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Miracle goal keeps premiership hopes alive

A miracle goal kicked by Phillip Island's Orlando Kane-Gillard after the final siren in the preliminary final against Warragul sees the Bulldogs through to the Grand Final.

A miracle goal kicked by Phillip Island after the final siren in the West Gippsland Football Netball League (WGFNL) preliminary final sees the Bulldogs through to the Grand Final.

After a drawn match on Saturday, the game went into extra time and it looked like the Island's season had come to an end.

With just seconds remaining, Warragul had their nose in front.

What happened next will surely go down in the annals of Island football history as the timeliest goal of all time.

Under huge pressure, Phillip Island Seniors youngest player Orlando Kane-Gillard kicked a goal after the siren, to win the game and keep the Island's premiership hopes alive.

Nail biting

With the hard fought preliminary final match played at Dalyston

against Warragul ending in a draw at full time, exhausted players on both sides lined up to decide the outcome, which involved two five-minute time-on playoffs, kicking to each end of the ground.

Warragul scored one point before the change of ends, with the Island left playing catch up. Another goal to Warragul, to the Island's three points, with just seconds remaining, looked to seal the Bulldogs' fate.

With the clock at an agonising six minutes 42 seconds into time-on, and the Island four points down, it seemed all hope was gone. Nothing short of a miracle was needed.

Then Orlando Kane-Gillard marked out of nowhere as the siren sounded.

The weight of a Grand Final spot was on the slender shoulders of the team's youngest member, who kicked long and true on a slight angle from 40 metres out.

As the ball sailed between the posts, Phillip Island got its miracle.

The crowd erupted and in a moment of madness, every Phillip Island supporter capable of doing so jumped the fence and raced on to the ground.

There were sobs of relief heard both off field and on.

Come Monday, Bulldogs' supporters were still scratching their heads in wonder.

PIFNC president Chris Ross said he keeps playing the moment over in his head, and still can't believe what happened. The Club's Footy Operations manager Scott Huther jokingly suggested divine intervention.

Coach Beau Vernon, the proudest of all, could not speak highly enough of his players.

"We have had adversity throughout the year," said Beau.

"But every member of the team has stepped up and played their

hearts out until that final siren. The heart and grit they have for the game shone through. They kept on keeping on, even when it seemed the end."

Beau said his team will now ride on the high of last Saturday, into the Grand Final match they face this weekend.

"We will be having a good crack at Tooradin on Saturday," is his assessment.

Saturday's Grand Final match will mean more than playing for a premiership for the Phillip Island Football Netball Club.

The Bulldogs will be farewelling Beau at the end of the day as the Club's senior coach.

Beau recently announced his retirement as coach after five years of outstanding service to island football and PIFNC, leaving an incredible legacy. He won back-to-back premierships in 2018 and 2019,

and potentially would have taken out two more premierships in 2020 and 2021 if Covid had not interrupted both seasons. No football was played in 2020 but Phillip Island was awarded the minor premiership for 2021 after finishing top of the WGFNL ladder before the season ended early because of Covid.

The Phillip Island seniors will also be playing on Saturday for a place in Club history, striving to win a third consecutive seniors' premiership, something that has not been done since the formation of the modern football club here in 1946.

PIFNC is fielding five teams in the WGFNL series this Saturday at Garfield.

The Under 13, Under 15 and Under 17 netball and the Under 16 and Seniors' football teams will all be striving to bring home the flag.

Turn to our bumper football Grand Final feature on pages 14-21 for full details.

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Still time to sign up for renewable energy trial

The last call has gone out for households wanting to take part in a renewable energy trial.

About 100 Phillip Island households are needed for a Victorian-first 12-month renewable energy trial that could lead to an island-wide power sharing project.

The Tariff Trial, being run by Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) has called on owners, renters or holiday houses, as well as people with or without solar panels, to volunteer.

TRPI said it particularly needed more households without solar panels to be part of the trial.

“If this is successful it will re-shape the way we use renewable energy in the community,” said TRPI coordinator Zoe Geyer

“In the big picture this is about our community producing its own energy and sharing it between neighbours, which is phenomenal when you compare this to a large, polluting power plant hundreds of kilometres away.

“We believe this the first virtual storage retail tariff trial in Victoria.”

TRPI’s research has shown there are numerous reasons why locals aren’t accessing renewable energy.

“Some roofs are oriented the wrong way to gain enough sunlight for solar panels to function well,” Zoe explained.

“Some houses are shaded by large trees. Some people are renting homes and don’t get to choose if they have solar or not ... and the list goes on.”

Meanwhile, some households with solar panels are producing more energy than they need and export or ‘sell’ it back into the grid, with the feedback rate continuing to drop.

Through this trial, TRPI hopes to find a way to maximise the benefits to the entire community.

“We’re on the cusp of a new era – the shift to renewable energy powering our world,” Zoe said.

“Let’s not leave anyone behind. Our communities can be part of, or rather, can lead the way in this new era. Let’s be innovative and embrace the opportunities right in our own neighbourhoods.”

Using the soon-to-be-built 10MWh battery on a site on Gap Road, trial participants will sign up with a partnering energy retailer for 12-months (April 28, 2023 – April 28, 2024) to create a tariff for energy sharing between people with solar panels and those without.

“Anyone with excess power from their rooftop solar panels currently sells into the grid. In this trial we’ll be using the battery to virtually store the power and export, consume and share the excess solar energy among participants.”

The only households that can’t apply are those with a household battery.

Applications close this month and participants will take part in an upcoming workshop to design the energy sharing model.

Contact TRPI coordinator Zoe Geyer at totally.renewable.phillip.island@gmail.com to learn more and register your interest.

www.totallyrenewablephillipisland.weebly.com/



By mid-week the water had receded and was only impacting one lane.

Road flooding remains a mystery

For several days last week, Phillip Island Road near the entrance to Newhaven College was flooded.

At one point a section of road was completely covered by the water, with signs in place warning motorists to slow down.

A spokesperson for Westernport Water said the area was the shared responsibility of Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) and Bass Coast Shire Council, who were responsible for stormwater for the region.

They confirmed that the underground water infrastructure managed by Westernport Water was fully operational.

Bass Coast Shire Council directed all queries to RRV.

A spokesperson for RRV said due to the unprecedented heavy rain in the region, water had been slow to recede off this section of Phillip Island Road.

“This low-lying section of Phillip Island Road and neighbouring land is subject to flooding in heavy rain, traffic management is in place at the site to keep motorists safe,” the spokesperson said, adding that during any flood event, RRV implemented traffic management via lane or road closures, to ensure safety.

RRV said it carries out regular inspections of the road and drains are cleaned as part of a regular maintenance program.

The community is encouraged to report hazards, including flooding, by calling 133 RRV (133 778).

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Residents to challenge shire rates bill

An elderly pensioner is among a group of Silverleaves' residents who will challenge Bass Coast Shire rates, after valuations in the past year increased by as much as 150 per cent.

Donald Cox, 85, has owned his modest cement sheet foreshore cottage for 30 years and said he was "thunderstruck" when he received his rates notice last month.

Donald's bill rose from \$3000 in 2021 to \$4600 this year, with the Capital Improved Value (CIV) increasing from \$920,000 to \$2 million.

"I've never had a rate rise like this and I've never heard of anyone's valuation increasing by more than 100 per cent," said the retiree, who is eligible for a small pensioner discount. "It will be difficult to pay but if I have to I will because I don't want to lose this place."

"I can't find the logic to it. It's a standard size block, a house that's 45 years old and no sea view."

In a more costly example, nearby neighbour Heather Hick's rates bill on her family's vacant block of foreshore land increased from \$3417 to \$6193, an 80 per cent rise.

The land's value rose 150 per cent from \$760,000 in 2021 to a staggering \$1.9 million this year.

"I don't know how they can justify that increase for a block of land with absolutely nothing on it," Heather said.

"I had to get my kids to read the figure when I first got the bill. I initially thought they had accidentally put a 1 in front of \$900,000."

"I was shocked. It's laughable."

Nearby couple Vivien and Vincent Tarquinio said they had already lodged an objection, adding plans to retire to their Silverleaves house was now in doubt after their rates rose from \$3000 last year to \$4800 this year.

"There go our dreams up in smoke. If we retire and prices keep going up we'll need to rethink where we live because we can't afford it," Vivien said of the Silverleaves Avenue house.

"It's a pandemic windfall for the shire because prices went sky high. But it's a one-off event."

Sell?

Heather said for other financial reasons their vacant foreshore block was independently professionally valued in April this year for



Bingley the Labrador and his owner Donald Cox are unhappy with Bass Coast Shire's rates bill for their Silverleaves' property and will be formally lodging a challenge.

\$940,000, which was a more "realistic" figure, adding that since that time house prices had fallen.

A Google search of neighbouring vacant land sales found 31 Silverleaves Avenue sold for \$860,000 in January 2021.

Heather questioned why Bass Coast Shire has a higher rate calculation for vacant land compared to residential developed land (.002 versus .003).

By comparison, she said, the Yarra Ranges – where they live – had the same rate calculation for residential and vacant land.

"We run a commercial business in Olinda, a café, and the block of land is now our most expensive asset."

"We don't want to sell the land because we love it and it's our future retirement."

"We're not in the same scenario as Donald (a pensioner), but we're not stupid, we're not go-

ing to cop a crazy increase like this."

Heather said the CIV increase would flow onto their land tax bill this year – paid to the state government for any property other than a residential home – which she expected would be a hefty increase.

She explained the CIV for the Silverleaves Avenue land in 2020 was \$735,000, which rose \$25,000 the following year.

"Which is a small rise compared to \$1.14m this year."

"It's gone up in past years but never by this much."

"It seems this year the valuer has put \$1.9 million for all land on Silverleaves foreshore."

Donald, Heather and Vivien said they knew of others in Silverleaves who were also challenging the rates increase.

Last week the Advertiser reported Cowes real estate agent Greg Price said he had been swamped with homeowners seeking re-evaluations after receiving their rates notice.

Greg said he had done about 25 evaluations in a fortnight, with more inspections by his colleagues.

