

Jubilation! Phillip Island's Under 16 team and support crew celebrate a well-deserved Grand Final win on Saturday against Warragul. The Under 17s Netball team was also victorious, while over on the soccer field, the Under 17s and Under 12 B Blue teams also brought home Premiership cups. Turn to Sport for the full report of all Grand Final action.

Cultural Centre doors open November 2

ARTS

Bass Coast Shire Council has announced the new cultural centre in Cowes will be open to the public from Thursday, November 2, just in time for the Melbourne Cup long weekend.

The official opening, including state and Federal government officials is scheduled for Saturday, October 28.

Outgoing Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan will preside over the opening ceremony.

The centre, which is waiting for government endorsement to be named Berninneit, will feature a theatre, library, gallery, museum, community function rooms and offices.

A launch program will be released in coming weeks.

Bass Coast Shire Council

Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said the cultural centre's groundbreaking sustainable design would create a dynamic and interactive destination that would become a source of civic pride.

"It will bring together the cultural and social aspirations of the community and draw in visitors to showcase the region's rich history and culture," Cr Whelan said.

"We are proud of the emergence of this living cultural space that will provide world class diverse programs enriched with local art and performance.

"The new centre will expand and diversify existing community programs and services that support the local community's needs both now and into the future.

"Tickets will go on sale soon

for a week-long celebration of free and low-cost family friendly community events."

Upcoming events at the new centre will also go on sale soon, a council spokesperson said.

However two shows are already confirmed.

On November 25, the multiaward winning festival hit, Tubular Bells for Two will play in Cowes. One album, two men, too many instruments – presenting Mike Oldfield's modern masterpiece Tubular Bells.

Award winning singer-songwriter, and Australian Eurovision entry Kate Miller-Heidke will perform at the centre on February 4, 2024, as part of her Catching Diamonds tour.

Kate will be performing a mix of her hits and tracks from her original musicals, as well

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as previewing songs from her forthcoming studio album.

Tickets are available now at trybooking.com.

Construction

Developed and built by Bass Coast Shire Council with additional funding from state and Federal governments the council said the innovative new Passivhaus designed building will become the new "cultural hero of Cowes", bringing arts and performance from across the country.

"During the construction program, the building has generated 99 jobs and once opened will provide approximately 30 ongoing jobs as well as contributing around \$76.4 million in economic benefit over the next five decades," a council spokes-

person said.

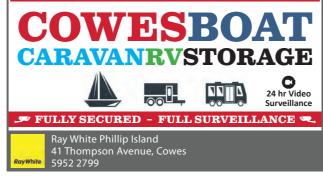
A Bass Coast public vote chose the First Nations name of Berninneit (pronounced burneh-neet) meaning "gather together" for the new centre.

Council has endorsed the submission of the name to Geographical Names Victoria for official endorsement.



















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Finals fever building

Young Remy (right) has his fingers crossed his Brisbane Lions will take the flag in this year's Grand Final. And while his friends Wynn (left) and Wes (centre) might not have a team in the running, that didn't stop them getting excited and celebrating Footy Colours day last week at Newhaven Kindergarten.

Grand Final day marred by theft

CRIME

The Phillip Island Football Netball Club has been targeted by thieves in the aftermath of the week-

Seniors player Max Walton's car was stolen from outside the club rooms, and later recovered in Morwell, while a number of vehicles were broken into, with bags, wallets and equipment stolen.

Police said some of the vehicles at the football club were unlocked, including the stolen car, and stressed that it was imperative people always lock

Thieves also broke into a car in Shorland Way in the nearby industrial estate and stole number

Police believe the incidents are related.

Anyone with information about the robberies should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or www.crimestoppers.com.au.

Repeat

This is not the first time thieves have targeted the Phillip Island Football Netball Club on a Grand Final weekend.

In 2019, a break-in at the clubhouse took the shine off the premiership win.

The thieves made off with around \$500 in cash from the rooms, as well as cash and personal items from players bags.

They also stole items from cars parked outside the rooms, including laptops and wallets, and a ute valued at \$25,000 with approximately \$1000 worth of tools in the rear tray.



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POLICE BRIEFS

Water rescue

A male teen surfing at Anzacs Beach last Wednesday was airlifted to hospital after suffering a medical episode in the water.

According to police, the 19-year-old was surfing with a group when he became unconscious in the water for up two minutes.

Members of the group then rescued him, bringing him to the beach where police and SES attended.

A helicopter airlifted him from the Phillip Island airport to the Royal Melbourne Hospital with non-lifethreatening injuries.

Seagrove warning

A resident of Seagrove Estate posted a message on social media explaining a male had tried to break into their car while the resident was reversing last week.

The resident's message on the Phillip Island Noticeboard Facebook page said they were reversing out of their driveaway when the male - wearing a red and black hoodie and black pants walked up to the car as it was reversing and tried to "smash on my windows, try to open the doors and was screaming abuse".

"Never seen him in my life. Once I got onto the road he kept walking up to my car and kept yelling at me," the resident wrote.

'When I drove off he stood outside my house and stared at me. Please be careful if you see this man.'

Lock up your garden pots

Police have warned gardeners to be vigilant for would-be thieves, after a Cowes resident reported the theft of ceramic pots and a water feature.

"Anyone had anything

go missing from your front yards during the week in the Church Street area?" the resident reported on social media.

"I've arrived home to find three solid blue ceramic pots with plants, a blue porcelain bird path and a big blue ball water feature vanish from near my side steps, which can't be seen from the street. Which means they had to come well up the driveway and all these things are heavy."

Dog attack

The owner of a Labrador has reported a dog attack at Ventnor beach last week.

The owner said the Labrador was on the off-leash beach playing with other dogs when two off-leash German shepherds ran at her dog and bit him, chasing him into the water.

The owners made no attempt whatsoever to control their dogs and in fact began attacking us for overreacting and saying that this is an off-lead dog beach and their dogs should be allowed off

The owners eventually put one dog on a lead and the Labrador was taken to the vet after the wound became infected.

Flag stolen

On the weekend of September 16, the Australian flag outside the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club was

The thieves took the flag and attached rope and also damaged the pole. The matter was reported to the police, along with photos of the damage.

If anybody saw or knows anything, please contact Cowes Police on 03 5952 2037.

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Phillip Island should be a national park: submission

TOURISM

Phillip Island is at a tourism "tipping-point' and its coast should be given national park status, while parking in Cowes town centre should be stopped and a visitor parking charge introduced.

These are just some of the bold suggestions made in a submission to Destination Phillip Island's tourism snapshot.

As reported earlier this month, the snapshot is a precursor to a final tourism management plan for the island, with a draft plan expected next month following further consultation.

The snapshot took on board feedback from survey responses, interviews and workshops with industry, community and government, mooting a range of proposals including paid parking for visitors, a visitor contribution fund to invest in local conservation and wildlife and the end of the quest for a Cowes car ferry.

Submissions to the snapshot closed earlier this month, with former Tourism Victoria CEO and former chair of Phillip Island Nature Parks Jeff Floyd making a submission that paints a harsh picture of Phillip Island at a tourism and environmental "tipping-point".

"The failure to ban township expansion for all time, and the failure to manage peak visitation in terms of both visitors and carparking, is leading to the loss of what makes Phillip Island so special, its role as an environmental haven," writes Mr Floyd, who is also a former CEO and chair of Parks Victoria and former CEO of AAA Tourism.

'Once lost, with more large roads, more carparks and environmental damage, we will never get it back."



"Tourism trashing the island": Each summer the council "sits back and allows Cowes central and its beaches to be trashed", according to a former Tourism Victoria CEO. "The failure to ban township expansion for all time, and the failure to manage peak visitation ... is leading to the loss of what makes Phillip Island so special."

"Trashed"

He said each summer the council "sits back and allows Cowes central and its beaches to be trashed" and so - like overseas tourist destinations - tourist spots should be given over to pedestrians and cyclists.

"Tourists are required to park and walk a short distance, and pay for the privilege of parking

"There is ample on street parking within a short walk, we just need to change the culture whereby there is no "right" to park in the town centre."

Mr Floyd suggested the Cowes main streets should be closed from noon to midnight each day and given over "to pedestrians, cafes, music and market stalls".

A summer visitor parking charge should be introduced for all non-residents, with the revenue generated "transparently" directed to infrastructure improvements and more bin collections.

And, he said, the council "needs to act now to ban parking on public nature strips in central Cowes", as it is polluting, damaging and dangerous to pedestrians, with more trees planted on nature strips.

National park, cat ban

Mr Floyd said Phillip Island's coastline should be given national park status to protect the island's natural values and build its "global brand as a whole-ofisland sanctuary - not just the penguins".

He took a subtle swipe at Bass Coast Shire, saying Phillip Island's town boundaries "must be locked in for all time" and legislated by the Victorian Parliament.

'The uncertainty, and calls for yet more planning, has gone on too long," he added.

Mr Floyd called for a ban on

"If we are going to live our environmental values and protect our native wildlife, we must set a date whereby no new cat ownership will be permitted.

"Council must also move to ensure that all existing cats are confined within their properties, with large fines for non-compliance."

He supported the focus on giving wildlife and environmental values "greater primacy in tourism planning", such as a visitor contribution fund, ondemand visitor transport and a focus on new trails and tracks.

But he said the tourism snapshot failed to manage peak period impacts and growing offpeak demand.

He was critical of the use of consultants, with The Tourism Collective gathering the data to prepare a final Destination Management Plan.

"Here we have yet another consultant's plan for Phillip Island underway, which we need like a hole-in-the-head.

'We are awash with plans for the island, what we need is a council with a vision and the capability and preparedness to act, not just sit by while tourism trashes the island.

"This does not mean applying for grants for yet more big-bang initiatives, but prioritising a number of small, smart actions now to manage our tourism future."

Phillip Island Conservation Society has also made a submission to the tourism plan, with president Jeff Nottle saying they were pleased it aimed to "imbed a regenerative mindset".

However he criticised some of the plan's motherhood statements, such as "tourism projects drive positive impact for the community", and he added it was "unfortunate" Bass Coast Shire didn't make a formal submission.

"PICS are pleased to see formal recognition that the car ferry business case simply doesn't

stack up," said Mr Nottle.
"PICS looks forward to the key environmental themes being included in the draft destination management plan scheduled for further community consultation.

New Isle of Wight expected to be given green light

MAJOR PROJECTS

Bass Coast Shire councillors are expected to approve the \$85 million new Isle of Wight hotel on the Cowes Esplanade, the biggest development in the island's

The planning permit, which was released in June this year, before council today (Wednesday), with shire planners recommending approval, subject to more than 60 conditions.

The development includes a seven-storey mixed use hotel with a maximum height of 27.58

the north with: 163 hotel rooms; four food and beverage premises (pub, bistro, hotel dining, signature restaurant); three retail spaces (including a yoga studio, gym, and wellness centre); two function rooms; outdoor pool terrace with a bar; outdoor beer garden on the corner of Bass Avenue and The Esplanade.

There will also be a separate three storey tourist/worker hostel building with a maximum height of 14.50 metres with: 49 one-bedroom units; a manager's apartment; rooftop basketball

metres (excluding lift overrun) to and tennis court; retail premises on the north-eastern corner with a 259 square metre retail space along the northern frontage.

The development will include 197 car spaces within a threelevel part-basement beneath the tourist/worker hostel building.

A shortfall of parking (at least 935 car parks based on recommended levels) was a key concern of objectors to the project.

A total of 39 objections and seven submissions of support were received.



Further details in next week's The planning permit for the new Isle of Wight goes before council today (Wednesday), with shire planners recommending approval.

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At the official opening of the Newhaven Kinder, Linda English - YMCA, Minister Ingrid Stitt, Centre team leader Phoebe Daicos, Jordan Crugnale - Member for Bass and Newhaven Primary Principal, Sharyne Munday.

It's official. Newhaven kinder opened by Minister

EDUCATION

Minister for Early Childhood and Pre-Prep, Ingrid Stitt, and MP for Bass Jordan Crugnale visited Newhaven Kindergarten last Thursday, to declare the new centre officially open.

The kindergarten opened its doors at the start of the year and provides up to 66 approved places, running threeand four-year-old kinder pro-

The children were celebrating the footy finals season with a Footy Colours Day and the visitors got into the spirit, reading "Jackson's Football" with an excited group of kids.

The centre is run by the Y-Ballarat, which manages 93 kindergartens and five longdaycare centres, including two in Wonthaggi and one in Inverloch.

Surrounded by children, Minister Stitt cut the ribbon for the official opening.

"Newhaven Kindergarten offers so many opportunities for our littlest learners to grow, play and explore," she said.



