon had a sideline playing with Grade A Championship Brass Bands, then adding musical theatre and small, function bands.

After leaving the police, Simon played on P&O cruise ships, cruising the Mediterranean before emigrating to Australia and settling in Melbourne. Soon after, he joined Jazz Notes and then Caught In The Act.

Don't miss Caught In The Act at the Phillip Island Bowling Club on September 18 from 2pm – 4.30pm.

Tickets are \$15 for members and \$20 for visitors.

For more information please contact Robin Blackman 0432 814 407 or Jill Boyce on 0417 416 300.

# Model Railway show returns



The Phillip Island District Railway Modellers present their Model Railway show on September 17 and 18 in the Cowes Senior Citizens Centre. Little Chipping Station. Photo courtesy of AMRM.

The Phillip Island District Railway Modellers will be holding their first post Covid restrictions show on September 17 and 18 in the Cowes Senior Citizens Centre.

This year's event is sponsored by Westernport Water.

"Our thanks go to Westernport Water for their sponsorship in helping to bring life back into the community after our years of lock down," a spokesperson for the Modellers said.

On Saturday the exhibition will be open to the public from 10am until 5pm, and on Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

There will be models large and small, old and new, simple and sophisticated. Some exhibits will delight the meticulous, while others should offer encouragement to those with two left thumbs. The important thing is to enjoy yourself.

This time around all of the exhibits have been built by the club members.

"Our ever popular U-drive layout for the kids will feature Thomas and Percy," the club spokesperson said.

"Bald Mountain always raises the question of which tunnel the train will next appear from. Trossingen has moved from South Germany to become its sister town of Beaverton in the USA state of Oregon – ask Rod how he did that!"

New and second-hand models and accessories will be for sale to suit rank beginners and experts, the rich and the poor, and those of us who get along somewhere in the middle.

Whatever the weather, kids of all ages can look forward to enjoying a fun few hours. And please talk to the exhibitors, they never tire of talking to anyone who takes an interest.

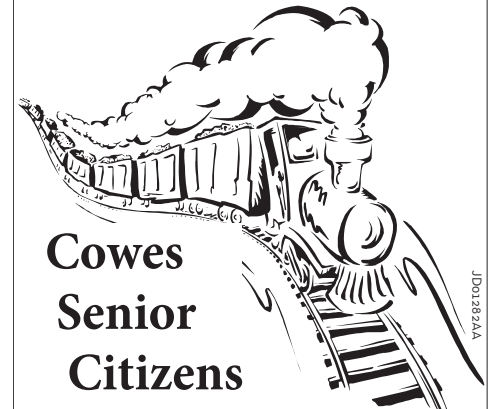
The crew from the Seniors Club will be

cooking up a feast on Saturday, to see if you can resist the smells and sounds of a sausage sizzle – so come hungry.

Please note the change in venue, as the exhibition is now at the Cowes Senior Citizens Hall. There is a car park is at the rear of the Hall, enter via Watchorn Street, or park in a nearby street.

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## Movie club presents Another Round

The Phillip Island Movie Club (PIMC) will be screening a film on Sunday September 18 at St Philip's Church Hall.

Doors open at 6.15pm for a 7pm start.

This month's offering is a 2020 Danish film, "Another Round", directed by Thomas Vinterberg and rated M. It

runs for 117 minutes.

A black comedy, the film won an Academy Award for Best International Feature Film in 2021 and a BAFTA Award for Best Film not in English.

The film looks at the relationship between a group of middle-aged teachers that are torn between Dan-

ish drinking culture and middle-aged angst. It moves from comedy to tragedy but allows a small glimmer of hope.

To help get in the mood for the film we will be providing Glühwein so please bring a heatproof cup/glass if you would like to indulge. Tea and coffee will also be provided.

Please note that the start time is 7pm not the usual 8pm.

Members only and the PIMC can be contacted at [phillipislandmovieclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillipislandmovieclub@gmail.com).



The Phillip Island Movie Club (PIMC) will be screening the 2020 Danish film, "Another Round", on Sunday September 18 at St Philip's Church Hall.

## Waterline community is "doing it for Deb"

The Waterline community is holding a series of events in the coming months, including events to raise funds for the area's nurse practitioner.

The funds raised will help Deb Garvey continue the practice in Grantville, which has operated in the area for 11 years.

It kicks off with a Market of Treasures on September 17, running from 9.30am to 2pm at the Coronet Bay Hall.

Items being donated by the community include original artwork, books, collectables, furniture and even a brand new drone.

All proceeds from the market will be used to help the Nurse Practitioner service to continue in Grantville.

The next day, the area celebrates the 10th anniversary of the Bass Coast Post, with the Post's Catherine Watson the guest speaker at a Living Library session on September 18 from 2pm to 4pm.

Catherine will also give an update on the Save Western Port campaign and the event will conclude with an afternoon tea.

Cost is \$3 and please call 0455 333 946 to confirm your attendance.

Then on Saturday, November 19, a musical afternoon is being organised, again to raise funds for the nurse practitioner service.

From 5pm to late at the Corinella Hall, special guests The Flaming Mushrooms will entertain the crowd, along with other performers.

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Tickets are limited and selling fast, available now through [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com).

The fundraisers were organised after a recent Medicare review concluded that nurse practitioner Deb Gar-

vey was spending more time with her patients than Medicare allowed and she's been directed to repay money, with further restrictions placed on the Medicare items she can access.

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

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## Angling club open day at Rhyll

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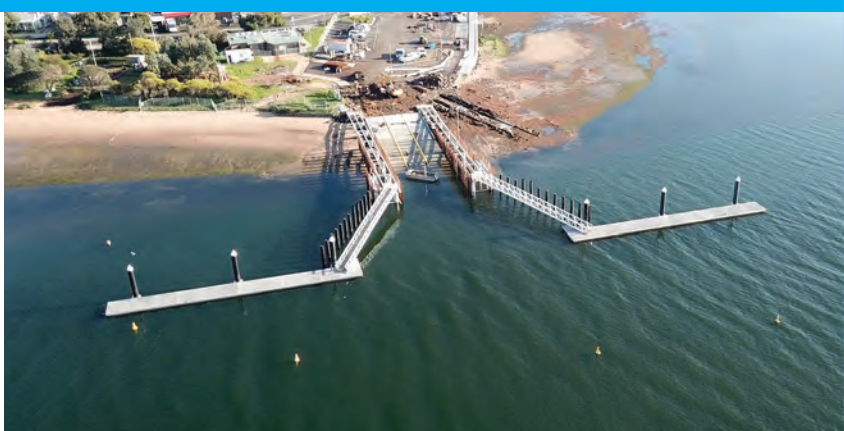
There'll be plenty on offer from 10 am at the Beach Road venue and foreshore, with FREE fishing clinics for the kids, a FREE barbecue, flare demonstrations, local musicians and the chance to check out the club and their facilities along with the opportunity to sign-up and become a member.

