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It was a heartfelt reunion last week when the team that saved Harry Winskill's life in May reunited at Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling and Entertainment Centre. From left: Matt Ware, Joe Myall (GoodSAM), Matthew Grogan (AV), Harry Winskill, Mitchell Gibson (AV) and Melyssa Barrett (GoodSAM).

Happy ending to Shocking story

COMMUNITY

In May this year, a friendly game of tenpin bowls developed into a life-changing situation.

When Harry Winskill suffered a cardiac arrest and collapsed during the game, fellow bowler Matt Ware raced to his aid.

Seven months before, in October 2024 Matt had done an Ambulance Victoria Call, Push, Shock session, updating

his CPR skills.

Along with another bowler, Matt performed CPR until paramedics arrived. That intervention in those first critical minutes after Harry's collapse, was lifesaving.

And for Matt, it was a life changing experience and he has urged everyone to do a CPR course if they have the opportunity.

"I can't stress enough that it could make a huge difference to

someone," he said.

"It could be one of your loved ones, or a stranger – it doesn't really matter – it's the fact that you can keep blood pumping until paramedics arrive.

"It's the best thing I've ever done. It made a big difference and I'm so glad I did that refresher course."

Last week, it was literally a heartfelt reunion, when paramedics and GoodSAM respond-

ers met up with Matt and Harry at Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling and Entertainment Centre.

Paramedics Matthew Grogan and Mitchell Gibson responded to the Triple Zero (000) call in May.

Matthew remembers arriving at the venue and seeing Matt doing CPR, with two GoodSAM responders – Joe Myall and Melyssa Barrett – arriving shortly afterwards.

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A bright idea for “astrotourism”

ENVIRONMENT

Phillip Island conservationists have joined a national call for the Federal Government to limit light pollution, which could boost local “astrotourism”, including aurora seekers.

The Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) has joined with The Australasian Dark Sky Alliance to sign a national petition – open until September 19 – calling on the government to introduce legislation to limit artificial light at night (ALAN).

Countries such as France and Germany have already successfully introduced such legislation which limits light pollution and ALAN.

The alliance states ALAN disrupts ecosystems and nocturnal wildlife and regulating public and private exterior lighting ensured “lights are only used when and where necessary”.

“Legislation is the most effective way to tackle this problem,” the alliance said, adding ALAN placed “unnecessary loads on electrical infrastructure, which leads to increases in greenhouse gas emissions and climate change”.

PICS has long called for Phillip Island to roll out wildlife-sensitive lighting and promote itself as a “dark sky sanctuary” for star-gazing tourists.

“Over 80 percent of the world’s population can no longer see stars due to artificial light pollution, which is growing at two per cent per year,” PICS said in 2022.

“Dark skies are becoming increasingly important for tourism because they enable activities



Phillip Island should promote itself as a “dark sky sanctuary” for star-gazing tourists by limiting light pollution. The aurora over Surfies Point. Photo: Jacob Fry.

such as astronomy, reconnection with the natural environment, and health benefits.”

Last week a PICS spokesperson said so much lighting was “unnecessarily spilled”, with health effects for humans and wildlife, from shearwaters to insects and plankton, with implications for tourism.

“Better regulation can assist with this, so we get the benefits of light where we need it without preventable light pollution,” the spokesperson said.

Every April and May Nature Parks runs the annual Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly, asking locals to switch off outdoor lights to help protect the thousands of short-tailed shearwater chicks on their annual 15,000km migration north.

Comment

Local resident Emily said 20 years ago the only lights that could be seen on Phillip Island

at night were from the Hastings refinery.

“The details of the night skies with falling stars every minute was an asset and attraction,” she said.

Emily commented since the growth in housing estates “our night skies and that asset has been destroyed”.

“Now when you approach the island at night, it is the island and San Remo that outshines Hastings with light pollution.

“Why, why do these housing estates need a light for every two houses instead of the rural rule of a light at the start of each street?”

“Not to forget the cost of lighting these streets for many holiday homes that are seasonally empty ... There are better estate designs that the BCSC over decades has refused to explore.”

Details: www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions (search for petition: EN7346)



SHORT STACK

A QUICK ROUNDUP OF NEWS, VIEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Women in Agriculture

Applications are open for the Women on Agricultural Boards 2026 program, an initiative dedicated to empowering women in agriculture to step into governance and leadership roles across the sector.

Applications are open to all women in agriculture, including early- to mid-career professionals, farmers, agribusiness employees, and those engaged in advocacy or community leadership. Applications close September 30. Program commences in January 2026.

www.awia.org.au/women-on-agricultural-boards-project

Healthy Communities grants

Applications are open for Vichealth’s Growing Healthy Communities grants. The funding aims to support young people from diverse and under-represented backgrounds, including those in regional communities, with a focus on addressing systemic barriers to participation and wellbeing.

Funding is available in two tiers: Tier 1: \$10,000 – \$50,000. Tier 2: \$50,001 – \$150,000. Sporting, community, cultural, recreational, creative, some local government and other not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply. Applications close October 30.

www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding/growing-healthy-communities-grants-round-2

Kids sport support

Another round of the Get Active Kids Voucher Program opens next month. Clubs and sporting organisations can register as a provider, which allows families to sign up their kids by using the voucher up front and reducing out-of-pocket expenses. Eligible families with health care or other concession cards will be able to apply for vouchers of up to \$200 per child – families apply for the vouchers online before redeeming them at an activity provider like a local sporting club. The program is open to kids aged up to 18 who are named on a Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card, and named on a Medicare Card. Eligible clubs can register now at getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers.

Sports facilities grants

Applications are open for the 2025-26 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund (LSIF), which creates better places to play, train and compete across Victoria. The fund has three streams including community facilities, community sports lighting, and planning with councils being able to apply for between \$40,000 and \$500,000 for projects. Potential projects include new or improved sports courts, lights, change rooms, playgrounds and skate parks, to benefit local clubs and communities. For more information about the fund and to apply visit sport.vic.gov.au. Applications close on December 2.

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Water restrictions will be considered “before summer”

CLIMATE

Westernport Water will consider introducing water restrictions before summer if sufficient rain is not received and storage levels decline.

The warning comes as the water authority revealed water consumption over winter (488 million litres) was more than double the amount of water that flowed into Candowie Reservoir (184ML), with “inflows less than demand”.

The reservoir through winter stubbornly sat around the 45 per cent level, “which is our lowest level for this time of year since 2012”.

“Westernport Water is actively considering options to manage demand in response to low rainfall,” a spokesperson last week said.

“We will consider introducing water restrictions before summer if we do not receive sufficient rain and storage levels decline.”

For nearly two years now, our region’s water supply has been entirely reliant on accessing water from Melbourne, and more recently also the Victorian Water Grid.

The grid is a “much larger interconnected water network capable of distributing drinking water to all the regions, cities and towns” from a “network of water storages, reservoirs, via a vast network of pipes, pumps and rivers throughout Victoria”.

The spokesperson last week said the region continued to use its 1000ML allocation from the Greater Yarra System “to supplement supplies while inflows remain low”.

“We will continue to access this supply for the foreseeable future, helping us through this dry period,” they said.

They said through the grid there was more than two years of water supply available, so “we are well placed to meet customer demand for the year ahead”.

“We have been able to lean on our connection to Victoria’s Water Grid to ensure storage levels continue to grow, giving us

greater security and flexibility in meeting demand.

“As of the end of August, we calculate approximately 27.7 months of supply remaining.

“Through the water grid, water can be moved from areas with surplus water to those experiencing shortages.”

As part of this connection, Westernport Water is accessing delivery of 50 billion litres of desalinated water this year from the desalination plant.

The spokesperson said while accessing the grid would help, rainfall over the coming months “will be essential to building the storage back up to ideal levels”.

“Restrictions will be considered as a way to help manage our water storage levels and ensure that the community is using water efficiently.”

The spokesperson clarified that while Westernport Water could access the Victorian grid, this was still dependent on future rainfall, with Melbourne’s water catchments recording their lowest January-to-June inflows on record, in the first six months of this year.

“While Melbourne’s water storages levels may appear healthy, good rainfall in Melbourne water catchments over the coming months will be essential to building storages back up to ideal levels.”

Restrictions?

Last week Candowie Reservoir was at 47 per cent capacity (2120ML).

According to Westernport Water policy, if Candowie drops to 2150ML then stage one water restrictions would be considered.

A decrease to 1650ML could see stage two restrictions.

The spokesperson said restrictions were guided by expert advice and data, and “only enacted when necessary”.

“We continue to monitor the situation carefully. If we feel that water restrictions are necessary, we will make the decision prior to summer.”

Westernport Water managing director Dona Tantrimudalige



While it may have seemed like a wet winter at times, unfortunately the dry continues. Westernport Water has revealed water consumption over winter was more than double the amount of water that flowed into Candowie Reservoir, which “is our lowest level for this time of year since 2012” when the reservoir was expanded to double storage capacity. File photo: 2012.

said “careful planning and the use of alternative water sources, as well as conservation measures” were “essential to ensure we can continue to provide safe and reliable water for our customers, community, and the economy”.

As reported, autumn was the driest recorded on Phillip Island, on the back of a dry year, with some local farmers describing it as the driest weather conditions in a century and many having to truck in hay, costing tens of thousands of dollars.

In the 18 months to June, south-west Gippsland recorded its lowest rainfall on record.

The Rhyll weather station showed total rainfall for June was 64mm, which is about the average (66mm). July saw 85mm, which is well above average (68mm).

August was well down on the monthly average (76.9mm), with 60mm recorded at Rhyll, although the reservoir recorded 84mm for August.

Permanent Water Saving

Rules are in place across Victoria, applied every day of the year to ensure Victorians use water efficiently.

These include:

- A residential or commercial garden or lawn can be watered with a handheld hose at any time, or by means of a watering system between the hours of 6pm and 10am on any day.
- Water cannot be used to clean hard surfaces (including driveways, paths, concrete, tiles, timber decking) except where cleaning is required as a result of a hazard or accident, or in the course of construction/renovation.
- A handheld hose must be fitted with a trigger nozzle and be leak free. It can be used to wash your car and water your gardens and lawns at any time.

Bushfire

Victoria is likely to experience an early start to the fire season this spring, with drought-affected areas facing an increased risk, ac-

cording to the Australian Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for spring.

In the past 18 months, Victoria has experienced low rainfall across most parts of the state, except for East Gippsland, with south-west Gippsland one of the driest.

Emergency Management Commissioner Tim Wiebusch said this had resulted in an increase in fuel, which has “significant bushfire potential”.

“The more fuel available, the hotter and more intense a bushfire can become and the faster it can spread,” he said, urging households to have a fire plan.

Water

Westernport Water’s average response time to priority one bursts and leaks rose to 57 minutes, compared to six minutes in 23/24, according to the Annual Watermark 2024-25 report.

However, the report found the time to respond to and rectifying sewer blockages was reduced.

The number of customer complaints rose to 35 per cent in the past year compared to 29 per cent the previous year.

