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Bin bid fails

A bid to increase the kerbside bin collection in the summer holidays has failed.

Bass Coast Shire councillor Ronnie Bauer – who stood on an election platform to improve the waste issue – last week moved a motion calling for the red, yellow and green bins to be collected weekly from Boxing Day 2021 to the last Friday in January annually.

In a 5-4 vote the motion failed, with councillors arguing residents should not subsidise short term rental accommodation users such as Airbnb.

The debate became heated when some councillors argued with the shire CEO about the expected cost of the three extra kerbside collections.

According to shire officers, the extra collections would cost between \$500,000-\$600,000 per year – or up to \$21 extra per home – on top of the \$1.3 million annual cost currently paid under the contract for red landfill bin collections.

“If this motion is supported, the current kerbside collection contract would have to be renegotiated ... which would result in a significant increase in the standard waste charge for all users through to 2027,” the shire officers said.

Cr Les Larke abstained from voting but voiced community questions about the anticipated high cost of three extra collections.

In an at times combative exchange, he asked shire CEO Ali Wastie for a breakdown on the \$600,000 figure for three extra collections.

“I’m bemused how the calculation was made,” Cr Larke said, adding he had repeatedly asked for more information on the figures over several weeks.

Ms Wastie said the figures were estimates, to which Cr Larke said he was not satisfied with that response.

Ms Wastie responded the breakdown was “commercial in-confidence”.

“We provided what we could without breaking that,” she said.

Neglect

Cr Bauer said kerbside landfill collections had been a problem on Phillip Island since the three-bin system was introduced in 2016, with overflowing red bins “stinking and unsightly”.

“Our residents expect and deserve better,” said Cr Bauer, who agreed we all needed to reduce the amount of waste to landfill “for the planet”.

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A bid by Cr Ronnie Bauer to have weekly red bin collections from Boxing Day 2022 to the last Friday in January annually has failed.

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Family joy – visa granted!

Last week, Tracey Bell received the news she's waited 25 long months for.

Finally, her husband Francis Wamai has been granted a permanent partner visa, after initially being told the visa would only be temporary.

This means Francis, who is currently in Kenya, can now return home for good.

Work has already begun to find him a flight so he can be reunited with Tracey and their four-year-old son Gabriel on Phillip Island.

Ten days ago, Tracey was told Francis had only been granted a temporary visa, but said she couldn't understand the decision.

"Permanent residency is granted two years from lodgement of your visa application, which was July 2019 for Francis," Tracey explained.

The couple's migration agent swung into action, questioning the temporary status with the Australian High Commission in Nairobi in Kenya.

Shortly after, Tracey received another visa grant notification stating Francis had been given a permanent visa.

Work now begins on the difficult and expensive task of getting Francis on a flight home.

The earliest available is January 24, with some airlines charging up to \$20,000 for a flight from Nairobi.

For now, the family have man-

aged to book Francis a less expensive ticket on a Singapore Airlines flight and are keeping their fingers crossed.

"The agent said that this period now is the most challenging of times to get people into Australia," Tracey said.

"This is because of the new caps state governments have put on. Last year, NSW were taking 6000 people a week, now they are taking 750. And quietly Victoria, SA and WA followed suit.

"I'm happy to just have the visa because at least we can look forward to him really being here by an actual date rather than the uncertainty of waiting."

Thank you

Tracey said she had been overwhelmed by the support from the local community.

"I know that people wrote letters to Russell Broadbent when they read the article and I want to thank those people for making that extraordinary effort," she said.

"I also appreciate the comments of support left on the Facebook page, from both friends and strangers.

"I'm sure it's no coincidence the visa was granted so soon after your story and the letters to Mr Broadbent."

Tracey said it was an unexpected bonus to be part of the Nominate a Mate campaign and receive some vouchers.

"That was the last thing I was expecting. There was also the generous offer from a local migration agent of some pro bono assistance.

"This community is fantastic, and I feel very fortunate to have landed here."

Long separation

Tracey and Francis met in Kenya and married in Australia in 2016.

The family were living in Cowes, with Francis on a tourism visa, which required him to leave the country every three months while his partner visa application was processed.

On top of the financial burden, mounting uncertainty over the outbreak of COVID-19 meant the couple who have a small son, were desperate to resolve the visa issue.

The family's original plan to all return to Kenya in July 2020 and wait out the visa processing time there together had to be abandoned due to Covid, as the Australian government was not allowing citizens (Tracey and Gabriel) to travel.

Last September Francis returned to Kenya alone to pack up their lives there, expecting to be back within a few months.

He has since been stranded there, unable to return to Australia.

Adding to the family's stress, Tracey is facing a serious health battle that requires week-long trips to Melbourne for chemotherapy, while Gabriel stays with Tracey's parents, saying good night on a screen to both his mum and his dad.

Last week's news means at least now there is an end in sight and hopefully the family can be reunited early next year.



Tracey and Gabriel on a Facetime call with Francis in Kenya. The family have been separated for more than a year, with the earliest available flight home scheduled for January 24, 2022.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Island crash tragedy

Major Collision Investigation Unit detectives have charged a 19-year-old man following a fatal collision in Devon Meadows on Friday that claimed the lives of an elderly Phillip Island couple.

It is alleged a car was performing a U-turn on the South Gippsland Highway when it was involved in a collision with a vehicle travelling

southbound about 1.25pm.

David and Denise Mitchell from Cowes, in the first vehicle, sadly died at the scene.

The driver of the second vehicle, a Cranbourne North man, has been charged with two counts of culpable driving and one count of possess a drug of dependence.

He has been remanded to appear at Melbourne Magistrates' Court.

Operation Guardian

Police said Phillip Island was a focus for Operation Guardian last week. This included foot patrols in the main street of Cowes.

Police confirmed infringement notices were issued to people breaching the CHO directives.

Accident reports

There were no major injuries from two accidents on Phillip Island roads on Monday.

An SUV with four occupants overturned on the Phillip Island Road near A Maze 'N Things just before

11am. Police, ambulance and emergency services attended. Police described it as a low-speed collision at the intersection of the driveway, with one car spinning into the embankment and landing on its side. Fortunately, there were no serious injuries.

Earlier that morning, a car left the road and ran into a tree on Ventnor Road around 8am. Police said the accident wasn't at high speed and although the car was wrecked, the male driver was uninjured. The cause of the accident has not been established and the driver was taken to hospital as a precaution.

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First cases recorded in Bass Coast

Bass Coast recorded its first case in the latest Delta outbreak on Friday night. By the end of the weekend, that figure had risen to three.

On Friday evening, the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit confirmed a positive case had been identified in Corinella.

The case acquired the virus at a construction site near Swan Hill and by the following day, two household contacts of the original case also tested positive.

Four local Tier 2 exposure sites have been identified.

- Bunnings Wonthaggi: Friday, September 10, 8.25am – 9.15am
- Van Steensel Timbers, Grantville: Saturday, September 11, 9.35am – 10.10am
- Macca's Farm, Glen Forbes: Saturday, September 11, 10.45am – 12.15pm
- Blue Gum Garden Centre, Ne-whaven: Sunday September 12, 12.20pm – 1.15pm

Anyone who visited a Tier 2 exposure site during the times listed should get a Covid test and isolate until they receive a negative result.

Family members or other people within the household do not need to get tested if they did not attend the exposure site.

Be cautious

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said the positive Covid cases were a “timely reminder that we are in a pandemic and Bass Coast is not immune”.

“I’m urging everyone to be cautious, follow the health directives and to get tested if you have the slightest symptoms.”

There were extended opening times at drive through testing sites at Wonthaggi Hospital and the Cowes Transit Centre on Saturday and Sunday, with 153 tests administered at Cowes and 393 at Wonthaggi across the weekend.

On Friday, Gippsland Public Health Unit also confirmed a positive case in



Testing times at the drive through testing clinics in Wonthaggi and Cowes were extended after three positive cases were recorded in the Corinella area, with 546 tests administered across the weekend.

Traralgon, with unexplained viral fragments detected in wastewater at Moe.

The government again expressed concern at the growing number of cases in the south-eastern corridor of Melbourne, with positive cases in Dandenong, Casey and Cardinia shires.

With the virus inching closer to Bass Coast, Ms Child said it was important to remain vigilant.

She recommended checking the state government’s list of exposure sites which is regularly updated.

A full list is available at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/case-alerts-public-exposure-sites#about-exposure-sites.

Concerns about regional infections continues to grow, with Ballarat put into a seven-day lockdown last week. On Sunday, the government announced Geelong, Surf Coast and Mitchell shires would also go into a seven-day lockdown from midnight, due to rising case numbers.

Cases have also been detected in East Gippsland, Macedon Ranges, Mildura, Daylesford, Cohuna, Healesville, Bacchus Marsh, Beveridge, and Shepparton.

Vaccinate

Ms Child said the Community Vaccination Clinic at the Wonthaggi Town Hall was open all week.

If you’re over 18, you can walk-in

for an AstraZeneca vaccine, with Pfizer given as a priority to walk-ins who are healthcare, disability support, aged care or construction workers.

“Other people can walk-in and we will try to give you a vaccine if time permits,” Ms Child said.

Bookings are also available through the online portal at portal.cvms.vic.gov.au or by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

Roadmap

On Sunday, Premier Daniel Andrews announced a roadmap, which has the current Melbourne lockdown ending on October 26 when the state reaches the 70 per cent double dose target.

The roadmap outlines a gradual easing of restrictions, and when the 80 per cent single dose target is reached later this month (September 26), some restrictions in both regional and metropolitan Victoria will end.

Victoria should reach the 80 per cent double dose target by November 5, however the Premier said cases were not expected to peak until mid-December, with hospital admissions peaking at the end of that month.

Full details of the Premier’s statement and the Victorian roadmap available at: www.premier.vic.gov.au/victorias-roadmap-delivering-national-plan



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Pandemic hits tourism, construction booms

COVID-19 has punched a \$150 million hole in the local tourism economy.

In contrast construction has boomed during the pandemic, with 64 per cent more domestic building permits issued over the past year in Bass Coast compared to the 10-year average.

According to a five-year review of Bass Coast Shire’s economic development, in 2019-2020 the value of tourism in Bass Coast was revised down to \$379 million – a decrease of \$150 million or 29 per cent compared to 2018/19.

Pre-Covid the value of tourism was estimated at \$529 million.

In 2018/19 tourism was 44 per cent of the local economy – with an estimated 5900 jobs – which dropped to 30 per cent last year.

However while tourism and hospitality were severely impacted – “and in many cases only survived due to government subsidies” – the review states some sectors have benefitted from the pandemic,

including construction, home improvement and freight.

The economic review found Bass Coast had experienced consistent growth over the past five years, with an estimated population growth rate of 2.82 per cent per annum, well above regional Victoria’s average.

“The pandemic continues to have significant influence on the economy including the largest population shift away from Australian capital cities since World War 2,” the review states.

“This resulted in Bass Coast experiencing significant population increase including 64 per cent more domestic building permits issued in 2020/2021 compared to the ten-year average.”

In parallel the unemployment rate has dropped from its peak during mid-2016 at 8.6 per cent to the lowest unemployment rate in the past decade to the December 2019 (pre-Covid) rate of 3.6 per cent.

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The redeveloped Cowes Cultural Centre will have no dedicated parking spaces with all parking for the centre accommodated in the transit centre and surrounding on street parking.

Cultural Centre parking anomaly

The redeveloped Cowes Cultural Centre will have no dedicated parking spaces, after Bass Coast Shire waived its own parking requirements.

The increased floor area of the new centre led to the need for an additional 46 parking spaces.

In a circuitous planning anomaly, an application was made to waive the 46 spaces.

According to a shire spokeswoman, where an application was only for a car parking waiver public advertising was not required.