A community market along the Beach Road foreshore, running from 10am - 3pm, will feature a variety of stalls offering a range of produce and all the goodies you and the family could want for a day-out!

You'll also be able to check out the redeveloped Rhyll boat ramp and the new pontoons.



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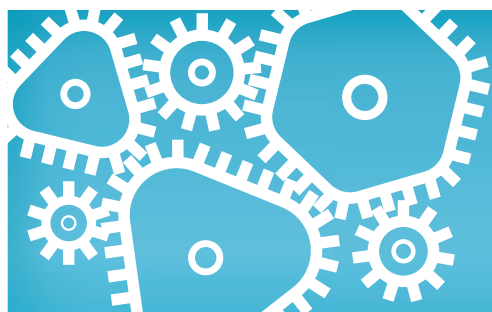
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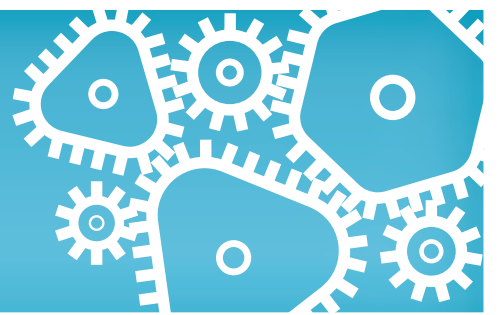
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From left: Heather Liney and Luke Fricke, both from Cowes Coast-care; Totally Renewable Phillip Island's Mary Whelan and Zoe Geyer; Wildlife Coast Cruises' Georgia Bisset, and Phillip Island Nature Parks' Louise Casey at the Spring Clean in Cowes on September 10.



Chris, Ella, Sammy and Skye participants in the Spring Clean, with some of their haul.

# Spring cleaners collect 70 kilos of rubbish

An enthusiastic band of volunteers collected 70.55kg of rubbish from around the Cowes Jetty and foreshore on the weekend. The clean-up was organised by

Georgia Bisset from Wildlife Coast Cruises, as part of her Ken Hore Tourism Mentorship program, working with partners Totally Renewable Phillip Island, West-

ernport Water, Bass Coast Shire Council, Cowes Coast Care and Phillip Island Nature Parks.

After collection, the waste was sorted into the correct bins, with

the help of the Council's waste education team and trailer.

It was a successful day of cleaning and educating all round! More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tell us your views with a Letter to the Editor (350 word limit).  
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### Walk in our shoes

I have just read the article "Sensors make no sense" in your latest edition on the Advertiser.

I am disgusted to read that Ms Wastie suggests we should walk under 5km rather than drive for shopping (I assume that's what she means!).

Many of us are senior citizens and (I suspect) many have walking issues. My wife has had two hip replacements, I have had one and still carry injuries from 32 years in the Army Reserve.

I am not complaining as I'm sure other seniors are worse off than us – but one day, Ms Wastie you will be a senior and I wonder whether you will still have the same view.

Chances are you might require assistance in walking yourself when that time comes!

I wonder if the 5km is a round trip from shopping to home – or is it 5km one way plus 5km back?

As we now move into summer – a 10km round trip is a big ask for some. Will Ms Wastie offer us drinks along our trek – or perhaps provide shelter from rain or the sun!

We are grateful to have a disability sticker for our car and even though (I think) we are active seniors – walking is still a challenge at times.

The parking sensors are a \$377,000 blunder and a waste of time and money. Why our council agreed to this still astounds me.

This is NOT Melbourne – but a regional area and other excuses offered by our council are just lame. "Pre-plan parking" as an example – are you serious!

Gary Simmons, Cowes

### Living with dementia

The number of Australians living with dementia is close to half a million – a number that is set to double in the next 25 years. There are also an estimated 1.6 million people involved in their care.

Many people living with dementia can continue to live well after their diagnosis, but often feel isolated because of the stigma and discrimination associated with dementia. That's why the theme for Dementia Action Week 2022, September 19 – 25, is "A little support makes a big difference".

This year, we encourage communities to come together and learn more about how they can support people living with dementia. By everyone having a better understanding of dementia and seeing that a purposeful life can continue after diagnosis, we will eliminate discrimination and its impacts.

There are seven small but practical ways you can make a difference in your community. To find out more please visit [discrimination.dementia.org.au/](http://discrimination.dementia.org.au/)

A little support can make a big difference.

Maree McCabe AM, CEO Dementia Australia, and Bobby Redman, Chair Dementia Australia Advisory Committee

### Tourism or environment?

I wish to comment on two recent articles about the Cowes to Ventnor proposal in the shire's Tracks and Trails strategy.

In the first one (August 10) a spokesperson for the Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) stated "the foreshore reserve provides an essential and finite corridor for wildlife to move safely along the coast as they cannot go inland ... or on the beach".

This was then contradicted by the following statement: "a track could be installed ... Anderson Road boat ramp to Justice Road with minimal disturbance".

Why would utilising this section be supported when it interrupts the wildlife corridor PICS considers necessary? As for minimal disturbance much

of it contains significant native bush which is important habitat.

In the second article (August 31) the Bikers' Users Group spokesperson states the group's main focus is safety. "The roads between Cowes and Ventnor are very narrow and there are no footpaths".

However there are wide nature strips along a number of the connecting roads and selected roads would be wide enough and sufficiently quiet to be safely utilised.

Additionally, the cost of clearing the coastal reserve, installing and maintaining the path is likely to be far greater than connecting and improving already existing shared paths along the roads which would be used year-round by local residents.

Re BUGS desire to attract tourists the spokesman states: "if we attract people here cycling and to stay overnight they are spending money". Is that a proven fact or is it wishful thinking?

The article also states that there are other places which have more developed paths for people who want to ride their bikes and they have better facilities including toilets, pump stations and drinking fountains.

Surely BUG is not suggesting such facilities have a place on a vulnerable coastal strip.

It appears the lobby in favour of the proposal wishes to encourage tourism while those who oppose it consider conservation of an environmentally sensitive coastal strip and protection of existing habitat is of major importance.

In my opinion, you can't have both.

Judy Witney, Cowes

**Editor's note:** In the August 31 article, the statement from the Phillip Island BUG about facilities including toilets, pump stations and drinking fountains is part of its response to the overall strategy, not a specific comment on the proposed Cowes-Ventnor trail.