Excited students at the Newhaven Kindergarten celebrated the official opening of the centre, with from left: Daisy - Newhaven Primary School Captain, Minister for Early Childhood and Pre-Prep, Ingrid Stitt, Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale and Chinasa - Newhaven Primary School Captain.

"It's been such a joy to open this wonderful new kinder for the community of Newhaven."

Ms Crugnale praised the team behind the Newhaven

Phoebe Daicos and her wonderful team who truly have the children at the heart of everything they do," Ms Crug-

'They have brought the "A massive thank you to centre to life in the true sense

of play based learning and self-agency with stories, history, art and colour adorning the walls and floors, activity tables that inspire inquisitiveness and spaces that create teamwork and inclusivity.

"They truly give these children the best to be their best.

"Thank you also to Perkins Architects and the construction team at Grove Group who have created a beautifully designed, light filled, spacious and welcoming building," Ms Crugnale continued.

'We're investing in our early learners, so children right across Bass Coast have the high-quality kindergarten facilities they need to grow, learn and thrive in their local communities.'

In November 2021, the state government announced the new centre, which is co-located on the grounds of Newhaven Primary School.

The kinder was constructed as part of the \$283 million allocated over four years in the 2019-20 budget for threeyear-old kindergarten.



The new short stay rental accommodation regulations were introduced after Cr Ronnie Bauer drafted a bylaw in 2021 following increasing complaints by permanent residents who live next to "Airbnb party houses".

Airbnb rental regulations switched on

ACCOMMODATION

An online portal to manage short stay rental accommodation regulations went

As previously reported, Bass Coast Shire launched short stay rental accommodation registrations at the beginning of this month, with each accommodation business required to register their business with council and pay a 12-month fee of \$300.

Now the portal - switched on last Monday - will streamline applications and approvals for property owners, managing applications and approvals.

The shire introduced the new local laws to better manage short stay rental accommodation as visitor numbers surge.

It comes as the state government last week indicated they would be introducing an Airbnb levy to increase the cost of short stay accommodation to help with housing affordability.

Under the shire's new Local Law No.1 Neighbourhood Amenity 2022, adopted by Council last year, short stay rental accommodation providers must now abide by several standards, including taking responsibility for occupant behaviour and having a designated contact person available 24-7 who can attend the property within two hours.

There must also be a specified number of occupants and vehicles per booking; and appropriate waste management measures in place.

Mayor Michael Whelan said visitor numbers were growing across the region and there were around 2500 short stay rental accommodation properties in the

Each year, Bass Coast attracts more than 1.85 million visitors, with estimates that number will grow to over four million by 2035.

"More and more people visit Bass Coast each year and council will continue to nurture the growth of local tourism," Cr Whelan said.

"At the same time, we are obligated to manage short stay rental accommodation to ensure these rentals and visitors' enjoyment of the Bass Coast is not to the detriment of our local residents and com-

"These new local laws set out everyone's obligations and will make sure owners are aware of their responsibilities and abide by the Standard of Management outlined in the Local Law."

A shire spokesperson said the shire would await further details from the state government on its proposed Airbnb levy before considering any response to the proposed levy".

The online portal can be found at: basscoast.vic.gov.au/ssra



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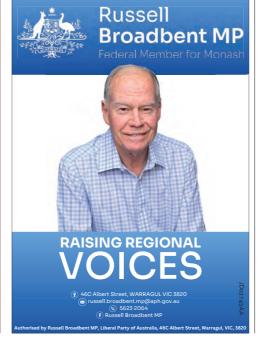
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Residents at Shearwater Estate raised the alarm last week, after another oil slick appeared on the surface of the estate's lake, with the EPA confirming it is investigating the latest leak.

Mysterious oil slick returns

POLLUTION

The mystery of what is polluting the lake at Shearwater Estate in Cowes continues.

Residents raised the alarm last week, after another oil slick appeared on the surface of the lake.

This follows on from several incidents in 2022.

Resident Paul Clarke reported the latest spill and is calling on authorities to get to the source of the contamination.

Melbourne Water confirmed it was notified of the fuel entering the stormwater system at the estate.

"We've had a team on the ground and they installed booms to limit its spread, while the Environmental Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) is working to determine how it got into the stormwater system," a spokesperson said.

In April and May last year, residents contacted Melbourne Water and the EPA when an oily film spread across the lake.

Crews from Melbourne Water and CSA Specialised Services were employed to clean up the spill, using tankers and containment booms.

At the time, residents told the Advertiser they believed the leak came from the adjacent Blue Gum Industrial Estate, and it was not the first time it had happened.

They also said the authorities had not been able to get to the bottom of the problem.

Paul Clarke said the latest slick shows "the culprits are still at large", and is calling on

the relevant authorities to investigate.

"Something must be done to resolve the source and make the culprits pay for the clean up," he said

Source

EPA Victoria confirmed it was aware of a leak of fuel that affected the wetland at Shearwater Estate, saying it looked similar to the two incidents from

"At the time, EPA officers traced the fuel back as far as they could before it dried up," said Gippsland Regional Manager Jessica Bandiera.

"They conducted inspections at a list of potential business or industrial sources over several days, but could not confirm the origin of the leak.

"The EPA later conducted an organised campaign of proactive inspections of 10 more industrial sites at Cowes that have the potential to affect local waterways," she said.

"EPA officers are investigating this latest leak, but incidents like this can be tricky because the critical evidence of the source can be gone by the time the fuel is seen in the wetlands

"We encourage members of the public to report spills and leaks like this as soon as they can to EPA's 24-hour hotline on 1300 372 842."

Residents and neighbours of the estate are being urged to report any fuel smells, or oily film spotted in drains in and around the estate, and to take photos with smart phones if possible.



Kevin Love, Nature Parks Chair and Environment Minister Ingrid Stitt at the Jack Oswin viewing platform at Conservation Hill in Rhyll.

Threatened species receive a boost

ENVIRONMENT

During a visit to Phillip Island last Thursday, Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt announced a new round of the government's Nature Fund, with \$3.5 million available to restore habitat and protect at-risk native species.

Ms Stitt said the program supports conservation projects that secure co-investment from private groups which leads to collective action for biodiversity.

The announcement came during a meeting at Conservation Hill with members of Phillip Island Nature Parks.

The Minister, along with Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale met with Phillip Island Nature Parks staff, including CEO Catherine Basterfield and Board Chair Kevin Love, and Stuart Murphy, Vertebrate Pest Program Manager.

The Nature Parks, in conjunction with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC), is running a conservation project for the critically endangered Fairy Tern, which was funded by the Nature Fund in 2022.

Stuart explained the Fairy Tern was a critically endangered seabird, which has experienced a significant reduction in their Victorian breeding range over the past 20 years.

"In Western Port, the population has decreased from 108 breeding pairs in 1993 to an average of 21 breeding pairs during the following decade, with no successful breeding being recorded for most seasons since.

"However, in 2019 at Observation Point, part of the Western Port Ramsar Site, 31 pairs of Fairy Terns nested and successfully fledged 49 chicks, providing promise for their recovery," Stuart said.

"Threats to the successful breeding of Fairy Terns include predation by feral cats, habitat degradation due to weed inva-



Phillip Island Nature Parks Board Chair Kevin Love, Jordan Crugnale Member for Bass, Environment Minister Ingrid Stitt and Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield at Conservation Hill for the announcement of the latest round of the Nature Fund.

sion, human disturbance and tidal inundation."

With additional support from Birdlife Australia, Melbourne Water and the Penguin Foundation, Stuart said the project would have a major impact on the endangered birds, by managing threats and improving breeding habitat at Observation Point.

"We have introduced 4G cameras coupled with artificial intelligence which send live alerts to the project team allowing a rapid response to threats such as feral cats," Stuart said.

"A concerted effort has also commenced to remove invasive weeds such as sea spurge and marram grass to promote the regeneration of native vegetation, a more gentle dune profile all helping to secure Observation Point as a Safe Haven for Fairy Terns in the region."

Biodiversity

Ms Crugnale described the importance of the Nature Fund promoting collaboration and collective action for biodiversity.

"It was important to hear

about how this project at Observation Hill has significantly increased the pairings of these Fairy Terns and I want to thank everyone involved including Shani Blythe – Tarbuk Biik (Strong Country) Manager Bunurong Lang Council and Stuart Murphy – Vertebrae Pest Program Manager PINP and their teams," she said.

Minister Stitt said the Fairy Tern project was one of 22 supported since the fund launched in 2022, with \$10 million allocated towards habitat restoration, research and monitoring, wildlife translocations and community engagement.

"The Nature Fund is a terrific way to encourage collaboration between government, community, the private sector and philanthropic groups – ensuring Victoria's treasured native species are protected," Ms Stitt said.

"We all need to work together to achieve our ambitious Biodiversity 2037 goals and initiatives including the Nature Fund to protect Victoria's most threatened species and safeguard their future for generations to come."



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Berninneit seeks liquor licence for bumper events

CULTURAL CENTRE

Bass Coast Shire has applied for a liquor licence for the soonto-be-open Berninneit cultural centre, catering for more than 800 people.

The licence permit, which is currently open to the public for comment, will have the option to serve liquor between 12pm and 12am, seven days per week.

According to the permit, the proposed hours of operation are not late night but instead correspond with ordinary trading

"Alcohol service will be limited to one hour prior and immediately after scheduled events, plus a short, limited day-time kiosk operation. Thus, on many nights, the venue will not be serving alcohol," it states.

It states the \$27 million venue will have an internal on-site capacity capped at 818.

It will produce theatre, live performances, film, exhibitions and visitor and library services, "with the service of alcohol being a secondary component designed only to add to the patron experience".

While there are many other licenced venues near the cultural centre, the permit states a liquor licence at Berninneit won't cause a "saturation of licenced premises".



The new cultural centre will include theatre, live performances, film, exhibitions and visitor and library services, "with the service of alcohol being a secondary component designed only to add to the patron experience".

"It is considered that the onpremises licence at the Berninneit cultural centre will contribute to the vibrancy of Cowes' activity centre and CBD.

"On balance, therefore, it is anticipated the proposal will generate more positive cumulative impacts than potential negative cumulative impacts."

A condition on the licence will allow unaccompanied under 18-year-olds on the premises to attend and participate in events unhindered by the existence of an on-premises licence, which is standard practice for cultural

The permit will ensure "responsible service of alcohol, minimising the risk of alcohol misuse and abuse and to minimise any adverse impact on the amenity of the surrounding area".

The permit includes a noise action plan to identify sensitive areas including residential uses and accommodation and measures to address all sources, including noise from events, equipment and patrons.

'The theatre itself is an acous-

tically sealed and separated space designed to keep acoustic and amplified noise contained within all directions and as such presents no risk of external noise emission from events including theatre, cinema, dance and live music."

The lawn and paved areas to the west of the building fronting Thompson Avenue will be used for events mainly in the day and for family-friendly activities.

"While the building itself is new, and it is proposed to introduce the sale of and consumption of liquor on the arts centre premises, it is noted that these factors do not change the fundamental use of the site for many decades."

Any complaint by the public will be recorded on a register, which will be reviewed by man-

The permit states the new facility will encourage a range of community activities and events and consists of: 260 seat auditorium suitable for live events, theatre and cinema; new library; regional gallery showcasing local and touring exhibitions; multipurpose spaces which can be used in several configurations from small meeting rooms to a single large space capable of accommodating a 400-seat function with the Grand Hall; museum; box office, café and bar space; and office spaces.

Island Voice AGM

RATEPAYERS

Victoria's council watchdog group, Council Watch, will be the guest speaker at Island Voice's annual general meeting on September 27.

Dean Hurlston from Council Watch will speak at the AGM, at the RSL Cowes, about the trend for councils to limit engagement with their communities.

Council Watch advocates to the state government on behalf of residents and ratepayers.

Dean will also talk about continuing reductions in transparency, the use/overuse of expensive consultants, what council core functions should be, whether CEO salaries are fair and realistic, the role of councillors and how communities can get better service from their coun-

"There will be ample opportunity to ask questions of Dean," an Island Voice spokesperson

The AGM on Wednesday will run 5.30pm to 7pm in the AN-ZAC room, with an update on the activities of Island Voice, and elections for all 2023/2024 committee positions from 5.30pm to 6pm.

As a volunteer community group, Island Voice relies on input and help from members and welcomes anyone interested in Phillip Island's future to join.

Dinner can be purchased at the RSL after the meeting.

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AFFAIRS

A special administrator has been appointed to the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

The administrator, Mr Peter McQuoid, was appointed on September 11 by the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations.