"People have opened their rates notices and in some cases their CIV has doubled," Greg said.

Shire response

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said the Bass Coast real estate market was "exceptionally strong" leading into the revaluation relevant date of January 1, 2022.

"Significant demand was seen for coastal properties which were well located and within walking distance to the beach and more particularly waterfront properties," Ms Wastie said.

"This strong demand resulted in significant rise in sales prices leading into the relevant date and as a result value increases for suburbs such as Silverleaves."

She explained the Valuer General conducted site valuations, not the shire and if ratepayers wanted their valuation reviewed, details can be found on the rates notice.

Ms Wastie said the vacant land differential rate was set at 150 per cent of the developed land rate because the shire wanted to encourage development and "generate economic development".

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Rhyll residents predict brewery parking havoc

A proposed brewery at Rhyll has met with strong objections, with local businesses and residents predicting “absolute parking havoc”.

So far about 20 objections have been lodged to the planning permit for The Rhyll Brewery & Distillery, which is seeking a liquor licence, and the construction of a 491m² double-storey building at 11 Beach Road, currently a 764m² vacant site.

The permit, currently open for community feedback, is also seeking a reduction in parking, with five car parks supplied for staff and a legal requirement for 36 spaces.

The lower level of the \$4 million development will include a restaurant, two bars, brewhouse and still, able to seat 90 patrons, including outdoor dining.

The first floor will include a conference room, kitchenette for staff, one bedroom with ensuite as well as a staff bathroom.

All objectors have criticised the reduction in parking. Several wrote competition for parking in Rhyll was fierce, with the café, fish and chip shop, hairdresser and restaurant, along with the soon-to-open Rhyll boat ramp, wildlife cruises, fishing charters and cruise ships being met by buses.

“There simply isn’t any room to accommodate adequate parking for the likely volume of customers that a brewery would attract,” wrote one submitter.

Another commented parks in Rhyll were generally full before existing businesses open.

“Over busy periods, Rhyll is at bursting point as it is. The proposed plan would make this much worse, potentially dangerous,” they said, adding 90 extra patrons would be forced to park on people’s nature strips and the foreshore reserve.

According to one objection, last summer there was a medical emergency on Beach Road where the ambulance could not proceed because of the traffic jam caused by those waiting for the boat ramp.

Another agreed saying last year parking in Rhyll was “chaos” with drivers “getting angry and there were two minor traffic incidents”.

“Can you envisage busy times when cars, cars and boats, tractors and boats line up along Beach Road and up Lock Road waiting to launch or retrieve or find a carpark?” remarked one submission, adding Lock Road residents were now staking their green verges to stop parking.



Objectors to the proposed Rhyll Brewery & Distillery say the “charm of Rhyll is that it is a low-key hamlet and development must be planned to maintain that”.

An objector said neighbouring businesses and residents would suffer, not just through competition for parking but also from “excessive” opening hours, 7am-11pm.

They said the proposal was not in keeping with the character of the historic fishing village.

“The residents of Rhyll should not be disadvantaged by this proposal.”

Odour, height

Several submissions said noise and odour was not appropriate in a semi-residential area with minimal commercial dwellings and should instead be in the Cowes industrial area.

Many highlighted the confusion about the number of patrons anticipated to be seated, with the planning application advertising 90 but the state government promoting 120 earlier this year when they gave the brewery \$1.2 million in funding. Objectors said the preferred height for Rhyll was eight metres while the building will be 10.25 metres.

“This results in an over-bearing visual building mass from the road, that is inconsistent with the overall neighbourhood character of Rhyll.”

“The charm of Rhyll is that it is a low-key hamlet and development must be planned to maintain that.”

A resident said the brewery’s production of 60,000 litres of beer annually was not underscored by sustainable water use, with water resources stretched at peak holiday periods and in dry seasons.

Social media comments, however, were more supportive of the proposal.

Paula wrote it would be “fantastic” for Rhyll and would “enhance the area”.

“I think it will be a great addition,” wrote Jessica on Facebook, “but it needs to provide more of its own parking”.



A new brewery and distillery planned for Rhyll will produce about 60,000 litres of beer a year and will make a variety of rums and gins.

Beers

The Rhyll Brewery & Distillery will offer six core beers and then seasonal speciality releases, tap beer direct from the tank, beer paddles, house made spirits and locally sourced spirits, with live music on weekends.

Take-away beer options will be offered by a crowler machine – canned beer direct from the tap – and an all-day food offering (pizzas, burgers, seafood and salads), with takeaway pizzas also available.

The enterprise will operate Monday to Sunday, 7am-11pm, with alcohol served from 11am-11pm.

Funding provides BCH with scope for improvement

The state government has announced that 38 health services and public health laboratories across Victoria will share in a funding grant of \$105 million for new equipment.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) was allocated

\$320,000 from the state’s Surgical Equipment Innovation fund and will use the money to upgrade BCH’s fleet of scopes, which have been described as at the end of their useful life.

Gastrosopes, Colonoscopes and Cystoscopes are used for day surgery procedures such as colonoscopies, gastroscopies and urological procedures.

The funding covered the latest round of the Medical Equipment Replacement Program, Engineering Infrastructure Replacement Program and the Surgical Equipment Innovation Fund.

Local businesses nominated for community achievements

Congratulations to four local businesses, who have been nominated in this year’s Victorian Community Achievement Awards.

Girls on Board, Penny Lane Café, Phillip Island Strawberries and Mosaics by the Bay have all received nominations.

The Victorian Community Achievement Awards has six different categories, including Community Hero, Business Achievement, Leadership and Innovation, Customer Service, Community Group and Regional Service.

Girls on Board received its nomination for Customer Service, Penny Lane Café and Phillip Island Strawberries were nominated for Business Achievement, while Mosaics by the Bay was nominated for the Community Group award.

Phillip Island has had previous success at these awards.

In 2020, Mat Bowtell from Free 3D Hands was named Regional Achiever of the Year, as well as picking up the Leadership and Innovation Award.



Girls on Board, as well as Penny Lane Café, Phillip Island Strawberries and Mosaics by the Bay, have been nominated in this year’s Victorian Community Achievement Awards.

This year’s nominated businesses will have to wait until November to find out if they will follow in Mat’s award-winning footsteps.

Category winners will receive \$2000 in prizes and a trophy, which will be presented at an Awards Gala Presentation Dinner on Friday November 11.

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In San Remo, there is concern at the lack of vegetation and open space in housing estates, while views of the bridge are fast being dwarfed by infrastructure.

No high rises or Melbourne-style buildings, say residents

Phillip Islanders say they don't want Melbourne-style development while buildings should be no more than two storeys high, according to community feedback.

The feedback is part of stage one consultation on the Neighbourhood Character Study and Housing Strategy, which included drop-in sessions in Cowes and San Remo last week and an online interactive map, open until September 16.

Stage two consultation from December 2022 to February 2023 will see feedback on an initial draft.

The Neighbourhood Character Study involves the creation of design guidelines to inform the character of new residential developments.

The Housing Strategy will identify housing needs and where housing growth can occur.

A shire report last month found Cowes is running out of land for development and Wonthaggi is expected to take the bulk of new residents in Bass Coast, with a forecast population of 48,140 by 2036, and 10,000 new homes needed.

It also found the median house price in Bass Coast is now in-line with Greater Geelong at about \$750,000 and is the highest of any peri-urban municipality.

According to feedback from the

meetings and online map, residents say they don't want "suburban-style development not consistent with existing development".

"We want to have space between houses," said one resident.

"I'm concerned about feeling of high density and it is going to be like Melbourne."

Members of the Phillip Island Conservation Society attended the drop-in and president Jeff Nottle said they would be writing a submission calling for environmentally sustainable development to be embedded in planning.

"This will then require climate change (including mitigation and adaptation) to be part of the decisions and will lead to greater improvements in the energy and water efficiency of new buildings and subdivisions," Jeff said.

"Soulless boxes"

Michelle said it was too late for a neighbourhood strategy "when all of the old original houses have been bulldozed for soulless boxes".

Others said buildings should be "no more than two storeys in height" and "no more than three to four storeys on the foreshore".

"We can have higher density but not on the foreshore."

In San Remo, there was concern at

the lack of vegetation and open space in housing estates, while views of the bridge were being eroded, with big picture questions unanswered.

"Planning versus profit? Accountability? These are unanswered policy outcomes."

Another agreed: "Insufficient roads for the planned new houses, which will result in more traffic. More houses means more traffic."

A Bonwick Avenue resident said their views had been spoilt by nearby developers extending electricity pole heights to accommodate high voltage power lines and transformers.

"Clearly this will happen to any other future development to other existing residents."

One Sunderland Bay resident said roads should remain gravel to add to the character of the area.

"Crucial"

Cr Rochelle Halstead has been a main supporter of the housing strategy and character study, saying it will form a "crucial" part of planning to accommodate 10,000 new residents in coming years, adding residents needed to get involved.

"Feedback I have received so far has been around township boundaries, population growth and lot sizes

which are all very important aspects of planning," Cr Halstead said.

"However, neighbourhood character is about history and how we integrate it with our future."

"These attributes can only be identified by the local community themselves and that is why the community consultation part of this whole process is so important."

Mayor Michael Whelan said the predicted population growth was a challenge for council.

"Not only will we need to ade-

quately plan for it, but we will also need to ensure that appropriate planning policies and controls are in place, to protect the valued attributes within our townships, where a new development is proposed," Cr Whelan said.

Details: www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/neighbourhoodcharacterhousing

Or contact planning on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or email strategicplanningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Fence playground, say parents

San Remo parents are calling for the Lions Park playground to be safer for children, with an online petition.

The change.org petition has been signed by about 30 people and is calling for fencing around the play equipment.

"With two-year-old twins, I believe the playground is too close – less than 30 metres – to the road to not be fenced for the safety of children, especially around school times and weekends when there is a lot of traffic," wrote Brad Waldron, the author of the petition.

"If the playground was fenced, it would help the parents with young children relax while the children enjoyed the playground and a small section of the grassed area."

Other parents agreed.

"When my three now adult boys were young I would breathe a sigh of relief when I found a park with a fence – so much safer to allow the boys to explore and have fun," Melissah wrote.