## SHORT STACK

A QUICK ROUNDUP OF NEWS, VIEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### Shopfront improvements

Bass Coast Shire Council's Shopfront Improvement Rebate Program is back.

This program offers local businesses and service providers rebates of up to \$2000, to improve the appearance of their shopfront and outdoor spaces.

Applications close on Sunday October 23. Council will hold two drop-in sessions, to provide support for anyone needing help with their application.

- The sessions will be held at:
- Phillip Island Visitor Centre: Friday, September 16 from 9am to 11am
  - Online: Tuesday, October 18 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

### Statewide pride

The state government is funding a series of events across regional Victoria, to kick off Victoria's Pride in December.

Grants of up to \$15,000 will support arts and culture projects which showcase regionally based LGBTQ+ artists and highlight regional communities' voices and stories, from community parties and art exhibitions to theatre shows and festivals.

To apply for a Victoria's Pride regional grant or to find out more, visit [midsumma.org.au/regional-activation](http://midsumma.org.au/regional-activation). Applications are open until September 26 at 5pm.

### Find the savings

A new Savings Finder is available on the Service Victoria app and website.

It features more than 60 discounts, rebates and savings to maximise benefits for individuals and families.

By answering a few simple questions to check their eligibility, users will be given a list of possible savings across energy, utilities, health, education, transport, recreation, leisure and more.

To access the Savings Finder, go to [service.vic.gov.au](http://service.vic.gov.au) or download the app at the App Store or Google Play Store.

### Picnic without plastic

Picnics Unwrapped, an initiative of Plastic Oceans Australasia (POA) encourages people to picnic without plastic for the health of the ocean During September, POA in alliance with Ocean Generation (Plastic Oceans UK) challenges you to host a picnic without plastic.

If you are looking for an eco-friendly and fun family-friendly activity offering great prizes, Plastic Oceans Australasia (POA) has got it covered! People are encouraged to take photos, so they can enter to win great prizes for the best picnics out there!

Visit [picnicsunwrapped.org.au](http://picnicsunwrapped.org.au) where you can register and view categories and prizes!



Winners of the 2022 season of Phillip Island Tenpin and Entertainment Centre's Bowlopolis League was the team from Interchange Wonthaggi.

## Bowlopolis Tenpin Bowling League strikes the big time

The 2022 season of Phillip Island Tenpin and Entertainment Centre's Bowlopolis League was run and won in great style on Friday September 9.

The event culminated in a celebration Gala Day and after two years affected by Covid, season 12 was enjoyed immensely by all.

This season saw a record 94 athletes bowling in the competition with teams from Bass Coast and South Gippsland Specialist Schools, Connecting 2 Skills Australia, Yooralla, SCOPE and Interchange Gippsland.

The league was run as a phantom league, meaning that teams could bowl at any time throughout the week. Scores were totalled and a ladder was kept once all the weekly scores were in. The Gala Day bought all the teams together to play for the Bowlopolis league trophy!

In a very tight tussle, and with a very high standard of play all six teams were only separated by under four points.

The eventual winner and 2022 champions for the first time were Interchange Wonthaggi.

Many individual awards were presented on the day for the top two bowlers from each organisation as well as some encouragement awards for those showing great leadership.

First year bowler Travis from Yooralla Leongatha, expressed what a great experience it had been, "It's been really good. The best part is getting to bowl with my friends," Travis said.

The Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling and Enter-

tainment Centre has run this League since 2011 with support from GippSport, which is funded by the Victorian Government Together More Active Program to assist people living with disabilities to participate in sport and active recreation.

GippSport Program Coordinator Gene Parini highlighted the great success of the program.

"The atmosphere at the Gala Day was just fantastic. Not only are the athletes improving their skill level each season but there is a real sense of helping each other and having fun."

Since 2018 the program has also been supported by local Rotary clubs with the Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Phillip Island branches contributing to Gala Day expenses and trophies.

Phillip Island Tenpin and Entertainment Centre Manager Jeremy Westaway is thrilled with the success of the Bowlopolis program.

"It's been great to get the Rotary clubs involved and shows a real all community approach. It ensures the final Gala Day can be a special celebration for the commitment of all the bowlers," Jeremy said.

Final Team Scores: 1st Interchange Wonthaggi 191.55; 2nd Scope 190; 3rd C2A 189.90; 4th Yooralla 189.84; 5th South Gippsland Specialist 188.33; 6th Bass Coast Specialist School 187.63.

The league will look to get going again in July 2023 but we're sure there will be some keen athletes sneaking in some pre-season training in between!



Winter triples winners were Serge Castel, Judy Christie and Lou Bellino.



Spring carnival winners were Anthony Baldwin, Graeme Avery (Plod) and Steve Adams.

## Phillip Island bowls results

### Winter Triples

Tuesday saw the last round of the winter triple. Winners by one shot were Serge Castel, Judy Christie and Lou Bellino. Runners up were Julia Pora, Chris Fricke and Wayne Barr.

### Spring Carnival

What a fabulous two days of competition we had this week here on the island, with competitors from near and far joining us, along with the new green up and running in time for this event.

Twenty-eight teams of triples were put through their paces but there can only be one winner. The final play-off game was five ends of one bowl triples, and it was intense.

Winners were the boys from Karingal: Anthony Baldwin (who has only been bowling for six months), Graeme Avery (Plod) and Steve Adams.

Runners up were Dave Cook, Mick Coram

and Nathan Cook.

A big thank you to our sponsors for this event, O'Brien Real Estate and Harvey Norman.

### Arm bowlers state championship

A big congratulations goes out to one of our members Daryl White and the rest of his Victorian State team for winning the gold medal at the arm bowlers state championships in Western Australia this week.

### Pennant practice

A fantastic turnout for pennant practice on Saturday with both greens now up and running.

They were both full, however the weather was a challenge with a nice brisk breeze thrown into the mix.

Winners for the day were John Routley, John Batty and George Mol.

## Midweek bowls results

Some very light drizzle greeted 21 of our family of bowlers who turned up for last week's competition at Lang Lang.

The rest of the day was perfect for bowls, no wind, and temperature in the mid to low teens.

Lots of laughter was heard around the green and a reasonable amount of friendly sledging could also be heard.

We once again would like to thank Marianne from Lang Lang who goes out of her way to open up and look after our thirsty bowlers, along for cleaning up when we make too much of a mess. Our RCH tin is filling up with the donations from our family, we're certain that many of these players do it on purpose.

Some reasonably good scores were once again had and the best two teams came back to the clubhouse on 34 points, but as always there can be only one winner.

Winners on a countback on 34 points were: Peter McWilliams (S), Laurie Bell (3), Frank D'Unienville (2) and Bill Williams (L).