The organisation will remain under special administration until March

The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) said special administration provides "early proactive regulatory assistance when a corporation experiences financial or governance difficulties".

A spokesperson from ORIC confirmed a special administrator had been appointed, but said it was "business as usual at the corporation".

The special administrator has taken on the Leading role and responsibilities of the board; all the former board positions have been vacated."

In a newsletter on the organisation's website. Mr McQuoid said there had been "problems with



A special administrator has been appointed to the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, however this has not affected its Registered Aboriginal Party status.

governance and financial management" for some time, noting the corporation hadn't held an AGM for the past two financial

He said a special administration corporation advisory group would be established, and a corporate recovery team had been assembled.

Cultural Centre

community group, Island Voice voiced concerns the appointment of a special administrator could impact the name of the new Cowes cultural centre, or the status of the Bunurong Land Council.

However the ORIC

The Annual General Meeting of Island Voice

spokesperson stressed the organisation's status is unchanged.

"The corporation's registration/status as a Registered Aboriginal Party under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 (Vic) is not affected."

In May, Bass Coast Shire councillors voted unanimously for the community to vote on four names for the new cultural centre.

The names were nominated by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) as the Registered Aboriginal Party for the area.

In August, the council announced the new centre will be named Berninneit (gather together), after it received 65 per cent of the votes in the community

Island Voice criticised the lack of transparency in the naming process.

In June, it called for the decision on the name to be put on hold until a Federal Court case challenge by the Boonwurrong Land and Sea Council against BLCAC as the traditional owners, was completed.

The case has been running for three years and is

Special admin for Bunurong Land Council. — Where's the Voice in Bass Coast?

On October 14, Australians will be asked to vote in a referendum, to decide whether to change the Constitution to recognise the First Peoples of Australia.

This will be done by establishing a body called the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Voice.

The issue is being hotly debated, particularly on social media.

However closer home, there is support for both sides of the issue.

As reported in the Advertiser last week, Federal Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent has walked back from his support for the Voice.

In April, Mr Broadbent was reportedly the only Coalition MP to applaud when the bill for the Voice was introduced to Parliament.

He also contributed an essay to the book "Statements from the Soul, a moral case for the Uluru statement from the heart".

The book includes contributions from religious leaders and various cultural perspectives and Mr Broadbent described the referendum as a "defining moment" in Australian

He has since changed his position, saying a local indigenous elder had made it clear to him that she did not support the Voice and had asked him "not to be a voice for the Voice".

However others in the area are throwing their support behind the Yes campaign.

Support

The Victorian Government supports "a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament", and Labour MP for Bass, Jordan Crugnale has reiterated her support for the Yes campaign.

The Bass Coast Yes23 group has organised a walk in support of the Voice on September 24, in Wonthaggi, starting from Apex Park at 10.45pm. Details at www.yes23.com. au/belonging_together_ walking_together

The South Gippsland for Yes network held a community forum in Wonthaggi in June, and has events running across the region during September, including information stalls at community mar-

The group has also published a series of articles explaining the issues, which are all available on the Advertiser's website.

To date, Bass Coast Shire Council has not adopted a formal position on the Voice to Parliament.

However, at the September Council meeting this week, Cr Leticia Laing has raised a Notice of Motion that Council supports the Voice and commits to sharing clear and credible information on the Voice and "all aspects of the upcoming referendum to assist residents in making their own considered and informed choice".

Vote

The referendum will be held on October 14, but early voting centres will be open in the two weeks prior to referendum day.

Information on how to vote is available on the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) website www.aec.gov.au/referendums/

You can also apply online for a postal vote. Applications close at 6pm on October 11.

The AEC states a web tool to find the nearest early voting centre or polling place will be made available shortly.



Another blue-ringed octopus has been spotted on Silverleaves beach. Beach walkers are urged to take extra care, as a bite from the tiny octopus may be painless but can cause paralysis, and the person may stop breathing.

Blue-ringed octopus warning

HEALTH

As reported in the Advertiser in January, blueringed octopuses have been spotted on Silverleaves beach.

Earlier this year a barefooted walker nearly trod on one of the one of the world's most venomous marine animals and now another walker last week spotted two within 100 metres of each other at the same beach.

According to paramedics, the blue-ringed

A bite may be painless but can cause paralysis, and the person may stop breathing.

Apply a very firm bandage around the bite and then apply a second bandage over the whole limb. Make sure the bandage is not too tight and cutting off the circulation.

Call Triple Zero (000) for an ambulance or take the patient to a hospital as quickly as possible.

If the person stops

octopus bite is very ven- breathing, they will need cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

> The octopuses are normally found in rock pools, but these recent sightings have been washed ashore,

An angler suggested the octopuses headed easterly with wind and weed movement adding they had seen them washed up in Rhyll also.

It's another timely warning to beach goers heading into summer.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be: 1. An update on the affairs of the group 2. Conducting elections for 2023/2024 committee Oownload Nomination Forms from: https://tinyurl.com/2rk5zwyb

Will be held on 27th Sept 2023 from 5.30pm - 7pm in the ANZAC room, RSL Cowes.

Special guest speaker Dean Hurlston, Council Watch (formerly Ratepayers, Vic).

3. From 6pm - Special guest speaker - Dean Hurlston from Council Watch will talk on topics such as the trend for Councils to limit engagement with their communities, continuing reductions in transparency, the use/overuse of expensive consultants, what Council core functions should be, whether CEO salaries are fair and realistic, the role of councilors and how communities can get better service from their councils.

There will be an opportunity to ask questions. Coffee and tea will be available. Dinner is available at the RSL after the meeting. Bookings are recommended.

Community Guide to local health services and support groups

Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire Councils have developed a community services guide booklet for local health services and support organisations for the region.

edition of the booklet which is accessible online at both councils' websites as well as being available within support service agencies and customer service areas of both councils.

"We hope that this guide is able to provide you with a quick reference to localised support services for yourself, family, friends, colleagues or neighbours to support the wellbeing of our community," said Bass Coast Acting Chief Executive Officer, Executive Greg Box.

We thank all the service providers who continue to work hard to support the community and provide

the best quality service and of course our partnership with South Gippsland.

South Gippsland Shire Council Chief Executive Officer, Kerryn Ellis said it was exciting to have the opportunity to This is the third work together with other councils to do more for the commu-

> "The health and wellbeing of our community is paramount.

> "The third iteration of the Community Support Booklet is a fantastic resource for the communities of Bass Coast and South Gippsland and is just one of the ways local government takes care of its community."

> The document is readily accessible online at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au, www.southgippsland. vic.gov.au and www. southcoastpcp.org.au and can either be read online or printed.

> The booklet will be updated periodically.

Council award for sustainable pavement innovation

Bass Coast Shire Council has been recognised for sustainability and innovation at the recent 11th AustStab Awards of Excellence taking the top prize in the category of "Excellence in Pavement Recycling and Stabilisation in Local Government."

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said council's winning project, "Recycling Island Resources," was a testament to council's dedication to sustainability.

"Through" innovative practices, we've reused 3181 tonnes of recycled materials to revamp a road, all within its existing location," Cr Whelan said.

"This not only prevented the need for 2558 tonnes of new materials but also saved 2353 tonnes



David Vaea (right) from BCSC with Christopher Cleaton from Stabilises Pavements of Australia with the AustStab Award for "Excellence in Pavement Recycling and Stabilisation in Local Government."

of construction and demolition materials from being

"Moreover, we've drastically reduced truck movements, covering over 29,400 fewer kilometres and saving 16,400 litres of diesel.

"I'd like to congratulate the Infrastructure Delivery team and to David Vaea for being present to receive the award," the Mayor continued.

This award demonstrates our commitment to innovation and sustainability as well as providing value to our ratepayers."

Acting CEO Greg Box described the award as recognition for the council's approach to sustain-

"This is yet another demonstration of why we are statewide leaders in innovation in waste management and the circular economy."

The award is specifically aimed at local government initiatives that have adopted innovative pavement recycling and stabilisation practices and that have resulted in better outcomes for local government constituents.

Win for community pharmacies, says Broadbent

POLITICS

The Federal Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent, said the Coalition has secured a win for local pharmacies.

Last week, the government announced it had brought forward the start date of the new Pharmacy agreement, which would include 60-day dispensing and will immediately commence negotiations with

Mr Broadbent said his party criticised the government for its lack of consultation with pharmacists when it announced the new

"The Coalition strongly supports Australians having access to cheaper medicines," Mr Broadbent said.

"But for months, we have been calling out the government for their lack of consultation and rushed

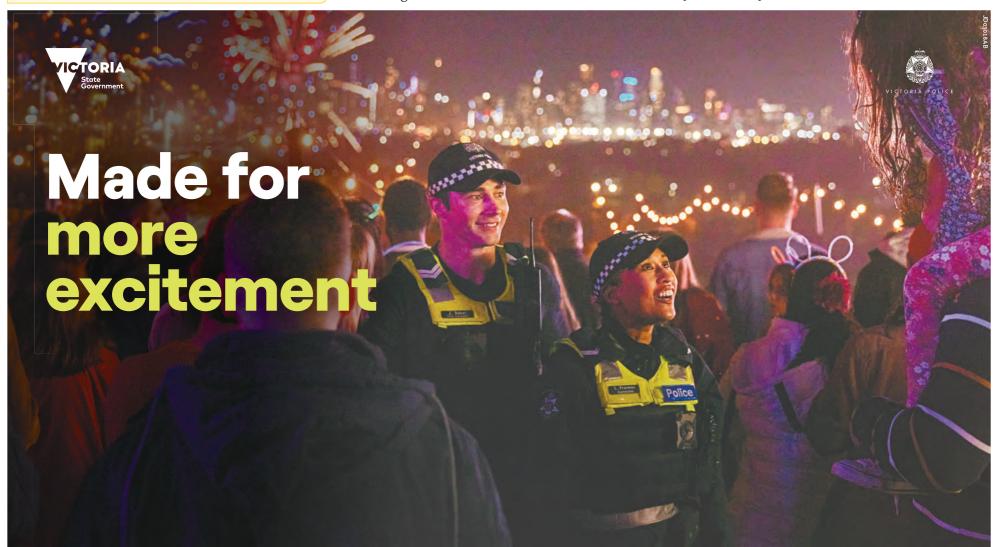
policy making, which was putting Australian's healthcare access at risk.

"We have been calling on them to get back to the table with the community pharmacy sector and negotiate an Eighth Community Pharmacy Agreement to resolve the legitimate concerns on their approach to 60-day dispensing."

Mr Broadbent said, "I will not stop fighting for my community and for what is right".

"I am pleased that the government will enter into discussions with the community pharmacy sector, as we have been calling

"Pharmacists play an invaluable role in the provision of primary healthcare to the local community in Monash and I am relieved that their significant concerns may finally be heard and addressed."



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San Remo turned on the weather for the return of the TIDAL Seafood Festival on Saturday. Thousands descended on the village, enjoying a huge array of seafood and entertainment. More photos at pisra.com.au

A magnificent weekend! TIDAL Seafood festival success

Visitors and locals flocked to San Remo to enjoy the sunshine and the seafood at the weekend's TIDAL Seafood Festival

Thousands of people attended the two days of activities, while the Festival was launched with the sell out Gala Ball on Friday night.

Profits from the \$5 entry ticket to the event will be donated to local emergency services.

San Remo SES said the mon-

ey will go towards a third vehi-cle bay for the unit.

"What's there now is 25 years old," said Unit Controller Mandy Chancellor. "The community has grown, but not the structure.'

Over at the San Remo CFA unit, the money will be used for some much-needed equipment. The unit hopes to upgrade its helmet and body torches and PPE, as well as replace a couple of hoses.



Mandy Chancellor - Unit Controller and Elise Biggs - Deputy Controller at the San Remo SES unit with mascot Winnie, at the TIDAL festival.



Locals Paul Burton and Alexi and Mandy Spitzer from Grantville enjoyed some of the delicious treats on offer at the festival.



Belinda and Megan from Wildlife Coast Cruises were promoting the seafaring side of the festival, including some upcoming pirate cruises on September 23.



Westernport Water was a major sponsor of the event, and staff members Katrina and Carly were on hand with information about the local water supply. They were also conducting a water taste survey and anyone who took part got themselves a free water bottle or a lucky dip prize.



Competition was fierce at the Deckies race, run as a fundraiser this year by the Kilcunda Bass Cricket Club. The Baggers team of Corrie (Inverloch) and Burner (Phillip Island) were the new leaders completing the course in one minute.



It was a night of glamour and incredible food, as the Gala Dinner on the San Remo foreshore opened the 2023 TIDAL Seafood Festival. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.