Sue commented: "Agree that (the playground) is too close to road for very young children."

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Sensors make no sense

Bass Coast Shire's CEO has admitted the rollout of new parking sensors had "gone wild" in a radio interview.

And Cowes residents have taken to the shire's social media to slam the rollout.

Last week contractors were seen along Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street, The Esplanade and the transit centre digging in the sensors to carparks, which will go live in October along with electronic signs and a parking mobile app that will help drivers find an available bay.

The sensors are needed so the "smart parking" app and electronic signage can accurately show how many empty parking bays are available, according to the shire.

The sensors will also notify parking inspectors when a car has overstayed its time limit, meaning more fines will be issued, but the sensors are not paid parking.

CEO Ali Wastie was interviewed on ABC Gippsland radio where she encouraged anyone making a short trip under 5km to walk.

"This has gone wild," Ms Wastie said, adding the technology was being rolled out to support traders to avoid people parking too long.

She said the sensors would free up parking inspectors to monitor dogs on beaches, although adding they would also continue to fine those who parked too long.

On social media Gayle said she was disappointed at the suggestion she should walk 5km to shops, while business owner Trudy said she was opposed to one hour parking zones in the main street because it didn't allow for browsing.

Business owner Peter said there was "nothing positive" about the



A business owner said she was opposed to one hour parking zones in the main street because it won't allow for browsing.

sensors, although a customer replied it would help him find a park when "99 per cent of the time" it was difficult.

Suzi wrote the sensors would push more traffic out into surrounding streets like Church Street.

"Families who come here to use the main beach will have no alternative but to park all down Church Street, which has already been an issue with cars bumper to bumper and parking over people's driveways."

Risky

Christine asked the shire on their Facebook site whether they were encouraging people to look at their phones while driving.

The shire responded: "We are encouraging people to pre-plan their trips and for those with passengers in the car you'll be able to access in real time."

Libby questioned how people could "pre-plan parking".

"What an absolute waste of money and resources," she said, while

Pam added that by the time a driver arrives "someone else will have taken the spot".

David asked why sensors were being installed in the transit centre when it was all-day parking.

The shire responded data from the sensors would be used to inform the electronic signs that will be installed, to provide information on available carparks and there were no plans to change all-day parking.

Rob said people would avoid shopping in the main street.

"It's a country town. Stop turning it into a suburb of Melbourne. Many of us love the feel of a country town - if you don't like it go and live in Melbourne," he said.

Francesca said she didn't understand "how this is going to help us in anyway" and the sensors would just help parking inspectors.

Some were supportive with one Warley Avenue business asking for sensors out the front of their shop to help customers use parking rather than surrounding tradespeople.

The \$377,000 project will see about 500 underground sensors - difficult to spot at a quick glance - installed: 375 in on-street bays on Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street and The Esplanade; and 123 off-street bays at the Cowes Transit Centre; as well as 262 in Wonthaggi.

Night works will run from 8pm to 6am, with work expected to be finished in six weeks.

In mid-September poles and electronic signs will be installed on Thompson Avenue and on Church and Chapel streets, which will alert drivers to the direction of and distance to available car parking.

Then in October the "smart parking" guidance mobile app - which will also help drivers find an available bay - will go live, along with the whole system.



According to local nature educator Mike Cleeland, this strange creature found on Silverleaves beach last week is a stalked ascidian or a sea squirt.

Do you know what this is? One of our distant cousins

An eagle-eyed walker found this little critter on the sand at Silverleaves last week.

The Advertiser asked local nature educator Mike Cleeland what the 4cm tadpole-like creature was and he said he believed it was a stalked ascidian, or a sea squirt.

"It's quite interesting and unusual," Mike said.

"The groovy thing about these critters is their larval form has a dorsal nerve cord, just like us humans and the rest of the vertebrates."

"All other invertebrates such as slugs, snails and insects have a ventral main nerve cord, running along their belly."

"So the ascidians are not exactly our cousins, but they are more closely related to us than any of the other invertebrates."

Mike said the ascidian is native to Australia and is a filter-feeding animal that anchors themselves in sediment on or near reefs to eat plankton or particles.

"Trust me, I had to pass exams on this in 1977," he added.



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“Bill stress” growing

Westernport Water is finalising new household water costs for next year, on the back of a major price hike this year.

Westernport Water bills this year increased \$49 or 4.2 per cent because of inflation, with the average home water bill rising to \$1226.

The water authority was supposed to have fixed price capping, with the residential water access charge meant to be locked in at \$386 from 2018-23 (now \$408), and the sewer access \$595 for the same period (now \$633).

Last week a spokesman confirmed the authority would finalise its new price submission for the next five years by the end of September, to be confirmed by the Essential Services Commission by June next year.

“We recognise that our customers may be concerned about affordability and the cost of living and we are doing everything we can to keep prices as low as possible,” the Westernport Water spokesperson said.

They said Westernport Water had provided more financial assistance to customers struggling to pay their bills during the pandemic, with about 300 registered in their hardship program, compared to 107 in 2019-20.

Suspension of debt collection, payment extensions, concessions, access to financial assistance programs, and government grants were all available, “as well as proactive communication to check in with customers and support them if they are facing bill stress”.

Westernport Water households continue to pay among the highest bills for water in Victoria for the least amount of water use.

“On average, households in our area are using the least amount of water in Victoria – less than half of the state wide average,” the spokesperson said.

“Consequently Westernport Water is more reliant on fixed water and wastewater access charges to meet its revenue requirement than other water corporations.”

Newhaven residents eye new boys’ home plans

A meeting of Newhaven residents has voted to send a list of requests to the historic boys’ home developer.

About 20 residents attended a community meeting last Friday where they agreed to write to Bass Coast Shire planners requesting any major changes to 54-61 Forrest Avenue be re-advertised and made public.

This follows last month’s report by the Advertiser that developer Brian Amatruda said he would be lodging a new proposal that would retain the entire main building, as well as the 1930s cottage facing Boys Home Road, and all outbuildings including the cell blocks.

This came a week after the shire endorsed updated plans, based on a 2010 VCAT resolution, including: 21 lot subdivision, 10 dwellings, part demolition and alteration of an existing heritage building, including conversion of the heritage building into six residential apartments with ancillary garages, and vegetation removal.

Newhaven Residents Association president Jeannie Chapman told the meeting any plans should comply with the VCAT order and any amendments be re-advertised and original objectors be informed.

Jeannie and several association members recently viewed the updated VCAT plans at the shire offices, agreeing the designs “didn’t look terribly different to what was agreed by VCAT in 2011”.

The Newhaven meeting also agreed to write to shire planners requesting: adequate off-street visitor parking for any new development; clarification on vegetation removal; and access to the development be provided off Boys Home Road and not Forrest Avenue.

“During any construction big trucks should not be driving down Forrest Avenue as it’s delicate and can’t take heavy traffic,” Jeannie told the meeting.

She said Mr Amatruda’s Omni Property Group was invited to the meeting but they declined.

Plans

Last month Mr Amatruda told the Advertiser the only element to be retained from the 2010 permit would be the removal of the recreation hall in the top north-east corner, to make way for six two-storey townhouses.

“We inherited that 2010 planning permit

and rather than go back to the drawing board the first step was to endorse those plans, which has taken us about eight months and thousands of hours,” Mr Amatruda said.

“Now, following that approval, we will go back to the shire in the next eight weeks or so with an amended permit that is more sympathetic to the heritage buildings.

“If the shire doesn’t like what we suggest then we’ll go back to the 2010 plans. But I believe what we will present will be a lot better.”

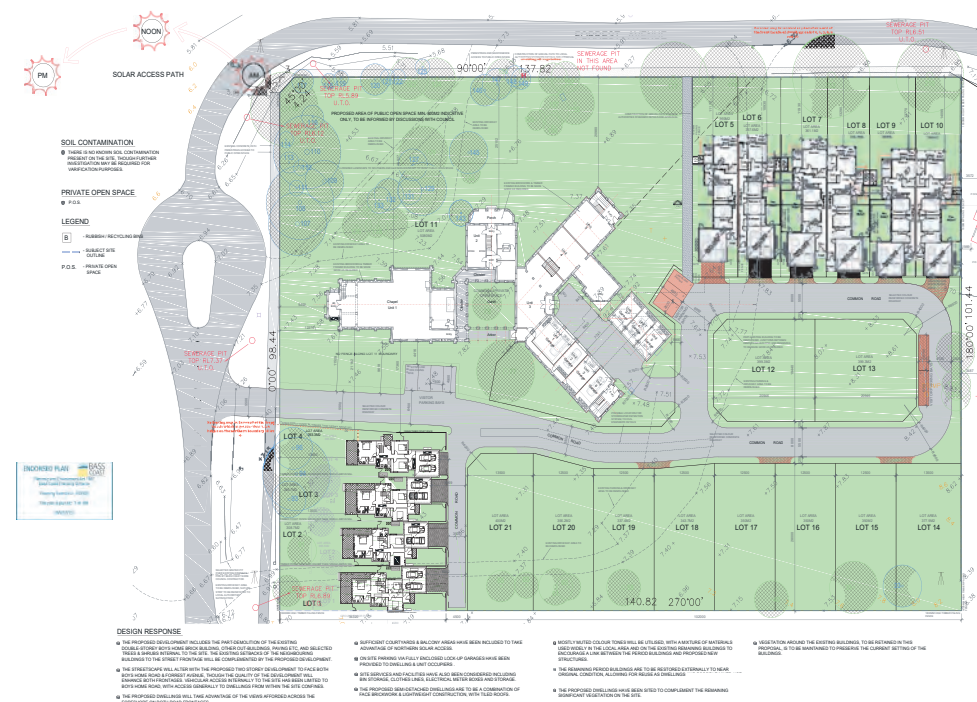
According to shire CEO Ali Wastie, the permit will expire if the development is not started before October 14 this year and completed by October 14, 2025.

“The subdivision needs to be certified by October 14, 2023 and registered with the Titles Office five years from certification,” said Ms Wastie.

She said the landowner could act on the current permit or apply for a new permit at any time.