There were 289 hardship grants approved in 24/25, as well as 432 utility relief grant scheme payments compared to 198 and 394, respectively, the previous year.

Customer satisfaction with the quality of drinking water has improved by two per cent since 2023-24.

All water quality samples and audits were compliant with legislation and very few, only 0.18 customers per every 100 customers, raised a complaint about their water quality.

The water authority was unable to meet its target to limit the average duration of interruptions to 85 minutes.

Details:

Water rules: westernportwater.com.au/pws-rules

Farmers: agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/newsletters/the-break

Rainfall: www.bom.gov.au/climate/drought/#tabs=Rainfall-deficiencies

Wood heater impact mapped

POLLUTION

Phillip Island – together with Gippsland – has Victoria’s highest wood heater emissions, according to a new national map.

The Centre for Safe Air at the University of Tasmania built the first national map of wood-heater emissions, combining particulate pollution readings from around Australia with surveys of wood heater use.

The results showed the south and east of the state were Victoria’s highest with 850,174kg of emissions per year from wood heaters.

The research also estimated long-term exposure to particles in wood-heater smoke caused more than 720 premature deaths every year in Australia, which is more than the deaths attributable to the same type of emis-

sions from the national fleet of 20 million vehicles, or from energy generation, or even bushfires.

About 10 per cent of households use wood heaters as their primary source of heat, leading to some neighbour disputes.

However, the modelling relied on air-quality measurement stations around the country that don’t capture emissions downwind of wood heater chimneys.

Chimney smoke complaints are a Bass Coast Shire Council issue, with the council in the past year receiving seven complaints.

The council recommends:

- buying the right wood heater, using it correctly and maintaining it well to reduce wood smoke pollution;
- burning firewood the right way can help minimise smoke and keep a house warm;

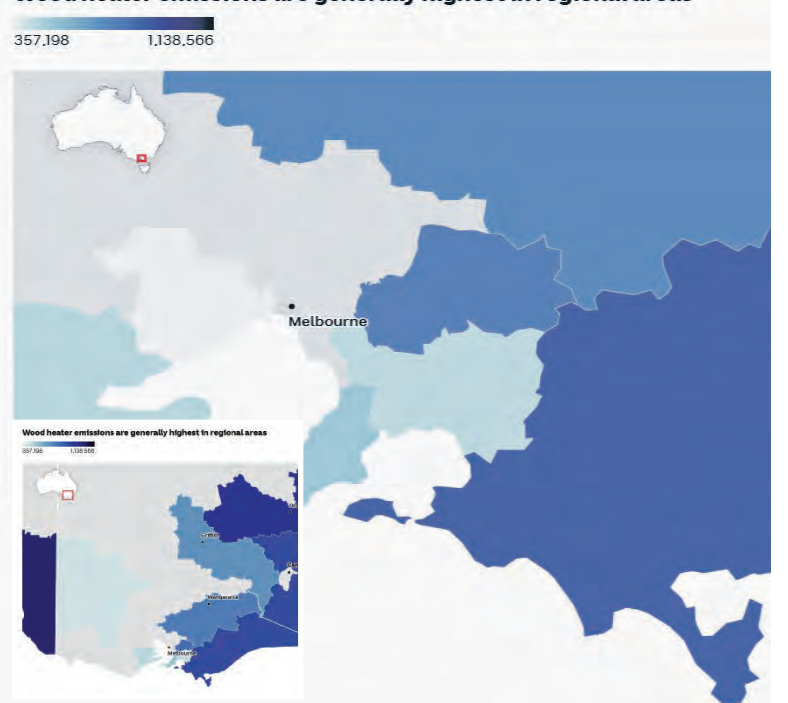
- look at a flue from the outside and if after 20 minutes, there is still white smoke coming from it the fire may need drier wood or air, the vents may need to be opened to get a better fire;
- If affected by smoke from a wood heater, try to talk to neighbour first as they may not be aware of the problem. If this does not solve the issue, please report it to council on (03) 5671 2211.

Wood heater sales – not including open fireplaces, fire pits, pizza ovens or other outdoor wood-burners – increased 40 per cent between 2008 and 2021, according to the Home Heating Association.

Details:

www.epa.vic.gov.au/report-smoke
www.facebook.com/groups/MyAirQualityAustralia/
www.2.purpleair.com/

Wood heater emissions are generally highest in regional areas



The map shows wood heater emissions by kilograms per year.

Cowes foreshore transformation to begin

INFRASTRUCTURE

Work will begin on September 29 on the first stage of a project that will transform the Cowes foreshore and Thompson Avenue.

Bass Coast Shire Council said the Cowes Foreshore Precinct Project “will deliver significant civil and landscaping improvements along Thompson Avenue North and The Esplanade (between Bass Avenue and Warley Avenue)”.

These upgrades will create safer, greener and more connected spaces “that locals can be proud of and visitors will love to explore”.

The project will be completed in seven stages, minimising disruption as far as possible for local businesses, community and visitors.

The project is being funded through an \$8 million grant from the Australian Government (announced in November 2024), as well as through council’s budget.

The construction contract was awarded last month to Fulton Hogan and work is expected to take approximately 13 months.

The initial work on stage one is focused on The Esplanade, which will be closed to traffic between Thompson and Bass avenues, until the end of the year.

It includes upgrading essential services: renewing water and sewer mains, upgrading stormwater drainage, and reconstructing the road and pavement to better support outdoor dining spaces and a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

Council said the works will also deliver new kerb and channel, upgraded public lighting, and fresh landscaping — “helping to create greener, safer and more inviting spaces for families, shoppers and visitors”.

“A permanent change to one-way eastbound traffic along The Esplanade will also be introduced to improve safety and create more space for people to walk, cycle and enjoy the foreshore.”



From Thompson Avenue through to Bass Avenue, The Esplanade will be closed for around three months, as work begins on the Cowes Foreshore Precinct Project.

Stage one

The work on The Esplanade is the first part of stage one of the project, which includes significant upgrades to the streetscape, including formalising one-way traffic on Thompson Avenue (from Chapel Street) and The Esplanade, as well as increased retail, outdoor dining and public space.

It will also include landscaping, hardscaping (for example, paths, walls) and improved pedestrian access.

The updated landscape plan includes garden beds, sections of instant turf, additional tree planting, stone pavers, hardwood decks and pavement.

Proposed furniture and fixtures include handrails, bollards, timber slat seating, stone seats, cascading timber seating and bar tables and stools.

There will also be a reduction in car parking, with Thompson Avenue between the Esplanade and Chapel Street to have 36 car spaces – down from the current 53.

Along The Esplanade, car spaces will reduce from 10 to six.

All work will be restricted to Thompson Avenue and The Esplanade.

Further stages

The council’s 2024 Federal Advocacy Priorities report requested \$25 million total investment for the Cowes Streetscape Mas-

terplan, also listing \$12 million investment to deliver stage one and two of the project.

At the 2024 council elections, all the Island Ward councillors were critical of the masterplan, saying any available funding should instead go as a priority to the proposed sports hub on the corner of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads.

Despite this, at the August meeting, councillors voted to adopt the long-term financial plan which allocated \$1.6 million to this stage of the project from borrowings via the Treasury Victoria.

Stage two is to “reimagine” Thompson Avenue north, “where outdoor dining and trading and open space facilitate a people focused town centre”.

Stage three to six requires detailed design before construction for Thompson Avenue South, Chapel Street, Church Street, Bass Avenue and Olive Justice Place can take place.

The masterplan timeline includes projects in the first three years, plus ones scheduled in three to 10 years.

Projects in the first three years include:

- formalise one-way vehicle traffic east and west from Thompson Avenue;
- implement trial for one-way vehicle access northbound only on Thompson Avenue

from Chapel Street;

- transition car parking on Thompson Avenue between Church Street and Chapel Street to short-term managed parking restrictions (length of stay, time limits);
 - reduce speed limit to 20km/hr along Thompson Avenue north of Chapel Street;
 - reduce speed limit to 30km/hr along Thompson Avenue between Church Street and Chapel Street;
 - install a new public toilet at Olive Justice Place, ensuring the design and location can be incorporated into a future overall upgrade to the broader Olive Justice Place area.
- Projects in three to 10 years:
- transition vehicle traffic to one-way access northbound on Thompson Avenue from Chapel Street;
 - retrofit Chapel Street roundabout to accommodate change to vehicle access to Thompson Avenue;
- 10-plus years:
- design and construct a permanent pocket park at Olive Justice Place.

Updates on the project at: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/streetscapescowes

Information about current works: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/news-listing/notice-of-upcoming-works-cowes-foreshore-precinct

Tree planting makes national headlines

ENVIRONMENT

Phillip Island’s volunteer army of tree planters recently featured on the front page of Landcare Australia’s Landcare in Focus magazine.

The May edition explains the island is one of two projects in Victoria to have secured funding from the state’s largest energy company, AusNet, which is providing \$20,000 annually for tree planting.

The planting is on the 3.9ha section of the new Phillip Island Recreation Reserve in Cowes, with “existing vegetation highly disturbed, full of rubbish, weeds and rabbits”.

The magazine explains the staged three-year project will have zones of new plantings, wetlands and demonstration plots of different techniques and the area will be protected with wallaby proof fencing.

As reported last month, the future recreation reserve will be funded \$9.9 million over the next decade, a first step to the \$120-million-plus needed to rollout all sporting projects.

Bass Coast Shire councillors in August voted in support of the draft long term financial plan (LTFP), out for community comment until early September.

The LTFP states the Phillip Island Sporting Precinct will be funded from a loan of \$5.2 million, \$2 million from grants and the balance of \$2.74 million from council’s reserves.

When the masterplan for the sports hub – on the corner of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads in Cowes – was released in 2023 it detailed 35 projects to be rolled out over more than two decades at a cost of about \$120 million.

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Newhaven boys home comes to life

MAJOR PROJECTS

Interior renovations to restore Newhaven's old boys home will finish this month, with the owner hoping to rent rooms for holiday accommodation next year.

The renovation completion follows the withdrawal in May of plans – lodged in 2023 – to build a \$15.6 million, 72-room hotel on the 1.4 hectares at 54-61 Forrest Avenue, which is zoned residential.

The Advertiser was given a tour of the completed internal renovations last week, where owner Brian Amatruda revealed 22 rooms, including seven apartments, as well as a gym, reception and a café, all for guest use only.

Since buying the property in 2021, the renowned boxing promoter and developer has spent “millions of dollars” restoring the building to its original 1928 art deco style.

Mr Amatruda explained all restoration has been within existing walls and rooms, and “we’ve only refurbished what is here”.

Rooms are tailored to high-end customers, with restorations including leadlight glass, cornices, and chandeliers sourced from the likes of Crown Casino, the residence of Melbourne's first lord mayor and the Savoy Brighton.

Works have been extensive, from removing graffiti and rust from all doors and windows, installing new frames and double-glazed panes, and treating concrete cancer.

Mr Amatruda said he hoped to open accommodation in 2026, following completion of exterior renovations, a carpark and driveway between the chapel and principal's residence.