"This means that copies of plans or other details are not placed on our website or available for viewing," the spokeswoman said.

"It also means that the application cannot be appealed to VCAT."

She added that because the centre previously had no dedicated parking "there is no net loss of parking spaces for the new building".

She said all parking for the centre will be accommodated in the transit centre and surrounding on street parking.

The centre's construction is set to start in November and take 12-14 months, following stage two demolition of the remaining buildings next month.

In June, updated concept designs were released - including for the library, gallery, museum and theatre - with the tender for the building expected to go before the October council meeting.

The \$19 million project has received a state government grant of \$2.5 million, \$800,000 from the Living Libraries grant and \$10 million loan funding from the state government. The shire allocated \$4 million in its 2020/21 budget, with the remaining \$1.7 million allocated in the shire's 2021/22 financial plan.

Pandemic, pensioner and domestic violence rate relief

Vulnerable ratepayers who experience extreme hardship will now be eligible to have their Bass Coast Shire rates waived.

And pensioners will be able to defer rate payments indefinitely or until the property is sold.

Councillors last week unanimously voted to review the shire's hardship policy to also include a permanent clause that will see interest-free deferral of rates to homeowners experiencing financial hardship due to pandemic, natural disasters or domestic violence.

In May last year councillors adopted a COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy - in parallel to the shire's Financial Hardship Policy - to assist businesses and residential ratepayers needing help because of the pandemic.

The COVID-19 policy allowed rate instalments to have interest-free deferrals up to June 30 this year.

As a result, councillors have

now adopted this enhanced, permanent Financial Hardship Policy "to incorporate ongoing relief provisions for those who continue to be financially impacted by COVID-19 and in any future pandemics or natural disasters".

According to shire officers, in May the Victorian Ombudsman carried out a review of all Victorian council's hardship policies.

"The results of this review concluded that Bass Coast has a sound Financial Hardship Policy, being generally in line with or more generous than those of other councils," officers stated.

As a result of the review, the shire will now consider deferring rates for applicants who aren't able to deal with debt at any level due to financial, physical or emotional circumstances.

"This type of assistance will only be provided in extreme circumstances where the ap-

plicant is in a position where making any payment would cause further distress," the policy states.

"While interest may continue to accrue on the overdue rates, it will be discounted to half (50 per cent).

"The debt will be a charge against the property and must be repaid in full when the property changes hands by way of sale or other means."

Any rate waivers will require a council resolution and will be voted on in closed council. Also, pensioners aged 66 years and six months are able to apply for a deferral of rates indefinitely or until the property is sold or estate settled, with interest accrued on deferred rates at 50 per cent.

In the event of a pandemic, natural disaster, serious physical and/or mental illness, family violence, each applicant's situation "will be assessed on a case-by-case basis".

No butts about it!

A resident of Sunnyside Avenue in Cape Woolamai is fed up with selfish smokers dumping their butts in the gutter.

They've reported the incident to Bass Coast Shire Council and say it's the second time this month there have been butts piled up near the stormwater drain in the street.

Sustainability Victoria said the National Litter Index 2018-2019 showed cigarette butts accounted for 54.4 per cent of the overall litter counted.

Clean Up Australia states cigarette butts are the most littered item on the planet, with about 4.5 trillion individual butts polluting the global environment.

In 2020, cigarette butts represented 16 per cent of all recorded items in the Clean Up Australia Rubbish Report.

Cigarette butts are also a major source of pollution in our oceans. According to Blueocean.net, the plastic in filters can take up to a decade

to decompose, and research shows the chemicals leached from discarded butts, which include nicotine, arsenic and heavy metals, can be toxic to marine life and birds.

Cigarette butts should always be placed in a rubbish bin, not in the gutter.

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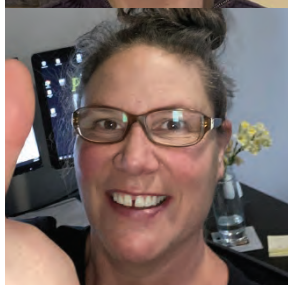
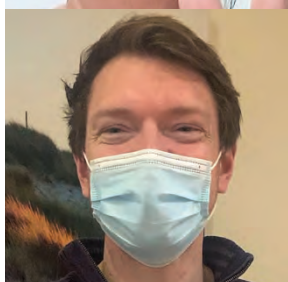
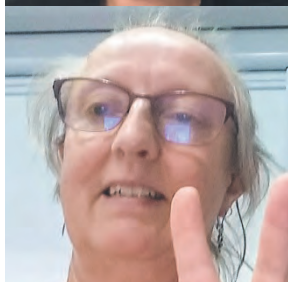
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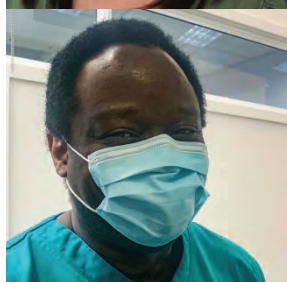
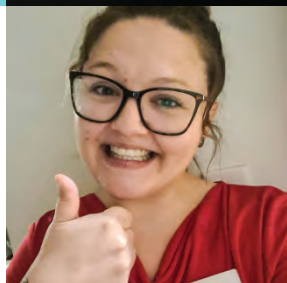
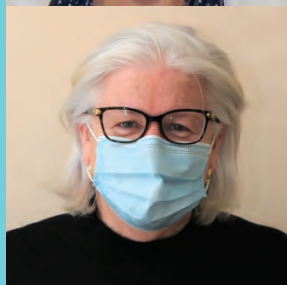
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Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association (PIBCDA) called for further details for off-leash areas in the Domestic Animal Management Plan. Ry and Kody, and their dog Tikka. Photo: Lorey Bree Photography,

Dog owners respond to DAMP

Dog owners have called for more details on off-leash areas and assurances that beach restrictions will be shortened.

The call comes after feedback on Bass Coast Shire's draft Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2021-25 closed on September 12.

The shire received 61 submissions to the draft DAMP, with the final plan to go to the October council meeting.

Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association (PIBCDA) president Cheryl Owens said in their submission to the draft, they called for further details for off-leash areas.

"We want a timeline to ascertain when objectives are in fact going to be achieved, not lost in some four-year abyss," Cheryl said.

"We want assurances that restrictions will be shortened from May back to February. We have been vocal about this for several years and no action has occurred."

Cheryl said PIBCDA members would also like the numbers for dog attacks and rushes clarified.

According to the DAMP there were 144 reports of alleged dog attacks in the past year, with the shire prosecuting five serious dog attacks and five dog rushes.

"It is my understanding that even if someone rings up it goes under this heading of an attack or rush," she said.

"We would like the language about dogs in our community to change from such a negative tone and more priority given to their needs.

"We are happy to be part of the proposed new working group, as long as the other groups come to the

meeting with the intention of both talking and listening and we are not the only ones expected to compromise."

Cheryl added dog owners would also like to know how soon poo bag dispensers will be rolled out "as this seems to be a big issue for many people".

Friends of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay spokeswoman Ann Grose provided their detailed submission to the draft DAMP.

Anne argued that given the registration of dogs to the shire "adds a substantial amount of money to the revenue" of the shire – in the group's estimation about \$245,000 annually – there should be "plenty of money left over to provide amenities" such as poo bag dispensers.

The Friends' submission stated current time zones restrictions for off-leash areas in Cowes, Newhaven and Woolamai should conclude in February.

"Before any new DAMP is voted on for the next four years, these time zones should be looked at more closely," Ann said.

"Is the shire really motivated to resolve and establish recreation areas (for dogs) that the community has been shouting for, for over a decade?"

"Or are you just paying us lip service?"

Cat curfew

Phillip Island Conservation Society president Jeff Nottle said their submission to the draft DAMP supported a 24/7 cat curfew.

Currently the shire requires cat owners to lock up their pet for nighttime curfew, from sunset to sunrise.

However, the DAMP takes this

a step further, suggesting 24/7 cat containment will be enforced from July 1, 2023.

A cat containment working group will be created this year – "with the objective of supporting the community to adopt 24/7 cat containment" – which will meet quarterly until December 2023.

"PICS believes the time has now come to extend the cat curfew to a 24/7 containment order, where cat owners must keep their cat on their property at all times, for the protection of their pet's welfare," Jeff said.

"Information about feral cats and the devastation they cause economically, environmentally and socially are well documented."

Jeff said PICS also supported the draft plan's proposed improved dog patrols and enforcement, off-leash signage, and also that state government funds would be sought for dedicated off-leash dog parks.

"The thorny issue of dogs off-leash on our beaches is not finalised and PICS believes council should initiate discussions with community groups as well as Nature Parks to settle a position for the duration of the current DAMP," Jeff said.

CEO Ali Wastie explained while the DAMP identified key priorities, its role was not to detail which areas should or shouldn't cater to dogs off-leash.

Ms Wastie said a review of the current management of dogs off-leash areas on shire-managed beaches would come later, and include community consultation.

"This review will incorporate the 2020 consultation around dog off-leash areas in Cowes East and Rhyll," she said.



Councillors supported a motion to present options and costs for waiving and refunding of footpath trading fees for the 2021/22 financial year.

Summer outdoor dining supported

Hospitality venues who created outdoor dining in the wake of Covid may again have their footpath trading fees waived.

Cr Rochelle Halstead moved an urgent motion at last week's Bass Coast Shire council meeting, calling for shire officers to prepare a report for next month's council meeting presenting options and costs for the waiving and refunding of footpath trading fees for the 2021/22 financial year.

The motion – which received unanimous support from councillors – will look at outdoor dining options for the upcoming summer, seek state government funding to support outdoor dining activities and also waive fees until the council has considered the report.

Cr Halstead said she had recently visited a San Remo café whose owner – "welling with tears" – explained to her she had just received a renewal notice for outdoor dining.

"It wasn't a huge fee and under normal conditions they would have paid it," Cr Halstead said.

"But at the moment our hospitality venues are closed ... and they weren't expecting this."

"A lot of outdoor dining permits have been bought in since Covid because they don't have another option. If they don't operate outdoors they don't run their business ... they're forced to go out on to the street and now we're asking them to pay for the pleasure of doing that."

She said without the financial support of state and Federal governments, "we would have no hospitality businesses left".

"This one is a bit of an emotional

one for me. As a business owner myself in hospitality I sympathise with the pain this industry has faced in the last two years."

Cr Halstead said outdoor dining could become a permanent feature in towns because it created a "vibrant atmosphere".

Cr Michael Whelan said he had also been lobbied by a distressed café owner trying to find staff.

Traders

Last year, outdoor dining spaces popped up across the shire, as part of a state government initiative to help hospitality businesses in the face of Covid pandemic impacts.

Some city councils have already announced their intention to reintroduce fees, while Bendigo and Mornington Shire have confirmed they will extend the free outdoor dining in the short term.

In April, Bass Coast Shire Council extended the waiver of footpath trading fees for six months, providing the business could demonstrate a 20 per cent loss in revenue.

Craig Edmonds, President of the San Remo and District Tourism and Business Association said the group was keen to see the outdoor spaces continue.

"Anybody that spent time in San Remo of an evening or weekends would have to agree the atmosphere created by these areas gave the town a new look and it's a look the town deserves," he said.

Craig said reintroduction of fees would impact differently on each business but said it was a perfect opportunity for the council to work positively with business to find a solution, "to make it work at an affordable price".

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Building blow

Last week, the government announced a ban on construction workers moving between regional and metropolitan jobs.

Then on Monday night, a two-week shut down on metropolitan building sites was announced.

For some local tradies, the impact is massive.

One builder, who works in Melbourne and preferred not to be named, expressed frustration at the decision, saying even though he was fully vaccinated, he couldn't travel for work, while an unvaccinated supermarket work could live in Bass Coast, but work in Cranbourne.