Paul Cooper (right) MC at Friday's Gala Dinner welcomes Leonie King (Vic Fishing Authority) to the stage. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snap shot Photography.



Fishing festival committee member Floss Gorusch (left) and Trish Glass, celebrate San Remo's fishing heritage. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

NEWS

Thousands of people were out enjoying the sunshine and the fantastic food at this year's TIDAL Seafood Festival in San Remo.



Kids were keen to get on board the CFA truck and members of the San Remo Unit were happy to talk to members of the public about fire safety. Standing: CFA member Sarah Fry holding son Hugo, and Joe Esposito; on the truck, Alfred, with Bill McIntosh.



Moments later, their record was smashed by the Flying Gurnards of Henry and John, who recorded a time of 54 seconds.



Nick and Mish Say (second from left) and the team from the Phillip Island Winery and the Westernport Hotel, along with members of the San Remo hospitality industry, presented a feast for diners at Friday night's hugely successful gala dinner, showcasing the area's seafood delights. Photo: Nici Cahill, Snapshot Photography.

Newhaven College Spring Concert

EDUCATION

On September 8 it was time to shine for Years 2 to Year 12 Newhaven College students taking part in the College's Spring Concert at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

The night commenced with the guitar ensemble, followed by Junior, Middle choirs and Senior vocal ensembles.

"The Junior School strings performed beautifully including Stir It Up by Bob Marley," said a college spokesperson.

"The evening then took the energy up a notch with the concert bands, with the big band taking on the Guns N' Roses hit Welcome to the Jungle. The stage was overflowing with over 70 students, music staff and parent musicians."

Newhaven College's Director of Music, Matthew Goss is incredibly proud of the College's music students and teachers.

"Spring Concert is the culmination of not only this year's work but the dedication and passion of students and staff," Mr Goss said.

"We thank the parents and carers for their ongoing support of music at the College. It is wonderful to be part of a school where the Arts are so highly regarded by our students and their families."

Mr Goss also praised the music staff

"We are blessed to have such talented and professional teachers tutoring our students and directing their ensembles and choirs."

Newhaven College stated it continues the tradition of nurturing the musical soul of each student, providing a place to learn, collaborate and rehearse together and build on what is already a stunning collective of budding musicians.

The College's Performing Arts Wing (PAW) is used daily by Prep – Year 12 students for a variety of one-on-one lessons, choir practice, groups and ensembles. Throughout the year, over 60 music students from



Spring Music Concert Intermediate String Orchestra: Max Jobe, Meyanna Christensen and Rex Fraser. More photos at pisra.com.au



Spring Music Concert Middle School Choir: Back Row: Charlotte Parker, Ayishika Perera, Charlee Pedersen, Mia Tillotson. Front Row: Bonnie McBride, Ella Sibson, Avia Scarlett, Chantai May and Sophia Hardy with conductor, Elly Poletti.

Year 5 upwards participated in several music camps specifically designed to bring musicians together, forming friendships and collaborations.

With ongoing tuition from the College's music teachers and tutors, the school says students are supported to reach their highest potential.

"Each student is encouraged

to discover their unique expression of music while developing confidence, ease, excellence and enjoyment each step of the way," the College spokesperson said.

"The College believes stars of the future are on campus right now, learning their artistry while sharing their talents with other students, parents and the whole community."

A sign for the times

HEALTH

The Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG) is pleased that the groundworks are well underway for the construction of the Phillip Island Community Hospital (PICH) in Church Street

The group said it would welcome a larger and more prominent permanent sign to be erected by the Victorian Hospital Building Authority informing the community, holiday makers and visitors about this long awaited, significant project.

"It really beggars belief that such a sign wasn't erected at the site at commencement of works, as usually happens on state government projects," said President Peter Paul.

"PIMHAG wants the message 'that the PICH has started' known and appreciated by all, and that it is on track to be completed by late 2024."

Peter said it had been a long journey to get to this point.

"Over 15 years ago, PIMHAG



Members of the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG) want the Victorian Hospital Building Authority to erect a permanent sign on the site of the new community hospital, informing locals and visitors about this important project.

commenced its advocacy for such a facility, as a result of the closure of Warley Hospital.

"We greatly appreciate the efforts of our local Member, Jordan Crugnale, and the state government, and Bass Coast

Health CEO, Jan Child, in bringing the PICH to fruition," he said.

"It is a wonderful, unifying outcome for our community, and will be a very special Christmas present in 2024."

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Community Orchard members at a recent working bee. From left: Luke Fricke (Compost Coordinator), Mika Peters and son Wes,

Community orchard gets sustainability boost

GARDENING

A new compost station is in store for the Phillip Island Community Orchard (PICO) with funding assistance recently announced by Westernport Water as part of their annual Community Support Program allocation.

"We are very excited to be launching into establishing a state-of-the-art composting station to enable us to better recycle all our garden waste in a sustainable way," said orchard President, Annette Mackenzie.

"We are grateful to Westernport Water for their generous support of this project which will involve our community in

learning about composting in its many different forms."

The compost station will include bays for open composting, an area for tumbler composts and a wormfarm included in the mix, along with a large storage bay for garden mulch.

It is expected to be completed by the end of October this year.

The orchard, sited off Hallway Drive in Wimbledon Heights, is a community-run organisation that manages and maintains over 100 fruit and nut trees, fruiting shrubs and vines along with offering a number of garden plots for its members to grow their own vegetables.

group monthly for working-bees and offers quarterly guest speakers on all subjects relating to gardening, food production and sustainability and holds an Annual Harvest Festival in autumn which members of the general public are invited to attend.

The land has been leased by Westernport Water to PICO for this "flagship demonstration site" under the Land Use Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding since 2013. This was renewed for another three years at the end of last year.

A new initiative at the orchard is to open its gates for members of the public to come and have a look around on its monthly working-bee days starting from this Saturday, September 23 between 9am and 12 noon.

A major event is also planned to celebrate the group's 10th Anniversary on Sunday October 29 from 10am - 3pm.

So mark the date to come along and enjoy the special guest speakers, food and activities that will be on offer.

For more information on orchard events and how to become a member, please go to islandorchard.wordpress.com or visit our facebook page: www.facebook.com/islandorchard



Korean drama at this month's movie club

FILM

On Thursday, September 28 the Phillip Island Movie Club presents "Broker", a film from

The film will be screened at St Philip's in Cowes; doors open at 7.30pm and the movie starts at 8pm.

Made in 2022, this Korean drama was directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda.

Five years after winning the Palme d'Or for Shoplifters, Academy award nominated filmmaker Hirokazu Koreeda returned with "Broker", starring Cannes Best actor winner Song Kang Ho (Parasite).

The film follows two brokers who sell orphaned infants, circumventing the bureaucracy of legal adoption, to affluent couples who can't have children of their own. After an infant's mother surprises the duo by returning to ensure her child finds a good home, the three embark on a journey to find the right couple, building an unlikely family of their own.

Hirokazu Kore-eda is arguably Japan's greatest director, and his latest film examines his usual themes of family, the pressure of surviving in an unforgiving economy and the redemptive power of love in a way that is consistently moving and engrossing.

As is often the case with his movies, "Broker" tells the story of people considered marginal by mainstream society who come together to form a kind of family, and whose lives are changed in a profound way by the connections they form.

His characters are flawed but likeable misfits whom we change our minds about as their stories unfold. This has never been truer than in "Broker", a movie about two men who sell abandoned babies.

'Broker", which is set in Korea, begins when a young woman leaves her baby in a church "baby box". These boxes actually exist in Korea and are set up so women can safely leave the children they are not able to raise.

Hirokazu Kore-eda understands that unimaginable life decisions aren't made easily. They're often made by people who have reached a fork in the road where neither direction felt like the right one. We're all stumbling through life at certain points. And it's the people we meet on the way, the ones who end up joining us, that keep us moving.

The film is about baby trafficking, you will make value judgements and you will waver. It is a film about survival.

Doors open at 7.30pm and the film starts at 8pm. It runs for 129 minutes and is rated M.

Entrance is by membership only, as this is a requirement of Film Societies for buying the rights to show the film.

We also have a growing 2024 waiting list and any queries or applications for a membership form can be made at phillipislandmovieclub@gmail.com

The next film "A Stitch in Time" will be Thursday October

More Labyrinth walks

After the success of the YES Walking Together -Listening with Heart Labyrinth Walk on September 16, two more walks have been scheduled this month.

Walks will commence at 5pm on Friday September 22 and September 29.

Lorraine Rodda, Facilitator of the Walk said people valued the opportunity to quietly contemplate their response to the referendum, upcoming and called for more walks for others to have the opportunity.

"It's called a Deep Listening Walk because it fits perfectly with the times we are now experiencing.

"The practice of Indigenous Deep listening is called Gulpa Ngawal deeply and respectfully in ways that build understanding and a sense of Community," Lorraine said, quoting Dr Vicki Couzen Wanghan Ngootyoong.

"Deep listening is comhearts and spirits, trav-scheduled for September 22 and 29. elling that road together and sensing the fabric of our connectedness."

People walking the Labyrinth were invited to ask themselves three questions: What do I need to let go; What am I con-



After the success of the YES Walking Together - Listening with ing together with our Heart Labyrinth Walk on September 16, two more walks have been

necting to; and What am I going to do next.

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

Directions: Drive to the end of Back Beach Road in San Remo and continue on the unmade road past Lions Picnic and Children's Park. The Labyrinth is on the right, alongside a row of Cypress Trees.



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Creating a traditional Stringy Bark Canoe

Baluk Arts is presenting a five-day residency on Millowl with award-winning, Aboriginal artist Mitch Mahoney (Boonwurrung/Barkindji) creating a traditional stringy bark canoe on country.

The public will have the chance to interact with the residency during the school holidays, 10am-2pm daily from September 26 - 30.

Hosted by Sheltered Glamping, participants will need to park at Phillip Island Village School car park to access the resi-

The public is invited to come down to see the artist at work and have a yarn on country. Some lucky visitors may have the Koorie Heritage Trust. the chance to assist the artist as he builds a stringy bark canoe using traditional methods that Aboriginal people have used for countless generations. Stringy bark canoes were used by Aboriginal people to access the island in years gone by.

Mitch Mahoney is a proud Aboriginal artist and cultural educator with a passion for sharing culture and teaching the public about Victoria's rich cultural history.

"All of the work I do is about the revitalisation and celebration of South-Eastern Aboriginal Culture and practices,"

"I try to create works that are designed to spark interest and educate people.

Mitch's works are held in the public collections of Melbourne Museum and

The workshop is presented by Baluk Arts, an Aboriginal owned and led community arts centre and gallery, the only of its kind in the southeast of the state.

Based in Mount Eliza, the centre supports artistic, career and audience development for Aboriginal artist members from the southeast and wider Australia.

Baluk is a local Bunurong and Boonwurrung word meaning 'many' or 'group of people' and reflects the diversity of the artists and their work. This residency has been supported and is delivered in partnership with Bass Coast Shire Council.

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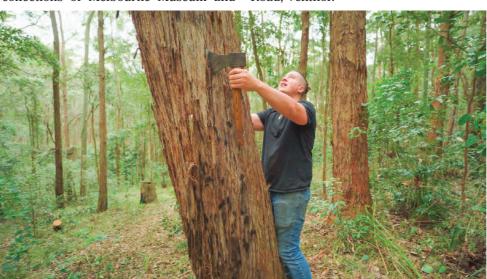
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The bake sale will have all your favourites including yo-yos, sponges and slices, jams, marmalade and tomato sauce.

There will also be CWA cookbooks and tea towels for sale.

Through the community's generous support, the Twilight Branch has supported vulnerable women and children by donations locally to the Early Learning Centre, PICAL food bank and the Women's Friendship Cafe.

Statewide they have donated to Women's Housing Ltd, McCauley House - a women's refuge, and Rochester to assist with rebuilding lives made vulnerable through the recent floods.

You can easily find the Twilight ladies at the market, with their fabulous marquees and signage purchased through grants from Bass Coast Shire and Bendigo Community Bank.

We are so much more than tea and scones but our cooking enables us to assist those in need," said President Sally Matthews.

"Our branch advocates for those women who are vulnerable and we invite you to join us. We are engaged, active and committed to improving the lives of women in our community.



CWA Twilight Branch celebrate their second birthday at the market at St Philip's in Cowes on September 23. From left: Rosie Brewin, Stefanie Rossiter Ruby Rossiter (junior member), Harry Rossiter, Early Learning Centre staff and Sally Matthews.