Future stages would include renovation to the chapel and principal's residence, as well as a reduced number of townhouses (from a total permissible 21 to 14) on the far east side, which would require mature gums to be cut down, which was approved by VCAT.

VCAT

The old boys home has an existing planning permit that was



Before: Before restoration works started, this was the central staircase. The old boys home was at risk of being demolished through neglect and vandalism. Squatters and vandals had sprayed graffiti and set sections of the building on fire.



After: The central staircase after restoration, with the roof installed and graffiti removed, and a new chandelier yet to be hoisted into the roof cavity. Under the 2010 VCAT permit, this section would be demolished to make way for a carpark. More photos at pisra.com.au

approved in 2010 by VCAT (see separate story).

That permit allows: a 21-lot subdivision, 10 dwellings, part demolition and alteration of an existing heritage building, including conversion of the heritage building into six residential apartments with ancillary garages, and vegetation removal.

But having renovated sections of the building that would otherwise be demolished under the VCAT permit, Mr Amatruda is now seeking to retain – not demolish – the heritage-listed site.

A Bass Coast Shire Council spokesperson said no planning applications had been made to the shire “at this stage” and all plans endorsed under conditions of the existing VCAT permit were valid until October 2026 unless a further extension was granted.

The spokesperson said inter-

nal works within the buildings did not require planning approval and were not captured by the VCAT permit.

“From a planning perspective, there is no objection to retention and re-use of the existing buildings.”

However, the spokesperson said unlike a dwelling, the use of Airbnb for the old boys home “would be considered a form of accommodation requiring planning permission, which has not been sought”.

The spokesperson said the council was the responsible authority for the VCAT permit, its conditions and requirements, and the owner was not required to return to VCAT.

“To fully act upon the VCAT permit, demolition of the existing buildings is required in order to construct the approved development,” they said.

Confident

Mr Amatruda said he was confident his plans would be given the green light as it was “a no brainer”.

If not approved, he would then be forced to comply with the 2010 permit and demolish a large part of the building, including the east wing, central staircase and turret facing Forrest Avenue, (which VCAT approved to be a carpark), and principal's residence on Boys Home Road (see separate story).

“Anyone saying this should be demolished needs to see a psychologist,” Mr Amatruda said.

“If you are passionate about building, which we are, you can't pull this down, it would be criminal.

“The areas earmarked for demolition by VCAT are the best parts of the building.”

He said while some Newhaven residents had fought development on the site, he didn't “want to fight” and had taken on their concerns including retaining heritage, reducing traffic and decreasing patronage.

“They should be happy with this. I believe it will be the best boutique accommodation on the island,” said Mr Amatruda, who visits the site twice a week.

“In time locals will embrace this.

“People who have been inside, had a tour, fall in love with it.”

Exterior

Mr Amatruda said any other developer would have maximised the yield of the site, but he had opted to focus on restoration and maintaining the existing building.

“I don't know any developer who would decrease yield. Most would put a bulldozer through it.

“I could have easily put in 100 apartments, but we'd have a fight and I don't want that.

“We aren't changing anything. It's a sympathetic development, not over-development.”

The site continues to host a small army of local trades, with the attention now turning to completing the exterior renovation and landscaping, with the only demolition set to be the caretaker's residence at the east of the site, facing Forrest Avenue.

Already about 100 plants are part of the initial stages of a new garden, with up to 10,000 set to be planted, including cascading greenery in interior courtyards, a pond and terraced gardens.

“Hand on heart we have not taken down any trees. There have been trees damaged by storms though.”

Mr Amatruda said concrete cancer had damaged a significant amount of the building – including the turret – and trades had painstakingly been restoring, repointing, re-rendering and painting to the original 1928 colour.

“Restoration is triple the price compared to demolishing and rebuilding,” he explained.

The interior now only requires cleaning and carpet to be laid.

Boys home's planning history: a snapshot

MAJOR PROJECTS

Newhaven's old boys home was constructed by the Mission of St James and St John in 1925 to house boys aged between nine and 16.

To this day former boys tell of a dark and tragic past at the home.

It was sold to Knox School in the early 2000s, which applied to develop the site into housing, taking their plans to VCAT in 2010.

In 2010 concerned local residents formed the Newhaven Residents Group, objecting to the development at VCAT, with amendments made through mediation.

Under the original 2010 permit, more than 100 trees would be razed, including pines, cypress trees, several natives, garden plantings and an old orchard.

The 2010 plans show all out-

buildings would be demolished – which was agreed to at VCAT – including the 1930s principal's residence facing Boys Home Road, and the recreation hall (now called a caretaker's building), for vacant lots and lots with two-storey dwellings.

The north-east wing of the main building would be demolished and another wing gutted to make way for a carpark and units.

The chapel – which was built in 1935 – would be residential units.

The 2010 VCAT ruling said the chapel, headmaster's residence, and two dormitory and living wings had “primary heritage significance”, with the permit retaining the key buildings and removing “those of lesser or no importance”.

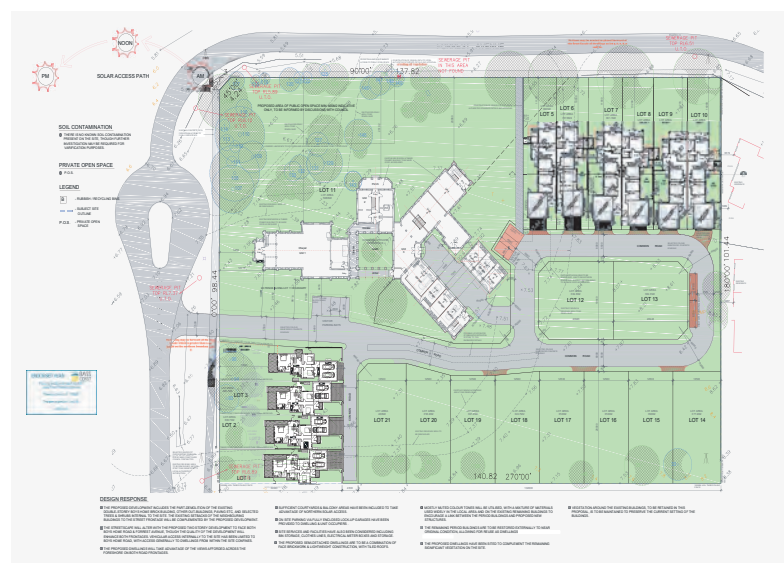
While the development never went ahead, the permit was still valid, after passing through multiple owners in recent years.

In 2020 the property – its 14-bedroom, 14-bathroom boarding house, chapel and ancillary buildings – was sold for about \$3.5 million, and previous to that sold for \$1.65 million in 2015 to a group of 10 investors.

In 2020 the then president of the National Trust's Bass Coast branch wrote to the council calling for an urgent review to protect the boys home, which had seen years of neglect and vandalism.

The National Trust said the permit allowed for the demolition of the eastern leg of the main heritage building, as well as a conversion of the lower level of the southern residential wing to car garages.

“This would be disappointing if this happened, as the shire's heritage expert stated it would be preferable to retain this area,” the Trust's spokesperson said at the time.



The 2010 permit approved by VCAT includes: 21 lot subdivision, 10 dwellings, part demolition and alteration of an existing heritage building, including conversion of the heritage building into six residential apartments with ancillary garages, and vegetation removal. The developer now wants to keep all original 1928 buildings and reduce the subdivision.



Woolamai Beach SLSC President Jason Close (left) and Vice President Fi Blackmore (right) with Community Bank's Keith Robinson. The club received a grant for two defib units at Woolamai and Smiths Beach.



The Community Bank team with Miranda Sage from ASPIR, who received funding for their Melbourne Cup art show.

Community bank gives back

FUNDING

The power of community was on full display at the San Remo, Cowes and Grantville Community Bank Grants Night, when \$433,337.99 was awarded to community groups across the shire.

The event on September 10 was held at the Dalyston Football Netball Club and catered by the club.

"Over the past 22 years, we have given back more

than \$6 million in grants to local organisations," Chair Kelvin Simpson told the packed room.

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Eighty percent of profits generated from the three banks stay in the region and are reinvest-

ed back into local clubs, groups and initiatives via grants and sponsorships.

The 2025 grants will support a diverse range of projects – from vital equipment for emergency services, to upgrades at community halls, to programs that nurture local sport, arts and culture.

The night was a wonderful reminder that when people choose to bank locally, their community directly benefits.



John Matthews presented the cheque to Joy and Kerry from Melaleuca, for a self-service kitchen and hot beverage station for residents.



Tanya from the Community Bank with members of the Anglican Parish, who received a grant to refurbish the Parish Hall.



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For refurbishment of the Parish Hall complex.

ASPIR: \$1800

For the annual ASPIR Melbourne Cup Art Show.

Bass Coast Breakers: \$5000

Annual sponsorship supporting women's football.

Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club: \$318

Posters to promote their annual 'Show and Shine' vintage and classic car event.

Bass Coast L2P: \$5000

For additional professional driving lessons to improve learner driver safety and readiness.

Bass Coast Landcare Network: \$10,000

To establish a Community Training Nursery at the River Garden in Bass.

Bass Valley Community Group: \$3765

For critical gutter repairs on their 100-year-old community house buildings.

Corinella and District Community Centre Inc: \$2072

For community cabinets, providing secure lockable storage for community groups.

Corinella Fire Brigade: \$3678

For laptops to support the brigade's operations and training.

Eggrin Waterline Playgroup: \$2525

For establishing the Waterline Community Playgroup at The Gurdies Winery.

Grantville Recreation Reserve Hall: \$2087

Replacement of two old BBQs to support Grantville Market and fundraising for local sports clubs.

KernArt: \$500

For their November Art Show.

Kilcunda Community Association Inc: \$10,889.99

Replacement of air conditioners at the Kilcunda Community Hall.

Kilcunda Fire Brigade: \$1155

A portable light tower and battery-operated reticulating saw to support incident response.

Phillip Island Bowls Club: \$37,900

Restroom and toilet renovations to update 35-year-old facilities.

Phillip Island & District Historical Society: \$2000

Two new laptops to support their digitisation and archiving project.

Phillip Island Fire Brigade: \$9900

To develop a dedicated training ground at the station.

Phillip Island Home for the Aged Melaleuca: \$23,000

For a self-service kitchen and hot beverage station for residents.

Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo: \$5000

Support towards 'Robert Renewal,' replacing and upgrading their community BBQ trailer.

San Remo Bowls Club: \$35,000

For refurbishment of their clubrooms.

Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club: \$4048
For publicly accessible defib units at Woolamai and Smiths beaches.

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Happy ending to Shocking story

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He said this support allowed the paramedics to “prioritise advanced life support intervention”.

“They continued with CPR while we got everything else organised, defibrillation, medication, the IV set up,” he explained.

“It really highlights the importance of early access to defibrillation, and CPR, then advanced life support intervention.”

“Harry is walking, living proof.”

“It is fantastic to see Harry back bowling again, and to know that we saved his life.”