Before the news of the two-week construction industry shut down, he said he may need to find accommodation in Melbourne until the ban was lifted, as it wasn't an option to halt work on his current project.

David Thorogood from Thorogood Homes lives in Cape Woolamai and is now semi-retired, but up until the end of June he was travelling to Melbourne once a week, as all his contracts were based in Melbourne.

As well as stopping regional workers travelling to Melbourne, David said the new restrictions would impact on anyone in the regions who

was using a metropolitan based building company.

"I would be contacting the owner and explaining the lockdown consequences, being construction time delays and the fact that building material costs are rising at an alarming rate.

"These extra costs are out of our control and would have to be passed onto them, and it's not a good result for anyone."

Local projects

Several local projects could potentially be impacted by the ban.

The new San Remo campus is being built by SJ Higgins, a Melbourne based construction company currently working on multiple projects across the state, including schools in Brighton and Mentone, and hospitals in Ringwood and Footscray.

The new campus is due to open in 2022.

The Education Department was unable to confirm how the bans and the construction industry shut down would impact on the project, saying it was still seeking clarity on what the directions would be.

Another major local project, expansion of Wonthaggi Hospital, is also being undertaken by a Melbourne-based firm, Kane Constructions.

The \$76 million project is

due to be completed by 2023.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said she was still awaiting advice on the impact of the ban.

"We are listed as critical infrastructure," she said, noting uptake of vaccinations from the works on the site had been good.

Restrictions

The government announced the initial restrictions on travel in response to "cases seeding from Melbourne into regional Victoria", including Geelong, Mitchell shire and Ballarat.

The two-week shut down was called "due to continued concern about case numbers, transmission risk and reduced compliance", the Premier said, after construction workers held an angry protest outside the offices of the CFMEU.

Additional Covid-safe measures have been introduced on all construction sites, including Covid-Safe Marshalls, worker shift bubbles and closure of tea rooms.

All constructions workers will have to show proof of at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine before 11.59pm on September 23, with priority bookings made available through the Coronavirus hotline.

Sunderland Bay subdivision approved

Sunderland Bay will get a new mini subdivision after Bass Coast Shire councillors voted in support of a Jill Street development.

The planning permit for six lots received nine objections and seven letters of support.

The 1.4-hectare land, on the north-west fringe of the hamlet, is zoned low density residential and is currently vacant, used for grazing livestock.

Objectors said they were concerned the subdivision would add to their road dust concerns.

According to one objector the application was previously put before council in 2015 but withdrawn.

"The surrounding streets remain largely dirt," the objector said, asking "when will infrastructure respond to the needs of the immediate community?"

Another objector questioned whether council should be "avoiding linear urban sprawl along the coastal edge", and called on the developer to pay for road upgrades.

Letters of support included that the subdivision will "improve the local environment, drainage and the Jill Street road conditions".

Cr David Rooks said he supported the development because it was in the town boundary and the developer was creating lots 2000m2 or greater, which was low density.

He said the 2015 issues relating to drainage had since been overcome.

"The setbacks are good so there's room for revegetation," he said.



Bass Coast Shire councillors voted in support of a Jill Street development in Sunderland Bay. The 1.4-hectare land, on the north-west fringe of the hamlet, is zoned low density and is currently vacant.

"And the extension of Jill Street will see the road and footpath sealed."

In August Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay residents lodged a petition with Bass Coast Shire council calling for an immediate remedy to dust problems on roads.

The petition, containing 87 signatures, was signed by property owners in the two hamlets, where the shire has been removing bitumen sealant, with residents expected to be soon invited to be part of special charge payment scheme to roll out permanent bitumen upgrades.



Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club will use an Inclusive Community Organisation grant from Bass Coast Shire Council to help purchase a beach wheelchair. Photo: Shoalhaven CC.

Grants to help make Bass Coast more accessible

Three Phillip Island businesses or groups are among 10 to receive funding in the latest round of Bass Coast Shire Council's inclusive business and community group grants.

Brinnie T Design, Island Bay Ranch and the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club successfully applied for funding.

The grants aim to help businesses and community groups improve access for people with disability.

Successful applicants each received up to \$1000 to make access and inclusion improvements to their business or service.

Brinnie T Design will use

the money to develop a Disability Action Plan; Island Bay Ranch will replace a dangerous and uneven path with a safer and more accessible one; and Woolamai Beach SLSC will purchase a beach wheelchair.

"Congratulations to the 10 recipients of the funding who have taken the time to review their premises, programs and services to identify any access barriers and develop appropriate projects and initiatives to improve access and inclusion of people with disability," Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said.

"This small capital investment has big social benefits,

as we know that when you provide access for all, you have a greater wellbeing and a more connected, and fully participating community.

Other successful applicants are:

Bass Coast Adult Learning, Wonthaggi.

Bass Coast Landcare Network.

Gippsland Disability Advocacy Inc.

Harman's Wines, Inverloch.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis.

Wonthaggi Baptist Church.

Woolamai Recreation Reserve - Riding for the Disabled.

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The Save Western Port Woodlands is calling on the state government to buy the Holden Proving Ground after VinFast put it back on the market. In July last year the group gathered outside the Holden Proving Ground. From left, Moragh McKay, Tim Heffer, Meryl Tobin, Lauren Burns, Michael Nugent, Neil Rankine, Gerard Burns, Susan Davies and Tim O'Brien.

Holden Proving Ground back on the market

Vietnamese motoring giant VinFast has put the former Holden Proving Ground back on the market, less than a year after purchasing it, and announced they are closing their Australian operations.

The Victorian National Parks Association (VNPA) is calling on the state government to purchase the land, to help protect native vegetation and the Western Port Woodlands.

Concerns over sand mining threats are fuelling the call and its being backed by the Save Western Port Woodlands group.

The group says a new report, commissioned in partnership with the VNPA shows a wildlife corridor is critical for threatened and endangered native species.

At 855 hectares, the former Holden Proving Ground is the largest and most intact piece of bushland in a corridor of native vegetation on the Bass Coast from Lang Lang to Grantville – known as the Western Port Woodlands.

The "Western Port Woodlands: Sand Pit or Wildlife Corridor?" report released last week shows the corridor is critical habitat for a raft of threatened and endangered species.

VNPA Nature Campaigner Jordan Crook said: "In one of the most cleared regions in the most cleared state in Australia,

the Western Port Woodlands corridor is an oasis of bushland. This makes it vital to a diverse range of native plants and animals that call the area home."

The corridor is a string of conservation reserves and private land that stretches from Adams Creek Nature Conservation Reserve in the north to the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve to the south.

The report finds that this wildlife corridor is under threat from sand mining spurred on by Victoria's Big Build.

"Poor planning could lead to this connected corridor being severed and result in localised extinctions of iconic species such as the Southern Brown Bandicoot and the Powerful Owl," Mr Crook said.

This is also one of the only places in the world that the critically endangered Teatree Fingers, the only state-listed fungus species can be found.

The planning of extensive sand mining operations over the top of rare coastal environment is also fuelling conflict between sand miners and the local community.

Around 150 people gathered in Corinella at a meeting organised by Save Western Port Woodlands before the Covid lockdowns.

More than 3000 people have signed petitions to the Victorian Parliament calling for a moratorium on sand mining in the

remnant woodlands.

Bass Coast Shire Council has written to the Planning Minister Richard Wynne expressing their concerns about expanding sand mining operations along the Bass Coast.

Save Western Port Woodlands is calling on the council to rezone the former Holden Proving Ground site for conservation, and to seek funding for its purchase under the state government's \$156 million Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund.

"We ask respectfully that Council and councillors get on the front foot to make the most of this opportunity for the benefit of the Bass Coast community and its tourism economy, and for the benefit of that precious endangered coastal forest," Save Western Port Woodlands spokesman Tim O'Brien said.

"While our views of the forest ecology and its value are known, we argue that the Proving Ground, with the building infrastructure it offers on the highway, provides an unparalleled opportunity for a 'Gateway to Bass Coast' Tourism Centre of benefit to the whole of the region."

The "Western Port Woodlands: Sand Pit or Wildlife Corridor?" can be found at vnpa.org.au/new-report-shows-wildlife-corridor-is-critical-for-threatened-species/



Year 12 students, (from left to right): Stevie Hower, Izabella McCulloch, Sunny Lumsden, Sunday Brisbane and Chelsea Allen enjoyed the Principal's breakfast at Newhaven College.

Special Year 12 breakfast celebration

Newhaven College Year 12 students celebrated the end of Term 4 with a special Principal's breakfast in the College's magnificent open air amphitheatre.

It was a stunning morning filled with sunshine. Teachers, staff and students enjoyed fresh muffins, croissants and fruit platters as they mingled and reminisced about their time at the College.

Principal Mr Tony Corr addressed the Year 12 cohort congratulating them on their determination and resilience during the remote learning periods.

Mr Corr shared wellbe-

ing ideas and exam revision strategies to help students prepare for their upcoming VCE examinations.

He also acknowledged the presence of numerous staff and teachers at the breakfast.

"This is an important day for all our staff, they have been a part of your journey, this is a special day for them also."

For teacher Ms Fiona Smart it was a time to celebrate with her 2009 Prep class who will graduate next month having been through the College from Prep - Year 12.

Council Update



Have your say: draft Smiths Beach Town Plan

The draft Smiths Beach Town Plan is still open for feedback and we'd like to hear from you. You can view the plan on our website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smithsbeach. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 restriction we have not been able to hold any in-person drop-in sessions and we recognise that some members of the community may continue to have questions about the draft plan. If you'd like to have a phone conversation or virtual meeting with one of our Strategic Planners please contact us on the phone numbers or email address below. In addition, and in lieu of the in-person sessions, we will be running two virtual briefing and Q&A sessions for the draft plan. They will consist of a 10-minute presentation of the key actions in the plan followed by open time for questions. These are scheduled for the following times:

- Monday, 27 September: 12.00pm – 1.00pm
- Wednesday, 29 September 6.00pm – 7.00pm

If you are interested in attending these sessions, please RSVP to strategicplanningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au to have the meeting invite sent to you.

Have your say: draft Council Plan 2021-25

You're invited to provide your feedback on the draft Council Plan 2021-25. The draft Council Plan 2021-25 brings together feedback we have received through community engagement and identifies our priority focus areas over the next four years. A copy of the draft Plan is available on our website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourfuture or you can contact Council on the numbers below or email basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au to request a copy in the post or via email. You can provide feedback on the draft Council Plan via an online survey at the link above, in writing, by sending an email with 'Council Plan Feedback' in the subject line to basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au, by post to Community Engagement Advisor, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi 3995, or in person at any of Council's Customer Service Centres. Feedback is open until Friday, 24 September.

Have your say: draft Long Term Financial Plan

Council is giving the community an opportunity to provide feedback on its draft Long Term Financial Plan 2021-31. You can view the draft Plan online at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourfuture or to request a copy in the post or via email contact our Customer Service Centre on the numbers below or email basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au. You can provide feedback on the draft Plan via the online survey at the website address above or in writing, by sending an email with 'Long Term Financial Plan Feedback' in the subject line to basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au, by post to Community Engagement Advisor, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi 3995, or in person at any of Council's Customer Service Centres. Feedback is open until Friday, 1 October.

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Protect your community

Everyone is dreaming of a summer of freedom.

With the government providing a roadmap out of lockdown once the state reaches a 70 per cent and 80 per cent fully vaccinated rate, local businesses and organisations have thrown their support behind a vaccination campaign.

Destination Phillip Island (DPI) is one such group, saying reaching the vaccination target is the best way to get businesses back to work.

"Getting back to work for the tourism industry supports over 4500 jobs and economic activity for the region," said DPI General Manager Kim Storey.