Newhaven Residents Association president Jeannie Chapman said any new plans for the site should comply with the VCAT order and any amendments be re-advertised and original objectors be informed.



The currently endorsed plan for the old boys’ home site in Newhaven



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Aerial view on September 1, showing the progress on the Cultural Centre project.

Wet winter hasn't hampered Cultural Centre progress

Wet weather has slowed work at the site of the new Cowes Cultural Centre, but there's still be plenty of progress.

Over the past few weeks, steel columns were erected over the theatre

area with the next concrete pour scheduled for this Thursday (weather permitting).

Timber columns for the theatre area were delivered onsite last week. A spokesperson for Bass Coast

Shire Council said the recent rainfall had caused minor delays but were not expected to impact on the overall timeframes.

For progress reports, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowesccc

Which councillor is the costliest?

Island Ward's Ronnie Bauer is the least expensive Bass Coast councillor, while Bunurong's Leticia Laing is one of the costliest, with the highest car mileage budget.

The regular update on councillor expenses was released at the August meeting, showing that for the current term to June 30, 2022, former mayor and Nationals candidate in the upcoming state election Brett Tessari had the highest overall cost at \$31,246 with \$9336 for training and \$2617 for car mileage.

He was followed by current mayor Cr Michael Whelan with a total

\$22,174, including \$3155 for mileage and \$2926 for training.

Cr Leticia Laing, who is currently deputy mayor, totalled \$20,482, including \$4322 for car mileage, \$8540 for training and conferences and \$1418 for childcare.

Cr Ronnie Bauer had the least costs at \$5664.

When the expenses were broken down to the last financial year, Cr Bauer was by far the lowest at \$616, while Cr Laing was \$12,768, Cr Whelan \$14,987 and Cr Tessari \$16,582.

In November 2021, the Advertiser reported Cr Leticia Laing was the

most expensive councillor, according to the shire's annual report, at the time with \$2381 in car mileage – the highest of any councillor.

She said this was because she attended library board meetings held off site across the three council shires.

In May, following a ruling by the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal, the mayor received a wage increase from the previous \$89,324 up to \$96,470.

Councillors were previously paid \$28,870, but thanks to the tribunal's ruling, their new annual income is \$30,024.

The deputy mayor allowance increased from the previous councillor allowance, rising to \$48,235.

Questions over consultant use quashed

A push to make the use of hired consultants by Bass Coast Shire more transparent has failed after most Bass Coast Shire councillors rejected the move.

Cr Les Larke at the August meeting moved a motion to provide detailed data on consultants.

"Engagement of consultants is expected to cost in excess of \$2 million in 21/22 and again in 22/23," Cr Larke said.

"The objective of this motion is from transparency purposes and to understand the nature and quantum of outlays, how the value for money of consultancies are demonstrated and how it is overseen."

Cr Ronnie Bauer supported the motion – along with Cr Bruce Kent – who said Cr Larke was trying to make shire officers "more accountable for the money that is being spent on outside consultants and external advice".

"The implementation of this motion would demonstrate the money spent is value for money," said Cr Bauer, who in July suggested the shire's budget needed to be revised in light of global inflation.

"This motion adds a tool to our fiscal reporting."

However Cr David Rooks voted against the motion, asking Cr Larke whether there was a call from the community for such reporting, to which Cr Larke replied it was "not an uncommon question" by the public in "informal conversations".

Cr Rooks said he was concerned Cr Larke had not discussed the issue with councillors, adding the motion would increase the workload of shire



Cr Les Larke moved a motion to provide detailed data on consultants which failed after most of the other councillors rejected the move.

officers, which would come at a cost.

Cr Leticia Laing agreed Cr Larke had not collaborated with councillors, adding details on consultancies was not standard accounting practice.

Cr Rochelle Halstead asked whether the information was already available, to which shire officers said some of the answers were detailed in the annual report.

Cr Larke replied the motion was "not about accounting standards", adding he didn't have confidence the practices he was proposing were currently in place.

"For consultancy engagements there must be demonstrations of high levels of integrity while pursuing value for money ... demonstrations engagements were well planned, effectively procured, well managed and comprehensively evaluated."



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"We were so happy to be able to raise the funds through a very successful raffle and sausage sizzle held at the first birthday celebrations of Petstock Cowes in July," said Karen.

Steve Lambert and his dog Snowy were very happy to receive the food which Steve said had come at a most welcome time.

PIBCDOA President, Cheryl Owens said: "Our group continues to fight for responsible pet ownership and a fair go for ourselves and our dogs while taking care to ensure wildlife is preserved."

"We work to care for our local dogs through initiatives such as this, which is brought about by the incredible generosity of our loyal members."

With more nominations than ever, now is a great time to get your tickets for Bass Coast Shire Council's Business Awards Presentation evening.

Bass Coast Shire Council said the evening is a celebration of excellence and open to all businesses, not just those who have entered or been nominated in the Awards. To book your tickets, visit <https://2022bcba.eventbrite.com.au>

There has been an increase in applicants across all categories compared to last year.

egories are voted by customers and community members for the Bass Coast business that they believe provide the best products and services. This year Council said it received 1196 People's Choice votes!

Council would also like to acknowledge the Award judges, Kim Storey, Heidi Hamm, Rebecca Massaro, Andrea Evans-McCall, Marcus McKenzie, Peter Clayton and Paul Drew with the support of Jayne Simpson and thank them for donating their time to judge the awards.

As families begin to make choices about their child's education for 2023, the state government is encouraging every family to enrol their child into newly Free Kinder.

slash the cost of living for families.

"We know families are struggling with the cost of living and free kinder will help make sure no child misses out on the vital years of early education," Minister Stitt said.

The state government will provide Free Kinder in 2023 to approximately 140,000 eligible children.

All early childhood education and

care providers that deliver a funded kindergarten program in Victoria will be eligible to receive Free Kinder funding from 2023, saving families up to \$2500 per child, every year.

Free Kinder funding will be available in both standalone kindergarten and long day care settings for children enrolled in a funded kindergarten program.

A 15-hour per week program will be available to four-year-old children and a 5-to-15-hour program will be available to three-year-old children per week.

The government said it is also investing \$9 billion over the next decade to transition Four-Year-Old Kindergarten to Pre-Prep with 30 hours of play-based learning by 2032 and build 50

government-owned childcare centres to ensure children thrive and women are supported to return to work.

An additional 5000 teachers and educators are needed over the decade to support this significant reform.



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Before the plunge at the Cowes foreshore on September 1, the brave group were all smiles. Polar Bears Mary Kane, Sharyn Cornthwaite, John, Clover and Sailor Wynen, Lisa and Evie McLure, Mel and Jackson Rodakis, James, Christy, Olly and Eli Spottiswood, Paula, Isis and Aurora Wasiak, Jasper and Joel Goodall, Cat Barratt and Kristy Byrnes.

Polar Bears brave the chill

The annual Polar Bear swim on September 1 returned from several years in hiatus, due to Covid restrictions.

The intrepid group spanning generations gathered on the Cowes foreshore at 5pm for the big dip.

This year, a breakaway group of bears also took the plunge from the jetty in San Remo, as well as some dawn and dusk bears, who braved the water solo, as they were unable to

make the main event.

As usual, the event was a casual, noisy and fun affair.

And just why do these bears gather on the foreshore on September 1 each year?

"There's no why to Polar Bear. It's just fun and as devoid of structure and meaning as I can make it. Everyone is welcome," said organiser Jenny Low.

More Polar Bear pics at pisra.com.au



John and Clover Wynen after taking the 2022 Polar Bear plunge.



Polar Bears were also spotted at the San Remo Jetty, timing their jump to coincide with the action on the Cowes Foreshore.

Get your skates on: petition

About 700 people have signed an online petition calling for the construction of a bike and skateboard track in Cape Woolamai.

The change.org petition follows the unauthorised creation of a BMX and motorbike track on the Cape Woolamai foreshore earlier this year, which damaged vegetation and increased erosion risk.

The petition is calling for a pump track, an asphalt circuit of rollers and banked turns for bicycles, scooters and skateboards.

"A purpose-built pump track would provide a replacement of the current popular bush tracks built in our foreshore and allow vegetation to regenerate in these areas," the petition states.

"The pump track would provide recreational opportunities and a meeting place in the community for both children and adults."

Signatories to the petition said it was long overdue.

"We need a space for kids, teenagers, family to exercise in a proper environment for bikes that don't wreck our environment," wrote Jacqui.

Naomi said: "If you are going to keep expanding housing you need to give families places to

play and grow."

Several people commented a pump track was needed in addition to skate parks.

"A pump track would be an amazing addition to the existing skate park – there only really is one decent one on the island," Maja said.

"It would help take the load off the skate park in Cowes as it gets a little too hectic for young children in particular."

In April Bass Coast Shire councillor Rochelle Halstead voiced her frustration at the slow pace of finding a regional skate park site, suggesting the delay has led to the destruction of the Cape Woolamai foreshore.

Cr Halstead said council meeting discussions on skate parks with the community dated back to 2015.

"Some might suggest the delay has caused the heartbreaking reality of significant damage to the Cape Woolamai foreshore where young people have taken matters into their own hands and created their own BMX track."

At the time shire officers said an updated review of the skate strategy would be finished by May, with a proposal for a regional skate park presented to council soon after.

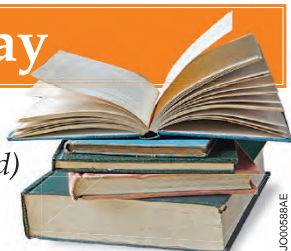
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Weed mapping at Cape Woolamai



A weed mapping survey of the Cape Woolamai foreshore has identified and mapped the location of more than 7000 invasive and problematic weed species.

Cape Woolamai Coast Action (CWCA) recently received a Quick Response Grant from Bass Coast Shire Council to enable the group to undertake a Weed Mapping Survey of the Cape Woolamai Foreshore.

The Weed Mapping was undertaken by Botanist Claire Ranyard and her partner Mike Maio over a period of three months and resulted in the geo-location of 7212 invasive and problematic weed species between Cleeland Track and Palm Beach Avenue in Cape Woolamai.