He hopes the story highlights the importance of community involvement in these situations, and encouraged people to take a CPR course.

“We’ve worked with a lot of GoodSAM volunteers on cardiac calls, and we’re encouraging the community to play their part.”

“Attend one of our Call Push Shock sessions, to learn about CPR and defibrillation,” he said, adding that people shouldn’t feel worried or intimidated about learning the skills.

“Any CPR is better than no CPR,” he said.

GoodSAM

GoodSAM is a free life-saving smartphone app that connects Victorians in cardiac arrest with members of the communi-



Harry Winskill is back bowling four months after his cardiac arrest in May, thanks to the lifesaving intervention of fellow bowler Matt Ware, and the GoodSAM responders and paramedics who attended on the night.

ty who are nearby and willing to start CPR in the critical minutes before paramedics arrive.

Melyssa Barrett worked with the Royal Flying Doctor service and signed up to GoodSAM two years ago.

“I joined because I know the skill, and I can give someone a better chance,” she said, adding she’d attended 14 call outs.

When the call came for Harry’s cardiac arrest, she was just minutes away and jumped in

her car to attend.

And while it wasn’t her first GoodSAM call out, the reunion last week was her first time meeting up with a survivor, which she described as “a great blessing”.

Fellow GoodSAM Joe Myall said it was great to see Harry back enjoying his life.

A firefighter and GoodSAM responder on Phillip Island for the past seven years, Joe has attended 17 local call outs.

“This is the first time we have got to meet someone who has recovered.”

Recovery

As for the man at the centre of all this attention, Harry was a little bemused by the fuss, but happy to meet the people who worked to save him that night.

“I’m feeling okay and I appreciate what everyone has done for me.”

After the paramedics stabilised Harry at the scene, he was flown to the Victorian Heart Hospital where he made a full recovery.

Harry is now home, and things are slowly coming back to normal.

What he’s most keen to do is get back behind the wheel of his car – a place he feels the most relaxed.

“I still can’t drive ... I’m not allowed to drive for another three months,” he said.

That’s a blow for the man who says when he was driving, he clocked up around 1000km a week before his accident, visiting friends and family in Lilydale, Melbourne and Drouin.

But what he is back doing is bowling, and seems his skills are still pretty sharp.

The day of the reunion, Harry and Matt were battling it out in the bowling lane, with Harry showing little mercy for his lifesaving younger opponent ... racking up three strikes.

Sign up this Shocktober

HEALTH

This October marks the sixth year of the state-wide Shocktober campaign, which is dedicated to improving cardiac arrest survival rates.

In the lead up to Shocktober, Harry Winskill’s story is a concrete reminder of the importance of early intervention.

“CPR and defibrillation are critical. For every minute CPR is delayed, survival decreases by 10 per cent,” said Gippsland Regional Director and MICA paramedic Ross Salathiel.

“Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere, at any age, health or fitness level, and often without symptoms.”

“Our message is simple – you don’t need to be a paramedic to save a life, just remember to Call (Triple Zero 000), Push (Perform CPR) and Shock (use an AED).”

Ambulance Victoria will run Call, Push, Shock sessions at the CFA Get Fire Ready open day during Shocktober and locals are encouraged to attend.

When: 10am on Saturday October 11.

Where: 110 Ventnor Road, Cowes.

For information about Shocktober, the GoodSAM app and how to learn CPR and use an AED (defib), visit ambulance.vic.gov.au/shocktober

Banfields no more PICAL launches Term 4 program

AGED CARE

For many years Banfields has been a staple of Cowes, first as a cinema and motel, then in more recent years as an aged care facility.

But the name has now disappeared off Google maps, after the facility was sold to Opal Health Care, which also runs Grossard Court aged care in Cowes.

Former owner John Matthies – who has owned the site since 2008 – last week told the Advertiser he had sold Banfields to Opal, with settlement on September 1.

Mr Matthies said he still retained ownership of a 3000sqm section of the property, which was the former old Banfields office cottage fronting Thompson Avenue.

“I will develop that sometime in the future but I’m not sure what it will be,” he said.

Mr Matthies also sold two of his other aged care homes – in Kew and Mt Eliza – to Opal, covering about 450 staff and 400 residents in total (98 in Cowes).

“One of the reasons I’ve sold is that none of my family is interested in continuing. It’s very hands-on, 24/7.”

The purchase by Opal includes a permit for an extra 40-plus aged care beds, which would be built on the one-acre vacant land site, which was formerly the driveway for Rylston Park, running east-west from Thompson Avenue.

Mr Matthies had hoped the name Banfields would continue, but Opal has since renamed the facility to Phillip Island Grove Care Community.

Mr Matthies bought the former motel, cinema and confer-



Banfields Aged Care has been sold and renamed to Phillip Island Grove Care Community.

ence centre from Rick Banfield in 2008 and levelled the property, including the cinema, before building the \$20 million aged care facility in 2013.

“I offered to give the cinema – the shed and all the equipment – to the community, but no one took me up on the offer,” he said.

Mr Matthies’ parents ran aged care homes and he bought the Cowes property because the Federal Government had earmarked Bass Coast as having a shortage of aged care.

A spokesperson for Opal Health Care said residents would continue to be cared for by “the people they know and trust”, adding they did not have plans to expand “at this stage”.

“If we choose to do so in the future we would communicate with residents,” they said.

“In terms of the building, our current focus is to enhance the

living experience at Phillip Island Grove Care Community with contemporary furnishings and improved resident amenities.”

Developer

Mr Matthies, who lives in Melbourne, has a long association with development on Phillip Island, having developed the Blue Gum estate, including the sale of land to the RSL, as well as five-acre developments along the Cowes-Rhyll Road, through the 1980s and 90s.

For three years he owned the Isle of Wight site on the Cowes Esplanade, initially buying it from the receiver after it was burned down, and then selling it to the current owner.

“I didn’t plan to make it aged care. It’s an iconic site with great potential.”

“I’m pleased it’s being developed.”

COMMUNITY

Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) has launched its Term 4 Connect, Learn, Grow program.

The program is a diverse mix of community courses, social groups and wellbeing initiatives designed to bring people together, build skills and foster connection.

From delicious cooking classes to gentle yoga, job-ready training and a new meditation group, PICAL is offering something for everyone this term.

“Our Term 4 program reflects what PICAL is all about – community, learning and wellbeing,” said David Rooks, Centre Manager.

“If you’re looking to upskill, meet new people or just take some time for yourself, our Term 4 program has something here for you.”

Term 4 Program highlights

A new mindfulness-based stillness meditation: Looking for a different approach to deal with day-to-day stress? This six-week evidence-based course will help participants to reconnect with themselves in a supportive group of like-minded people. The course includes weekly themes, guided meditations and everyday mindfulness tools.

Cooking with Tony: Back by popular demand Chef Tony Goodlet will guide participants through two delicious four-week

cooking courses. Each class includes a three-course meal.

- Modern Australian with multicultural influences will focus on Australian-Asian, Indian, Greek as well as Vietnamese-French fusion.

- Fresh handmade pasta: Learn how to make lasagna, ravioli, tortellini, ribbon-style pasta and gnocchi from scratch.

Chair Yoga with Melanie is a gentle practice that supports strength, flexibility and balance. Chair yoga is ideal for anyone with mobility limitations or looking for a more relaxed approach to movement.

Also available this term are community skill-building classes and volunteer opportunities.

Looking to the future, the program details a proposed Gippsland women’s health and wellbeing event in March 2026. This event is set to create a safe environment for women to connect, support each other and access evidence-based health information. Women from across the region are invited to register their interest for this event now.

“This term we’re excited to welcome new faces into our social and community groups,” added David.

Whether you’re looking to learn a new skill, improve your wellbeing or connect with others, PICAL’s Term 4 program is your invitation to get involved.

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Advertising Feature



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Saturday's program includes the Blessing of the Fleet, a centuries-old tradition that ensures a safe and bountiful season for our local fishermen.

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The TIDAL Seafood Festival weekend kicks off on Friday evening with a nine-course Seafood Cocktail Dinner, serving scrumptious local, sustainably sourced Bass Strait seafood to wow your taste buds. You can even watch the paella being prepared while you mingle amongst the crowd.

The evening starts at 5.45pm, with tickets \$125 (book online now), which also includes a weekend pass to all the other festival activities.

With a daily entry fee of

only \$2 for adults (16 and above) and kids go free it's an affordable weekend out for all. The jam-packed program includes food stalls, kids' playground, cooking demonstrations, guest speakers, fish bingo, spinning wheel, Blessing of the Fleet, live performances and delicious local seafood.

Once again, Wildlife Coast Cruises will be running 45-minute scenic tours as part of the festival, departing from the San Remo Jetty. Don't miss this chance to experience

the beauty of Cape Woolamai. Book your ticket now at wildlifecoastcruises.com.au/

For the full program of activities, head to the Tidal Seafood Festival web page and keep an eye on the social media pages as well.

Saturday

Saturday there is plenty to do and see.

There are food vendors with seafood to try and fresh fish sales at the Co-op loading dock. For those not into seafood there are

market and information stalls of all types. There is a kids playground area and for the adults the outdoor Airbnb stage is busy all day with guest speakers, cooking and seafood preparation demonstrations with a game of fish bingo to finish.

The spinning wheel is back with seafood platters to win. One hundred per cent of the takings from the spinning wheel are donated to the local emergency services.

The larger than previous years all-weather marquee will have plenty of food offerings and live music and many more things to fill in the day.

First up is the Beach Clean-up and citizen-science awareness session, from 9am until 11am.

Organised by Oceanwatch Australia and supported by Coastcare, the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op and Seafood Industry Victoria, people can participate in a clean up session and learn how they can get involved in other citizen science programs such as monitoring coastal health and litter reporting. All volunteers receive some free seafood courtesy of the Fisherman's Co-op.

At 10am the feature for the day starts on the outdoor Airbnb stage. Visit the website for the full line up of artists performing during the day, including Maddie May, Mark Howard, Nick Carver, finishing with a local artist that is starting to be noticed on the world stage, Steph Strings.

Come early, grab some lunch then settle down on the grass on a complementary Airbnb picnic rug to enjoy the afternoon's music – all for only \$2 per adult.

After the clean-up, all the waste will be sorted and recorded, then added to the state-wide waste database. The analysis will also help provide recommendations on waste source reduction.

Over on the foreshore, you can enjoy more market stalls, more entertainment for young and old, and plenty of seafood.

Sunday is all about families and starts off with performances by the San Remo Primary School Pre-School on the stage in the main marquee. The program then heads into the kids' marquee near the playground for a full day of fun.

Live music takes over in the main marquee and

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Raising the alarm on pancreatic cancer

HEALTH

Two Phillip Island women are turning heartbreak into action by calling on their local community to help tackle one of Australia's deadliest and most under-funded cancers.

Colleen and Kirri are fighting their way through the grief of watching their two strong partners suddenly reduced to skeletons by pancreatic cancer. They don't want any other couples to go through the experience of watching their partners die.