"Our community relies on the services and experiences local businesses deliver so it's time to roll up your sleeve and help us get to the vaccination targets that have been set."

Kim said it was important for people to know the local options for getting vaccinated, including medical clinics, pharmacies and through Bass Coast Health.

"We applaud the work our health services are delivering, and have delivered since March 2020."

Debbie Wardell, clinic manager at the Cowes Medical Centre said getting vaccinated was the most effective way to get life back to normal.

"By getting vaccinated you are protecting yourselves, your families and helping protect the whole community."

She said both Pfizer and AstraZeneca vaccines were now available at the Cowes Medical Centre.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said the response to the call to get vaccinated had been fantastic, with 74 per cent of Bass Coast residents receiving their first vaccination. Around 53 per cent are fully vaccinated.

"Vaccination is our way out of this health crisis and it is also the way to fast-track the return of tourists to the Bass Coast region,



"Double vaxed" declared Cr Ronnie Bauer. "I urge everybody to get vaccinated. The sooner we do, the sooner tourists can enjoy Phillip Island and Bass Coast."

who are vital to our economy," Cr Tessari said.

To make an appointment at a state-run vaccination clinic, call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 or portal.cvms.vic.gov.au

To book an appointment at a participating doctor's clinic or pharmacy, contact them directly or go to: covid-vaccine.healthdirect.gov.au/eligibility

New Orthopaedic surgeon to support Bass Coast Health

An orthopaedic surgeon with international experience has joined Bass Coast Health and will be performing joint replacement surgery at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Dr Osama Elsewaisy will be offering patients hip and knee replacements, knee arthroscopies and Anterior Cruciate Ligament reconstructions.

The surgeries help patients return to many of the activities they enjoy, without the limited mobility and pain of worn and injured joints.

"The goal of joint replacement surgery is to alleviate joint pain and return patients to a more active lifestyle," Dr Elsewaisy said.

"If people have persistent joint pain in the hip or the knee that is impacting their sleep and mobility, it is worthwhile them seeing their GP for an assessment of the non-surgical and surgical treatment options.

"Within Wonthaggi Hospital, my patients will have support from nursing staff, physiotherapists and occupational therapists, and they will have a home exercise program planned prior to discharge."

Dr Elsewaisy uses "tried and tested" techniques and implants with excellent long term results.

He is now consulting two Tuesdays a month, alternating between Wonthaggi Hospital and Phillip Island Health Hub at Cowes. He will operate at Wonthaggi Hospital two days a month.

"I have worked regionally in the past, at Latrobe Regional Hospital, and I like the



Dr Osama Elsewaisy, an orthopaedic surgeon with international experience has joined Bass Coast Health, and will be consulting at Wonthaggi Hospital and the Phillip Island Health Hub.

Bass Coast area. The patients are nice and friendly, and it has a great community feel," Dr Elsewaisy said.

Dr Elsewaisy trained at Monash University and undertook orthopaedic training throughout Victorian hospitals with the Australian Orthopaedic Association. He was awarded Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) in 2019.

Dr Elsewaisy has previously been a consultant orthopaedic surgeon at St Vincent's public hospital Melbourne, performing hip and knee replacements, arthroscopic knee surgery including ACL reconstructions, and manag-

ing orthopaedic trauma.

In 2020 and 2021, he undertook two sub-specialty fellowships over 18 months, focusing on hip and knee arthroplasty, in the UK and Canada.

Dr Osama's appointment is part of Bass Coast Health's commitment to increase specialist services in our region.

Over 40 specialists are now available in the areas of general surgery, cardiology, oncology, melanoma, urology, gastroenterology, women's health, haematology, nephrology, geriatrics, endocrinology, ophthalmology and orthopaedic surgery.

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Bin bid fails

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“We pride ourselves as being the premier tourist destination of the state. We cannot pursue a strategy of attraction and then present a panorama overflowing bins which creates an image of neglect.”

He said the shire had “buried its head in the sand on the issue”, while at the same time residents had been pleading to increase the red bin collections in the peak summer period.

“This is not an issue about adding to landfill, this is an issue about the collection of the waste. In many streets during the peak season all three bins are put out every week either through confusion or hope.

“As one bin fills, tourists haphazardly put the overflow waste into the other bins. This relegates the entire contents of the green and yellow bins to landfill thus defeating our environmental goals.

“With the extra collections the cross contamination of the three bins will be reduced.”

The shire is currently focusing on educating tourists about the bin system, and Cr Bauer said while education was needed “tourists don’t come to the Bass Coast to get a lesson about waste management”.

Cr Bauer said the best solution was for increased kerbside collections to be paid for by a levy on short-term holiday rental accommodation providers (see separate story).

He also called for the state government to standardise bin lids across Victoria.

He said visitor confusion over bins in Bass Coast stemmed from a lack of uniformity, giving the example of a red bin in Stonnington council indicating organic waste, which is the green bin in Bass Coast.

In 2020, the state government an-

nounced a four-bin system would be rolled out across the state. Under the new system, Victorians will be sorting their household waste and recycling into four streams, with standard bin colour coding across the state.

All local government areas will transition to a new glass service by 2027 and a new food and garden organics service by 2030. The new bins have already been rolled out in areas like Hobsons Bay and Macedon Ranges.

Subsidise

Cr Michael Whelan voted against the motion but agreed there was a summer bin problem.

He said the waste contract was set and permanent residents should not be made to subsidise short term accommodation providers.

“Those premises can increase their red bin to 240-litre (for a fee of \$59.20 per year), but they are not doing that. The uptake is very low, with less than 10 per cent of properties currently accessing this option,” Cr Whelan said.

“They are the people who should bear the brunt of it not the people who live here 365 days.

“This is also a climate change issue. It’s all very well to say we care about our emissions but ... this motion will add to landfill emissions.”

Cr David Rooks voted against the motion. He said the problem was caused by short term rental accommodation and local residents shouldn’t pay for visitor mistakes.

“We don’t have a problem outside the holiday period,” Cr Rooks said, adding that holiday home users needed education to properly sort their rubbish.

Cr Bruce Kent supported the motion, saying 45 per cent of the content

of most red bins should instead be placed in the yellow or green bins.

“We have a problem and it’s not going away,” Cr Kent said.

“We need education. I made the mistake of taking the lid off my takeaway coffee and putting it in the yellow bin.”

Cr Leticia Laing, a mother of three children, said her family did not fill their red bin each fortnight “because I can tell the difference between a Coke can and a banana peel”.

“Yes, in some areas there’s a problem but it’s not fair the whole shire foots the bill.

“This motion will add more of a problem, the cost, the increase to landfill and the increased emissions.”

Cr Rochelle Halstead voted in support of the motion and also called for a breakdown of the waste management figures, adding that local residents also have a problem with red bins year-round.

“I’m a permanent resident and I’ve paid for a 240-litre red bin,” Cr Halstead said.

“We have a problem councillors ... and this is not going away.”

Cr Bauer said whether large or small, bins needed to be collected weekly in summer.

“There are items, like nappies and food wrappings that only go in the landfill (red bin) and if left uncollected for two weeks in the heat of summer it will become a biohazard.”

He said despite the failure of the motion, he would persist.

“We lost the battle but one battle does not make a war.”

Kerbside collection data show total tonnages disposed via kerbside red landfill bins increases in December and January by 25-50 per cent; and tonnages disposed of via yellow bins (recycling) increases by 50-80 per cent.

Holiday renters to pay for more bin collections?

Short-term holiday renters could help pay for increased kerbside bin collection in summer holidays, under a proposal by a Bass Coast Shire councillor.

Earlier this year Cr Ronnie Bauer proposed a new short-stay rental accommodation local law and code of conduct, initially to improve badly behaved renters.

However, he said the bylaw – which was due to be released early in 2022 – would also include a levy and mandated upgrades to 240-litre red bins for commercial holiday properties.

“I believe that if a house is rented out as a short-term accommodation, that the property owner should contribute to the costs of the extra collections,” Cr Bauer said.

“That outlay will be recouped when the short-term accommodation local law is adopted by council early next year.

“The costs for any variation to the existing kerbside waste contract – or possibly even a standalone contract for the additional pickups – will be offset by the operators of the short-term rental properties in the future.”

Cr Bauer said following increasing complaints by permanent residents who live next to “Airbnb party houses”, he proposed the new local law based on a Mornington Peninsula Shire bylaw and code of conduct.

The local law also proposes car parking limits, bans on camping, publicly designated 24/7 holiday home contacts, and funds from shire registration directed to enforcement.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie confirmed short term accommodation was being considered as part of an overall local law review, including registration and fees.

“Once the draft of the new local law is further prepared, it will be released for community feedback,” Ms Wastie said.

“This is expected to occur prior to the end of 2021, with the final local law planned to be presented to Council for adoption in the first half of 2022.”

An Advertiser article in January highlighted a rise in the number of problematic permanent commercial holiday leases – properties with no local manager – with real estate agents earlier this year calling on the shire to convene a round-table to “thrash out” solutions.

Currently short-term holiday rental providers have three options to deal with overflowing bins in peak periods: increase their red landfill bin volume to 240-litres for \$59.20 per year; engage private contractors to provide an alternate week service for their red bin; or take their additional waste to a transfer station for a fee.

Legacy calls for donations as vital work continues

Despite the ongoing uncertainties in which we are living, members of South Gippsland Legacy have continued caring for the widows and families of war veterans.

They do this in myriad ways, such as friendly chats on the phone, assistance with medical needs and, when permissible, outings, lunches, film days and get togethers.

Group president Legatee Russell Spencer, said Legatees feel privileged to often form bonds with their widows, enjoying warm friendships and receiving the occasional cheek!

Some of the 210 widows on the group’s list are aged 100 and above. Others had husbands fighting in later conflicts such as the Vietnam War and Legacy is now responsible for the families of those who have given their health as a result of their service. This means there will long be a need for the organisation’s work.

Each year, Legatees join with the wider Australian Legacy community in a fund-raising event known as Badge Week. This has not been possible either last year or this and Legatee Russell is inviting anyone who is able to, to make a donation as this constitutes the group’s only income.

Cheques made out to South Gippsland Legacy can be posted to group treasurer Gaye Carias at PO Box 382 San Remo 3925. Or you can ring her on 0416 296 927 to find

out bank details and ways in which you can receive a receipt. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Legatee Russell was speaking following the recent launch of the Centenary of Legacy in Australia, which will take place in 2023.

The South Gippsland Group marked its 70th anniversary in 2019, but the centenary focuses on the foundations of one of the oldest charities in Australia.

A special feature of the celebrations will be a torch relay, beginning in Pozieres France and eventually travelling around our nation to all Legacy clubs. The torch is particularly poignant for Legacy, being the instantly recognisable symbol which embodies the organisation’s pledge of catching the torch thrown by those who gave their lives in active service.

In launching the centenary, the patron of Legacy, Governor-General David Hurley, said the organisation has been described as the heart of Australia, representing a richness of spirit and care.

Last year alone, he added, Legatees provided \$19 million worth of volunteering.

“Legacy and Legatees epitomise the best of Australia. We will never forget those who have served their country.”

Legacy in Victoria was founded by Lieutenant-General Sir Stanley Savige, said to have been born in Korumburra and raised in Morwell.



An artist’s impression of the new PICAL facility on Warley Avenue.

PICAL finally gets a new home

The Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre’s long-awaited new headquarters were given the green light last week, with Bass Coast Shire councillors approving the \$1.3 million development plans.

The planning permit for a 1017m² site at 16 Warley Avenue Cowes – formerly the Warley hospital – received 10 objections.

The permit is for a single storey building to be built in two stages, including multipurpose classrooms, a computer lab, meeting rooms, storage areas, an office and reception.