Runners up also on 34 points were: Mark Andreatta (S), David Talbot (3) and Michael Saunders (L).

Best one game on 24 points were: Michael Dady (S), Steve Edge (3), Margot Dillon (2) and Bob Arnold (L).

I would like to thank Peter and Pauline McWilliams for all the hard work that they do to keep this competition on the go, we have no idea what we would do without them.

Many thanks also to John Nicholson, our President and master of ceremonies each week.

Next Thursday we will be at Corinella, so all be there by 10am for a 10.30am start.

It is very important to call ahead if you are a few minutes behind schedule as the draw is not easy to prepare. Looking forward to meeting up with everyone next week.



Winners were: Frank D'Unienville (2), Peter McWilliams (S), Bill Williams (L) and Laurie Bell (3).



Runners up were: Michael Saunders (L), David Talbot (3) and Mark Andreatta (S).



Best one game was: Steve Edge (3), Bob Arnold (L), Michael Dady (S) and Margot Dillon (2).

## Phillip Island golf club results

### Tuesday, September 6, Mens Stableford

John Mahony (29) won the day with 41 points from Rob Davison (13), with 38 points on countback from Adrian O'Gorman (7).

BDL to 34 points.

NTP: 5th Chris Reynolds, 7th John Enbom, 10th Adrian O'Gorman, 17th Ian Smith.

Nine-hole winner was Brian Carvell (27) with 20 points, from Chris Hailes (33) with 19 points.

### Wednesday, September 7, monthly Medal Stroke

Sponsored by EMG Consulting.

The monthly medal winner was Ros Reid (25) with nett 74, runner up on countback was Lesley Meadowcroft (17) with nett 75 from Barb Haydon (35).

NTP: 7th Cathy Jones, 12th Rhonda Boyd.

Best gross Lesley Meadowcroft, least putts Lenore Mercer.

BDL to nett 83.

Nine-hole stableford winner was Jill Zelman with 20 points, runner up was Kym Cooper with 18 points.

### Thursday, September 8, Open Stableford

Heath Grace (27) was the winner with 39 points from Rowan Wales (19) with 38 points. BDL to 30 on countback.

### Saturday, September 10, 18 Hole Stroke Mens Monthly medal

Sponsored by Phillip Island Car Find (club member Ricky Jenkins).

A grade winner was Dan McConnon (9) nett 72 from Mathew Curtain (5) with nett 75.

B grade winner was Jack Ross (13) with nett 75 on countback from John McKechnie (16) with nett 77 on countback.

C grade winner was Simon Furniss (22) with Nett 70 from Mike Fitzmaurice (19) with nett 72.

Monthly medal winner was Simon Furniss.



Heath Grace, the winner of the Thursday Open Stableford competition.

NTP: 5th Paul Russo, 7th Anthony Hornsby, 10th Dan McConnon, 17th Dan McConnon. BDL to nett 79 countback.

### Ladies 18 Hole Stableford

Winner was Karen Green (11) with 36 points, runner up was Lesley Meadowcroft (17) with 35 points.

NTP: 5th Karen Green, 7th Karen Green, 17th Karen Green.

BDL to 28 points on countback.

Nine-hole winner was Laurie Petrusch (22) with 19 points, runner up was Pat Owens (21) with 18 points on countback.

### Sunday, September 4, 9 Hole Stableford

The winner was Graham Robinson (35) with 18 points.

## Phillip Island tenpin bowls results

**2s company:** 1st on 18.5pts Jail, 2nd on 17pts The Hounds and 3rd on 15pts Alley Cats.

**ABL (Almost Bowling Legends):** 1st on 110pts Pinpals, 2nd on 94.5pts Just Bowl Al-ready and 3rd on 94pts Island Sector.

**Business early:** 1st on 17pts Turkey Slappers, 2nd on 15pts Bettsys, 3rd on 15pts Balls Deep and 4th on 13pts Happy Hour.

**Business late:** 1st on 22pts Holy Splits, 2nd on 17pts Dynamic Painting, 3rd on 15.5pts

City Lights and 4th on 14pts Coles Cows.

The top four teams from business early and business late battle it out in a knockout round next week, the last team left standing wins! This week's top scorers across each league are:

Men: Dean Bacon 223, Raff Merante 202 and Justin Porthouse 192.

Women: Katy Betts 169, Barbara Burns 166 and Mary Dardha 166.



*Good luck to all sides from Alex Scott & Staff*

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# Three Island teams fight for flags



Back from left to right: Nathan Cleeland, Frank Licciardi, Jarrah Scandish, Gareth Ellison, Jacob Swynne, Stewert Bathgate, Callum Golistly, Soloman Scarlett, Cameron Boulton, Coach Daren Dempsey, Tate Russell and team manager Adrian Cooper. Front from left to right: Marco Chimpo, Rhyley Fenander, Callum Chisholm and Tommy Nuzzaco.

## Seniors book berth in Grand Final

The Senior men's team went into their semi-final against Korumburra not having played a game for four weeks, which was either going to be a good thing with no injuries or a bad thing with a lack of match fitness.

The team set themselves up with three in defense, five in the midfield and two up front.

From the first whistle the Breakers went on the attack putting Burra under pressure and holding on.

The Breakers went close to scoring a few times but had to wait until the 35-minute mark to set up the opening goal.

It was Rhyley Foenander who scored with a well-placed shoot into the bottom corner giving the keeper no chance.

Breakers created a few more chances, however Burra managed to hold on to keep it 1-0 at half time.

At the half time chat Coach Darren Dempsey

told his team, "We are playing really well; however, we are keeping Burra in the game with the chances we are missing, and we are not putting them away. Burra will have belief and could get back into the game."

Second half it was all Breakers putting Burra under a lot of pressure and finally scoring after a goal line scramble.

It was Nathan Cleeland sticking his boot out and smashing the ball into the net.

Burra then stepped up a gear and for 10 minutes made the Island defence and goalkeeper work hard to stop them from scoring.

The Island finally put Burra away after another great run from Nathan Cleeland.

Nathan finished with a strong shot into the net to make the game 3-0 win for the Breakers.

This now puts the team into the Grand Final against Trafalgar at Newhaven on Sunday at 3pm in what will be a great contest.



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## Breakers Women into the Grand Final

The Breakers Senior Women played Wonthaggi in the "two verses three semi-final" at Trafalgar Soccer Club.

Wonthaggi took it up to the Breakers and almost fashioned a 1v1 with keeper opportunity in the first five minutes but critically Finley got back well to win the ball.

It was a tense and tight start to the first 30 minutes of the match, with real finals pressure, with neither team able to make an impression on goal.