Pancreatic cancer is now the third-leading cause of cancer death in Australia. It's the toughest common cancer to treat, with 87 per cent of people diagnosed not surviving more than five years.

With team mascot Cooper, the women will be visiting local businesses in the next few weeks, to ask for their support by putting up posters to raise awareness, or to donate money or a prize to be raffled during a purple-themed walk through Cowes, Saturday November 22.

Colleen lost her beloved partner of 38 years, Paul.

"Paul had mild symptoms for years, but they were dismissed as not serious.

"It wasn't until we found the right doctor to take his pain se-



Colleen (left, with Cooper) and Kirri (right) tattooed their partner's names on their arms after the shock of suddenly losing them to pancreatic cancer. The pair are organising a PanKind walk in Cowes Saturday November 22, to raise funds and awareness of the disease.

riously. After one test we found out Paul had stage four pancreatic cancer. It was a death sentence," she said.

"I watched him slowly starve

and painfully die in front of me, over nine months. It was heart-breaking and cruel. He was so brave and fought so hard but there was no hope."

There aren't any clear symptoms in the early stages of pancreatic tumour development. Once any distinctive symptoms appear, such as yellowing skin

or eyes, it's too late. There are few effective treatments for most patients in later stages.

Kirri lost her husband Andrew of 28 years not long after moving to the island. They rode their motorbikes down from the Hunter Valley in NSW for the MotoGP, every year but one, for 23 years.

"I lost my other half – literally. We were each other's best friend and soulmate.

"One minute we were about to close our business and set off to travel Australia," she said.

"The next, he had a yellow tinge to his skin and we had to face the fact that we weren't going to enjoy the rest of our lives together. We both suffered through his painful death over 12 months. My life was torn apart."

Kirri, Colleen and Cooper are calling on the community to join the fight and support more research into pancreatic cancer, to increase the survival rate and improve the quality of life for patients after diagnosis.

The Put Your Foot Down Walk, in Cowes on Saturday November 22, is part of a national movement led by PanKind and generously supported by the RSL Phillip Island.

www.putyourfootdown.org.au/phillip-island

Crowds flock to Nature Parks' open day

COMMUNITY

This year's Phillip Island Nature Parks Community Open Day on September 13 saw 3922 local residents take advantage of free entry to attractions, visiting Churchill Island, the Penguin Parade and the Koala Conservation Centre.

Across the day, 1424 locals visiting Churchill Island, were treated to live music, conservation and research presentations, and community stalls and farm activities.

Children enthusiastically took part in a passport challenge, receiving a stamp at each stall when they correctly answered a question.

Entertainment came from Newhaven College students,

Green Room Concepts, Island Harmony Choir, and the Foxy Dunes.

Stall holders included Penguin Foundation, Association of Rangers and Conservationists (ARCV), Phillip Island Conservation Society and Bird-life Bass Coast, Phillip Island Land Alliance, National Surfing Reserve, Westernport Water, Friends of Churchill Island Society, Bass Coast Reconciliation Network, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Victorian Fisheries Authority, Western Port Biosphere Reserve Foundation, Wildlife Coast Cruises, San Remo Country Fire Authority and Phillip Island Nature Parks.

A wagon ride through the scenic paddocks with water

views, sheep and highland cattle was a family favourite with the trusty Churchill Island tractor getting a workout throughout the day.

Koalas

At the Koala Conservation Centre, 1067 locals wandered the tree-top boardwalks to view koalas up close in their natural habitat and admired the charismatic bush stone-curlews.

On Friday night (September 12), 564 penguins were counted crossing the beach and enjoyed by 461 Bass Coast Shire residents.

On Saturday 970 locals enjoyed watching 901 little penguins emerge from the ocean and waddle across Summerland beach at the Penguin Parade.



Linda Patterson and Susan Trist from the Friends of Churchill Island showcased the historical importance of Churchill Island during the Community Open Day on September 13.



There were 1067 visitors to the koalas and the bush stone-curlews at the Koala Conservation Reserve. Photo: Courtesy Phillip Island Nature Parks.



The San Remo Country Fire Authority was one of the community stalls at the Open Day on Churchill Island. Photo: Courtesy Phillip Island Nature Parks. More photos at pisra.com.au



The Wonthaggi Citizens' Band present their Annual Concert on Saturday October 11, at the Union Theatre, Wonthaggi from 7:30pm. Book your tickets now.

The band is back in town

ENTERTAINMENT

Fresh from a National Championship win and a sold-out show with James Morrison, the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band present their Annual Concert on Saturday October 11, at the Union Theatre, Wonthaggi from 7.30pm.

Featuring the Won-

thaggi Citizens' Band, Wonthaggi Youth Brass, training group and local talents Xander Beach (harp) and Jay Hills (guitar), this concert promises a night of celebration, music, and community spirit.

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Red Rocks planting bee

ENVIRONMENT

Earlier this year, volunteers braved the cold in July, planting over 100 plants along the foreshore at Red Rocks.

Now the Red Rocks Coastcare group is hoping more volunteers will join their next working bee on Sunday, September 28.

Back in July, eight different indigenous plant species, and 123 plants in all, were planted, fertilised and guarded during the working bee.

Plants included Moonahs, Coast Teatree and Wattle, Knobby Clubrush, White Correa, Bower Spinach and Rounded Noonflowers.

The planting took place in the foreshore reserve off the fire trail at a site named 'Buffalo Hill', as well as on a bare bank at the western end of the fire trail. Afterwards the volunteers enjoyed morning tea at the Red Rocks picnic shelter.

Plants, guards, stakes and tools were supplied by Bass Coast Shire Council.



Fourteen volunteers braved the cold in July, planting over 100 plants along the foreshore at Red Rocks. The next working bee is September 28.

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On Wednesday September 24, the Phillip Island Movie Club presents the critically acclaimed "Sorry, Baby", at 7.30pm at Berninneit.

Dark comedy for September movie club

FILM

On Wednesday September 24, the Phillip Island Movie Club presents "Sorry, Baby", at 7.30pm at Berninneit.

This American independent film was a critical success and award winner at this year's Sundance Film Festival.

"Sorry, Baby" is the directorial debut of its writer and star, Eva Victor. The film follows Agnes (Victor), an English professor at a small American college, in the aftermath of a sexual assault by one of her teachers when she was a student there.

The story, based on Victor's own experience of trauma, is structured in non-linear chapters that encompass the time after, before and during the assault. This

makes for a raw and unflinching, yet nuanced, depiction of trauma's aftermath, which presents Agnes as a fully rounded and complex character.

The film is praised for its nuance, powerful performances and its hopeful, life affirming perspective, healing and the strength around family.

Please note the film begins at 7.30pm, the new starting time for 2025.

It is a private event and you must present your PIMC membership ticket and your Trybooking receipt to enter.

If you haven't collected your PIMC membership ticket as yet, the movie club will be issuing tickets from 7pm.

"Sorry, Baby" is a black comedy/drama, runs for 103 minutes and is rated M.

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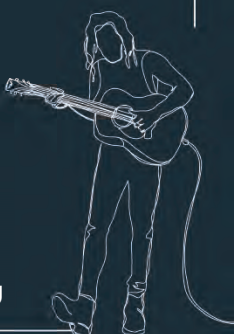
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On September 21, Phillip Island Jazz Club presents Deep South Brass 8 performing at Phillip Island Bowling Club in Cowes, from 2pm – 4.30pm.

A touch of New Orleans in Cowes

JAZZ

On Sunday afternoon, September 21, Phillip Island Jazz Club presents Deep South Brass 8 performing at Phillip Island Bowling Club, in Cowes.

This will be the first appearance of Deep South Brass 8.

“They are a high energy, New Orleans influenced band and play a mix of jazz/funk/blues originals and popular covers and we are excited to have them perform at Phillip Island,” said Jazz Club spokesperson Jill Boyce.

“Inspired by the contemporary brass bands of

New Orleans, Deep South Brass 8 plays an infectious mix of originals and popular charts.

“With nods to The Big Easy’s luminaries of Trombone Shorty, Jon Cleary, Dr John, and the Rebirth Brass Band, Deep South Brass 8’s big bold brass also brings a few surprise interpretations of some old favourites.”

Playing in the band will be Neil Gracey: trumpet/trombone/band leader; Matt Dixon: trombone/vocals; Mark Sylvio: trumpet/vocals; Sean Nihill: trumpet/composer; Justin Abicare: alto sax/flute; Jim Glasson: tenor and bari-

tone sax; Andrew Murray: keyboard; and Roy John: drums.

“This promises to be a great afternoon’s entertainment,” said Jill.

“We recommend that you book early if possible which gives us an idea on how many tables and chairs we need for the day.”

Tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for visitors

For more information please contact: Jill Boyce on 0417 416 300

Sunday September 21: Deep South Brass 8, Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes, 2pm – 4.30pm.



Phillip Island is turning into Adventure Bay as Paw Patrol comes to A Maze'N Things these holidays, including special meet and greet sessions with Skye and Rubble.

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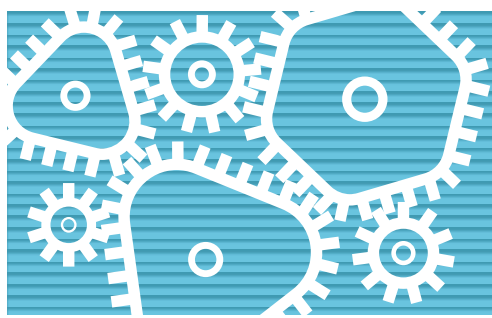
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At the Annual RSL Dinner, from left: Bruce Procter, Jill Scrase, Nancie Bauer and David Scrase. More photos at pisra.com.au



Peter Paul (RSL President) and Emmy-Lou Mills (RSL Events and Marketing).



Member for Monash, Mary Aldred MP with members of the RSL at the Annual Dinner celebrations.

An annual celebration for the RSL

COMMUNITY

The Annual Phillip Island RSL Dinner on September 9 was a resounding success, with guest speaker Brian Nankervis entertaining the audience with his 40 years showbiz experience, and a walk down memory lane, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Guests included Mary Aldred MP, Federal Member for Monash, Simone Alexander, Interim CEO Bass Coast Health, and Michelle Parsons, Personal Development Leader.

The guest list comprised eighty representatives from business, sporting groups, schools, clubs and individual Phillip Island leaders. Amanda Drennan was formally recognised

with the 2025 Community PIRSL ANZAC Award.

Ms Aldred MP congratulated organisers on the successful event.

"My sincere congratulations go to President Peter Paul and the volunteer committee who I know each put in a huge amount of effort all year round.

"I also want to acknowledge the wonderful staff at the RSL, led by General Manager Chris Simpson who all do such a fantastic job," said Ms Aldred.

"Phillip Island RSL put a huge amount of effort into supporting our local veterans' community, ranging from their medical transport to welfare support. The broader community input the club invest in is a major part of

what makes them such an iconic local institution."

Guests on the night were extremely impressed with the presentation of the room and the attention to detail, complimenting the food, with accolades on the chef's presentation.