In 2019, the state government announced it would buy PICAL’s existing Church Street site to allow for the construction of the new community hospital.

Last year the shire confirmed they had purchased the Warley Avenue site.

Cr David Rooks explained PICAL had taken on board objector concerns about a lack of parking.

“Initially it required 58 car parks based on 154 people using the service,” Cr Rooks said.

“The people at PICAL listened to some of the objectors and lessened the parking requirements. A maximum number of 70 people will use the site at any one time, which reduced the car spaces to 27.”

Cr Michael Whelan agreed the current site on Church Street had no parking problems, adding that the services PICAL provided for the community were invaluable.

Plans

The plans state the PICAL building will include stage one of classrooms, meeting rooms, reception and landscaping, while stage two will include an extension of rooms for sewing, multipurpose, storage and meetings, as well as an outdoor vegetable garden.

Vegies will be used in the PICAL

pantry and for cooking demonstrations.

The building will be L-shaped, with the front stepped to avoid the root zone of the large spotted gum.

A Norfolk Island pine on the front nature strip will not be impacted.

The permit states PICAL would like to be off-grid with the use of solar panels and battery storage.

The Warley Avenue site is about a quarter of the size of the space PICAL currently occupies and cannot accommodate all the current services so the shire has “approved in principle” to give PICAL a small parcel of land at Blue Gum Reserve behind the CFA station for their community garden and Boomerang Bags operation.

PICAL is the largest emergency food relief outlet in South Gippsland, regularly feeding more than 500 people each month and started in 1980.

Wooden boat wanted

As Better Boating Victoria’s boat ramp upgrades continue, the Rhyll foreshore children’s playground is next on the agenda for replacement.

The Rhyll Community Association has worked closely on the design process and is now looking for an old unwanted wooden boat to be installed as part of the adventure playground.

The boat will be modified to allow all abilities access which will be a showpiece in the playground. The boat could be of any length with a beam of around two metres. If you know of an old wooden boat please contact Jim Kiley on 0428 322 392 or email jandkkiley@bigpond.com.



The Rhyll Community Association is searching for a wooden boat to be installed as part of a new children’s playground on the Rhyll foreshore.



Lila Switzer, 13, receives the 20,000th vaccine to be administered at the Community Vaccination Clinic at Wonthaggi Town Hall from Clinic Manager, Alice Bradley, last Friday.

20,000 doses!

Bass Coast Health hit the 20,000 vaccine mark last week, as Bass Coast shire recorded the highest first dose vaccination rate in Gippsland – and the fifth highest in Victoria.

In Bass Coast, 79.9 per cent of the population aged 15 and over have had their first dose of a vaccine and 52.3 per cent are fully vaccinated with two doses. In South Gippsland Shire, 74.4 per cent of the population aged 15 and over have had their first dose of a vaccine and 46 per cent are fully vaccinated with two doses, according to the Australian Government's Local Government Area (LGA) Geographic Vaccine Rates, dated September 13.

The impressive figures come as BCH delivered its 20,000th vaccine on Friday, September 17, with Lila Switzer, 13, being the 20,000th person to be vaccinated for Covid at Wonthaggi Town Hall.

BCH has been committed to ensuring as many people in our commu-

nity have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as possible, with staff administering vaccinations at the Community Vaccination Clinic at Wonthaggi Town Hall.

"We are overwhelmed with pride at having such a high vaccination rate in our community and wish to thank people for being vaccinated to improve their own safety and also the safety of the community as we continue to endure the pandemic," CEO Jan Child said.

"To give 20,000 doses of the Covid vaccine to our community is a remarkable feat and I wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our Community Vaccination Clinic staff who have given significant time and effort in establishing the clinic, navigating new eligibility and ensuring our most vulnerable have been prioritised.

"Our Premier has described our months ahead as the 'pandemic of the unvaccinated'. We are urging

everyone to be vaccinated to keep our local community safe.

"We also remind everyone to practise Covid-Safe measures by wearing face masks that cover their nose and mouth, practise physical distancing, sanitise their hands regularly, clean surfaces with the appropriate disinfectant and avoid crowds. If we all follow the rules, we will get through this much quicker and will be able to enjoy our small freedoms."

BCH administered 1972 Covid vaccinations for the period September 13-18, and as of September 18, had administered 20,327 vaccines.

For more information about reducing your risk of contracting Covid and the symptoms of the virus, go to: www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au

To book a Covid vaccination, call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398 or online at portal.cvms.vic.gov.au, or pop into the Town Hall for your AstraZeneca vaccination.

Bass Coast at 80 per cent first dose

Bass Coast's vaccination rates continue to rise however Queenscliff still has a commanding lead on the race to achieve 80 per cent fully vaccinated.

According to Federal government figures, up until September 13 the small seaside borough had 76.6 per cent of its population vaccinated, with 95.9 per cent having received their first dose.

Those figures make it unlikely that Bass Coast will be able to achieve its goal to be the first Victorian local government area to hit the magic 80 per cent fully vaccinated figure. As of September 13, 79.9 per cent of the eligible population in Bass Coast had received their first dose, while 52.3 per cent were fully vaccinated.

Bass Coast currently has the highest percentage of first doses administered in Gippsland, at 79.9 per cent, although East Gippsland is ahead by a whisker on double

VACCINATION RATES – AS OF SEPTEMBER 13		
LGA	% received first dose	% received second dose
Queenscliff	95.9	76.6
Surf Coast	85.4	59.8
Buloke	82.1	58.3
Gippsland councils		
East Gippsland	76.3	52.6
Bass Coast	79.9	52.3
Wellington	70.6	47.9
South Gippsland	74.4	46
Baw Baw	67.3	43.5
Latrobe	61.7	39.5

doses – 52.6 compared to 52.3 in Bass Coast.

If Bass Coast continues its high vaccination rates, it looks likely to be a gold medal contender in the

Gippsland region.

The lowest double dose vaccination rates in the state are in Greater Dandenong (30.5), Melbourne (28.4) and Hume (28.8) shires.

Covid-safe help for business

Bass Coast Shire, Bass Coast Health, local police and Destination Phillip Island joined forces to support businesses during the holidays.

The Q&A sessions were billed as an opportunity for businesses to talk with local organisations about Covid safety and how to stay open.

The sessions included BCH CEO Jan Child, Senior Sergeant Andy O'Brien and representatives from DPI and council.

The move comes after businesses raised concerns about policing

the Covid requirements, particularly enforcing mask wearing and checking ID to ensure patrons were not from metropolitan Melbourne.

In August, local business owners told the Advertiser the struggle to enforce the state government requirements to check customer IDs was exhausting and having a serious impact on staff mental health.

Kimberley Brown from North Pier in Cowes said it was horrendous for staff, who have "been charged by the state with the un-

lucky job of policing their ever-changing rules".

She said the impact on morale and mental health has been significant and the business regularly turned away customers who aren't able to provide proof of a local address.

She said anyone who has legitimately moved to the region during Covid should update their licence details immediately.

"It will avoid a lot of stress and heartache all round."



Garry Busowsky recent brought a Tesla and wants to spread the word about the advantages of electric vehicles. "I want to get people to drive it, because once you do it, your mind changes."

Living his electric dreams

Garry Busowsky is a man on a mission.

Having recently purchased his first electric vehicle, the former electrical engineer is convinced EVs are the way of the future, and he's eager to spread the word.

"I am a bit evangelistic," he admitted.

After he retired, Garry started looking into the EV market.

His research led him to Tesla, and he purchased one about two months ago.

It was an instant love affair.

"It's an iconic vehicle," Garry said.

"I absolutely love it and feel like an 18-year-old kid again. The acceleration is amazing – it takes off like a jack-rabbit."

Apart from the cost savings from being able to charge the car from solar power, he says EV's are far simpler than normal cars in terms of maintenance.

"They will last a lot longer and if you have solar power, it's pretty cheap to actually run them.

"Even with no solar panels, it costs about \$25 to fully charge the vehicle.

"My old car was a turbo diesel and it cost around \$80 to fill it. Overall the cost is around a third," he said.

"There's so little maintenance, there's no oil and nothing to wear out. Most EV dealers say to come in for an inspection every couple of years."

He's been taking friends and neighbours for a spin in the car, showing them how "quiet and agile" it is and is keen to do the same for local councillors and politicians.

"I want to get people to drive it, because once you do it, your mind changes."

Charged up

Garry and his family have been coming to the island for over 20 years and he has now installed an EV charger at his holiday house in Ventnor, working with the team at Bayview Airconditioning and Electrical Solutions.

"I've had them do a few jobs before.

They'd never installed an EV charger, but Andrew, who owns the company was keen to give it a go," said Garry.

"It's pretty straight forward for any competent electrician, but it does need some heavy-duty cable."

He said he was thrilled with the work of the Bayview team, who had the new charger installed and operating in a few hours.

"You can plug the car into a normal power point, but that takes about 40 hours to charge up.

"With a purpose-built charger it will charge in three to four."

On top of that, the vehicle can be programmed to charge at specific times and will stop charging if other electrical goods are in use, to prevent a fuse blowing.

His new Tesla – which has a range of 560kms – is now fired up and ready to roll.

Cost factor

Garry is hoping political leaders will start to embrace the EV market and look at subsidies to help bring down the price.

"One of the unfortunate things is in Australia, you can buy about six different types of EVs.

"In Europe, it's over 60."

With the entry level Tesla costing around \$60,000, he says price point is an issue for people who are keen to get into the market.

"I think people's mindset is ahead of our governments.

"In California, the subsidy if you buy an EV is over \$US10,000. Here, the starting price is \$60,000 and you get a \$3000 subsidy."

Until the government catches up, Garry is determined to share his new Tesla joy wherever he can.

He's already converted a few former neighbours, and the younger generations are fully on board.

"My family love it, especially the grandchildren," he laughed.

"The oldest is 12 and the youngest is six, and they all know about Tesla."



Garry Busowsky, with Toma Huther and Andrew Moschetti from Bayview Airconditioning and Electrical Solutions, who installed an electric vehicle charger at his Ventnor holiday house.

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Events, entertainment and community news



There'll be plenty of the CWA's famous jams and preserves at its market stall at St Philip's church on Saturday, September 25 at 9am.

CWA Phillip Island Twilight's first market

CWA members are well known for their wonderful baking and delightful jams and preserves.

There will be plenty of chances to snap up a delicious jar when the Phillip Island Twilight Branch holds its first Market Stall at St Philips Church at 9am on Saturday, September 25.

Members have been busy preserving and baking in preparation for the stall.

"Food and the sharing of it is the centre of all our activities," said Twilight Branch's Sally Matthews.

"Food nurtures the soul, helps us relax as we listen and is the

highlight of family gatherings. Our members will be offering freshly baked award-winning scones, cakes, biscuits, marmalades and preserves and hope that you will enjoy a little bit of CWA friendship and generosity with your cup of tea."

Sally said members would welcome visits to the stall.

"We would love to chat with people about joining this vibrant organisation where we enjoy the support and friendship of fellow members whilst supporting those most vulnerable in our local area and beyond. Join us and make a difference."



Our Lady Star of the Sea students took advantage of the good weather to plant over 100 indigenous plants in the school's habitat garden and wetland.

School is growing greener

Thanks to a grant from the Westernport Water Community Support Program, Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School is looking greener than ever.

The support from Westernport Water allowed the school to purchase indigenous plants from the Bushbank, tree guards and stakes, mulch and educational materials including binoculars for spotting birds from its new bird hide.

"We were very excited to see the return of onsite learning for the prep to juniors and utilised

the beautiful weather to plant over 100 indigenous plants in our habitat garden and wetland," Principal Catherine Blackford said.

"The Middle and Senior students undertaking remote learning at school were also keen to plant the wattle, tea tree, goodeenia, correa and sedges throughout the new school gardens.