A great set up from Kit to the well positioned Abi, one metre out from goal, sent the back of net bulging for the Breakers.

Lara had the crowd on their feet with some great runs with the ball down the left-hand forward wing, beating her opponents with speed and getting in some good crosses.

Some nice passes from island's midfield

and through the Wonthaggi's defence created a couple of chances for Breaker centre forward Kelly who took a couple of shots with her left foot that were well saved by Wonthaggi's keeper.

Wonthaggi hadn't turned up to go home empty handed and they had a real crack in the midfield, pushing the ball into their forward line. However, Jess, Coco and Finley were really strong in central defensive positions and started to take to control in that area of the ground.

The score remained 1-0 at the half time break.

In the second half, an exciting run by Abi saw her beat the keeper and hit a shot around her body into the back of the net, taking the score to 2-0.

Not long after, Jess stepped up for the cor-

ner kick, and hit a thunderous strike of a corner kick to Abi, who was again well positioned inside the six-yard box to bury the finish. 3-0 to Island.

Moments later, Wonthaggi won the ball back deep in defence after an Island goal kick and struck a long-range goal to make it 3-1.

The Island weren't done with yet.

Young Elladie and Kiera came off the bench late in the game and had positive impact. In defence, young Keira used her body well to win a contest against a bigger stronger opponent. Elladie was well positioned and won the back for the Island on the right wing.

Late in the game Kelly found the ball down the right-hand side of the penalty area and placed a firm cross to the back

post where Lara was able to bury the first-time strike into the back of the net.

Great cross, great finish.

Full time 4-1 to Breakers.

Goals: Abi 2, Kit and Lara 1.

Best: Kit, Lara, Abi, Finley.

The Breakers team consisting of five, young fifteen-year-olds should be immensely proud of themselves for a really brave effort and big finals win to remember. A fantastic team effort.

The Grand Final next week against the strong Leongatha team will be a ripper match not to be missed.

Newhaven Park, Sunday September 18 at 12.15pm.

To read full report go to:  
[www.pisra.com.au/sport](http://www.pisra.com.au/sport)



**ABI MCCULLOCH**  
Centre forward

Classy centre forward, great at setting up goals and kicking them



**AILISH FLYNN**  
Right back

First season player a backman that provides speed and great ball delivery from the backline



**AYLISSA GIJBBERS**  
Centre back & goalie

First season player a backman that provides speed and great ball delivery from the backline. Stepped up to goalie with toughness



**AMANDA BLACK**  
Left Back

Great intercept defender has continued to improve all year



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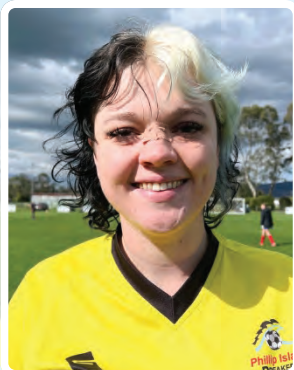
**ELODIE LEWIS**  
Right back / Right midfield

First season rookie learning and growing her skills and confidence



**FINLEY DEMPSEY**  
Midfield

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



**GLORIA CLEINE**  
Goalie

New to the team, stepping in as goalie. A welcome inclusion



**GRACE HOWLETT**  
Right back / Right midfield

First season rookie learning and growing her skills and position



**JESS TONG**  
Midfield

Great with ball and knows how to score goals, big game player, with a great kick and unreal second and third efforts



**KEIRA ROWE**  
Left Back / Goalie

First season player stepping up to goalie in her first game, learning new skills and a team player



**KELLY WALL**  
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Classy striker, great at setting up goals and kicking them

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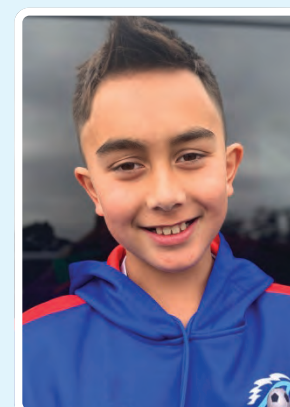
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## Breakers duel double Dragons

Another nail-biting game for the U12B semi-final against Drouin White at Bellbird Park, Drouin on Sunday, September 4.

An early morning for Father's Day, Nash captained the team to the field.

The first half saw the kids off to a slow start, however with plenty of terrific shots saved by a great defense, Drouin were first to score at the 22-minute mark and the Breakers

were down 2-0 at half time.

In the second half with the team's fighting spirit and Zach controlling the back line brilliantly, the Breakers saw Angus shoot not one but two amazing goals to level the score and for the second week in a row the team faced a draw and went into overtime.

### Five minutes a half

During the first five-minute half,

Nash pushed through to score a thrilling third goal.

Breakers were able to hold off Drouin and walk away with the win following an amazing and terrific team effort from solid defence, joint effort offence and most importantly so much fun.

The team can't wait for the home Grand Final this Sunday, where they play Drouin Yellow.



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# 2022 Gippsland Soccer Grand Finals



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## U17s go down with a fight!

With the second semi-final being played at Trafalgar, the Breakers knew it was going to be a tough game on their big pitch against the big-bodied Leongatha.

The U17s took the game on right from the start and were first to put the ball in the back of the net, through some great passing and finish from Xavier Godena.

Leongatha's golden Boot winner Mitch Bath equalised. However, whilst scoring injured his leg and went off the rest of the match.

The game was very physical, and we were able to match the body-on-body contact throughout the match. Solo Scarlett scored with a great through ball putting the Breakers up 2-1 at the halftime whistle.

The second half Leongatha upped the physicality going in harder, and managed to even the score sheet. Once again, Solo Scarlett put his second past the Keeper in what was turning into a see-saw event.

A few decisions didn't go our way. When a Leongatha defender passed back to the keeper and the keeper picked it up, and the trip on Os-

car Healey running back to their goals allowing their striker with a 1 V 1 and scoring.

We had more of the ball throughout the game, and more shots on goal with 13 shots resulting in three goals to Leongatha's eight shots with four goals.

Final scores Leongatha 4 goals defeating Phillip Island 3 goals.

Best on ground for the Breakers: Xavier Godena, Balian Leed, Solo Scarlett, Oscar

Healey and Liam Fuery. These players received the Pino's Trattoria \$20 voucher.

Coach Andrew Dean would like to thank all the parents for getting their kids to training and game day, helping in the canteen, running the lines, and marshalling games.

To the Under 17's players, thank you for your commitment to training and game days as we pushed through the tail end of Covid.

See you all at presentation day.