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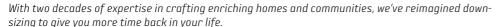
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The master bedroom, located at the rear of the home, offers access to a private courtvard and deck area, and features a walk-in robe, plus full ensuite facilities including a walk-in shower.

The large living space is conveniently located in the centre of the house and is a great place to sit back,



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The kitchen design is stunning and the adjacent dining space overlooks beautifully landscaped gardens and a private northerly courtyard with outdoor summer and winter deck areas.

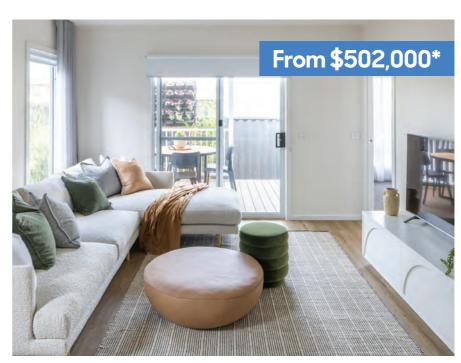
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The open fireplace with a period timber mantlepiece is a real showcase.

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kitchen with American oak solid timber cabinetry, stone benchtops and black glass splashback.

A Coonara wood-fired heater and split system is a welcome touch and complements this living

An expansive master bedroom is situated at the back of the house for privacy and offers a full ensuite. The remaining two bedrooms, all generously sized, have built-in robes and a modern family bathroom services this area. Plantation shutters throughout with carpet and new vinyl plank flooring give a modern feel.

This traditional Federation style home features ornate cornice, ceiling roses, dado rails and fretwork. The traditional exterior brickwork consists of soldier course bricks above the windows, bullnose bricks on the window ledges as well as corner and plinth bricks.

The double garage, with plenty of storage and a workbench, is located at the front for ease of access

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Consultation questioned

The council meeting last month contained the most individual participation and discussion by councillors for a long time.

Some interesting matters were highlighted such as the confusion to councillors over the new name of the Cultural Centre.

Cr Laing referred to the building as the Berninneit Cultural Centre before she was corrected by others who seemed to be equally confused as to what the building should be called.

Cr Bauer also queried senior council officers favoured phrase – extensive community consultation – and questioned the statement "there was overwhelming support for the name Berninneit".

I favoured one of the two names listed by Cr Bauer in his enquiry of what constituted, extensive community consultation regarding the naming of the centre, he had the proof to support what residents were denied.

I and many residents of Bass Coast are appalled at the lack of community consultation from this council.

Extensive community consultation appears to be a phrase for framing questions to give the desired answers that senior council officers require to protect their positions, opinions and their agenda.

Cr Rooks used the phrase extensive community consultation when he recited his speech for the special charge scheme to proceed, and was joined by the usual councillors telling the ratepayers of Surf Beach Sunderland Bay how good the scheme will be for

These councillors have not even bothered to meet or speak with the ratepayers, so how do they know what is best for us.

Residents of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay have had the same extensive community consultation for over 18 months with questions framed to give answers that council seeks, manipulating figures and discounting the answers that did not fit their agenda.

It appears to me watching the council meeting that meetings are orchestrated with selected councillors speaking in turn.

The few independent thinking councillors appear to be reluctantly allowed to speak by the mayor.

Ratepayers of Bass Coast deserve councillors who will be an independent voice to council and interact with ratepayers, not sheep that blindly follow the leader

Philip Davy, Surf Beach

Scheme modifications

Bass Coast Shire has now sent out the voting form to the ratepayers of Sunderland Bay Surf Beach.

Ratepayers are asked to vote on council's proposed concept plan option 1 (with modifications).

But what does "with modifications" mean?

To my thinking this means nothing is final and anything can be included or excluded at council's discretion without comment from ratepayers.

Council tells the ratepayers that drainage will be improved and yet council has admitted the streets will be designed to act as rivers at least every five years.

This may sound good, so long as your property is not the one flooded due to this river.

Council has already modified the original Option 1 voted for to include drainage in the rear of back falling properties.

But council has failed to tell respective ratepayers their property may be dug up for the installation of a drainage pipe or their property will have a drainage easement created on it that will prevent them building on the easement.

It is also possible that should a shed or garage exist where the pipeline is proposed to go, it may be removed especially if the structure has not previously been approved by council.

Improved safety is also open to conjecture.

There is to be no improvement to the known safety issue identified previously with turning traffic from Phillip Island Road into the estates.

There is no information as to how each residential lot will be impacted.

Before you agree to this scheme are you confident council has your interests foremost in their mind?

Do you know how your property will be impacted?

Council had the opportunity to design these estates to the latest industry recommended environmental standards, but chose not to.

Asking ratepayers to vote on this scheme without full plans and documentation is similar to signing a contract to buy a car or house unseen. Beware.

Louise Lyell, Surf Beach

Offshore wind opposed

The Federal government appears to have identified and reacted to the fierce opposition to the offshore wind development proposal. A large number of field naturalists, active wildlife conservationists and tourist operators expressed their views and were supported by the wider community including those from Melbourne and further afield. We know because we handed out pamphlets during the Whale Festival and people were quick to voice their opposition. Although abandoning the proposed development from Wilsons Promontory to Phillip Island (the Wildlife Coast) the development area east of the Prom has not yet been ruled out by the Federal government and it needs to be.

The marine and oceanic wild-life that is a significant feature of the Wildlife Coast, and the tourism industry, also use or pass through the area west of the Prom. This includes the whales that migrate north and south along the east coast, numerous species of Shearwaters, oceanic wanderers like the Albatross and many other sea birds. It is also a fishing ground.

Perhaps, politicians are waking up to the fact that it is only a small number of green extremists and greedy opportunists after tax and consumer subsidies that are pushing renewable energy.

Andrew Chapman, Inverloch

Costs don't add up

Bass Coast Shire Council's document to declare a Special Charge Scheme, which was accepted at Council's August 2023 meeting, contains errors, assumptions and misleading statements.

Council's estimated cost of the project is \$35,049,972 (p6). This is not the actual cost, but an esti-

mate. Council has not put the proposed Scheme out to tender, and cannot claim that their figures are accurate or even a target cost. Given the outrageous over-run of the cost of the Cultural Centre in Cowes, Council is highly unlikely to keep to its estimated figure.

Should the actual cost exceed the estimate, Council can impose a 10 per cent increase in the charge to property owners (page 9). This brings the estimate up to \$38,554,969.

Further, Council's estimate does not include GST (p49), which adds a further 10 per cent to the cost, that is \$42,410,465. Council will contribute only 20 per cent of \$33,340,822 (that is, \$6,674,833) to the Scheme (p82), way below the true figure.

Council has apportioned amounts of money it will demand from ratepayers on the basis of the Scheme costing \$33,340,822 (p119-133). The true amounts are at least 127 per cent higher than stated in the letters posted to ratepayers.

Through its charter, Council is charged with improving "overall quality of life of people in the local community" (p146) and supporting "health and wellbeing" (p149). This goes far beyond "improving the clarity of edges to settlements" (p151) and putting tarmacadam on roads.

Debts of tens of thousands of dollars, in addition to the recent increases in Council rates, will be distressing and a threatening financial burden to most, especially pensioners.

Council has failed to realise the adverse impact on mental health and physical wellbeing that its scheme is causing and will continue to cause. Council has ignored or failed to understand the lessons of the Robodebt Royal Commission. People were driven to suicide because of the stress of financial debt imposed by a public institution. And Council's response to its residents? "Reach out to Lifeline" (BCSC Newsletter Issue 9, August 2023).

David Francis, Surf Beach

Where are the plans?

Ratepayers are asked to vote on council's proposed Concept Plan Option 1 (with modifications). Council has already modified the original Concept Option 1 to include drainage in the rear of back falling properties but has failed to tell respective ratepayers that their property may be dug up for the installation of a drainage pipe, or that their property will have a drainage easement created on it that will prevent them building on the easement. It is also possible that if a shed or garage exist where the pipeline is proposed to go, it may require to be removed, especially if it has not been approved by council.

The Public Notice of Intention to Declare a Special Charge Scheme states a detailed plan of the Scheme area is available for inspection at council offices. I called in to the office to view the detailed plan and was told there were no plans other than the concept plans that councillors have approved, no detailed plans. No council officer was available for comment. I was told someone would contact me; I am still waiting four days later.

I have 40+ years' experience designing and constructing residential streets and subdivisions including some major national highway intersections, designing major stormwater projects and as a senior road safety auditor I have conducted and participated in 100+ Road Safety Audits. Detailed plans are supposed to show the location of all assets both council and other authorities and include size and locations of drainage pipes, widths of roads and footpaths, along with cross sections and drainage longitudinal sections. To call these continually changing concept plans with numerous errors including footpaths in private properties and not even showing the major intersection of Surf Beach at Dunvegan Crescent and Phillip Island Road, detailed plans, indicates the lack of council expertise.

Graeme Davy, Surf Beach

Yes, no

I strongly object to the motion Cr Leticia Laing is tabling at the Bass Coast Shire's September council meeting.

The motion to be tabled by the former deputy mayor, Cr Leticia Laing, moves that councillors and council join a small number of councils within Victoria recommending a yes vote in the upcoming referendum on indigenous recognition.

I would like to remind our councillors the reason they are there. They are on the council to make rules and pass laws for our community. While I completely understand how individuals feel re this referendum, I believe council's core business of rates, roads, and rubbish must be the driver of business and not to get involved in any federal referendum.

I wholeheartedly defend Cr Leticia Laing desire to express her opinion. Under Australian freedom of expression, she is free to express her individual opinion, but I do not think the council chamber is the right place.

The residents of Bass Coast Shire are quite capable of making a decision on the forthcoming referendum. We don't need input from Cr Leticia Laing, councillors or council to suggest otherwise. Our Prime Minister has stated that it is the people of this country that will make this decision not the Government, let them do it.

For the record I will be voting

John Trigt, Surf Beach

Editor's note: Cr Laing's motion does not recommend a Yes vote and specifically states "We respect everyone's right to express their views and to choose how to vote."

The wording of the motion is: "That Council: Supports a constitutionally enshrined voice to Parliament for First Nations people", and that it will share "clear, credible information" on the voice and all aspects of the referendum, "to assist residents" to make their own choice.

Not within council's remit

This week Bass Coast Shire councillors will vote on a motion to declare support for a Yes vote in the upcoming national referendum.

The motion seeks to engage Council in an issue that does not fall within its remit. It is not the role of Bass Coast Shire Council to take sides in this national referendum.

Remit for explaining the de-

bate lays clearly at the Federal government level. It does not sit with our local Councillors.

By implication the motion calls on councillors to disclose how they each intend to vote in the upcoming national referendum.

Whilst it is proper for Councillors to individually promote their voting preference outside of Council chambers, it is not appropriate for Councillors to be calling for such disclosure in chambers at a public council meeting.

The debate is for the Feds to thrash out and to explain to the nation. There's already an abundance of information about this referendum and the debate.

Should councillors declare support for this motion then they will be sending a clear message that voting Yes is their preferred way for you to vote also.

Whether you intend to vote Yes or No is none of my business, just as whether I intend to vote Yes or No is none of your business. And it is most certainly no business of Bass Coast Shire Council to seek to influence how we each intend to vote in this national referendum.

Our Councillors need to stay in their lane. Our local rates money will be better utilised by Councillors focussing on their role of local government representatives, by ensuring that local roads are maintained, by constructing safe community footpaths, etc.

As a resident and ratepayer of Bass Coast Shire I ask that Councillors not support the Notice of Motion.

Kevin Griffin, BCRRA

Inappropriate motion

A large number of Island Voice members have expressed great concern regarding the motion that Cr Laing intends to table at the September council meeting asking that BCSC supports a 'Yes' vote, in the upcoming referendum on an indigenous voice to Parliament.

Island Voice believes that it is inappropriate for Council to support/advocate for a Yes or No vote and attempt to influence the community.

By definition referendums are used to determine the answer to political questions by the electorate. They are a secret ballot, where everyone is equally able to express their personal choice, essentially individual votes of conscience. The Federal government has provided information about the important issues and there is much discussion in the press and media about this matter. People are able to educate themselves about the issues involved.

We whole-heartedly defend Cr Laing's right to her individual freedom of expression but believe that Council should always act apolitically and not support a particular position on this matter. Council's role should rather be to highlight how people can access/view the Referendum pamphlet, as many have not yet received theirs by post, and to encourage people to have their say on this very important matter. They should not, by action or inference, attempt to influence the vote.

For these reasons, we ask that Councillors reject Cr Laing's proposed motion.