"We are very grateful to Westernport Water for their support and the amazing effort from our students to creating habitat for a wide range of native species."

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Call out for artists

Bass Coast Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from experienced artists to create a contemporary public artwork for Wonthaggi.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari explained that the key aim for the \$40,000 commission is to provide a poetic moment of reflection for the residents of the town.

"We want the community to love the artwork, which we hope will become an additional attrac-

tion for the area," Cr Tessari said.

"We want to see something that reflects the evolution of Wonthaggi and that really captures the character, as well as the past and future of Wonthaggi."

Artists are required to register their interest by submitting a portfolio of previous works and applications close on Sunday, October 17.

More information, the EOI guidelines and application at www.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/wonthaggiart.



The online school holiday program teaches students aged 12 and up the basic of food and cooking, as well as some of Jamie Oliver's special tips and tricks.

Kids in the kitchen these holidays

Are you looking for a way to keep the kids entertained and well fed these holidays?

Back by popular demand, Jamie's Ministry of Food's online School Holiday Program will once again be Zooming into kitchens all over the country from Monday, September 20.

The online school holiday program offers parents a virtual activity option while giving kids some positive screen time.

"Australia's response to our on-line classes has been fantastic. Many participants have told us that getting involved made them feel more connected to the outside world during these isolating times," said Siobhan Boyle, CEO of The Good Foundation.

"Our school holiday program will teach students aged 12 and up the basics of food, nutrition

and cooking, as well as some of Jamie's special tips and tricks! Participants will learn how to make meals from scratch, by baking, grilling, sautéing, boiling and roasting fresh ingredients," Siobhan said.

"Studies show that kids who learn to cook take their skills well into adulthood and have improved overall health and well-being. That's why our programs equip people of all ages with skills that make it simpler and quicker to cook healthy, delicious meals."

Jamie's Ministry of Food's upcoming online School Holiday Program:

Monday, September 20 - Friday, September 24 at 1:30pm daily

For more information and to book participants can visit www.thegoodfoundation.com.au

Monster museum sale

History is on the move. The building that houses the library and the Museum is due for demolition next month, and the Phillip Island and District Historical Society volunteers are frantically packing up the collection in preparation for the move.

While the collection itself will go into storage until its home in the new Cowes Cultural Centre is ready, there are many items that will not be needed in the new custom-designed space.

As a result, the Historical Society is holding a monster sale on Saturday October 2 and Sunday October 3, selling off storage and display units, shelving and other items. While some fixtures have already been donated to other local organisations, there will still be plenty to entice anyone with a keen



Packing is well underway at The Phillip Island and District Historical Society, and there will be a monster sale on October 2 and 3, from 10am - 4pm of items that won't be moving to the new premises.

eye for a bargain.

The sale will run from 10am - 4pm at the Museum. More details in next week's paper.

Matt bags another global photo debut

A San Remo ocean photographer has been selected as a finalist in one of the world's most prestigious awards.

Matt Bagley, 39, was a finalist in the London-based Ocean Photographer of the Year Awards in the exploration category, for his image "Lullaby", with winners announced last week.

The photo shows a tiny bottletail squid, which he photographed last year in the palm of his hand, in the light of a dive torch, off San Remo's back beach.

"I am over the moon about being a finalist and was up against some of the best in the world," said Matt.

"Lullaby" also earned Matt second place in the "Reasons for Hope" category in the annual Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation Environmental Photographer of the Year 2021 contest, on show in Monaco



Matt is passionate about protecting the environment: "I think my images can make a difference ... It educates people about what is out there and helps raise awareness."

earlier this year.

Lullaby and Matt's other images have catapulted him to international prominence including in exhibitions in Germany, Italy and Russia.

Earlier this month the Advertiser featured Matt – a third generation San Remo resident who works in graphic design – explaining that his photos fall into three general categories.

"Above the water, such as the waves or coastline, below the water to about 10 metres during the day and then also darkness, from sunset to sunrise.

"When the weather is wild and stormy it's also a great time to go out."

His preferred method is to free dive because – unlike a scuba tank – there are no bubbles to interfere or startle the marine life.

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Charming coastal living

This beautiful home has been designed with family coastal living in mind. Its handy location is just a short stroll to the beach and to Cowes main street with shops, cafes and restaurants.

The charming weatherboard property has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and two living areas. Entry to the home reveals the spacious main living zone which boasts timber flooring, large timber windows and is kept cool by the split system air-conditioning. The adjoining kitchen/dining area offers plenty of space for wholesome home cooking with breakfast bar, generous bench and cupboard space. It is equipped with a gas cooktop, an electric oven and a dishwasher. Substantial glazing allows plenty of natural light to flood in.

Parents will adore the master bedroom, which is tucked away in a separate wing and features a walk-in robe, fresh ensuite, ducted cooling/heating and access to the outside deck. Two additional bedrooms (one with built-in robe, one with wardrobe) are a good-size and conveniently located at the front of the house.

When it comes to outdoor living, the spacious backyard is an absolute treat. The extended and partly covered deck is ideal to enjoy a relaxed afternoon, to have a BBQ



The charming weatherboard property has three bedrooms, two bathrooms and two living areas, and has been designed with family coastal living in mind.

party or a drink with friends. The deck overlooks the large, grassed backyard and landscaped gardens, perfect for the kids and family pets.

This property also offers an outdoor shower, single carport, garden shed and long driveway for additional off-street parking.

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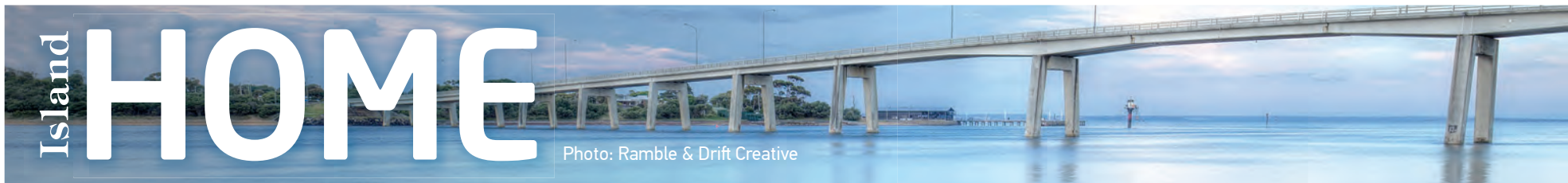


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Island **HOME**

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Located on Lovers Walk in Cowes, this stunning home enjoys Phillip Island's most exclusive address, just across from the foreshore.



The home is in a private gated court and has direct access from its fully fenced back yard straight onto the sand and comes with a sheltered private mooring.



Upstairs is truly five-star living with a large open plan kitchen and living area. Master craftsmen cabinetry, a wood fire and covered balcony adds to the appeal of this space.

Ultimate coastal living

Located on Lovers Walk Cowes, this stunning home is one of only a handful of foreshore frontage properties that enjoy Phillip Island's most exclusive address (so close to the beach, quiet and yet proximate to the excellent food and shopping Cowes provides).

Designed with distinction and timeless appeal this substantial home offers you the most luxurious and secure living with stunning sea views. A few seconds wander across a reserve scattered with mature gums is the most beautiful, sheltered swimming beach with a boat mooring for a vessel of up to

32 feet.

This vast home comfortably sleeps 12, with three bathrooms and three separate toilets (five+ in total) plus the outdoor shower and two expansive living areas. From the ground floor up this property is accessible for folks with disabilities thanks to the space and custom designed lift. This Steele Street property provides comfortable and peaceful accommodation for retreats, or large family groups. The home features a spacious basement/joinery below the ground floor. The ground floor includes a secure entry from your three-car

garage as well as an impressive front entrance with staircase or lift to take you to the first or second floor. Throughout the property are polished Tasmanian oak hardwood floors.

The first level has a large living/games room (big enough for a pool table and lounge) with floor to ceiling windows that offer views across the reserve to the beach and access to the garage below. Three large bedrooms (one with ensuite) all with built in robes. This level has its own separate bathroom and toilet and a laundry room that leads out to a covered deck and outdoor

hot/cold shower. There is an outside deck surrounded by a landscaped garden and mature palms.

Upstairs is truly five-star living with a large open plan kitchen and living area. Master craftsmen cabinetry, a wood fire and covered balcony adds to the appeal of this space. The thoughtfully designed kitchen has stone bench tops, a butler's pantry, and quality appliances. The master bedroom is light filled and spacious with its own Juliet balcony. Lots of joinery fitted wardrobe space and the ensuite features double vanity and a double shower. This level also has a

study that is currently used as fifth bedroom.

The home is in a private gated court and has direct access from its fully fenced back yard straight onto the sand. The property comes with a sheltered private mooring that you can view from your lounge. This is a benchmark property. A rare opportunity, offered for the first time.

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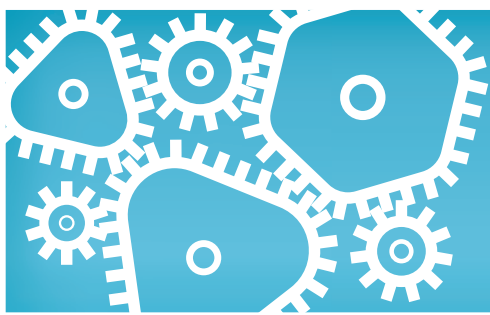
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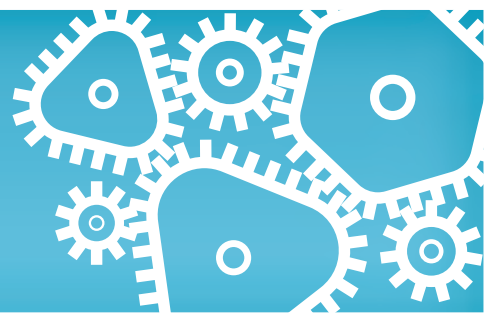
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KELLY, Brett Alan:

Passed away peacefully at home on Sept. 12, 2021.

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Adored son of Alan and Dianne. Loved brother, uncle and friend to many.

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MITCHELL,

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Dad to Darren & Danny, Chris & Misako.

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At Bruce's request a private cremation with no funeral.

At Caroline's request, no flowers, with donations in Bruce's honour to free3dhands.org

PUBLIC NOTICES

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Weekly meetings Bass Coast Shire, Wonthaggi - Tuesday 8pm; AA Cowes Big Book meeting at St Philip's Church (opp. Coles) - Tuesday 7pm, 0417 317 470; Salvation Army building, McKenzie St., Wonthaggi, Saturday 11am, 5672 3627. Phone head office 9429 1833.

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The business of the Annual General Meeting will be:

- 1) an update on the affairs of the group,
- 2) conducting elections for committee,
- 3) voting on special resolutions (if required)

Those wishing to attend please call our President, Wendy Williams 0417245692, Vice President, Lyn Wadeson 0400126435 or Secretary, Gill Scrase 0431672777

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Reduced transparency

There's plenty of evidence of the creeping culture of reduced transparency and accountability from the leaders at Bass Coast Shire Council over recent years.

For example, the CEO appeared recently to defy the expectations of councillors when she unilaterally introduced the Unreasonable Customer Conduct policy.

And last month the mayor prohibited a public question from being presented to the council meeting, without any explanation to that meeting.

Is this the new normal I wonder?

Now this month there is more evidence of the poor leadership culture at council.

In an astonishing overreach, and without proper substantiation, senior council officers claimed that a proposed motion might cost \$600,000 per year. When a councillor queried how this figure had been reached, the CEO claimed that this could not be divulged because it was commercial-in-confidence.

So are we to believe that senior officers can freely make a company's 'guesstimate' public, but not how that guesstimate was derived?

What, we'll just pick a big figure, put it out there, and claim commercial-in-confidence as cover?