Of these the most invasive and problematic plant was the *Polygala myrtifolia* (Myrtle Leaf Milkwort), with 4027 sightings and *Asparagus asparagoides* (Bridal Creeper), with 2776 sightings.

These are both species that have escaped from residential gardens along the foreshore.

The results of the findings will allow the members of the CWCA to more efficiently utilize their working bees to target specific areas.

Each of the geo-locations includes the specific GPS co-ordinates which will make it easier to efficiently target the problem areas and improve the indigenous biodiversity of the foreshore.

CWCA said they were grateful to council for the grant, providing a unique opportunity to approach and resolve this problem.

Anyone who would like further information or who would like to view the mapping results please contact Peter Dumergue, Secretary CWCA: capewoolamaica@gmail.com



After being abandoned due to Covid restrictions, the Barry Sheene Tribute Ride returns this year, as part of the Motorcycle GP celebrations.

Barry Sheene Tribute Ride is back

The Barry Sheene Tribute Ride will return in October, marking its 18th anniversary ahead of the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022.

In honour of Sheene, who lost his battle with cancer in 2003, the 270-kilometre charity event will depart Bairnsdale on Thursday October 13, with participants making their way through Gippsland’s countryside. Riders will visit Morwell and San Remo, before taking part in a lap of the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

Barry Sheene MBE was a British motorcycle champion who migrated to Australia in the late 1980s. Throughout his illustrious career, Sheene recorded 23 Grand Prix victories and won two 500CC World Championships in 1976 and 1977. In later years, he continued his passion by becoming involved in historic motorcycle racing and was a beloved commentator – further becoming part of Australian motorsport culture.

Working in partnership with the East

Gippsland Shire, La Trobe City and Bass Coast Shire councils, the Australian Grand Prix Corporation announced it was thrilled to bring the annual memorial ride back to Phillip Island and raise money for charity.

Tickets cost \$50 per rider, with all profits going to the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022 Official Charity Partner – the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre.

More than 9000 people have taken part in the Barry Sheene Tribute Ride since the first event in 2004.

The Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022 will return to Phillip Island From October 14 to 16. The three-day event features a huge on-track line up including MotoGP™, Moto2™, Moto3™, National Superbikes and the Oceania Junior Championship.

Tickets for the Barry Sheene Tribute Ride and the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2022 are on sale now.

www.motogp.com.au/event/barry-sheene-tribute-ride

Mobile Vax is back

The Gippsland Region Public Health Unit’s Mobile Vaccination Bus returns to Bass Coast this week.

The bus will be in Marine Parade in San Remo on Saturday, September 10, from 10am – 2pm.

It will also be at the Wonthaggi Town Hall on September 15 and 30, between 10am and 2pm.

All Covid vaccinations and boosters to those eligible over the aged of five are available, and free flu shots are available to people aged over 65 years.

No bookings required.



If you haven’t yet received your latest Covid booster, the GRPHU Mobile Vaccination bus returns to San Remo on September 10. No appointment necessary.

State election race well underway

Although nominations for candidates don’t close until November 11, the field for the seat of Bass in the upcoming state election is already looking strong.

So far, Labor, Liberals, Nationals and Greens have declared their candidates for the seat. Phillip Islander Jeni Jobe has also declared her intention to stand as an independent.

Current member Jordan Crugnale announced last year that she would recontest the seat for the Labor Party, after the electoral boundaries were redrawn.

Since then, Aaron Brown, son of former minister Alan Brown, secured the nomination for the Liberal Party.

Well known councillor and former mayor, Brett Tessari is the candidate for the National Party.

Last month, Callum Bugbird, a former student at Bass Coast College and member of the Bass Coast Climate Action Network announced he was running for the Greens.

In the Upper House contest for Eastern Vic-

toria, South Gippsland animal advocate Austin Cram has announced he will run for the Animal Justice Party, while Mat Morgan (who ran as the Greens candidate for the Federal seat of Monash) is the Greens candidate.

In October 2021, the Electoral Boundaries Commission announced Pakenham and Clyde would be removed from Bass. The new boundaries for the seat, which includes all of Bass Coast, also now includes the Western Port Coastal communities of Tooradin, Pearcedale, Cranbourne South, Devon Meadows and Cannons Creek.

The redistribution has ABC election analyst Antony Green predicting Bass will return to the Liberals with a margin of 2.4 per cent, while the newly established seat of Pakenham, is considered a likely win for Labor.

The state election is on Saturday, November 26, with early voting opening on November 14.

To vote, you need to be correctly enrolled by 8pm on November 8.

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Kids at the forefront of community in Bass Coast

Grade Five and Six students from three local primary schools took to the stage last week in front of community leaders, councillors, school principals and families to present their ideas for projects to help drive positive change in their local communities.

The Kids Thrive Kids as Catalysts program which ran successfully as a pilot last year at Newhaven Primary School has been expanded to Powlett River, Bass Valley and Newhaven Primary School thanks to additional funding and support from the Bass Coast Community Foundation, VicHealth, Victorian Department of Education and Training, and the Sidney Myer Fund.

Students pitched their ideas, developed in partnership with local community groups, to a panel of councillors and principals to seek project funding to address issues they see as having greatest importance in their local community – including support for older people, cultural inclusion, gender equality, environmental issues and protection of animals and wildlife as well as disability advocacy.

Mayor Michael Whelan introduced the program with an inspiring speech.

“You are the future” he said to the hundred or so primary school children.

“It is not good enough to talk about targets for 2050, this is your future. We need to be acting now to protect that. It is really important that we listen to you and that you invite us to see what we as a council and community can do,” he added.

“We are all cheering for you with these initiatives.” Taking part in Victoria’s



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leading creative leadership and social change program for schools, principals and program staff said students have undergone significant change since commencing the program.

“Our evaluation reports have proven that children involved in this program not only increase their confidence, personal skills and educational outcomes, but are so excited to be given the opportunity to help make a difference in their community,” said Andrea Rieniets, co-Director and co-Founder of Kids Thrive.

“Their education becomes meaningful to them as they learn real-world skills and see their hard work making a difference to the people and the environment around them.” Executive Officer of the Bass Coast Community Foundation Sarah Bourke said funding the program again has demonstrated the value of engaging local students in the critical years before they transition to high school. It has also assisted in develop-

ing positive relationships with community organisations and community members.

“We are really pleased with the support of local community members and groups, along with the Mayor and Councillors seeing firsthand the amazing young people who are empowered by this program and importantly - the impacts that they can make in our local community,” she said.

Following this week’s ‘pitch’, students will now deliver their projects with their local community partners and then present the outcomes of their final projects at a showcase event later in the year. The local community is invited to various events being developed by student and community groups, so please keep an eye out on social media and through the Kids Thrive website for upcoming events.

Kids Thrive is a not-for-profit charity proudly working in the Bass Coast region.

To find out more about the program go to bccf.org.au and www.kidsthive.org.au.

Schools gear up for Bike Ed

Schools across Bass Coast Shire are running Bike Ed sessions in Term 3 and Term 4 this year.

Bike Ed is about developing the knowledge, skills and experience that students need to be able to cycle safely, and use our road and pathways network safely, with consideration for other road and trails users.

After two years where schools were not in a position to run their Bike Ed programs, most are now working to catch up on lost time.

The Bike Ed program traditionally begins with Year 3 or 4 students, starting off in the school yard, with activities aimed at developing balance and bike control skills. It then progresses to left turns, right turns and negotiating roundabouts, still in the school yard, while learning some of the regulations about how the road system operates, with an emphasis on safety.

The Bass Coast Community Road Safety Committee, headed up by Cr Bruce Kent, supports schools by receiving funding from the Department of Transport (VicRoads) to maintain bikes that schools can borrow.

Another support is the co-ordination of community volunteers from the Phillip Island Bicycle User Group, Victoria Police and others. The committee also receives funding to host Bike Ed Instructor courses, which ensure that school staff and volunteers are adequately trained to deliver the programs in a safe and professional manner.

Experienced volunteers are not only able to assist with program planning, but also enable groups to be split, so that skill development is in small groups, ensuring riders have greater opportunity to practise those skills.

“I commend schools for taking on this program and teaching road safety,” Cr Kent said.

“The more we can get kids out of private cars and onto bikes, the more active they will be.

It also eases congestion around schools, and eases the family budget, given the high cost of fuel.”

Bike Ed Co-ordinator, Don Turner, was also positive about the program.

“It’s very encouraging to see students with no previous riding experience getting up and away, with supportive staff and volunteers,” said Don.

“Other students with more experience get to develop bike control skills that enable them to ride safely and competently.”

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At Studio 3922's Sip and Paint sessions, participants work on a pre-sketched canvas to create their own individual artwork, with Wendy and Tahli providing advice, encouragement and expertise.

The art of fun!

If you like relaxing with friends or like-minded people and getting creative, then Studio 3922 is the place for you.

A concept as much as a designated space, Studio 3922 offers workshops with a difference – “artsy” rather than art.

Studio 3922 is far removed from traditional art classes. Owners Wendy and Tahli emphasise their workshops are for everyone, not just experienced artists. The focus is on fun, inclusion and helping people enjoy their creativity.

Catering for the 18+ market, the two women wanted to create a space for anyone to unwind and enjoy some “me” time, transforming a section of an old industrial workshop in Thompson Avenue into an artistic haven.

Although their first workshop in Life Drawing attracted committed artists, they soon introduced Sip and Paint sessions, a relaxed concept where participants were encouraged to bring along food and wine and enjoy a creative night out.

At Sip and Paint, participants work on a pre-sketched canvas (themes have included Marilyn Munro, Audrey Hepburn,



Other workshops include stencil art (as pictured), soy candle making, origami flowers, Jesmonite (making trays and pots) and kombucha making, with private bookings also available.

Frida Kahlo) to create their own individual artwork, with Wendy and Tahli on hand to provide advice, encouragement and expertise. It is now one of Studio 3922's most popular sessions. Other workshops include stencil art, soy candle making, origami flowers, Jesmonite (making trays and pots) and kombucha making. Every session is designed by Wendy and Tahli, with all materials provided and a guarantee that no one leaves empty-handed.