Linda Marston, Secretary, Island Voice

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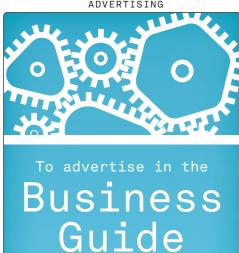
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BUSINESS

Wellbeing was on the menu when the Phillip Island Business Network hosted an intimate dinner Soiree at the Foreshore Bar & Res-

ness leaders from the Network's membership who were treated to a delicious three course dinner in a beautiful setting.

sational comedy.

None of the guests were off limits as Des proceeded to work the room and quickly fished out several high-profile guests including the Network's own president, Kimberley Brown, Treasurer Simon Manning, Bass Coast Shire Councillor and Manager of PICAL David Rooks and other vibrant business owners.

Once the audience's cheeks were well and truly sore from laughter, Jessica Janson, Marketing Officer for the Network, explained the true purpose of the evening was to demonstrate how important laughter is as a medicine for improving wellbeing.

The Network has focused on creating wellbeing in workplaces for the past two year as a vital part of good business practice and particularly relevant in a post Ĉovid recovery, Jessica said.

Anyone wishing to learn more about creating Wellbeing in the Workplace is encouraged to contact the Phillip Island Business Network who are happy to share their resources on this topic.

www.pibn.com.au

Wellbeing was on the menu when the Phillip Island Business Network hosted an intimate dinner Soiree at the Foreshore Bar & Restaurant in Rhyll earlier this month.



Business Network soiree

taurant in Rhyll earlier this month.

In attendance were 63 busi-

Guests had attended with the promise of a lovely meal shared between the business community but got more than they bargained for when popular comedian Des Dowling surprised everyone with 30 minutes of sen-

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The Committee meets on the last Thursday of each month and the Quality Care Advisory Body quarterly.

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- Past History of relevant education in Aged and Clinical Care.
- · Ability to provide feedback and recommendations to the Committee of Management.
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All enquires and CV to be emailed to Nina at nina@phillipislandhomesfortheaged.com.au

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Oct 4th 2023 at 5.00pm in the ANZAC room at the Cowes RSL.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be conducted from 5pm-5.30pm.

We have a special guest speaker (from 5.30pm-6.30pm) - Carole Kahn from the Royal Flying Doctor Service, who are running publicly funded psychologist sessions in Cowes. Come along and find out how to access this service and what other services are available via the RFDS.

There will also be some time available for questions from the floor. There is a great deal going on at the moment, come along and be informed of these new services.

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Scarlett Rennie celebrates her victory in the Under 12 Girls competition at the Rip Curl Gromsearch at Jan Juc on the weekend. Photo: Noah Clifford, Surfing Victoria.

Scarlett carves a name for herself

SURFING

Cape Woolamai's Scarlett Rennie aced it at the Rip Curl Gromsearch competition at Jan Juc on the weekend.

The talented young surfer not only won the Under 12 Girls competition, she also recorded the only 10-point ride of the competition and picked up the DHD Ultimate Grom Award

Scarlett didn't hold back during the competition and in her semifinal, took off on five waves and didn't score below a 9.00 point ride on all of them.

On her second wave of the heat, she collected the highest score of the entire

competition, a 10 point ed the DHD Ultimate

With this momentum, she went into the finals looking like the one to beat.

In the final, she waited patiently out the back looking for another set wave just like those in her earlier heat. Eventually she found a wave to complete a large swooping forehand re-entry. This committed manoeuvre earned her an 8.33 point ride and the win.

"I love big waves more than smaller waves so I was happy with the larger swell," said Scarlett.

With excellent performances throughout the whole day, she was award-

Grom Award and earned herself a Mick Fanning signature board model DHD DNA surfboard.

In the Under 12 boys competition, Phillip Island's Ryan Hain made it through to the semi-finals. The winner was Jaxxon Sands from NSW.

The Under 16 Boys was won by Jackson Woolnough of NSW, while Ava Holland from Dromana won the Girls final.

The winner of the Under 14 Boys was Locana Cullen of NSW, while the Girls was won by Lani Cairneross of NSW.

Full results and scores can be found via www. surfingvic.com/live



Sage boldsbury from Phillip Island Boardriders, in action at last year's Australian Boardriders Battle on Phillip Island. The event returns to the island on September 24, for round two of the competition.

Boardriders battle back at the island

SURFING

Phillip Island will host the second round of the Australian Boardriders Battle on the weekend (September 24), following the opening round at Trigg in WA.

The Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle is one of the most highly anticipated events on the Surfing Australia calendar. Each year, the ABB pits the best boardrider

clubs from each state against one another in an epic surfing battle that culminates in a worldrenowned Grand Final where Australia's best boardrider club is decided.

The final will be held at the Gold Coast in March

This year, the Boardriders Battle has an exciting new format.

Surfing Australia has expanded the teams for-

mat to include 32 boardrider clubs (previously 24) from across Australia with more than \$115,000 in total prize money up for grabs throughout the series.

Four of the regional events (Phillip Island, Coffs Harbour, Sunshine Coast and North Narrabeen) as well as the Grand Final will be live-streamed on the mySURFtv You-Tube channel and Kayo Sports.

Surfers arrive for PI Junior Pro

SURFING

Bass Coast Shire Council is proud to partner with Surfing Victoria to present the newly created Philip Island Junior Pro.

The event which runs from September 20 - 23, will bring around 180 of the best up and coming under 18 surfers from around Australia to Phillip Island during the school holi-

The Phillip Island Junior Pro is only one of four events of this calibre in Australia and provides young surfers with valuable rankings points in their quest for a spot in the Irukandjis team heading to the ISA World Junior Surfing Titles.

"It's very exciting to welcome the Phillip Island Junior Pro to our shores," said Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whel-

"We have some of the best surf breaks in Australia and that's recognised through Victoria's only National Surfing Reserve.

"The passionate energy these next generation athletes bring to Bass Coast is contagious, so to see such brilliant new talent show off their skills in our own surfing reserve is always fantastic.

"We're very proud of our wild, coastal environment down here at Bass Coast, so very much look



The new Phillip Island Junior Pro will be held this week, one of only four events that provides young surfers with ranking points. Photo: Tommy Williams, Surfing Victoria.

forward to celebrating our shared love for the ocean with Surfing Victoria this week."

Featuring Boys and Girls divisions for Under 18, Under 16 and Under 14 divisions, the event will run from September 20-

For updates on event timing and daily schedules make sure to follow @surfingvictora on Instagram.

"We are so stoked to be bringing a marquee junior rated event to Victoria" said Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson.

"This event will be an integral part of our junior surfing pathway and give our young aspiring athletes a chance to earn valuable points in their home state.'

This event will be webcasted thanks to an exciting partnership with Kommunity TV which will see every wave streamed from the final two days of the event.

The Phillip Island Junior Pro is presented by Bass Coast Shire and supported by the Victorian Government Significant Sporting Events program, SurfBetterNow.com and Surfing Victoria.

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Island tennis news

Firstly, congratulations to our Section 2 boys who defeated Korumburra to win the winter K & DJTA in August, well done.

A big thank you to Sandy who has been our Junior Co-ordinator for many years.

Her commitment to the Juniors is greatly appreciated.

Katie Medlar has been welcomed as Sandy's replacement and is already into the swing of things, having attended the K&DJTA AGM and organizing Junior teams with Coach, Paul Rowbottom's assistance.

It seems we have nine teams eager to participate in the summer competition which commences on October 7.

With so many teams entered, finding enough courts will be difficult, so staggered starting times for matches will need to be organised. Thank you to all the team managers and parents who help make this happen, it's greatly ap-

October is certainly going to be a very busy month, with so many of our competitions commencing once school resumes after these holidays. Two section 2 teams have been entered in the Tuesday South Gippsland Ladies mid-week tennis association. We have been playing on Tuesdays as well as our usual Thursday morning since the last competition concluded in June.

Of course, if there are any ladies wishing to be a fill-in, you'll be most welcome, because there never seems to be enough players available when the time comes.

Even if you'd just like a game of tennis, we're at the courts from 9.30am on Thursdays throughout the year. You'll always be made most welcome for a hit and a cuppa and chat after playing.

Names are being taken for the Ladies' night competition which will commence on Thursday, October 5. They have a Facebook page which keeps the girls up to date with what's happening. Contact email addresses and phone numbers for all competitions can be found on the PITC's website under the heading "Member Tennis".

The Ladies' Night competition will run until March 28, with a short break over the Christmas holidays from December 7 to February 1. Thanks to Beth and Mel for organising that. The Men's Night competition also begins early next month. They have been having hits each Tuesday and are organising teams at present. No doubt you'll be most welcome to go along at 6.30pm on those nights to find more details or get in contact with Rod online.

Last year quite a lot of members expressed their interest in playing in a mixed competition on a Wednesday night. This never eventuated because no one came forward to volunteer running it. If there is a person/s willing to organise such a competition, the list has been put out to gauge interest this time. Don't forget there is always mixed tennis available on Saturdays from 1pm as well as men's social tennis on Thursday afternoons from 1pm. Thanks to Craig for running those events.

Paul Rowbottom, our club coach, runs classes on Mondays. His details are available on our website, as well as notices at the

The AGM will be held early in October. Members will be receiving notification very soon, if they haven't had it already. As Helen is resigning as secretary after many years of service, we need a replacement for her. There are positions available on the committee for any willing workers. Phillip Island Tennis Club's 70th birthday will be celebrated on April 14 next year. There will be more details about that milestone closer to the date. Keep enjoying your tennis.



State gymnastics centre competition No.2, Phillip Island GymStar 2: Kiara, Coco, Mila, Bridget, Macy and Madison.

State gymnastics centre competition

GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to YMCA Phillip Island level 2 Gymstar girls on yet another outstanding result in the second competition of the season.

With a few teammates down, the gymnasts competed as two teams of three gymnasts, leaving no room for error at the State Gymnastics Centre on September 3.

Each individual team member rose to the occasion, performing polished routines to bring home the gold and bronze medal for the club in the team event. The team have placed first at each of the two competitions they have attended this year. Well done girls on such magnificent results.

The Phillip Island Gymstar 5 team showed amazing sportsmanship and resilience throughout their second competition at Casey Stadium.

The competition was of a very high standard and judging the hardest we'd ever experienced.

While the team may not have come home with the scores they were expecting, they still managed to pick up a number of awards on vault, bars and parallel bars. They celebrated after the event as a team with their heads held high and a smile on their faces. Well done girls.



Phillip Island GymStar 4: Ayla, Clover, Asha, Paige, Isa, Kira, Ruby, Juliet, Charlie and Evie.

Level 4 GymStars shine

GYMNASTICS

Competing against 50 gymnasts from around the state, the YMCA Phillip Island Gymstar Level 4 gymnasts knew they were in for a challenging second competition of the season.

The girls competed at Highett Youth Club on Sunday, September 10, performing exceptional routines that outshone the competition on the day, securing first and sixth place in the team event. Charlie's beautiful routines on all six apparatuses saw her win the competition outright, achieving first place in the individual all-around. Ruby's performances secured her the third place overall.

A fantastic achievement, girls.

Credit must be given to coach Kira for the strength of the teams and the outstanding individual all-around results at both events attended this season. Congratulations and well done for all your success. The club is very proud of your achievements.

Results were as follows:

Team: Rubies 1st place, Opals 6th

Individual all around: Charlie 1st, Ruby 3rd.

Beam: Charlie 1st, Isa 6th.

Vault: Isa 4th, Charlie 5th.

Floor: Charlie 1st, Ruby 2nd, Ju-

Rings: Charlie 1st, Ruby 6th.

PBars: Asha 2nd, Ruby 3rd, Charlie 4th.

Cricket umpires wanted

CRICKET

If you are interested in cricket there is an opportunity to join the local LDCA Cricket Umpires Panel.

Most cricket is played on Saturday afternoon starting at 1pm and finishing at approximately 5.30pm in three Divisions A, B and C. There are also some Sunday Gippsland games played within the LDCA seniors, juniors and girls competition and some school games.

Our numbers have been affected over the Covid years and with retirements and people moving away from the area there is an opportunity to earn up to \$180

a Saturday umpiring. We have very few issues in local cricket with players looking after the local cricket, and the association management strong on behaviour issues, you can have the best seat in the house umpiring. If interested, we are holding a meeting at Leongatha Town rooms (Horn Street Leongatha back of School) Tuesday night at 7pm to register online and give umpires a chance to enrol in various courses online to update their levels.

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Finals on the court

TENNIS

It has been a hugely successful winter tennis season for the

Thirty teams played across five sections with representation from Leongatha, Korumburra, Westernport, Phillip Island and Inverloch.