How preposterous is that?

Without proper substantiation that figure should be dismissed as nothing more than wildly exaggerated and designed to sway debate.

It appears that officers did not seek estimates from other companies.

Given that ratepayers are paying the CEO around \$330,000 per annum, and with several lieutenants on salaries circa \$250,000, I am left with no doubt that ratepayers are not receiving best value for money from the current leadership group.

For far too long the tail has been wagging the dog at Bass Coast Shire Council.

It seems to me that some councillors are unwilling whilst others are incapable of holding the bureaucrats to account.

I live in hope somewhere down the track the community might get councillors who understand their role in governing the CEO, and thereby the bureaucrats, and who will restore proper governance and transparency at BCSC.

Kevin Griffin, Inverloch

Editor's note: Bass Coast Shire Council has confirmed it did not seek estimates from other companies: "We did not discuss this with other contractors, simply because we can't as we are in an existing contract and this would be considered a variation. The information was based on data and advice from our current contractor."

Dementia action

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

In Victoria there are an estimated 120,900 people living with dementia.

Many people living with dementia can continue to live well after their diagnosis, which is why the theme for Dementia Action Week 2021,

September 20 – 26, is 'A little support makes a big difference'.

The national awareness raising campaign will continue to lead the discussion about discrimination, which we know has a big impact on people living with dementia, their families and carers.

This year Dementia Australia will provide information and tips to encourage all Australians to increase their understanding of dementia and learn how they can make a difference to the lives of people around them who are impacted – and to help eliminate discrimination.

The good news is that a lot can be done to improve the experience for people living with dementia and carers.

To find out how you can make a difference please visit www.dementia.org.au.

Maree McCabe AM, CEO Dementia Australia and Phil Hazell, Chair Dementia Australia Advisory Committee

Let's learn from history

It is a pity that many of the current shire officers and councillors were not present in 2010 to witness the hundreds of locals who flocked to the Cowes football oval to protest against the proposal for a car ferry at the Cowes jetty.

Even so, apart from the traffic and environmental problems it would create, the proposed fare structure and frequency of service schedule as outlined in the 2018 ferry business plan should be enough to put an end to the proposal.

Add to this, the risk of the community being left with redundant and inappropriate infrastructure that would visually degrade one of the island's most attractive beaches in the event of the service not being viable and abandoned.

We are so blessed to have such a beautiful all tide swimming beach in the heart of our township.

If the government is able to afford the \$200,000 grant to the current feasibility study, it would be better for this to be redirected to top up funding for the region's more pressing and worthwhile projects: coastal erosion, Aquatic and Sports Centre, Cowes Cultural Centre, skate park, etc etc.

Ross Lloyd, Ventnor

It's rubbish

At the September 15 Council meeting, Cr Ronnie Bauer tabled a long-awaited motion on peak season rubbish. It was lost with some councillors showing a total lack of empathy and knowledge of the waste collection issues that exist in peak season around Phillip Island.

Some councillors seem to think it's an issue only for rented premises. This is not correct. There's also a view that to solve this issue, ratepayers who have an issue should just pay more for a bigger bin. This is despite the fact we already pay some of the highest waste collection fees in Australia. Why should we pay more for a collection service the council decided to reduce as part of the latest contract? The cost bandied about by the CEO to provide the weekly collection in peak season is laughable. When asked to explain, the CEO hides behind commercial confidence. If the figures

quoted of \$500,000 – \$600,000 are truthful, then our CEO and other Council Executive members have failed the ratepayers in negotiating such an appalling contract. Remember this figure is to increase to weekly collection over a six-week period. I smell a rat, and it's not in the rotting rubbish in the red bins.

Now the CEO supplied figure is out in the public, ratepayers deserve to see what the true figure is and how it is justified.

Some councillors mentioned they wanted more data and substantiation. I suggest the non-Phillip Island based councillors take the time to visit Phillip Island in peak season to see the issue firsthand. It is also not an issue based on knowing how to sort "a banana from coke can" as mentioned by Councillor Laing. To me and other full-time residents a statement like that is insulting.

I am aware there is an FOI request for information on the waste collection contract. I also believe there have been many promises by the CEO and Council staff to comply with the request all to no avail. This only further leads to distrust about what the contract contains and how it was negotiated.

Glenn Plymin, Cowes

Be prepared

As people continue to suffer the mental health effects of the pandemic Red Cross is reminding readers there are things they can do now to regain a sense of control, and prepare for the inevitable disasters ahead.

New research by Australian Red Cross has found that two in five Australians' mental health has been hit by Covid, and a similar number say they feel less hopeful about the future. Some 37 per cent feel less secure and safe.

This week is our annual campaign to encourage people to prepare for disasters, as the better prepared people are, the better their experience when a disaster hits. Better preparation also leads to a better recovery.

There are excellent resources on the Red Cross website www.redcross.org.au/prepare including steps to create your own emergency plan, to download the Red Cross Get Prepared App, a survival kit, emergency contacts list, keepsake list, information to help manage stress and more.

With disaster season almost upon us, we strongly encourage people to start thinking now about how they will manage. Your mental health will be better for it.

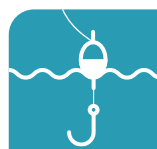
Sincerely,

Sue Cunningham, Director Australian Red Cross, Victoria

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AROUND THE BAY

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE



There was a consistent flow of positive reports this week with just as many negative ones. It didn't matter where you were, those who had a bit more luck found the hungry fish.

We had reports of salmon, snapper, whiting, gummies and calamari from both boat and land.

Not that the weather is doing any favours this week but when it does settle, I would be throwing in the gummy gear and heading out to your favourite offshore gummy spot.

There is an influx of spider crabs out there and while it will make the flathead and others hard to find it will be a bit of a smorgasbord for gummies and they will be having a feast. Normally the crabs head into or around the entrance to Port Phillip Bay but maybe with lockdown they have decided to travel a little further to the waters off the island.

Numbers of people fishing are well down on what you would expect for this time of the season and the start of the holidays but there is nothing wrong with the quality of the fish being caught.

Snapper is the main target of most boats this time of the year and we had a few days this week with perfect weather. The problem was they were during the week and only the lucky few were able to head out for a fish.

We always see the bigger snapper early and they become smaller, and more of them, as the season goes on.

So far this year it's not much different. We are seeing bigger snapper, a couple of 90cm plus and a dozen in the 80's, but we have also seen plenty around the 30 to 40cm mark.

The most difficult thing is working out where to go and chase them.

Reports this week came from Spit Point, Freeman's, The Fingers, Elizabeth Island, the corals deep and shallow, the shallows of the mud, Cleeland Bight and the deeper channels off Rhyll/Cowes.

Where you go is anybody's guess but expect and be prepared to move around, use your sounder, be patient and berley will definitely help.

Whiting have been ok just a little harder to find and good numbers even more difficult with the size of them, the only thing making it worth chasing them.

The reports came from Cleeland Bight and Dickies Bay with very few making it to double figures

but most finding at least a couple into the 40cm.

With no pippies yet and what seems to be only a chance of catching them in the distant future, unless you want to pay \$30 a kilogram, everybody is using alternative baits and having some success as they adjust the way they fish to suit some of the different baits.

Mussels are always a good alternative and have been used much longer than pippies. They can just be a little difficult to get good fresh ones at times and are very soft baits.

Squid strips are the most popular alternative – small matchstick size baits, scraped clean of skin, slightly tenderised and just hooked once to dangle about in the current.

Squid is by far the cheapest alternative, especially if you can catch your own, as you get a lot of baits from one 30cm hood.

Prepare them before you head out, so you have plenty ready to go in case the bite is a quick one. After squid and often used in conjunction is pilchard fillet, The trick here is to use pilchards in your berley pot.

Save your frames after filleting the pilchards or the pilchards from last trip out and mash them up in your berley pot because it makes excellent berley for all of your fishing.

Calamari reports will almost fit on one line with the odd reports from both the boats and land-based customers. There's no real reason, they are just a little quiet and plenty are reporting seeing them follow up the whiting they're catching.

As some of their predators head out of the bay, they will come out of the weed to feed a bit more.

Gummies were very good this week also from those chasing snapper, not a bad by-catch with the "where" as confusing as the snapper. Nothing too huge but quality 4 to 6kg sizes and almost all that reported catching them caught a couple.

There are some good schools of salmon in the bay, mostly the channels so spend an extra 10 minutes and troll on your way to your fishing spot.

Salmon makes excellent fresh baits, and the carcass is also great in the berley pot.

Nothing much yet on the mackerel or yakka's and still plenty of cod, rays and seven gills out in the bay.



Feedback on the draft masterplan for the Anderson Street Reserve in San Remo is open until October 10.

Anderson Street masterplan

Consultation sessions are scheduled for next month on the Draft masterplan for the Anderson Street Reserve in San Remo.

The aim of the Draft Master Plan is to guide future development of the Reserve over the next 10 years.

It includes enhancing the open space with tree planting, pathways, a seniors exercise area, a nature based playspace, rotunda and an accessible car park.

Drop in sessions will be held on Thursday, October 7 from 2pm to

3pm and 4pm to 5pm at Anderson Street Reserve. These sessions are subject to change, depending on COVID-19 restrictions in place at the scheduled times.

Feedback can be provided at these sessions, or in writing to recreation@basscoast.vic.gov.au or PO Box 118, Wonthaggi 3995. Submissions need to be made by Sunday, October 10.

To view the Draft Master Plan, visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/andersonstreserve.

AFL GAMES



1. What was the AFL originally named?

2. In what year did the name of the league change?

3. Who is currently the AFL's CEO?

4. How many teams are in the league?

5. And how many of those teams are based in Victoria?
6. Who has the most wooden spoons?

7. Which two teams have no Brownlow Medal winners?

8. When was the first Brownlow Medal awarded?

9. And who was the winner?

10. The Brisbane Lions were formed as part of a merger between which two teams?

11. How many grand final replays have occurred?

12. Which player has won the most Norm Smith Medals?

13. What year was the annual Blue Ribbon Cup match established?
14. True or false: Luke Beveridge was a backline coach at Hawthorn.

15. Tom Hawkins kicked how many goals to win the 2020 Coleman Medal a) 42 b) 48 c) 52?

16. Which AFL commentator was inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2020?

17. Who was the AFL's first female goal umpire in a grand final?

18. How many VFL/AFL grand finals have not been played at the MCG since 1902?

19. Who passed 400 AFL games this year?
20. 2021 marked how many years of the Big Freeze?

21. In what year did the Brisbane Bears and West Coast Eagles join the league?

22. Which team kicked a record score of 37.17.239 in 1992?

23. Who is the games record holder for Port Adelaide Power?

24. Which short-lived team played in the VFL from 1908 to 1914?

25. What team's shortlist of potential nicknames included Ironmen, Marlins, Guards, Rays and Stingrays?

26. How many players have kicked 1000 goals in their career?

27. In what year did Alastair Clarkson start as coach of Hawthorn?

28. Who won the 2020 Brownlow Medal?

29. Who holds the record for most career disposals (9656)?

30. Which team has played in a record 44 AFL/VFL grand finals?

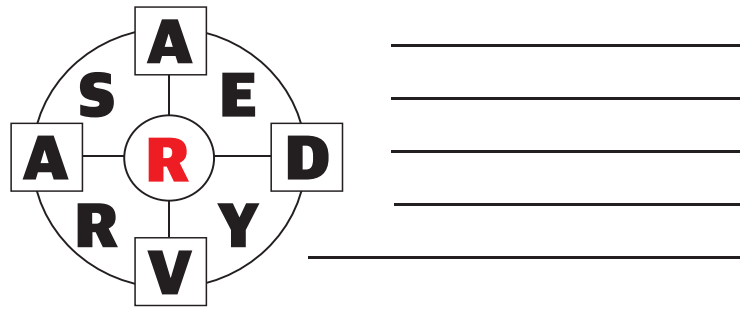


1. Victorian Football League (VFL) 2. 1990 3. Gillon McLachlan 4. 18 5. 10 6. St Kilda 7. Greater Western Sydney and Port Adelaide 8. 1924 9. Edward Greeves Jr. 10. Brisbane Bears and Fitzroy Lions 11. Three 12. Dustin Martin 13. 2000 14. True 15. a) 42 16. Dennis Cometti 17. Chelsea Cometti 18. Six 19. Shaun Burgoyne 20. Seven 21. 1987 22. Geelong 23. Travis Boak 24. Melbourne University 25. Gold Coast Suns 26. Five 27. 2005 28. Lachie Neale 29. Robert Harvey 30. Collingwood

9-LETTER WORD

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list?