“You always leave our class with something,” they said.

Studio 3922 also takes private bookings for groups, which can be done onsite, or

at other venues, including people’s homes.

Describing their approach as “flexible and portable”, Wendy and Tahli work with you to find the perfect session and have done everything from Hen’s Night workshops, birthday celebrations and anniversaries. They’re already looking at concepts for creative Christmas workshops.

All bookings, for both private and scheduled workshops can be made through Trybooking.com and scheduled class dates are advertised on Facebook (studio3922) and Instagram (studio_3922). Or you can email studio3922@gmail.com.

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Five Island teams fight for flags

Emotions ran high after Seniors match against Warrigal on Saturday. What a game it was!

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Darcy Thompson – Rover.
Loves the contest and pressure.
Tackling machine.



Bailey Hennessy – Wing.
Good ball user.
Great addition to the club.



Benji Chihotski – Forward.
Straight in at the ball.
Loves the tough stuff.



Noah Williams – Wing.
Running machine.
Smart with the ball.



Beau Davies – Defender.
Clever setup behind the ball.
Reads the play brilliantly.



Cha Cha Martus – Forward.
Exciting, silky mover.
Loves a goal.



Isaac Savona – Ruck.
Great tap ruckman, rarely beaten.



Oliver Hibbert – Midfield.
Gun with an exciting future.
Season ending knee injury.



Daniel Caffieri – Utility.
Team leader who gives their all playing
anywhere on the ground.



Charlie O'Garey – Fwd/Mid.
Exciting, dangerous player.
Loves a goal and a gag.



Ollie Duggan – Forward.
Strong overhead. Sets up well
in the forward line.



Jack Kennedy – Defender.
Runs straight at the ball.
Can play on a small or tall.



Jack Huther – Forward.
Team leader. Dangerous forward
who is always directing.



Tim Niven – Defender.
Awesome voice and direction of
teammates. Never gets beaten.



Sonny McMillan – Wing.
Very important setting up on the wing.
Loves the big game.



Cooper Walton – Forward.
Goal kicking gun.
Season ending back injury.



Zac Walker – Ruck.
Vice-Captain. Dangerous in the ruck
or forward. Big game player.



Will Hill – Defender.
Loves the contest and will
take on anyone.



Will Peppard – Def/Mid.
Hunts the ball and stops opposition.
Strong player.



Eden Goldsbury – Defender.
Great overhead or on the ground.
Loves the stopping role.



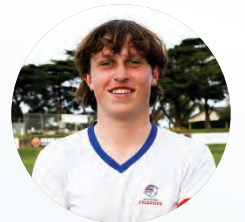
Leo Savona – Defender.
Smart mover across half back.
Nothing gets past Leo.



Jasper Cashman – Defender.
Strong man-on-man. Loves keeping
forwards goalless.



Yianni Caffieri – Midfield.
Leader of the engine room.
Oozes class and strength.



Finn O'Brien – Forward.
Dangerous and exciting on the lead.
Tough to match up on.



Max Arceo – Wing.
Captain. Natural born leader. Inspires
the team with words and action.



Noah Muller – Fwd/Mid.
Loves the contest. Clever ball user
and mover around the ground.



Sonny Merryful – Midfield.
A bull at the contest. Shows strength
and wins the ball.



Jai Coulton – Forward.
Dangerous mover around the ground.
Season ending ankle injury.



Max Taylor – Forward.
Elusive forward who is hard
to match up on.



Coach – Steve Duggan.



Assistant Coach – Scott Huther.



Assistant Coach – Sean O'Brien.



Assistant Coach – Gabby Caffieri.



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2. Brendan Kimber
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3. Zak Vernon
Big game midfielder with a great turn of speed, and overhead mark. Loves a goal.



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



5. Kai MacKenzie
Mid turned Backman and provides speed and delivery from the backline.



6. Jason Tomada
The ladies' man with plenty of swagger would do anything for the team. Tough, great mark and leader.



7. Jaymie Youle
Captain, tough, quick, big game player, with a great kick and unreal second and third efforts. Missing due to major wrist break.



8. Luke James
Strong tall able to play anywhere on the ground. Season been interrupted with several head clashes.



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



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



11. Marcus Wright
Tough inside mid, great decision maker, clean with the ball, has the best handball under pressure.



12. Alexander Officer
Great intercept defender with great skills.



13. Daniel Pearce
Leader of the backline with sublime defensive and offensive skills. Season ending injury saw transition to back-line coach.



14. Tarquin McMillan
Beautiful judge of mark and spoil and has a great season filling gaps on-ball and in defence.



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



16. Damien Holmes
Brings enormous experience and classy delivery to his back-line role. Rarely beaten.



17. Zach Wagner
Breakthrough season in the mid-field with sublime foot skills and great speed.



Retiring senior coach Beau Vernon with Orland Kane-Gillard and Kai McKenzie (back to camera) shared in the emotion of the miracle goal which saw the Bulldogs clinch their spot in the Grand Final.

Bulldogs bid Beau farewell

In July this year, senior coach Beau Vernon announced his retirement, after leading the club to back-to-back premierships in 2018 and 2019.

Potential further premierships were thwarted by Covid in 2020 and again in 2021, when Phillip Island was declared the minor premiers after the season and finals series was abandoned.

But Beau's incredibly legacy stretches way beyond the success on the scoreboard.

"Beau has helped change the culture of the club both on and off field," says Phillip Island Football Netball Club President Chris Ross.

"While his leadership has won two premierships, and potentially four if we did not have the Covid interruptions, off field the club is also far better off for the time he has spent with us.

"His concern for and awareness of everyone else ... not just the players, but for each individual club member, and the community as a whole, is always uppermost in his mind. He has changed the culture of our club," says Chris.

Beau says his focus is as much on player enjoyment, and ensuring they feel valued and connected to the group, as on winning a premiership.

"I try and assist every player to get the most out of

themselves, both physically and mentally, to be the best version of themselves.

"PIFNC is a very supportive environment and the whole club plays a role in achieving this. The senior players are great role models for the junior players.

"Our players are good hearted people who pitch in and look out for others. The younger players coming through see that.

"It creates a great club environment."

Beau says the time is now right for him to move on to other things.

He has a young family to consider, and he is keen to watch his wife Lucy resume her footy career next year.

His work life as a Director of InterAct Australia, a disability and NDIS service provider, keeps him busy and involves travel three days a week. And he is on the speaking circuit, in demand at corporate events, at schools and by organisations and clubs.

Looking back on the last five years, Beau is proud of what has been achieved by PIFNC.

"Yes, winning premierships and being successful has been fantastic. But for me personally, it has actually been more about the creation of an environment where people feel they belong, are valued and where they can strive to do their best."



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



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



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



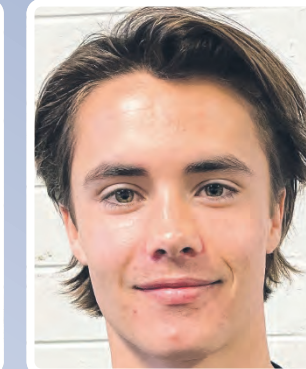
22. Harry O'Brien
Breakthrough season in the forward line with deadly goal-kicking skills combined with exceptional strength.



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



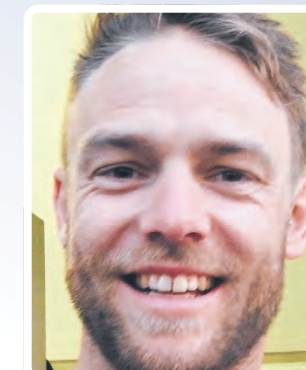
24. Eli Richards
Classy and tough on-baller loves getting in and under around the ball, with silky kicking skills.



27. Orlando Kane-Gillard
In second season, classy forward with skills and speed to burn. His after the siren goal in the prelim put the Doggies into the big one.



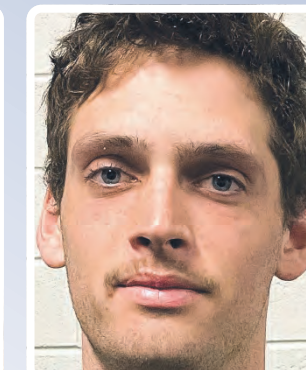
28. Max Blake
Key forward, who loves crashing packs and taking big marks. Can kick them from more than 50 metres.



32. Matt Jackson
Leader of the backline has been a welcome inclusion since coming out of retirement.



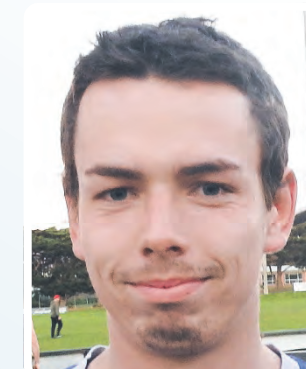
35. Jack Taylor
Key forward. The big bison has great dukes, skills and his second and third efforts are a feature.



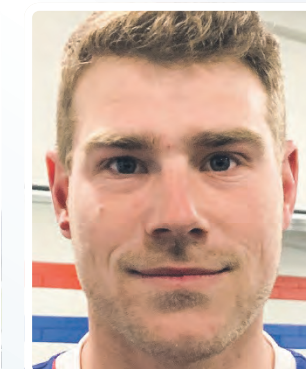
36. Jesse Patullo
Freakish skills in the forward line, can do anything with almost no notice. Defenders' nightmare.



39. Max Walton
Spent most of season at Gippsland Power and Hawthorn VFL. Speed, anticipation and outstanding kicking skills.



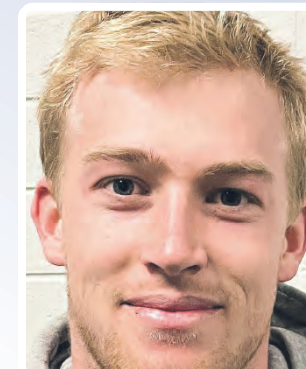
50. Alexandrew Redmond
Tough dogged small forward. Gets the boys up and about with his defensive efforts. Strong mark and loves a sausage.