One person from each table was fortunate to take home a bundle of goodies after a fun lucky number draw.

"The evening built upon the connection between RSL and community members, highlighting the fact that PIRSL is focused on community relationships, and building a better community," said Peter Paul, President, who MC'd the event.

He congratulated all staff on their efforts to ensure a wonderful evening.



Sue Thompson, Glynis Paul and Chris Mead at the Annual RSL Dinner.



Bass Coast Shire Council has released plans for a new shared path that will provide a continuous off-road link between Cowes and Ventnor, and is asking for community feedback to shape the final design.

Community input needed for Cowes-Ventnor shared path

INFRASTRUCTURE

Bass Coast Shire Council has released plans for a new shared path that will provide a continuous off-road link between Cowes and Ventnor.

The plan will close the missing gaps in the existing local tracks and trails network.

Council is encouraging residents, business owners and visitors to share their views to help shape the final design. Feedback can be provided through the Engage Bass Coast website.

The Ventnor Road Shared Path will include the design and construction of two kilometres of new concrete pathway, linking existing shared path.

"This will deliver a 4.5-kilometre connection between the townships, making walking, cycling

and other forms of active transport safer and more enjoyable for the community," the council said.

"Importantly, the new link will tie directly into the Phillip Island Road Shared Path, which long term will go all the way to Inverloch.

"The Ventnor Road Shared Path will also connect into the Phillip Island Sporting Precinct and the Cowes to Rhyll Shared Path, strengthening Bass Coast's growing tracks and trails network."

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead, said the project responds directly to the strong community demand for safer active transport options and was an action from the Tracks and Trails Strategy Delivery Plan 2025-29.

"This project is all about closing the missing gaps and giving people a

safe and accessible path all the way from Cowes to Ventnor.

"It will make a big difference for locals and visitors who want to walk or ride between townships without relying on their cars.

"By creating these connections, we're building a healthier, more sustainable and more connected community," Cr Halstead said.

The shared path will be a two- to 2.5-metre-wide concrete trail constructed within service roads and the road reserve along Ventnor Road.

The project is jointly funded by the Australian Government's Active Transport Fund and Bass Coast Shire Council each contributing \$980,000.

Community consultation is now open at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowes-ventnor-trail?utm_source=chatgpt.com



Middle School Choir: Evelyn McCabe, Sally McPherson, Aggie Andrianopoulos, Ava Mannix and Evie Felstead. More photos at pisra.com.au/education

A night to remember

EDUCATION

On Monday night, at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, Newhaven College students from Years 1 to 12 showcased their talents at the College's annual Spring Concert.

The evening commenced with the Senior Guitar Ensemble before a diverse program unfolded, including Junior, Middle, and Senior choirs, string orchestras, concert bands, percussion and Taiko drum ensembles, and a stunning array of vocal and instrumental performances.

Highlights included Junior School Orchestra's playful rendition of the Bluey Theme, Chamber Strings' moving Canon, the combined choirs' powerful

performance of Running Up That Hill, and the Senior Concert Band's energetic take on Bohemian Rhapsody.

Earlier this month, more than 50 students attended the annual Music Camp at Urban Camp in Melbourne, rehearsing intensively with their ensembles and choirs. That preparation was evident in the performances.

Newhaven College's Director of Music, Matthew Goss said the concert was not just a culmination of the year's work but also reflected "the dedication and passion" of students and teachers.

"We are blessed to have such talented and professional staff who mentor and inspire our young musicians. I thank the parents

and carers whose ongoing support makes evenings like this possible – it is a privilege to be part of a school where the Arts are so highly valued by our community."

This year, Mr Goss also acknowledged the leadership of the 2025 Music Captains – Cecily de Gooyer (Year 12), Archie Robson (Year 12), and Charlee Pedersen (Year 8) – who have inspired their peers and played an important role in connecting staff and students.

The College also farewelled graduating Year 12 musicians Marley Brown, Mackenzie Cameron, Cecily de Gooyer, Archie Robson, and Gabe Di Falco, recognising their significant contributions to the musical life of the school.

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Senior
Womens



1. Andrea Blair Dempsey
Goal Keeper, reactive and fearless keeper.



2. Yarlini Baum
Right defender, tenacious and strong.



4. Ailish Flynn
Winger, tenacious and strong.



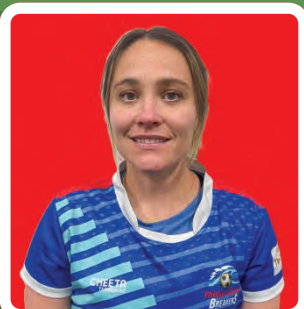
6. Luka Alford
Centre back, unyielding and resilient.



7. Jarrah Van Stekelenburg
Striker, lethal and bold.



8. Michaela Marr
Defence and midfield, tactical and versatile.



9. Kellie Cox
Left defence, strong and courageous.



10. Joss Geronimo
Defence and midfield, hard-working and dependable.



11. Kelly Wall (Captain)
Striker, instinctive and clinical.



12. Tine Hicks
Wing and forward, crafty and composed.



14. Annie Dempsey
Central midfield, strategic and precise.



15. Patika Reed
Winger, sharp and energetic.



16. Helen Masters
Defence, commanding and focused.



17. Evie Titmarsh
Central midfield, intelligent and dynamic.



18. Ella Roos
Winger, fast and electric.



Pauleen Boulton
(Assistant Coach)
Vocal and passionate.



Benita Russell
(Coach)
Dedicated and compassionate.

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Reserves



1. Fletcher Middleton
15-year-old GK, fearless, confident and commanding off his line.



2. Harvey Jacobs
Junior winger, confident on the ball with sharp dribbling and passing.



4. Jacob Gwynne
(Vice-captain)
Key interceptions and precise passing.



7. Callum Farman
Tough tackler with a knack for scoring crucial goals.



8. Nathaniel Cassells
(Captain)
A Rolls-Royce in midfield with skill and leadership.



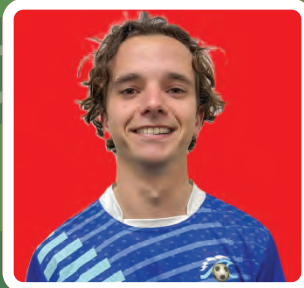
13. Angus Reed
A striker blessed with pace, goal scoring prowess and a desire to win.



15. Cadell Tsioulakas
Young fullback, growing in confidence with sharp tackling.



18. Jasper Saunders
Exciting young winger, composed and fearless on the ball.



21. Jay Sunderland
Tireless winger, always sacrificing for the team.



27. David Cardenas Rodriguez
Brings magic through skill, vision and creativity.



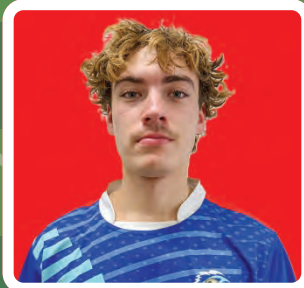
29. Balian Prendergast
Proving his worth across multiple positions this year.



30. Brad Newton
Reliable defender with strength and dominance in the air.



31. Thomas Fokkens
Winger, selfless and committed, always for the team.



35. Nate Anderson
Attack-minded winger always pressing and creating chances.



38. Gareth Ellison
Classic CF with flair, grit, and deadly set-piece skills.



1. Anthony Petropoulos
Despite double arm fractures, a reminder of resilience and team spirit.



16. Kristos Kossena
Hard tackling, reliable defender.



19. Ignacio Bruhn
Experienced CM bringing composure and depth to the midfield.



40. Callum Golightly
(Coach)
Fifth-year reserves coach Callum, proudly bringing through young players.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ENTIRE CLUB FOR GIVING THEIR BEST EFFORTS! LET'S GO BREAKERS!



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U14
Mixed



2. Hannah Titmarsh
A massive danger on the right wing in the second half with incursions in the opposite box. Tireless.



3. Nash Adams (Captain)
Solid in defence, is the first to start the play for the Breakers. The Rock.



6. Ariana Ward
Had to battle against big boys from Drouin and she never backs down. Solid.



7. Isabella Gajewski
She doesn't make a mistake, all her passes are on point and all the tackles are clean. Pristine.



8. Blake Lewindon
Is the first to put pressure on the defence opposition, fights against bigger body but he doesn't care about it. The Bouncer.



12. Oisin Flynn
The kid can dribble and everyone can see that, puts some dangerous assists for the forwards. The Touch.



14. Zach Coldora
Is very fast and wins all the sprints against the opponents. Sonic the Hedgehog.



24. Reuben Gijbers
Paints a beautiful arc in the sky from 40 metres that seals the win for the blues and opens the dances too. The Artist.



25. Angus Farman
He's the column of the midfield. He fights, dribbles and runs like there's no tomorrow. Impeccable.



26. Georgia Macdonald
Is a pain in the neck for Drouin left back with her sprints and passes in the middle for the Breakers forwards. Thorn.



29. James Titmarsh
He scores two goals and contributes to win the match with one from the penalty spot and one from the corner. The Sniper.



33. Judd Bland
Saves shots and is always on time when he runs out of the box for clearance. The Wall.



34. Levi Sylvio
Forward, midfield, defence, wherever you need him he will be there doing his best. The Pocket Crusher.



50. Lily Thomas
She gives the time for passes on the left wing for the forwards and she knows exactly what she's doing. The Metronome.



67. Matilda Cotton
She might be quiet but she gives a great contribution at the front; she press and annoys the opposition defence making them make mistakes. The Hammer.



Marco Chiampo (Coach)
He doesn't watch the penalty shootout due to superstition. He almost finishes on the bad guy's book. The Passion



Callum Farman (Assistant Coach)
He can't keep himself inside the box and the Marshall keeps reminding him of that. The Passion Vol.2



Tamsin Watson
Sent a good luck message before the game to show her support, very valuable player through the whole season. The Trouble



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U15 Girls



2. Billie Forrester
Reliable defender known for strong clearing kicks under pressure.



4. Grace Zalunardo
Courageous new defender known for strong blocks and decisive clearances under pressure.



5. Lily James
Last line defender, unbreakable and fearless, shutting down opponents with body and boot.



6. Georgia Macdonald (Captain)
Her presence, blistering speed and skilful crosses create scoring chances.



7. Ava Barber
Skilful footwork, loves weaving past defenders and scoring.



8. Hannah Titmarsh (Vice Captain)
Indispensable. Creates chances, beats defenders, excels anywhere.



9. Ebony Welsh
Tenacious midfielder who applies pressure and sparks scoring opportunities with possession wins.



10. Scarlett Mathews
Fierce competitor with heart and guts, loves running with the ball and the game.



11. Amara Pittorino
Quick-footed forward who moves the ball swiftly and creates scoring chances.



12. Izzy Gajewski
Defensive core with speed, strength, and courage; reads plays, regains possession



13. Mia Hyslop
Strong defender whose steady presence makes her almost impossible to pass.



14. Talia Thomas
Key defender with strong bursts of speed, cutting off runs and stealing possession.



15. Elisabeth Zalunardo
Emerging defensive midfielder, steadily improved, expertly stops opposition runs.



16. Tamsin Watson (Vice Captain)
She inspires and encourages, covers the wing, and delivers clever, pinpoint assists.



17. Ariana Ward
Quiet and reliable, calmly strikes from when least expected.



18. Lily Thomas
Powerful and fast, her kicks always send the ball the distance.



Megan Macdonald (Coach)



Annie Dempsey (Coach)

U12 Girls



2. Kassandra Rivans
A versatile player who can play any way. Very athletic and a great strike on goal.



3. Reegan Welsh
Midfield/defender with great positioning and passing, involved in many chains of passes.



4. Lottie Bland
Leads the defence. Strong tackles win the ball, excellent passing starts many attacking moves.



5. Lily Murphy
Forward in excellent goal scoring form. Speed, skills and technical finishes trouble any opposition defence.