Although the Grand Final had a delay with a washout having to be called on the Saturday, the Sunday brought with it better weather and the chance to complete all

The Wonthaggi tennis club



Congratulations to section 2 champions, Phillip Island who defeated Korumburra. Left to right Archar Hughes, Kynan Staley, Henry Kelly, Oliver Raso and Eli Bowker.

facilitated the finals and it was fabulous to use the new club-

We look forward to another bumper summer season starting in October.

Hole in one for Christ

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Trish Jamieson, 12th Marlene

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Anthony Johns (13) with 41

Mack (17) with 37 points c/b

fa (23) with 37points c/b from

Ricardo Meder, 10th Rowan

Wales and 17th Bez Moustafa.

BDL to 36 points c/b.

B Grade winner: Stephen

C Grade winner: Bez Mousta-

NTP: 5th Paul Ledwith, 7th

Thursday, September 14

Gibson and 17th Jo Disher.

Meadowcroft (16) 70 nett.

BDL 77 nett c/b.

c/b to Lyn Ward (33).

18 hole Open Stableford

from Phil Foster (21).

Gerald Taylor (23)

(31) 72 nett.

points.

GOLF

Tuesday, September 12 Men's 18 hole Stableford

A Grade winner: Neil Williams (16) with 36 points c/b from Craig O'Neill (12).

B Grade winner: Alf Micallef (17) with 40 points from Ray Jansson (19) with 39 points.

C Grade winner: Peter Innes (27) with 40 points from Christian Zderski (29) with 39 points

BDL to 34 points c/b.

NTP: 5th Ron Young, 7th Christian Zderski (hole in 1), 10th Luke Kelly and 17th Rod Ward.

Winner Ian Bray (32) 22 points from Chris Hailes (35) 21 points c/b.

BDL to 17 points.

Wednesday, September 13 **Ladies Stroke Monthly Medal**

Sponsored by EML Consulting (Club member Liz Gleeson) A Grade winner: Lesley

9 hole Stableford

9 hole Stableford

Winner: John Niven (24) with 19 points c/b from Ian Brown (35). BDL to 17 points c/b.

Saturday, September 16 Men's 18 hole Stableford

A Grade winner: Adrian O'Gorman (9) with 37 points from Neville Thurgood (5) with 35 points c/b.

B Grade Winner: Ron Owen (17) with 39 points from Ron Magill (13) with 38 points c/b.

C Grade Winner: Paul Walsh (38) with 43 points from Ken Wallace (20) with 38 points.

BDL to 34 points c/b. NTP: 5th Ian Smith, 7th Brett Saunderson, 10th David Nicoll and 17th Travis Johnson.

Ladies 18 hole Stableford

Winner: Megan Elbaz (32) 38 points from Emma Hall (6) with 36 points.

BDL to 32 points c/b NTP: 5th Ada Anglin, 7th Lorraine Hammon, 10th Rhonda Boyd and 17th Ada Anglin.

Saturday Open 9 hole Stableford Winner: Basil Moloney (16) with 19 points from John Rodakis (37) 18 points.

Winner: Robert Pascoe (16) with 20 points from Basil Moloney (16) with 18 points.

BDL to 16 points.





U12 B Blue Premiership team. Judd Bland, Bailey Logan, Blair Mc-Donald, Harry Sivori, Ariana Ward, Jessie Skepper, Ebonee Welsh, Alasdar McKechnie, Kayde Lyttle, Cooper Davis, Jackson Davis, Hailey Murton, Chase Frith, Saxon Collier, Callan Reilly and Graham Harry Savori was awarded the Most Valuable player in the U12 B



Red verses Blue Grand Final. More photos at pisra.com.au



U17s soccer Premiership team had a great win over Drouin. Xavier Godena, Adam Dean, Anthony Petropoulas, Tate Russell, Nate Anderson, Dean Rizzo, Angus Dempsey, Josh Vojkovic, Jack Middleton, Cadel Tsioulakas, Justin Tran, Bailey Leed, Jad Ellaz, Michaela Marr, Balian Prendergast, Dylan Gregory and Andrew Dean (Coach).

Breakers give it their all in Grand Final

SOCCER

Under 17s Premiers

The Under 17s finished the home and away season as League Champions and went into the Grand Final playing against Drouin with confidence of the win, however this is finals, and anything can happen.

The game was played at the new Lang Lang community and recreation precinct.

The team had played Drouin three times losing the first game (round three) 3-2, and then won (round seven) 3-1, and drew in (round 12) 2-2.

There were no guarantees how this game played on Sunday would pan out, however the Phillip Island Breakers started using the ball well and playing as a

With a couple of shots off target it was Anthony Petropoulos at the 9.2-minute mark that buried the ball into the net.

Drouin kept on fighting, however the Island defence in Cadel Tsioulakis, Jack Middleton, Josh Vojkovic, Bailey Leed and Angus Dempsey continually denied any form of attack.

For the next 20 minutes the ball moved quickly up and down the pitch.

Drouin were awarded a penalty from a very unlucky bounce and hand ball inside the box, was totally switched on and denied the score with an amazing

Thirty-nine minutes into the game Nate Anderson received a lovely ball inside the 18 and drilled it into the net scoring the Breakers' second goal.

The Breakers continued to dominate the play with our midfield run and passing.

Captain Xavier Godena Adam Dean, Dean Rizzo and Nate Anderson all played a solid game in the midfield, but it was Tate Russell's dominance and solid body that really stood out. For this reason Tate was awarded the MVP for the day.

Michaela Marr, Dylan Gregory, Jad Ellaz and Balian Prendergast also pressured the Drouin defence up front.

At the 74th minute mark Xavier was running with the ball at great speed into the six-yard box beating the Drouin defence when he was legged from behind by Drouin's defender Rinnan Trenton.

The ref didn't hesitate in blowing the whistle and pointing to the penalty dot, also pulling out a yellow card for the Drouin player.

Xavier took the penalty and hit the ball with venom leaving the keeper no chance of saving the goal.

With the final whistle blown the Breakers won the Grand Fi-

Well done ladies and gents on a fantastic win.

Best on ground Tate Russell, with a special mention to goalkeeper Justin Tran with his amazing saves and clean sheet, along with Xavier Godena and Anthony Petropoulos.

It was a fantastic performance by all, with everyone pitching in to get the win.

Goal scorers: Anthony Petropoulos, Nate Anderson and Xavier Godena one goal each.

U12B Blue bring home the cup

It was an exciting day for the Under 12s with both the Blue and Red set to battle it out for Premiership glory.

With coach/club president Gareth Kennedy away it was up to Graeme Sivori and team manager Katie Bland to steer the ship.

Cooper Davis put in another incredible performance while brother Jackson was strong in

The Blue backline had such a strong presence it proved too much for the Reds to infiltrate while goalie Chasse put his body on the line making some great saves to keep the Reds at only one goal.

Alasdar put in his best performance of the season and capped it off with his first ever goal.

Ebony had a cracker of a game

team effort that everyone contributed to.

Congratulations to all the players both Red and Blue who really put in an incredible effort all season.

Huge shout out to Harry Sivori who took out the U12B MVP on the day after an amazing season playing up an age group.

U14s gave their all

Another early start for the Under 14 Breakers team and it was all systems go as the team prepared to finish off the season against Korumburra.

Harvey Jacobs came out flying and was straight into the game with determination and speed

Captain Fletcher Middleton led by example all over the pitch continually having an impact and going in hard for the ball.

A fast-paced game back and forth saw Burra score the first goal 10 minutess in and the momentum changed.

A quick response from the Breakers and suddenly goals were going through at both ends.

Hamish Farman stepped up and hit two goals in succession in his cool and collected manner setting the crowd alight.

At half time scores were 5-4 in Korumburra's favour.

Sam Scott and Devlin Rowe

held up the defence making sure anytime the ball came into the defensive line it was sent flying

Second half and again the scores were being made at both

Jarvis McDonald put in a courageous and determined effort all game giving it everything he had, and his corner kick in leading to a header goal from Kade Ellaz was magic.

With two minutes to go and scores sitting at 8-6 in Burras favour it was not to be for our Breakers who despite the loss held their heads high.

Sitting on the bench and overhearing the team talk to each other in such a positive manner throughout the game was a credit to the players and their families who have played a key role in this team all season.

While we didn't finish the way we wanted it was a such an incredible season and we look forward to seeing what's in store next year.

Special mention to all the amazing families who have supported this team and who are always willing to put their hands up to volunteer around the club.

Thanks, and farewell to Coach Frank Licciardi who after two years of bringing his passion and commitment at the helm of the 14s has relocated to Melbourne.

Midweek bowls at Koo Wee Rup

BOWLING

Summer came early last week and what a marvelous change it

Thirty-seven bowlers turned up to bask in the sunshine and also have a couple of games of bowls.

A few wrong bias bowls seemed to be the order of the day, but the RCH will be grateful for our donations. A fair amount of laughter and

banter around the green which always lifts our spirits and seems to improve everyone's game.

There were some new bowlers as well as the return of one of our own bowlers from a few years ago.

The green was in excellent condition, and surprisingly, a little quicker than expected, which was a pleasant surprise.

Winners on a score of 36 were: John Nicholson (S), Rob Jeffrey (3), Frank D'Unienville (2) and Jenny Smith (L).



Winners of midweek bowls were Frank D'Unienville (2), Jenny Smith (L), John Nicholson (S) and Rob Jeffreys (3).

Runners up on 32 points were: Mark Andreatta (S), David Talbot (3), Neil Andreatta (2) and Elaine Williams (L).

Best One Game winners were: Michael Dady (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Jan Brown (L).

Thanks must go to Peter, Pauline and John for all the work they do every week to keep our game going, also to each of the clubs we play at.

To our members presently in hospital or just out of hospital,

keep yourselves safe and healthy and we will see you soon.

This week we will be moving to Lang Lang, so we look forward to having as many of our members turn up.

Could everyone please try to be on site by 10am as it makes it difficult to get the games arranged if people are late.

Meanwhile we hope everyone has a safe and pleasant week and see you next Thursday.

Players test their mettle at nationwide event

BRIDGE

Six and a half tables competed on Monday September 11.

Neville Chapman and Lorrie Read came first for North/South with a score of 63.21 per cent, followed in second by Deborah Anglim and Greg Nicholson on 55.71 per cent.

In third place were Don and Trish Stewart Uden.

Wendy and Graham McKergow were first for East/West with a percentage of 61.67 per cent.

Second were Clare and Jim Murphy on 55.0 per cent and third Moya Crowley and Leng Haggith on 53.75 per cent.

Wednesday was a nationwide

Congratulations to Diane Coleman and Moya Crowley in first place with a score of 62.71 per cent.

In second place Bronwyn Sund and Shirley Weaver with 59.26 per cent followed in third place by Shirley Stewart and Jill Short on 55.32 per cent

Thursday saw some new faces at Social Bridge.

If are looking to brush up on your bridge or just feel like a social game, please join us on any Thursday.

No partner necessary, call Wendy on 0459 200 265.

Euchre results

EUCHRE

Ladies' winner: Mary O'Brien 6 wins.

Men's winner: Tony Fallon – 8 Encouragement award: Mary

Ann Ueckerman.

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

Following two brilliant performances and nail-biting wins in the last few weeks to gain a berth in the WGFNL Grand Final against Inverloch on the weekend, it was simply not to be this time for the Phillip Island Seniors team. Our players fought valiantly over four quarters at the Koo Wee Rup ground on Saturday, but went down to Inverloch. Final scores Inverloch-Kongwak 75 to Phillip Island 40.



lai Sunderland dodging a tackle against Inverloch in the V18s Grand Final.



Hayden Bruce looking as slick as ever in the Grand Final match and first game back after injury.

Slick Sea Eagles take the Premiership

FOOTBALL

Grand Finals are always something special, and special it was for the Bulldogs teams at Koo Wee Rup on Saturday morning.

A stunning springtime morning dawned on a Koo Wee Rup oval that could only be described as in perfect condition, combined with a fantastic level of local organisation providing one of the best Grand Final settings for the West Gippsland League.

More than 5000 spectators were to fill the ground to capacity.

The Bulldogs headed into the day with three Grand Final Teams and high hopes for a great outcome.

Seniors

The Bulldogs entered the seniors Grand Final against Inverloch in near-perfect conditions.

Kai Mackenzie celebrating his 50th senior game, and captain Jack Taylor his 150th game being highlights of the pregame.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, they remained in the hunt for no more than the first 15 minutes of the game.

A tight opening saw the ball pinging from end to end, but with the Sea Eagles using the ball with more precision, as well as dominating through the mid-field.