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



Coach - Beau Vernon
In his 4th season as Bulldogs coach, making the Grand Final in all but 2021-covid shortened year. Outstanding communicator.



Line Coach - Hayden Bruce
Classy mid-fielder struck by season ending injury who became forward coach for the year.

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9.15am: Under 15s Netball:
Phillip Island v Korumburra-Bena

10.05am: Under 17s Netball:
Dalyston v Phillip Island

8.30am: Under 16s Football:
Phillip Island v Inverloch-Kongwak

10.10am: Under 18s Football:
Inverloch-Kongwak v Garfield

12.15pm: Reserves Football:
Tooradin-Dalmore v Koo Wee Rup

2.30pm: Seniors Football:
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Isla Cousins

Isla is a hunter, she has hands over everything! We've never seen someone reject so many passes in a season! You cannot take your eyes off her defence as a midcourt player and the way she controls the game.



Shanae Riley

Shanae has played every single position on the court this year, her versatility is something else! Being such a standout player on the court, you can trust her to do her job in defence and attack.



Lexi Walton

Our young gun and captain of the Under 17s, Lexi keeps running and never stops, her attacking and defensive play down the whole court is outstanding and she will never give up! Always has a smile on her face.



Ahlee Penry

Ahlee jumps and never stops jumping, you have not witnessed someone who can jump as high as this girl can! As a GD she is a player who reads the game in a unique and strategic way! Intercept after intercept.



Maya Huther

Best fill in wing defence, taking on the amazing feat of competing in both the U15s and U17s grand final.



Ruby Bond

Ruby is a player who is always wanting to learn how she can get better and the improvement we have seen from her is enormous! You wouldn't want Ruby to come up against you! She will take anyone on.



Ella Duggan

Ella is also one of our shooters, but can play anywhere on the court, we've chucked her in defence, and she absolutely destroys it! Congrats on runner up in the league Ella! Definitely keep your eye on this one.



Lily Mewett

Lily is one of our shooters, she has got a huge competitive side to her and won't let anyone get in her way! She's definitely a see-ball, get-ball type of player! Lily rarely misses a shot.



Meika White

Best stand by goalie available also taking on the feat of competing in both the U15s and U17s grand final.



Daisy Fusinato

Daisy may be small, but she has something special, her stamina to stop her players leads and put pressure over the ball shone through this year! Daisy is a huge team player and great little WD.



Zoe O'Garey

Zoe is one of our smartest players, she takes in everything and outplays anyone who comes up against her! Her feeding into the ring is scary at times but she always pulls it off, her teamwork and work ethic are her strongest attributes.

Congratulations all round to Beau Vernon and the Seniors & U16s Footballers and U13s, U15s & U17s Netballers. Good Luck and Go Doggies!!!

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Under 15s player profiles

Grace Morris:
living up to her name, a graceful shooter, also playing in GK and WD.

Aisha Hibbert:
our 13s gun benching or playing every week, a fantastic GS.

Sophia Hungerford:
a brilliant GD, who is a magnet to the ball.

Abby Clarke:
our smiling assassin, great in either WD or WA.

Bella Santorini:
our most versatile player, a beautiful GS or plays defence.

Olivia Holmes:
our little 13s player, who is big on court, playing in GK or C.

Hazel Burke:
our quick and speedy WA and occasionally plays in C.

Matilda Feehan:
a strong season in WD, knows how to put on the pressure.

Meika White:
vice-captain, our nimble goal attack, fast and precise.

Maya Huther:
captain, intercept queen, playing strong in C and leading the team.



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Mia Hughes:
a tall, holding shooter who
is dangerous under the ring,
strong rebounder.

Aisha Hibbert:
a sharp shooter with smart
game play and dynamic
movement, has no fear
on court.

Piper O'Brien:
relentless worker in the mid
court, drives hard to create
plays and gives 100 per cent
each game.

Ava Blake:
tireless midcourter who has
a massive work rate and the
ability to create turnovers at
crucial times.

Pepper Burke:
speedy player who is versatile
across midcourt, and an
excellent ability to shut down
opposition.

Molly McIntyre:
wing/defender who is strong,
determined and provides
exceptional one-on-one
pressure, gets hands on to
loose balls.

Anna Dixon:
tall defender/wing who fully
commits to the job given,
defensive reach and balance
is outstanding.

Olivia Holmes:
dominant and athletic
defender/midcourter who the
opposition fears. Intercept
specialist and a great leader.

Ellie Hennessy:
first year of netball and
has proven to be a fierce
defender, awesome ability to
intercept and rebound.

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Carol Gislingham behind the lens at Saturday's preliminary final series played at Dalyston.

Behind the lens

Behind every successful Club is a huge team of volunteers, unsung heroes whose contribution mostly go unnoticed as they quietly carry on in the background.

One such person at the Phillip Island Football Netball Club is Carol Gislingham, and if you follow the football reports in the Advertiser, you will have seen her work on a regular basis.

Carol has been taking fantastic photos of Phillip Island footballers and netballers for almost the last decade, and sharing these with both the club and the Advertiser for everyone to enjoy on Facebook and on our print pages.

She started taking photos at football each week as a hobby when her son Jess first started to play.

"Because the kids were little, I had to get a bigger lens," Carol remembers.

And then learn to use it.

Carol describes herself as a happy snapper with no formal training, and says she takes the photos for fun.

"I do challenge myself to get better and better and I do enjoy sending the photos in."

At the Advertiser we could not be more grateful to Carol for the photos she takes each week and shares with us, which include shots of netballers and footballers in all age groups.

We know they are very much enjoyed by our readership, and we thank her sincerely for the valuable contribution she makes to our coverage of local sport.

You can enjoy more of Carol's photos in this Grand Final feature, as she shares some of her favourite shots from the season.



To see the best of Carol's photos from 2022 go to pisra.com.au/sport

"Team effort in full view," says Carol of this shot showing four Island players all vying for the ball.



Carol says there's so much going on here, it gives her circus act vibes. "What happened next was the magic. Cam Pedersen (hidden in pack) somehow taps the ball to Brendan Kimber."

**Congratulations
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Phillip Island author Chris Flynn is launching his new book "Here be Leviathans" at Turn the Page bookshop in Cowes on Sunday, September 11 at 3pm.

Leviathan launch at Turn the Page

Phillip Island author Chris Flynn is launching his new book "Here be Leviathans" at a special event at Turn the Page bookshop in Cowes on Sunday, September 11 at 3pm.

As well as talking about his new book, and how all the stories grew out of real-life events, Chris will discuss how his last novel (Mammoth) lead to him working with Melbourne Museum, creating books for the Horridus Triceratops exhibition.

Chris' novel Mammoth was narrated by a 13,000-year-old extinct mammoth and in the new book animals and objects once again take centre stage.

The stories are all told from the point of view of non-human things, including a grizzly bear, a hotel room, a genetically altered platypus and an airline seat.

Telling stories from the point of view of un-

usual narrators gives him a "different viewpoint of the world", Chris said, with inanimate objects able to say things that humans can't.

"There's a brutal assessment from these objects," he said.

"Us humans, we need someone outside of us to say - hey, you're stuffing this up."

The stories move from the storm drains under Las Vegas to the Alaskan Wilderness and the rainforests of Queensland.

Chris' partner, artist Eirian Chapman, has also created a set of "Here be Leviathans" cards, beautifully illustrating each of the stories.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear Chris speak about "Here be Leviathans" and his Triceratops books; the hard cover coffee table book Horridus - Journey of a Triceratops, and children's book Horridus and the Hidden Valley.

It's sure to be a fascinating tale!

Phillip Island BUG lends learners a helping hand

Bass Coast TAC L2P program was recently the recipient of a generous donation from the Phillip Island Bicycle User Group.

The donation will be used towards the eventual purchase of a new car for the Bass Coast TAC L2P program. The TAC L2P program matches young learner drivers who do not have access to a supervising driver or suitable vehicle with a volunteer driving mentor who can provide supervised driving practice.

The program also provides learners and mentors with access to a suitable vehicle to use in their sessions together. High demand for the program has resulted in the need for an additional vehicle.

"The Phillip Island Bicycle User Group is committed to looking after our members, and to road safety in general," L2P mentor and PIBUG President Don Turner said.

"When we heard about other community groups contributing financially towards a new TAC L2P car, we decided that this is a worthwhile project for us to get behind. Since four of our regular riders are Mentors with the program, it makes sense for us to contribute."

Anyone wishing to join the L2P program either as a learner driver or volunteer mentor can contact Melanie on 0467 590 679 or basscoastl2p@wonthaggieneighbourhood-centre.com.



Phillip Island Bicycle Users Group's recent donation will help the L2P program purchase a new vehicle. From left: Don Turner, Trevor Hayes, Melanie Mumford, Ken Barnes and Chris Phillips. Don, Trevor, Ken and Chris are all L2P mentor drivers and also members of PIBUG.



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This year, Newhaven College commissioned two artworks from local indigenous artist Steve Ulula Parker from Millowl Dreaming.

Newhaven College acquires new indigenous artworks

This year, Newhaven College commissioned two artworks from local indigenous artist Steve Ulula Parker from Millowl Dreaming. Steve's artworks can be seen at different locations around the school, for everyone to share and enjoy.

College Principal, Tony Corr, asked Steve how he reacted when asked to make the pieces.

"I was quite honoured to produce these paintings and connect the local community with students," Steve replied. He sees the Year 12s as "the ones who are leading the charge within the school, setting a great example for the younger bupups."

Steve spoke about his involvement with Newhaven College over the years, one being the annual Welcome to Country at the Year 9 Environmental Centre.

"I do smoking ceremonies with the Year 9 students, wel-

coming them traditionally to our country and calling Bunjil (ancestral Wedge-tailed Eagle), our creator. Bunjil always turns up, right on time and flies above us as I do the ceremony," Steve said.

"The school honours Bunjil and our country with the teachers sharing knowledge with the younger generation. It's about looking after the children on country. This is what all the teachers and the older students are doing with mentoring and passing on knowledge."

Steve explains the significance of Millowl, Phillip Island, to the region.

"When you look at a map of Boonwurrung country, Phillip Island is shaped like our country - from Werribee river, right down to Wamoon.