6. Taylah Macdonald
Plays along the wings, excellent on the ball when she has space to move.



7. Olive Moule
Important midfielder, dispossesses opposition and avoids tackles when in possession of the ball.



8. Joselyn Trayford
The youngest in the team, plays forward/midfield to use her speed when running with the ball.



9. Nkechi Okoli
Forward, strong on ball, takes defenders on and can score lots of goals.



10. Aubrey Sherburn
Second in charge down back. Her tackling and ability to close space is crucial.



11. Kelsey Watson
Unfortunately one of our most experienced players will be absent.



12. Layla Miller
Experienced defender/ midfielder, excels at decision making and positioning.



15. Chelsea Chambers
Will be goalie after recent impressive efforts.



16. Gabrielle Titmarsh
Forward and leading goal scorer in the league.



Jordan Chambers (Coach)



Joss Geronimo (Assistant Coach)



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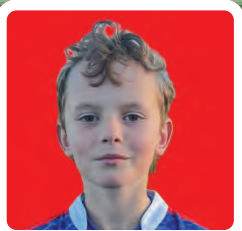
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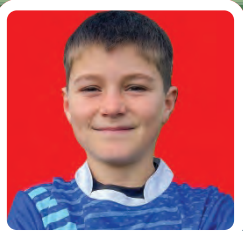
U12A



1. Henry Kennedy
Our safety at the back who stands up when needed.



3. Elliott Hodson
Reliable member who defends strongly and barely lets anything get by him.



5. Eli Rogan
A leader, hard worker and plays the ball around to get the team going.



8. Marlo Jury
Always looking to play forward and create goal scoring opportunities with a killer pass.



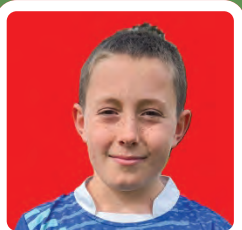
10. Lily-Mae Murphy
Delivering outstanding energy and defending from the front causing defenders a real headache.



12. Darcy Hevern
Willing to get stuck in and battle for the ball in midfield. Loves an assist.



17. Harry Sivori
Floats around the pitch making things happen. A thunderbolt strike and loves an assist.



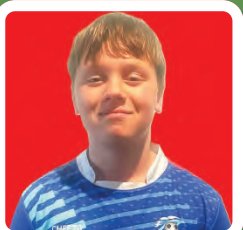
35. Ryder Fisher
Strong defender who plays with level head and calmness. Great defending a 1v1 situation.



39. Mitch Thomas
Has grown so much as a defender this year, super reliable.



44. Wes Gijbers
Solid in the tackle, great reactions and covers the whole pitch so well.



46. Micah Goodwin
Leads the line well as a forward and links in with midfielders to open the attack.



47. Flynn Jury
A great season, has been amongst the goals this year. Loves a 1v1.



48. Jobe Lock
Defends from the front, never afraid to get stuck in. Scored some great goals this year.



64. Kelsey Watson
Solid in the tackle. Patience on the ball and always cool under pressure.



Liam Jury (Coach)

U12B



14. Carter Dwyer
Loves the game and breaking through the midfield.



16. Gabrielle Titmarsh
A genuine match-winner on her day.



19. Kyle Hilgart
Strong presence up-front. Enjoys a goal.



21. Francis Werner
Versatile player that can adapt to any position.



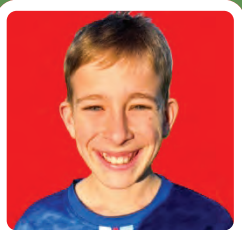
25. Angus Curson
Speedy winger that reads the game well.



26. Banksia Cavender
Technically strong and creative with the ball.



28. Darby Smyth
Best goal celebrations on the team.



31. Jack Mannix
Strong and reliable in midfield.



34. Luka Phillips
Energetic and committed defender.



36. Woody Dwyer
Very balanced player with a great pass.



38. Nicholas Phillips
Holds his feet well and is strong in a challenge.



42. Wil Mirabito
Reliable goalkeeper with a safe pair of hands.



49. Michael Christofi
A strong leader in our defensive half.



80. Luca Cohoe
Great team player that reads the game.



Gareth Kennedy (Coach)
President and coach with a fantastic ability to always find the positive.

U15 Girls through to Grand Final

SOCCER

In a nail-biting semi-final clash, the Breakers Under 15 girls' soccer team triumphed 3-2 over Wonthaggi to secure a spot in the upcoming Grand Final.

The Breakers' Captain, Georgia, lead the team's fierce attack scoring the Breakers' first two goals.

Despite a strong response from Wonthaggi, who equalised

in the second half, it was Amara who sealed the win, netting the decisive third goal.

The Breakers' defence was solid throughout, with keepers Hannah and Izzy making crucial saves to deny Wonthaggi's offensive threats.

The backline of Mia, Talia, Lily, Grace, Elisabeth and Billie were rock-solid in blocking shots and winning back possession, while the midfielders and for-

wards, Lily, Ebony, Scarlett, Ava and Ariana did a fantastic job of moving the ball around and keeping the opposition on their toes.

The girls controlled the game with their passing, everyone worked together to keep the pressure on.

It was a complete team effort from start to finish.

The Breakers now look ahead to the Grand Final, with their sights firmly set on the title.

New angling season launches with open day and car boot sale

FISHING

The Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club (RPIAC) is casting off an exciting new season, with the 2025/2026 Angling Competition season officially beginning on Saturday September 20 and Sunday September 21.

To mark the occasion, the club will be hosting a special Open Day on Sunday from 12.30pm.

The day will feature something for everyone – whether you're a keen angler, a curious beginner, or simply a local wanting to enjoy the friendly community atmosphere.

A highlight of the afternoon will be a guest talk by Peter Ferguson, well known from Fishin' with Fergy, who will share his fishing knowledge from 2.30pm.

Children are encouraged to get involved in the weekend's competition, with free entry to the Squidgies (aged nine and under) and Juniors (aged 10–16) categories.

Young anglers can weigh in their catch at the club between 4pm and 5pm on either Saturday or Sunday, with prizes to be won.

The club will also be running a Fishing Car Boot Sale on Sunday to raise funds in support of junior anglers.

This is a great opportunity to



Harley Griifin was last season's Rhyll Phillip Island Angling 2024-2025 Squidgie Club Champion. The club is excited to announce the official season is beginning this weekend.

pick up second-hand gear, tackle and bargains, while also helping to encourage the next generation of local fishers.

To add to the fun, there will be a raffle with a range of prizes, including the major prize of a day's fishing with Fergy himself.

The Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club, located on Beach Road, Rhyll, adjacent to the boat ramp, prides itself on being a family-friendly club that pro-

motes responsible and sustainable fishing practices.

Club members are looking forward to welcoming the community, showcasing the club's activities and celebrating the start of another exciting competition season where angling participants will have a chance to become the new RPIAC club champions.

More information about the club and the competition rules at www.rpiac.com

Club Summer Triples results

BOWLS

What a great way to start the Summer Triples with all greens full and pleasant weather conditions.

There were teams from San Remo, Wonthaggi, Korumburra, Leongatha, Corinella and teams from Phillip Island battling it out for the winner's prize.

Best last game: Steve Clarke, Murray McClimont and Larry Fricker.

Runners up for the day: Rob Aitken, Bryan Donohue and Gavin Butler.

Congratulations to the winners: Curtis Fanning, Dave Saric and Gary Johnson.



Congratulations to the winners of the Summer Triples bowls competition (left to right): Curtis Fanning, Dave Saric and Gary Johnson.

Grand Finals at Wonthaggi

SOCCER

Gippsland soccer league grand final will be hosted by Wonthaggi United Soccer Club supported by the Bass Coast Shire; it is going to be a great day with nine matches played across three pitches.

The first kick off is the Under 12 Girls at 9.30am and the final match of the day is the Senior Men at 3pm.

MDR Digital Images will once again be live streaming the three senior matches.

Check out the Gippsland Soccer League Facebook page for the link.

Come along and support the teams.

The canteen will be open. There is a \$5 gate entry fee for adults, U18s free entry.

Fixture

Sunday, September 21 at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve

Senior Men's: Leongatha Knights V Trafalgar Victory

Senior Women's: Phillip Island Breakers V Leongatha Knights

Men's Reserves: Phillip Island Breakers V Inverloch Stars

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon V Leongatha Knights Blue

Under 15 Girls: Drouin Dragons Yellow V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 14 Mixed: Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Breakers

Under 12 Girls: Phillip Island Breakers V Wonthaggi United

Under 12A Mixed: Phillip Island Breakers V Drouin Dragons Maroon

Under 12B Mixed: Drouin Dragons White V Phillip Island Penguins

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Tuesday, September 9

Men's 18H Comp Stableford

Overall winner: Tony Zoanetti (22) 40.

A Grade winner: A-1 Mark White (12) 38.

A-2 winner: Ian Smith (10) 36.

B Grade winner: B-1 Brenton O'Brien (15) 36 C/B.

B-2 winner: Chris Sanderson (15) 36.

C Grade winner: C-1 Tony Zoanetti (22) 40.

C-2 winner: John Shaw (30) 37 C/B.

BDL to 33 C/B.

NTP: 5th John Movric, 7th Mark Beaton, 10th Christopher Disher and 17th Mark White.

Men's 9H Stableford

Overall winner: Peter Mathews (34) 22 pts from Laurie Petrusch (26) 21 pts.

BDL to 17 pts C/B.

Wednesday, September 12

Women's 18H Comp Monthly Medal

Overall winner: Sarah Gordon (44) 68 C/B.

A Grade winner: A-1 Michele Pardoe (18) 71.

B Grade winner: B-1 Sarah Gordon (44) 68 C/B.

BDL to 77.

NTP: 5th Emma Hall, 10th Nakoko McRae and 17th Vicki Amato.

Women's 9H Stableford

Overall winner: Barbara Moloney (37) 18 pts from Keri Deaton (41) 16 pts C/B.

BDL to 16 pts C/B.

Thursday, September 11

Open 18H Stableford

Overall winner: John Maglica (27) 40 pts.

A Grade winner: A-1 Steven Sloss (11) 38 pts.