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8:30am**

Drouin Dragons White  
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Drouin Dragons Maroon

**UNDER 12 B  
9:15am**

**Phillip Island**  
vs  
Drouin Dragons Yellow

**UNDER 17 MIXED  
10:15am**

Drouin Dragons  
vs  
Leongatha Knights

**UNDER 12 A  
10:45am**

Korumburra City  
vs  
Drouin Dragons

**SENIOR WOMEN'S  
12:15pm**

**Phillip Island**  
vs  
Leongatha Knights

**SENIOR MEN'S  
RESERVES  
12:15pm**

Drouin Dragons  
vs  
Trafalgar Victory

**UNDER 17 GIRLS  
3:00pm**

Leongatha Knights  
vs  
Wonthaggi United

**SENIOR MEN'S  
3:15pm**

**Phillip Island**  
vs  
Trafalgar Victory



Phillip Island's Harry de Roth in action in Round 1 of the 2023 Victorian Open Titles held on the weekend at Jan Juc. Photo: Ang Zorica (@surfingpatrol)/Surfing Victoria.

## Surfers battle it out in Round 1 of Victorian titles

Phillip Island's Harry de Roth made it through to the finals in Round 1 of the 2023 Victorian Open Titles.

The event was won by Willis Droome, current U16 ISA World Champion, with Lucas Hickson second, Tully Wylie third and Harry in fourth place.

The event was held at Jan Juc on Wadawurung Country on the weekend, with Ava Holland taking out the women's event. Sophie Wilkinson finished in second place, with Lucy Naylor in third and Sarah Seuren from Inverloch in fourth.

The first round of the three-part series was forced to shift locations from Bells Beach to Jan Juc on Saturday morning due to a lack of quality swell on offer. Jan Juc was showing fun two-foot waves and an increasing swell into the afternoon allowing for plenty of action from the state's best open surfers.

Full results from the event can be found at [www.surfingvic.com/live](http://www.surfingvic.com/live)

The series will now move to the Mornington Peninsula for Round Two on January 28, then Phillip Island for Round 3 on February 25, 2023.



LSV is urging people to take care in the water this spring. Men are at particular risk while surfing and aquatic board riding, making up 96 per cent of all related fatal incidents since the year 2000.

## LSV and Surfing Victoria caution board riders with new season warning

Surfers, paddlers, and other aquatic board and craft riders are being urged to prioritise their safety around water after new research from Life Saving Victoria (LSV) revealed these activities to be a leading cause for drownings during September.

Men are at particular risk while surfing and aquatic board riding, making up 96 per cent of all related fatal incidents since the year 2000.

LSV manager research and evaluation Dr Hannah Calverley said there were simple but important measures Victorian surfers and aquatic board riders could take to keep themselves safe in spring.

"Many Victorians will be eager to take advantage of warmer weather after a cold winter, but it is important to remember your skills and fitness may have regressed since your last swim, surf or other aquatic board activity," Dr Calverley said.

"Before you go to the beach or inland waterway to surf, paddle or windsurf, be sure to check the weather, being aware that conditions can change quickly and without warning, and always head out with a friend.

"Historically, a quarter of Victorian drownings occur in spring, making it the second deadliest season after summer, so the risk is very real."

Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson encouraged beginner surfers and paddleboard-

ers to start with lessons and to know and stick to their limits.

"Surfing and stand up paddleboarding are a fantastic way to enjoy the water, but it's imperative that you do so safely, and that includes learning from the professionals who can pass on vital safety tips to ensure you make it home," Mr Robertson said.

"It is important that you are familiar with aquatic risks such as rips and other currents, as well as etiquette, while surfing or paddleboarding. When you're ready to head out without a guide, surfing with an experienced friend is the safest transition.

"If you find yourself in trouble in the water, stay with your board as it will help to keep you afloat while you wait for help," Mr Robertson said.

Both LSV and Surfing Victoria agreed that swimming regularly throughout the year was key to maintaining aquatic skills and fitness, and could improve safety outcomes for surfers, paddlers and other aquatic board riders while recreating in the water.

Surfing Victoria also encourages both beginner and experienced surfers to get trained up in CPR and Board Rescue skills via the Surfers Rescue 24/7 Program to ensure they understand how to assist in a rescue situation.

Surfers can register via [www.surfingvic.com/surfersrescue247](http://www.surfingvic.com/surfersrescue247)

## A big summer of aquathons announced for Bass Coast

Organisers have confirmed the Bass Coast Series will return in 2023.

With the absence of the Covid restrictions that have impacted the last two summers the organising clubs look forward to resuming the normal schedule of swim/run events that have become so popular with local and visiting competitors.

Organisers of the Bass Coast Series and the Little Penguin Dash have now set their dates and are confident that there will be no last-minute changes this season.

The Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo will also be holding a market in conjunction with the San Remo Channel Challenge.

Competitors will receive an Early Bird special offer soon and registrations should open on October 1.

Once again, the events at San Remo and Cowes will only be available for online pre-registered entries.



Dates have been confirmed for the Bass Coast Series 2023. Photo from the 2022 Channel Challenge, Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

**Cape Paterson Aquathon, Cape Paterson SLSC.**  
Sunday January 15, at 10am.  
Contact: 0407 329 827.

**San Remo Channel Challenge, Woolamai Beach SLSC.**  
Saturday February 4, at 11am.  
Contact: 0416 133 655 (race

enquiries), or 0418 325 055 (market enquiries).

**Cowes Classic and Little Penguin Dash, WBSLSC & PIFNC.**

**Saturday February 18. Times TBC.**

Contact: 0418 366 324 (Cowes Classic) or 0400 603 997 (Little Penguin Dash).

## Rhyll angling club competition results

The Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club (RPIAC) opened the 2022/2023 angling competition season with the first weekend-long angling competition over September 10 and 11.

Only the keen laughed-off the weekend's weather forecast to test their skills and equipment.

Thankfully, there was only a sprinkle of rain, which landed an hour before the competition's close at 5.30pm on Sunday.

The westerly wind gusts, mostly between about 10 and 30 knots, meant that shelter was key to a comfortable day out.

There are 12 weekend competitions this season and all RPIAC members are eligible to participate.

This year, all junior anglers will receive complementary membership to RPIAC to compete for prizes and the club championships in the Squidgie (anglers aged 9 or younger) and Junior (anglers aged 10 to 16) categories.

Whilst anglers were motivated by early Spring catches, particularly around Phillip Island and Westernport Bay, very few fish made it to the RPIAC weigh-in room.

Weigh-in Master, Russ Gallagher, and club Captain, Chris Leonardos, had ample time to inspect, measure, and weigh a total of nine eligible species, including King George whiting, leatherjacket, salmon, tailor, flathead, barracouta, and pike.