The centre letter must be included, and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".



19 words: Good
29 words: Very good
39 words: Excellent

SOLUTIONS: ADVERSARY, area, arras, array, arrayed, arrays, aver, avers, dare, dares, dear, dray, drays, dreary, dryer, errs, rased, rase, radar, rare, raved, raver, raves, rayed, rays, read, reads, ready, rear, rears, revs, saver, sear, sera, vary, very, yard, year

FOOTY WORDFIND

- BLUES
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BULLDOGS
CATS
CROWS
DEMONS
DOCKERS
EAGLES
GIANTS
GOAL
HANDBALL
KANGAROOS
KICK
LIONS
MAGPIES
PENALTY
POWER
SAINTS
TIGERS

Can you find all of the words listed below?
The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

S	R	E	G	I	T	P	H	R	S	B
E	G	O	P	E	N	A	L	T	Y	L
S	A	O	K	O	N	M	N	I	D	U
L	O	I	D	D	W	A	E	O	R	E
M	C	O	B	L	I	E	C	S	B	S
K	A	A	R	G	L	K	R	N	O	E
S	L	G	C	A	E	U	H	O	M	L
L	I	P	P	R	G	C	B	M	B	G
C	A	T	S	I	O	N	U	E	E	A
S	N	O	I	L	E	W	A	D	R	E
S	T	N	I	A	S	S	S	K	S	P

Secret message: Premiership cup

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW...

JACK STEELE



1. Which AFL team does Steele currently play for?

2. And at what AFL club did he make his debut?

3. What year did Steele debut?
4. How many AFL games has he played?

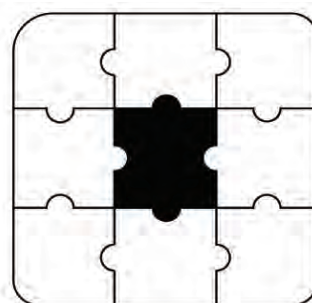
5. Where did Steele grow up?

EDGEWORD

Place each of the tiles of letters into the blank jigsaw to create four six-letter words going across and down.

UM	CE	PO	RE
DI	PI	NT	UN

ANSWER: PODIUM, POUNCE, UMPIRE, CENTRE



Island secures two minor premierships

Phillip Island Football Netball Club secured two minor premierships after the 2021 football and netball seasons of the West Gippsland League was abandoned.

The football Seniors were named minor premiers, after finishing on the top of the ladder, while the B Grade netballers were also named minor premiers.

The 15s and Under Netball team finished in second spot on the ladder, while the 17s and Under were just held out from the second spot by Koo Wee Rup who were ahead on percentage.

Helping to take the sting out of a disappointing season, five island footballers were named in the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition Team of the year: Jason Tomada, Jaymie Youle (captain), Max Blake, Cam Pederson and Zak Veron. Beau Vernon was named as coach.

Grand finals abandoned

In a post on its website, the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition said despite the intention to complete a 2021 finals series, the current restrictions, and no clear timeline on easing of restrictions had forced the decision.

"The WGFNC are committed to working closely with their member clubs, AFL Victoria, AFL Gippsland, and Netball Victoria to manage the associated issues related to the cancellation of all competition and working towards a return to play next season."

"The teams who finished on top of the WGFNC ladder will be recognised as the 2021 minor premiers and the 2021 Best & Fairest Vote Counts will take place online with presentations to be arranged in due course."

"We wish to take this opportunity to thank all clubs, players, parents, volunteers, officials, umpires and league partners for your patience, support, and cooperation throughout the 2021 season," the post said.

The junior football grand finals have also been cancelled due to Covid. This is disappointing news for the Youth Girls, U14s Blue and U12s Red teams from Phillip Island, who were set to play in the grand final.

Results – Netball

A Grade: Dalyston (undefeated – 44 points).

B Grade: Phillip Island (40 points, ahead on percentage to hold off Tooradin-Dalmore).



Phillip Island's B-Grade team were named minor premiers after the 2021 season was abandoned. From top left: Charli Ross, Amber Formosa, Lucy Vernon, Abbey McCaughan, Cassie Stoppa, Kylie Hammond. From bottom left: Maddison Taylor, Nell Chaston and Emma Felsovary. Missing: Cailin Robinson, Sophie Gysberts and Lexi Walton.



Phillip Island's Seniors team (seen here taking out the 2018 Premiership) was named minor premiers after finishing on the top of the ladder, with five members also being selected for the WGFNC Team of the Year.

C Grade: Inverloch Kongwak (42 points).

D Grade: Inverloch KongwaK (40 points).

17s & Under: Inverloch Kongwak (40 points).

15 & Under: Korumburra Bena (44 points).

13 & Under: Korumburra Bena (44 points).

11 & Under: Koo Wee Rup (28 points).

Results – Football

Seniors: Phillip Island (40 points).

Reserves: Tooradin-Dalmore (40 points).

Thirds: Garfield – undefeated.

Fourth: Tooradin-Dalmore.

Net Set Go

The next generation of young island netballers took to the courts on a beautiful sunny day last week to enjoy a fun-filled session of the Suncorp Net Set Go program.

Net Set GO is Australia's official starter program for netball for youngsters aged between five and 10 across the nation.

For many participants, it can be the first time they'll pick up a netball and navigate a court, in a learning experience which aims to promote physical activity and open a pathway for participation in a team sport that can be enjoyed by them for many years.

The program's emphasis is also very much about having fun, which can be seen by the happy smiles on the children's faces.



Grade one and two children with organiser Jaclyn Clark, at the PIFNC courts in Cowes last week enjoying the Suncorp Net Set Go netball program.

PLAYER PROFILE

NAME: Daniel Mock
OCCUPATION: Publican
FAMILY: 2 boys and the darl
FAVOURITE BEVERAGE?: Ouzo
FAVOURITE CRICKETER?: Luke Manders
WHAT OTHER CLUBS HAVE YOU PLAYED WITH?: Too many...
BEST LOCAL PLAYER YOU'VE PLAYED WITH?: Luke Manders
BEST PI CRICKETER YOU'VE SEEN?: The Animal Charith
WHICH ACTOR WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE?: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson
HIGHEST SCORE: 178* v Inverloch
BEST BOWLING: 6/16 v Yarra Junction
WHAT'S THE FUNNIEST THING YOU'VE SEEN ON THE FIELD?: Jack Cochrane getting stung by a wasp.
IF I COULD BE ONE PERSON FOR A DAY, WHO WOULD I BE?: Anyone above six foot tall
WHAT WOULD YOU LAST MEAL BE?: Friday Night Pasta
FAVOURITE TV SHOW?: Anything on Kayo
IF YOU COULD INVITE FIVE PEOPLE TO DINNER, WHO WOULD THEY BE?: Justin Langer, Matthew Richardson, Dennis Rodman, Tom Liberatore, Adam Miller, with a slab of Vic Tins and Facebook
ONE SPORTING EVENT YOU DREAM OF GOING TO?: Anything at the Adelaide Oval
IF YOU COULD TURN BACK TIME AND CHANGE ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?: Stop the guy eating the bat in Wuhan
WHAT YOU SPEND YOUR LAST \$20 ON?: 2 Southern Comfort's and DJ's

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Cricket update

Members of the Phillip Island Cricket Club (PIDCC) are currently waiting to be given the all clear from Cricket Victoria, before the local 2021/2022 cricket season can get underway.

PIDCC secretary Daniel McCausland said senior training on Sunday mornings has now started, with all current Covid-19 protocols for regional areas being followed.

But at this stage, the season launch date is yet to be announced.

"Under the current rules put out by Cricket Victoria, we cannot yet play," said Daniel.

"This directive of course comes from government level. As soon as they give us the all clear, games will be able to commence."

Daniel said that an exciting season is looming for the club.

"We have some fresh talent for junior cricket coaches and coordinators," he commented, and advises

that parents can sign their children up now for the junior season ahead, using the playcricket.com.au website.

Daniel said that if anyone is struggling financially in these difficult times to sign their children up to play sport, they may be eligible for assistance at the "Get Active Kids Voucher Programme".

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program helps eligible families get their kids involved in organised sport and recreation activities, by reimbursing the cost of membership and registration fees, uniforms and equipment.

Eligible children may receive up to \$200 each.

The Club is also planning to again run the "Woolworths Blaster" cricket program, which caters for children aged from five to 10, but the program is on hold until clearance under the Covid rules is given by the government.

Details and dates will be announced as soon as these come through.



Phillip Island bowls club tried to enjoy their first training out of lockdown for their pennant season, however Mother Nature had other ideas about that!

Phillip Island bowls

Phillip Island bowls club was excited to have their first week out of lockdown and the members were super pleased to be able to take to the green for training in readiness for what we hoped would be an awesome pennant season.

However, it didn't happen, as

Mother Nature had other ideas. She threw it all at us on Saturday.

One minute we had sunshine then rain, then thunder and then lightning, wind and hail altogether! Therefore, training subsequently was called off.

Hopefully next week Mother Nature will be kinder. Stay safe all and see you around the greens soon.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 22 SEP	THU 23 SEP	FRI 24 SEP	SAT 25 SEP	SUN 26 SEP	MON 27 SEP	TUE 28 SEP
HIGH 1:19 am 2.61 m	HIGH 2:19 am 2.75 m	HIGH 3:09 am 2.86 m	HIGH 3:50 am 2.92 m	HIGH 4:27 am 2.94 m	HIGH 5:00 am 2.93 m	HIGH 5:32 am 2.90 m
LOW 7:09 am 0.78 m	LOW 8:03 am 0.76 m	LOW 8:50 am 0.76 m	LOW 9:30 am 0.79 m	LOW 10:06 am 0.84 m	LOW 10:40 am 0.88 m	LOW 11:12 am 0.94 m
HIGH 1:56 pm 2.78 m	HIGH 2:41 pm 2.82 m	HIGH 3:18 pm 2.82 m	HIGH 3:50 pm 2.79 m	HIGH 4:18 pm 2.76 m	HIGH 4:45 pm 2.70 m	HIGH 5:14 pm 2.70 m
LOW 7:42 pm 0.81 m	LOW 8:27 pm 0.66 m	LOW 9:05 pm 0.57 m	LOW 9:41 pm 0.51 m	LOW 10:14 pm 0.47 m	LOW 10:45 pm 0.47 m	LOW 11:16 pm 0.50 m

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Jaymie Youle – Centre, was also named captain of the WGFNC Team of the Year.



Beau Vernon was named Coach of the WGFNC Team of the Year.

Our famous five – plus one!

Five island footballers were named in the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition Team of the Year for the 2021 season. Congratulations to Jason Tomada, Jaymie Youle (captain), Max Blake, Cam Pederson and Zak Vernon, and to Beau Vernon who was named as coach.



Zak Vernon - Interchange



Cam Pederson - Ruck



Jason Tomada - Backline



Max Blake - Forward

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