A-2 winner: Paul Wagner (12) 37 pts C/B.

B Grade winner: B-1 Rowan Wales (13) 36 pts.

B-2 winner: Rob Davison (13) 35 pts C/B.

C Grade winner: C-1 John Maglica (27) 40 pts.

C-2 winner: Warren Dickie (21) 36 pts.

BDL to 33 pts C/B.

NTP: 5th Peter Wilson, 7th Barry Gibson, 10th Morgan Ward and 17th Heath Grace.

Men's 9H Stableford

Overall winner: John Niven (25) 20 pts from Ian Samuel (25) 18 pts C/B.

BDL to 15 pts C/B.

Saturday, September 13

Comp 18H Stableford

Overall winner: Brenton O'Brien (16) 41 C/B.

A Grade winner: A-1 James Bain (11) 41.

A-2 winner: Jack Ross (7) 38 C/B.

B Grade winner: B-1 Brenton O'Brien (16) 41 C/B.

B-2 winner: Greg Hyndman (17) 36 C/B.

C Grade winner: C-1 Ken Wallace (21) 41.

C-2 winner: Shane Harding (22) 39.

BDL to 34 C/B.

NTP: 5th Chris Sanderson, 7th Paul Cashman, 10th James Bain and 17th Aaron Saric.

Women's 18H Comp Stableford

Overall winner: Cheryl White (18) 40 pts.

A Grade winner: A-1 Cheryl White (18) 40 pts.

A Grade winner: A-2 Vicki Roff-Smith (25) 36 pts C/B.

BDL to 30 pts C/B.

Open 9H Comp

Overall winner: David Henstridge (22) 18 pts from Steve Rieger (27) 15 pts C/B.

BDL to 15 pts.

Sunday, September 14

18H Stableford

Overall winner: Dave Egan (17) 42 pts from Denis McNamee (27) 37 pts.

BDL: to 30pts.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 17 SEP	THU 18 SEP	FRI 19 SEP	SAT 20 SEP	SUN 21 SEP	MON 22 SEP	TUE 23 SEP
LOW 12:47 am 0.45 m	LOW 1:36 am 0.61 m	LOW 2:34 am 0.78 m	LOW 3:49 am 0.90 m	LOW 5:13 am 0.95 m	HIGH 12:35 am 2.48 m	HIGH 1:40 am 2.65 m
HIGH 8:01 am 2.75 m	HIGH 8:56 am 2.62 m	HIGH 9:58 am 2.53 m	HIGH 11:06 am 2.51 m	HIGH 12:14 pm 2.56 m	LOW 6:25 am 0.93 m	LOW 7:25 am 0.89 m
LOW 1:21 pm 1.20 m	LOW 2:15 pm 1.29 m	LOW 3:23 pm 1.33 m	LOW 4:45 pm 1.27 m	LOW 6:00 pm 1.12 m	HIGH 1:13 pm 2.64 m	HIGH 2:00 pm 2.70 m
HIGH 7:24 pm 2.57 m	HIGH 8:25 pm 2.44 m	HIGH 9:44 pm 2.35 m	HIGH 11:15 pm 2.36 m		LOW 7:00 pm 0.94 m	LOW 7:47 pm 0.77 m

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NETBALL UNDER 17s

Ava Blake
- GS



Another 15s player recognised early. Her passing, movement and shooting accuracy have gone from strength to strength.

Aisha Hibbert
- GA



League Best and Fairest. Talented, smart and savvy, with agility and speed second to none.

Piper O'Brien
- WA



Delivers beautiful feeds to the attack line. Quietly goes about her game but makes a huge impact with her conversions.

Ellie Hennessy
- C



Swift, strong and intelligent on court. A natural feeder and defender with great composure.

Kate McCausland
- WD



Joined the 17s as a bottom-age 15s player. Smart, composed and highly competitive.

Olivia Holmes
- GD



Competitive and fierce in defence, always on the prowl. "See ball, get ball" at its best. Watch out!

Jasira Derham
- GK



A versatile and smart netballer who takes feedback on board and continually improves. A fantastic team player and role model in her final junior season.

Adelle Hecker



A late call-up who adds valuable defensive ability and pressure off the bench.

Isla Humphry



Another late addition due to injury. Can step up with impressive defensive pressure and skill.

Maya Huther
- Coach



Previous back to back league B & F and former rising star. Maya has taken this team all the way to the big dance with her incredible experience as a player.

Cath Huther
- Coach



Cath has coached in countless finals. Cath's wealth of experience is second to none and is highly valued at PIFNC.

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FOOTBALL U18

1. Jeremy Kelly



Hard-at-it midfielder, strong on the inside and clean on the outside.

2. Benji Chihotski



Mid/half-forward with sublime speed and strength, breaking through contests and creating opportunities.

4. Noah Williams



Classy winger with elite foot skills and outstanding endurance.

5. Bailey Hennessy



Evasive midfielder with the ability to turn matches and be a game winner.

6. Jack Kennedy



Elite backman, superb in one-on-ones and rock solid in defence.

7. Finn Gibson



Winger with blistering speed and elite on-field voice.

8. Jack Briggs



Versatile utility midfielder, plays everywhere and the team's Mr Fix-It.

9. Ollie Duggan



Powerful full-forward with elite marking ability and a clinical touch in front of goal.

10. Charles O'Garey



Elite half-forward/ midfielder known for smart decision-making and fearless courage.

11. Cha Cha Fischer



Crafty half-forward, elusive in space, with a knack for hitting the scoreboard.

12. Tommy Newman



A clean half-back who provides spark and drive from the defensive line.

13. Max Taylor



Clever forward who draws high-tackle frees and celebrates every goal.

14. Cade Wragg



Intelligent half-forward with strong work ethic and consistent effort.

15. Noah Forrest



Half-back with sublime athleticism, equally dangerous in the air or on the ground.

16. Charlie Wilson



A crafty forward, skilled at creating opportunities and causing problems for defenders.

17. Parker Trappett



A versatile defender, capable of adapting to multiple roles and shutting down opponents.

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18. George McCausland

A mid-sized forward with the ability to impact the scoreboard and slip past traffic with ease.

19. Archie Ross

Intercept defender with the ability to break lines and spark attack.

20. Ayden Fawaz

A gutsy, hard-running midfielder who attacks the ball harder than anyone on the field.

21. Isaac Savona (C)

Skipper who leads by example and contributes across every part of the game.

23. Dean Rizzo

A small but aggressive attacking forward, quick to create opportunities and pressure defenders.

24. Jack Larsson

Intelligent player with excellent ball-reading ability and precise delivery to the forwards.

25. Harry Arceo

A hard-working player who will do whatever it takes for the team, putting team success above all else.

26. Finn O'Brien

Versatile and polished, can excel in any position. He has the skill and vision to influence the game.

27. Heath Womersley

A lockdown defender who refuses to be beaten, relentless in contests and a rock at the back.

28. Blake Murphy

Elite marking ability and versatile enough to chop out in the ruck.

29. Max Kelsey

One-on-one specialist who thrives on outplaying his opponent.

30. Will Hill

Crafty back pocket who attacks the ball with relentless intensity.

31. Yianni Caffieri

Pure class in the midfield, looks a level above with time and space.

33. Jasper Cashman

Mr Reliable at fullback, excels at intercepting and leads the team with composure from the back.

34. Sam Schuller

A lockdown defender who continues to develop his attacking game.

35. Lachlan Eastwood

Versatile and hard at it, Lachie can play anywhere giving his all.

39. Cooper Walton

Star defender known for elite intercepting and rebounding ability.

Hayden Bruce

(Coach)
2025 League B & F winner. Hayden is leading the way for our U18's.

Jack Taylor

(Coach)
Jack is a seasoned grand final player and now coach.



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What a game of netball

NETBALL

Phillip Island's Under 17s pulled off a thrilling overtime victory in the Preliminary Final, outlasting Nar Nar Goon 51-49 in what was one of the toughest and most physical games of the season.

From the outset, it was goal for goal, with neither side able to break away.

By the final siren, the scores were locked, sending the contest into overtime.

The Islanders dug deep, showing grit and composure to seize control when it mattered most and book their place in the Grand Final.

In goals, Aisha Hibbert was outstanding, holding strong under immense defensive pressure and sinking crucial shots when the game was on the line.

Ava supported smartly as goal shooter, and Adelle came on in the last quarter at goal attack, adding fresh energy and movement in the circle.

Ellie directed play through the centre with composure, while Piper brought her usual pace and drive.

Macy contributed in wing attack with steady feeds to the shooters.

Down back, Olivia was fierce in goal defence, contesting everything, while Jasira and Kate combined to put Nar Nar Goon's shooters under real heat.

Isla also came on in wing defence, working tirelessly to close down the drive and applying extra pressure in the midcourt.

It was a gutsy, all-in performance that showed Phillip Island's heart and determination to keep their season alive.

Final Score: Phillip Island 51 def Nar Nar Goon 49 (Overtime)

Best on Court: Aisha Hibbert.



Olivia Holmes (right) and Aisha Hibbert (left) and all the U17 Island netballers were ecstatic after their amazing overtime win against Nar Nar Goon and Saturday. Photo: Bec Casey Sports Photography.

GRAND FINAL:
Phillip Island vs Cora Lynn
10.05am, Saturday September 20
Garfield Recreation Reserve

Island's young guns seal Grand Final berth

FOOTBALL

U18

What a day for the future of the Phillip Island Football Club.

The Under 18 have stormed their way into the 2025 West Gippsland League Grand Final, after producing a brilliant four-quarter performance against Nar Nar Goon in the Preliminary Final.

It was tight early, with Nar Nar Goon coming out strong, but the young Bulldogs lifted their pressure and began to take control of the contest.

With hard tackling, relentless running, and smart ball movement, Phillip Island slowly wore their opponents down.

By the final siren, the scoreboard told the story: a composed and determined 29-point win that sends our boys through to the biggest game of the year.

This is an incredible achievement and a testament to the dedication of the players, coaches and families who've supported the group all season.

The energy around the club is electric and this Saturday we call on every supporter to head to Garfield and get behind the Under 18s.

Let's make it a sea of red, white and blue as the next generation of Bulldogs chase premiership glory.

Goals: Oliver Duggan 2, Bailey Hennessy, Charles O'Garey, Cha Cha Fischer, Max Taylor, Finn O'Brien and Yianni Caffieri 1.

Best Players: Cooper Walton, Finn O'Brien, Jeremy Kelly, Bailey Hennessy, Noah Williams and Isaac Savona.

A huge congratulations to Benjamin Chihotski, who was named Runner up in the League Best and Fairest Medal – a massive achievement in a very competitive competition.

A very special mention also to Finlay Cousins, who capped off his outstanding season by being crowned the West Gippsland League Best and Fairest Medal winner for the Reserves competition.

More details on West Gippsland League awards next week.

GRAND FINAL:
Phillip Island vs Inverloch
10.10am, Saturday September 20
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Proud mum Aileen with Cha Cha Fischer after the U18 footy match that secured their place in the 2025 Grand Final.

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