None of the RPIAC Extraordinary Catch Incentives were claimed and the members-only, competition weekend, \$1000 first-to-catch prizes for senior competitors stay banked.

The incentives up for grabs are for eligible species that



Despite a tough weekend of fishing, Weigh-in Master, Russ Gallagher (left), congratulates Brett McNeil (right) after winning the Senior Secret Weight prize with a 490-gram salmon.

equal or exceed the nominated weight and include King George whiting (1000 grams), snapper (10 kilograms), gummy shark (20 kilograms), mullet (25 kilograms) and kingfish (25 kilograms).

The Squidgies and Junior competition categories were uncontested.

Similarly, despite confirmed participation and enthusiasm, the Senior Female Points and Weight competitions, along with the Senior/Junior (10- to 16-year-old) shark and squid/cuttlefish competitions were also without any entries.

The Senior Male Weight competition was won by Pat Gleeson, with a leatherjacket weighing 755 grams, whilst the Senior Male Points competition was won by Peter Cubeta, for a tailor worth 1250 points (500 grams).

The Senior Secret Weight prize was awarded to Brett McNeil, who was closest to the secret weight (522 grams) with a salmon weighing 490 grams.

With the first competition completed, there are still 11 competitions remaining in the season, and the club champion titles are a long way from being decided.

Excuses were abundant around the RPIAC clubroom, where participants, volunteers, and supporters gathered to have a laugh and discuss strategies for the next angling competition.

The post-competition prize presentation was followed by a pizza night, thanks to the team at Bazaar Pizza Café in Cowes, which was enjoyed by all.

To coincide with the Rhyll boat ramp re-opening on September 17, RPIAC will be holding an open day from 10am, where visitors will have opportunities to learn more about the club, recreational angling and boating, and sign-up for membership.

Local musicians Travis Thompson and Dave Manning will entertain with their musical mastery and the bar will be open from midday.

There will be free fishing clinics for kids, a free barbecue and free entertainment along the Rhyll foreshore on the day.

RPIAC's clubroom is located adjacent to the Rhyll boat ramp and is open to members and visitors on Fridays (from 5pm) and competition weekends coinciding with weigh in.

The next competition is scheduled for the weekend of October 1 and 2.

For further information about the club, events, competitions, and rules, please visit the website: [www.rpiac.com](http://www.rpiac.com).

### Phillip Island bridge results

On Monday, September 5, Neville Chapman and Lorrie Read came third on 59.52 per cent.

Moya Crowley and Michael Dooley had a good day on 62.50 per cent but were beaten for first place by Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson on 64.29 per cent.

On Wednesday, September

9, we welcomed the return of Bob and Shirley Weaver who went on to finish first with an impressive 73.33 per cent, those wily Weavers!

Penny Loughran and Ruth Stevenson got their points up to finish second on 66.67 per cent.

Third place went to Bron Sund and Molly (no. 10) Downing with 50.83 per cent.

### Euchre results

Ladies' winner: Sandy Slaney with five wins.

Men's winner: Les Walton with six wins.

Encouragement award: Bet Stevenson.

Tell your friends to come along and have some fun.

Please contact Bob Hee for any further information on 0418 173 388.

# Bulldogs fall short for 3-peat

Another Grand Final for the Bulldogs Seniors, this time up against arch-rivals Tooradin-Dalmore in the Bulldogs' bid to win a third premiership on the trot.

An almost annual visit to the Garfield Recreation Reserve beckoned, with the Senior Bulldogs taking to the field with four other Bulldogs teams in their respective 'big dances'.

Unlike the other four teams who were successful on the day, for the Seniors the day was ultimately to be one of huge effort, but frustration as the Seagulls were to prove too strong.

In perfect conditions, the game started evenly, with the Bulldogs matching the early intensity from the Gulls.

An early goal to Cameron Brown – up against his old team in his first Grand Final – kept the Bulldogs in the hunt until a couple of late goals saw a deficit of 13 points at the first change.

The second was to be the quarter where the opposition took charge.

Champion Gulls forward Julian Suarez took over in the forward line, kicking all three goals, providing a big lead.

A late goal to the Bulldogs kept them in the hunt at the big break.

Despite the efforts of the Bulldogs led by Cam Pedersen, Zak Vernon, the defence was under

siege.

Mark Griffin and Matt Jackson led the defence, but eventually the walls broke, and the Gulls were able to run out comfortable winners by 46 points.

So ended a wonderful year of Bulldogs footy – a remarkable effort to make three Grand Finals in a row – and the fantastic reign of Beau Vernon, who will now take a well-earned break and hand the reins over to Cam Pedersen for 2023. Bring it on!

Scores:

Tooradin-Dalmore: 3.2.20, 6.6.42, 10.7.67, 13.10.88.

Phillip Island: 1.1.7, 2.1.13, 5.4.34, 6.6.42.

Goals:

Tooradin-Dalmore: Julian Suarez 5, Stewart Scalon 2, Blake Grewar 2, Piva Wright, Steven Robb, Lewis Hill, James Tresize.

Phillip Island: Cameron Brown, Billy Taylor, Jordy Patullo, Cameron Pedersen, Orlando Kane Gillard, Jesse Patullo.

Best Players:

Tooradin-Dalmore: Piva Wright, Brent Maccaffer, Julian Suarez.

Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen, Zak Vernon, Eli Richards, Mark Griffin, Orlando Kane Gillard, Matt Jackson.



Mark Griffin playing his 150th game in the Seniors' Grand Final match against Tooradin



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Jordan Patullo (with ball) Jason Tomada and Levi Robinson (background) in the Seniors' Grand Final 2022.



Seniors team line up before the Grand Final match with coach Beau Vernon, unfortunately it was not the Bulldogs' day.



Marcus Wright and Levi Robinson in the Senior's Grand Final.



## Milking the Grand Final fever!

Students at Cowes Primary School geared up last week for a big Grand Final weekend, with the school's Sporty Cow Mascot, seen here with school captains Brydon and Lily, wearing Bulldogs colours to cheer on Phillip Island's football and netball teams.

Their efforts certainly helped, with Phillip Island winning four out of the five Grand Final matches it competed in on Saturday.

Here's hoping Sporty Cow Mascot can work her magic again this weekend, with the Phillip Island Soccer Club competing in three grand final matches at the Newhaven oval on Sunday. The Phillip Island Under 12 B team v Drouin Dragons at 9.15am. Phillip Island Senior Women V Leongatha Knights at 12.15pm. And the Phillip Island Senior Men Breakers V Trafalgar Victory at 3.15pm.