Eventually, the defence was unable to hold on under the barrage, with the Sea Eagles moving out to a 21-0 lead by quarter time.

The second was not a lot better for the Bulldogs, with their first score finally coming at the 11-minute mark of the second through the returning Hayden

Bruce, at which point Inverloch were already four goals seven.

The Bulldogs were fortunate that the opposition were spraying their goal shots, leading by 33 (4 goals 9) to 8 at half time.

Interestingly, the other score that was firmly Inverloch's way was the free kick count 18-7 at the big break.

The free-kick count continued to head in the same direction for the third, with a dubious Inverloch free and 50m penalty resulting in another goal and a 39-8 lead.

At that point, the Bulldogs entered their most productive stage of the game with Jack Taylor leading the charge, Mark Griffin and Daniel Pearce stemming the tide in the backline and Billy Taylor and Max Blake providing targets in the forward line.

Goals to Cam Brown, Max Blake and Orlando Kane Gillard brought the Bulldogs back into it, with a 53-27 deficient at three quarter not looking insurmountable.

The final began with another Max Blake goal, before Coach Pedersen – having injured his knee during the third – finally retiring to the bench.

The low-light of the game came at the 12-minute mark of the last when Jack Taylor was knocked out cold attempting to mark the ball and being collected in the head by a Sea Eagle hip – made worse by amazingly not resulting in a free kick to the Bulldogs despite pleas from all and sundry.

Some late goals to the Sea Eagles ultimately saw them run out winners 75-40 in a comprehensive victory.

So, the gallant Bulldogs' end



There was drama on and off the field at the West Gippsland Footy finals at Koo Wee Rup, when a fire started in bushland adjacent to the oval. The flames came dangerously close to spectators' cars. Fortunately, fire crews were quickly on the scene and got the blaze under control.

of season run ended with a second placing, but a great year of transition and blooding of new and exciting talent that will only get better for 2024.

It's been a fantastic ride with a great vibe around the Bulldogs Kennel in 2023, so strap yourselves in for more in 2024.

Scores: Phillip Island: 0.0.0, 1.2.8, 4.3.27, 6.4.40. Inverloch-Kongwak: 3.3.21, 4.9.33, 7.12.54, 10 15 75

Goals: Phillip Island: Max Blake
- 2, Hayden Bruce, Orlando
Kane Gillard, Travis Woodfield
- 1. Inverloch-Kongwak: Will
Hams - 3, Nicholas Baltas, Taite
Cumming, Clinton McCaughan,
Archer Reid, Lachlan Scott, Oscar Toussaint - 1.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Mark Griffin, Daniel Pearce, Jack

Taylor, Billy Taylor, Damien Holmes, Max Blake. Inverloch-Kongwak: Will Hams, Ethan Park, Dylan Clark, Andrew Soumilas, Nicholas Baltas, Shem Hawking.

Under 18s

A spine-tingling address was the highlight before the game for the Under 18s, as coach Huther prepped his boys for their attack on the premiership against Inver-

Having lowered their colours to the Sea Eagles twice already this season, the challenge was there for the Bulldogs.

With the wind moving more cross-ground, the Bulldogs started best and were on the board early through Jack Johnston.

With Finn Cashman leading

from the middle, Noah Muller dominating and Beau Davies and Leo Savona standing firm, an early lead presented itself.

A late first quarter goal from the Inverloch boys brought the game back to relatively even at quarter time with the Bulldogs up by two.

The second turned into a slugfest with the wind really picking up, and the ball spending most of its time near or out of bounds. Only two points each in a

tough defensive 18 minutes saw the Bulldogs enter half time maintaining a two-point lead.

Unfortunately for the Bulldogs, that was to be the high point of the game.

The third resumed in a tight tussle until a couple of late goals to the Sea Eagles began to break the game open.

Zac Walker continued to work closely with his captain Cashman, but the Sea Eagles defence remained strong.

The trend was to continue in the last with a couple more goals to the opposition, with Inverloch running out victors 36-13.

A fantastic effort for the boys and the coaching group, with a lot to like about 2024 chances. **Scores**: Phillip Island: 1.4.10,

1.6.12, 1.7.13, 1.7.13. Inverloch-Kongwak: 1.2.8, 1.4.10, 3.6.24, 5.6.36 Goals: Phillip Island: Jack John-

ston – 1. Inverloch-Kongwak: Jarvis Harvey – 2, Rem Dal Pozzo, Jack McNally, William Turner – 1. **Best Players:** Phillip Island: Beau

Best Players: Phillip Island: Beau Davies, Finn Cashman, Zac Walker, Noah Muller, Leo Savona. Inverloch-Kongwak: Harry Butcher, cade brown, Zak Box, Jobe Scapin, William Turner, Jordan Bertacco.

Tenpin results

BOWLING

2s Company – Monday Afternoon: 1st on 20pts King Pins, 2nd on 17pts Tinabe and 3rd on 17pts Mustang Alley.

ABL (Almost bowling legends)

- Wednesday evening: 1st on 119pts Pinpals, 2nd on

113pts Knackers and 3rd on 110pts Kool Kats.

on 110pts Kool Kats. **Phantom:** 1st on 11.5pts

Dragonfly, 2nd on 11pts

Alleygator and 3rd on

10.5pts Barks.

Top scores for this week throughout all leagues are. Men – Ian Cookman 212, Justin Porthouse 204 and Rob Wilkinson 201.

Women – Jacque Kent 164, Karen Klym 163 and Barbara Burns 155.

This week the top four teams from each Thursday night business league battled it out in a knockout round to see who would be crowned this season's champions.

In the third and final round JD's and Turkey Slappers went head-tohead with JD's taking their first win on a collective 644pins with Turkey Slappers just missing out finishing on 628 pins.

Finishing ladder for the evening was: 1st JD's, 2nd Turkey Slappers, 3rd S and R Clarke Auto, 4th Wooly Rollers, 5th Dynamic Painting, 6th The Redundants, 7th Old Timers and 8th City Lights.



Season Champions ten pin bowl winners were team JD's from the left: Jason Bence, Jack Aitken and Anthony Connors.



It was sheer joy when the siren sounded for the Under 16 players in this pile on. And first on the scene to congratulate the lads was their number one supporter Jess Gislingham (left).



Phillip Island Under 16 ruckman Jack Briggs was named Man of the Match in the WGFNL Under 16 Grand Final against Warragul, following a scintillating

Bulldog young guns 2023 Premiers

FOOTBALL

The day started with the Under 16s heading into their Grand Final against Warragul Industri-

With the Bulldogs undefeated, and the only three losses for the Dusties being against the Bulldogs during the season, an intriguing contest was expected.

The Dusties got out of the blocks fast with the breeze, dominating the first quarter and causing a significant rethink from the Bulldogs.

Jack Briggs and Finn O'Brien stood tall for the Bulldogs against the Cody Templeton and Tom Logan for the Dusties.

After the first, the Bulldogs were able to settle, evening-up the game from the mid field whilst the star-studded forward line was able to get moving.

Oliver Duggan led the way for the Bulldogs, whilst some superb academy-award level performances from Max Taylor helped get the scoreboard ticking along

Cooper Walton took over all around the ground with Charlie O'Garey being his prolific best around the ball.

The Bulldogs were able to score seven goals to one after quarter time, taking charge of the game whilst the Dusties never gave up.

Jasper Cashman was ably assisted by Ben Chihotski, whilst Jack Briggs continued to dominate all through the game, resulting in a well-deserved beston-ground award.

With the Bulldogs running out victors 54-27, it was an excel-

Congratulations to coach Steve Duggan and his coaching team on back-to-back under 16 Premierships.

Scores: Phillip Island: 1.1.7, 4.4.28, 5.4.34, 8.6.54. Warragul Industrials: 3.1.19, 3.2.20, 3.3.21, 4.3.27

Goals: Phillip Island: Oliver Duggan – 3, Jack Briggs, Benjamin Chihotski, Charlie O'Garey, Max Taylor, Heath Womersley – 1. Warragul Industrials: Tom Logan – 2, Thomas Cornwall, Cody Templeton - 1.

Best Players: Phillip Island: Jack Briggs, Finn O'Brien, Yianni Caffieri, Oliver Duggan, Charlie O'Garey, Jasper Cashman. Warragul Industrials: Benjamin Allsop, Jarrod West, Thomas Vickery, Cody Templeton, Joshua Lee, Stephen Olin



Under 16 captain Finn O'Brien and coach Steve Duggan hold the Premiership cup aloft after taking out the Under 16 premiership against Warragul on Saturday.



Jack Briggs in action in the ruck.



Congratulations to Noan Forrest Mabilia, a Phillip Islander playing football for Dalyston this year, who was runner up in the West Gippsland Football Netball League Under 16 vote count.



Phillip Islana Unaer 17 Goal Attack Lily Mewett (right) was the winner of the WGFNL Under 17 best and fairest vote count. Lily is congratulated by teammate Maya Huther who plays Centre. Maya came third behind Lily in the League Under 17 count.



Congratulations to Phillip Islana Ju nior netballers Under 13s Ava Blake and Under 15 player Aisha Hibbert who both came runners up in their respective divisions at the WGFNL vote count last week.

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LOW	9:52 am 0.90 m	LOW	10:29 am 0.93 m	LOW	11:05 am 0.98 m	LOW	11:43 am 1.06 m	LOW	12:21 pm 1.15 m	HIGH	7:40 am 2.70 m	HIGH	8:33 am 2.61 m
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The U17s had a great premiership victory over Korumburra in the Grand Final. The girls brought home back-to-back premiership cups. From left: Coach Cath, Maya, Isla, Sienna, Ruby, Tilly, Lily, Meika, Jazzy and Sophia. More photos at pisra.com.au

Island U17 girls back-to-back Premiers

NETBALL

A beautiful day in Koo Wee Rup, with the sun beaming down for the Under 17's Grand Final.

It was Phillip Island verse Korumburra, and it was a fitting contest for the occasion.

Phillip Island girls started strong.

The energy was high and skill level matched.

Goal accuracy from Lily along with accurate passing and feeds from Tilly helped establish a four-goal lead at the end of the first quarter. 10-6.

From the onset of the second quarter, Korumburra came out dominating in defence, working hard to flood the midcourt and prevent the Island from their classic game.

Sophia, Isla, Sienna and Jazzy worked hard defensively and the pressure that both teams applied was intense.

Korumburra was lifting and Phillip Island's work rate was strong. They drew the lead at half time16-16.

Third quarter, to some known as the premiership quarter, took a range of turns.

Spectators, coaches and the crowd went into the next gear as the game hit its peak.

Korumburra stepped onto the court, meaning business.

Their goals were sinking, defence was strong, and they took full advantage of every opportunity. After five consecutive goals in a row Korumburra were able to get the lead out to four, but the Island weren't giving up.

A swap with Ruby into goals and Meika as WA, changed the direction of the game.

Maya wasn't holding back in terms of physicality and the mid court change proved to be a highly successful one.

Phillip Island chipped away, one goal at a time to



It was all excitement on the court for the U17 team with coach Cath Huther after the siren went on Saturday.

claw their way back to a threepoint lead at the end of the third quarter 28-25.

The last quarter of the Grand Final and coaches asked the girls to work hard, work together and enjoy this final quarter.

The Island girls stepped onto the court radiating energy and positivity.

Lily's leadership skills were invaluable, and Ruby's enthusiasm was contagious.

The defensive combination of Isla and Sophia was solid, and they ensured that Korumburra needed to work tenfold to score.

Intercept after intercept contributed to a series of conversions.

Phillip Island created their own momentum, with Tilly,

Maya and Meika, playing with a lot of freedom and not letting fear hold them back on their passes or attempts to win the ball.

Lily and Ruby's shots were on and in the end, it was all Phillip Island.

The Island girls ultimately winning the 2023 Grand Final by ten goals.

Final score: Phillip Island: 39 def Korumburra: 29.

Under 15

The Bulldogs came out firing in the first quarter and put Nar Nar Goon on notice, led by shooting accuracy and strong mid-court ball movement to take the lead at the first break.

Unfortunately for Phillip Island this was to be their

best quarter and a more experienced top age Nar Nar Goon responded with an impressive come back in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs were unable to stop Nar Nar Goon's strong mid-court and goaling combination and they continued to pull away across the second half of the game to seal the win despite all attempts to slow them down.

Coach Anna Mewett was not disappointed in the final score, praising the girls for making it to the big dance.

An impressive achievement for a team of mostly bottom age players and an exciting glimpse at what they will bring to 2024 as top age players.

Phillip Island: 24 def by Nar Nar Goon: 33.



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