In pouring rain, the Under 17s narrowly took the win in a nail-biting, goal to goal game against Dalyston during the Grand Final with the final scores at 33-31. The U17s made history by being the first U17s Island Netball team to win the Grand Final.  
Back from left: Maya Huther, Isla Cousins, Meika White, Ruby Bond, Shanae Riley, Ella Duggan, Ahlee Penry, Lily Mewett and Abbey (coach). Front row: Daisy Fusinato, Zoe O'Garey and Lexi Walton.



The Under 15s smashed it and took home the Grand Final against Korumburra winning 29-22.  
Back from left: Cath Huther (coach), Bella Santorini, Hazel Burke, Grace Morris and Aisha Hibbert.  
Front: Olivia Holmes, Abby Clarke, Matilda Feehan, Sophia Hungerford. Maya Huther and Meika White had to play U17s final as well so absent from photo.



U13s netball team had an amazing win against Nar Nar Goon, final scores were 27 to 13. The U13 girls also made history by being the first U13 premiers team for Phillip Island.  
From left: Anna Close-Mewett (coach), Olivia Holmes, Aisha Hibbert, Piper O'Brien, Ellie Hennessy, Anna Dixon, Molly McIntyre, Ava Blake, Pepper Bourke, Mia Hughes and Carly O'Brien (team Manager).

# A TRIPLE TREAT!

Phillip Island's netballers won an historic three out of three Grand Final matches on the weekend.  
The Under 13s defeated Nar Nar Goon 27-13, with Best on Court awarded to Phillip Island's Olivia Holmes.  
The Under 15's defeated Korumburra 29-22, with Maya Huther named Best on Court.  
Completing the trifecta, the Under 17's were victorious against Dalyston 33-31, with Best on Court awarded to Lily Mewett.  
A fantastic effort from all the players.  
But recognition is also due for those behind the scenes.  
It takes an army of volunteers to win even one Grand Final, let alone three.

What the Phillip Island Football Netball Club (PIF-NC) managed last Saturday has never been done before in the club's history.  
Under the direction of their volunteer coaches and team managers, the Club's junior netballers focussed for four quarters on the job at hand and were rewarded with three premiership cups to bring home, to display in the clubrooms for posterity.

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It was a very wet affair in the U17s netball Grand final against Dalyston at Garfield on Saturday. Ahlee Penry who dominated with her high-flying intercepts and defence all year round.



Dreams are made from days like this 13s, 15s and 17s. It's the perfect banner and caption to sum up the record breaking three netball premierships for Phillip Island in the one day! Go girls!



Sophia Hungerford played a ripper of a game in the U15s Grand Final.



Lily Mewett was awarded Best on Court in the Under 17s after playing a fantastic match.



Maya Huther was awarded Best on Court in the Under 15s, playing full matches in both the U15s and U17s Grand Finals.



Best on Court in the U13s Grand final was awarded to Oliva Holmes who smashed it in the defence.

## TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 14 SEP	THU 15 SEP	FRI 16 SEP	SAT 17 SEP	SUN 18 SEP	MON 19 SEP	TUE 20 SEP
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LOW 9:12 am 0.66 m	LOW 9:57 am 0.72 m	LOW 10:38 am 0.80 m	LOW 11:15 am 0.88 m	LOW 11:50 am 0.97 m	LOW 12:25 pm 1.07 m	HIGH 7:30 am 2.68 m
HIGH 3:46 pm 2.94 m	HIGH 4:22 pm 2.90 m	HIGH 4:54 pm 2.84 m	HIGH 5:24 pm 2.77 m	HIGH 5:53 pm 2.69 m	HIGH 6:23 pm 2.60 m	LOW 1:00 pm 1.17 m
LOW 9:32 pm 0.43 m	LOW 10:13 pm 0.38 m	LOW 10:49 pm 0.38 m	LOW 11:24 pm 0.42 m	LOW 11:59 pm 0.49 m		HIGH 6:56 pm 2.50 m

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U16s Premiership Team. The excitement on the boys' faces says it all after their dominant win against Inverloch in the Grand Final match played at Garfield on Saturday.

# Champions of the future!

After beating Inverloch two weeks earlier in the second semi-final Phillip Island were excited to try and repeat the effort against a very good Inverloch side.

On a wet morning at Garfield, Phillip Island's banner summed up their year.

**Belonging Energy Enjoyment Underdog Selfless. Team First. We Grind Harder.**

The first quarter was a real Grand Final grind with both teams applying great pressure. The Phillip Island backline was strong, holding the Inverloch danger forwards. Fobber Finn O'Brien had a glint in his eye early and with two huge first quarter goals the Island went into quarter time one goal up.

First quarter: Phillip Island 2.2 (14) to Inverloch 1.0 (6).

The second quarter started with the Phillip Island midfield upping the body on pressure and it showed by taking over in the clearances.

Walker, Merryfull, Thompson and Yianni Caffieri went to work.

The netball court end seemed to be the scoring end and Phillip Island took advantage of it.

A great goal on the run from Double Cobra Daniel Caffieri and two crumbing goals by Benji Chihotski took Phillip Island into half time three goals up.

Second quarter: Phillip Island 5.2 (32) to Inverloch 2.0 (12).

The third quarter saw a goalless grind by both teams. The Phillip Island backline continued with their team first mentality stopping any Inverloch attacks. Team leaders on the wings, Max Arceo (captain) and Sonny McMillan set-up and directed the team amazingly.

Third quarter: Phillip Island 5.6 (36) to Inverloch 2.0 (12).

Finn O'Brien continued his great game kicking two more early goals to start the last quarter to take Phillip Island to six goals up with 10 minutes to go and give everyone involved a chance to enjoy the last quarter.

For this amazing group of young men who have formed a very tight bond throughout the year it was an extremely well-deserved premiership!

Final Score: Phillip Island 7.8 (50) to Inverloch 3.1 (19).

Goal Scorers: Finn O'Brien 4, Benji Chihotski 2 and Daniel Caffieri 1.

Best Players: Finn O'Brien, Zac Walker, Leo Savona, Darcy Thompson, William Peppard and Yianni Caffieri.



U16 s celebrate the win with Jess Gislingham after the game.



Proud coaching team of the U16s premiership team. From left: Scott Huther, Sean O'Brien, Gabby Caffierri (Assistant Coaches) and Steve Duggan (Coach).

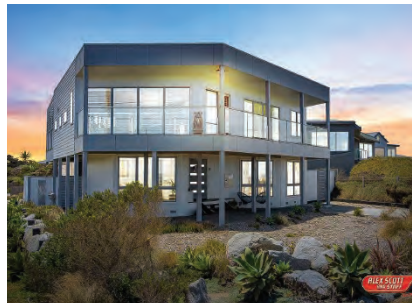
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