"Auntie Caroline, our elder, has always said that we're sitting in the heart and lungs of Boonwurrung."

The impact of Steve's art-

works is widespread. Newhaven College's chaplain Reverend Ian Turnnidge said: "These pieces of art are not to be looked at. They are there to dwell with. So, when you pass them ... stand and read them. Allow them to come into you and allow their stories to shape us."

As a community committed to continual learning and growth, Newhaven College will draw on the wisdom and strength inherent in this special space and commit to building a brighter future together. As Steve concluded, "It's about working together with all our different mobs, but also with the non-indigenous people, who are wanting to stand with us and walk forward."

Newhaven College acknowledges the Boonwurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the land where the school now sits.

Village students play up

Every year Phillip Island Village School (PIVS) participates in the South Gippsland One Act Play Festival, a community theatre event in Foster.

Students in levels 2-6 choose to audition and spend five weeks practicing and refining their performance skills. The play was performed first for the school community and then at the Festival on August 27.

All interested students have a role; whether it be speaking or non-speaking parts, props, set design and construction or costuming.

This year's play was written and directed by local Village High School student Aerin Sutherland, with production support from PIVS Mentors.

"Truly, Madly, Plants" focused on themes that had meaning for the PIVS students including environmental change, student empowerment and making a difference in the community.

The cast (Avalon, Claire, Cleo, Eli, Eve, Isla, Jakob, Leo, Louise, Olive, Ollie, Oscar, Rhian, and Riven) were thrilled to be part of



From left to right, Village students involved in this year's One Act Play Festival: Isla (Marley), Claire (Xanthe), Avalon (Alexa), Riven (Rys), Louise (Ellis), Cleo (Jody), Eve (Doris), Rhian (Harlowe), Jakob (Cam), Oliver (Morris), Olive (Drew), Leo (Andy), Aerin (Director), Eli (Jordan) and Oscar (Alex).

the South Gippsland One Act Play Festival, together with other local schools and drama groups. The teamwork and support of the cast for each other throughout the festival and during the lead up was a highlight for everyone involved.

Several PIVS students received special achievement awards; Riven (Adjudicator's Award), Eli and Olive

(Outstanding Achievement Awards), with many more also nominated for their hard work and great performances. The success of the production was truly a collaborative effort.

PIVS staff and students are keen to continue fostering the student-led passion for drama and performing arts in a variety of ways throughout the year.

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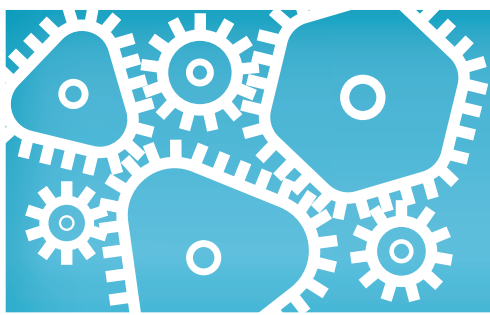
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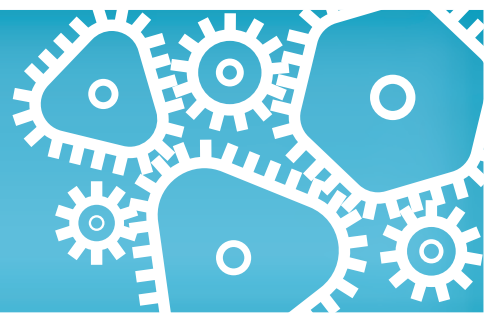
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Aged 56 years

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Daughter of Gwenda & Bill (dec.) Mitchell.

Sister to Wendy, Donna, Adam, Terry and their partners.

Loved by all the extended family.

She will be dearly missed by family and friends.

A gathering to celebrate Min's life will be held at a later date.

BEAUMONT, Min:

So many great memories for us to keep.

You were passionate, talented kind and caring and hilarious!

A wonderful loving mum to Ty and Neelam.

Love you Min, fly high.

Margie, Luke, Jess and Zac.

HOSE, Patricia:

Passed away suddenly on Saturday night, 3rd September.

Fond memories of a good friend.

Shirley & Neil Stewart.

LEE, Glen Norman:

Passed away peacefully in palliative care New Zealand on September 6th, formerly of Cowes.

Much loved husband of Carol, loved father of Geoffrey and Michael, Brother of Geoffrey Brian (dec.) and Trevor.

Uncle of Daniel and Jessica.

Loved son of Ernie and Pat Lee both (dec.)

DEATHS

PEARCE, Karen:

30/7/1973 – 31/8/2022

On Wednesday morning Karen Pearce passed away peacefully with family by her side.

Devoted to and adored by her much loved family, husband of 30 years, Ric, daughters Ellie and Brooke, parents Louk and Keith, brother Mark and family, Kate, Jack, Fletcher and extended family. KT was the most amazing wife, mum, daughter, sister, friend and educator. She brightened up every room she walked into. Her sense of adventure and determination was with her right to the end.

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PEARCE:

A Celebration of Karen's life will be held at the Newhaven College Gymnasium,

1770 Phillip Island Road, Phillip Island on MONDAY (Sept. 12, 2022) commencing at 3:30pm.

Please wear a splash of colour in memory of Karen.

Karen had requested, in lieu of flowers to please donate blood and join the bone marrow register.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ISLAND CRAFT MARKET
Thompson Ave., Cowes

The next market is on Sat, Sep 10 9am-2pm

Inquiries: Monica 0412 710 276

GARAGE SALES

NEWHAVEN:

25 Phillip Island Road.

Garage Sale - Bargains to be had. Everything must go.

We are having a Garage Sale on Sat/ Sun 10th & 11th Sept from 9am to 3pm each day.

There will be lots of bargains to be had.

GARAGE SALES

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Permanent Full Time – Closes 09/09/2022

Nurse Unit Manager – Perioperative Services

Permanent Full Time – Closes 11/09/2022

Registered Nurse/ Midwife – Acute/ Subacute/Emergency/Midwifery/UCC

Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual – Closing dates (please refer to website)

Clinical Trials Database Manager

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 17/09/2022

Clinical Development Pharmacist

Permanent Part Time – Closes 16/09/2022

Workforce Bureau Officer

Permanent Part Time – 11/09/2022

Ward Clerk – Maternity Unit

Permanent Part Time – Closes 30/09/2022

Allied Health Assistant

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 20/09/2022

Registered Nurse – Haemodialysis

Permanent Part Time – Closes 13/09/2022

Team Coordinator Referrals

Permanent Part Time – Closes 11/09/2022

Food Services Supervisor

Permanent Full Time – Closes 17/09/2022

RUSON - Registered Undergraduate Student of Nursing

Permanent Part Time – 24/09/2022

Health Independence Program Care Coordinator

Permanent Part Time – Closes 10/09/2022

Nurse Unit Manager – GPL

Permanent Full Time – Closes 06/09/2022

Surgical Liaison Nurse – Peri Operative Services

Permanent Part Time – Closes 11/09/2022

Peri Operative Services Manager

Permanent Full Time – Closes 11/09/2022

Dentist

Permanent Full Time, Part Time – Closes 05/09/2022

Occupational Therapist – Grade 2

Permanent Full Time – Closes 06/09/2022

Physiotherapist

Permanent Full Time – Closes 09/09/2022

Diabetes Educator

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 19/09/2022

Team Coordinator Family Services

Permanent Full Time – Closes 11/09/2022

Dental Therapist

Permanent Full Time, Part Time – Closes 30/09/2022

Midwifery Student

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 11/09/2022

Dentist

Fixed Term, Full Term, Part Time, Casual – Closes 12/09/2022

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PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PHILLIP ISLAND HEALTH HUB AUXILIARY

The Annual General Meeting of the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary will be held at Katandra, 4 Settlement Rd., Cowes on Wednesday 28th September 2022 at 1.30pm

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, Lyn Wadson 0400 126 435 or Secretary, Gill Scrase 0431 672 777

We would love you to come along and hear what we have been doing in the last year!

PUBLIC NOTICES

REMINDER

to all ex pupils, teachers and family members

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11TH SEPTEMBER AT 2PM
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Environment, Land, Water and Planning

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR APPOINTMENT TO COASTAL CROWN LAND COMMITTEES OF MANAGEMENT

Do you want to play a role in managing a valuable community asset?

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, on behalf of the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change is seeking expressions of interest from people willing to nominate for a three-year appointment to the following Committees of Management.

Corinella Foreshore Reserve Committee Incorporated
Lang Lang Foreshore Reserve Committee Incorporated
Port Franklin Public Purposes and Recreation Reserve Incorporate
Shallow Inlet Camping and Recreation Reserve Incorporated
Walkerville Foreshore Reserve Committee Incorporated

These committees are made up of volunteers who are responsible for guiding the management, protection and development of the Reserve, on behalf of the local and wider Victorian community.

To ensure the best possible management of the Reserve, to work with other public land managers and to participate in planning of the Coastal Reserve's future, applicants will be shortlisted based on their skills, experience and knowledge in one or more of the following areas:

- Marketing, Tourism and Media
- Community Engagement
- Stakeholder Management
- Volunteer & Employee Management
- Secretarial & Administration Skills
- Indigenous Values & Cultural Heritage
- Grant Application and Management
- Financial Management
- Business & Strategic Planning
- Building and Asset Management
- Environmental & Coastal Biodiversity Conservation

To apply visit www.boards.vic.gov.au and search for 'Coastal Crown Land Committees of Management' under 'Search board vacancies' and click Apply now.

Applicants with further enquiries or those with difficulties in accessing the documents should contact Tracey Miller-Armstrong on 0473 001 088 or email tracey.miller-armstrong@delwp.vic.gov.au. You may also use the National Relay Service on 1300 555 727 or 133 677 (TTY number) if required.

Expressions of Interest close midnight 25 September 2022



Newhaven College students at the Kids Teaching Kids Conference at the Penguin Parade on September 2.



Kienna, Noah, Leo, Lexi and Maya from San Remo Primary at the Kids Teaching Kids Conference.

Kids teaching each other about the environment

Students from across the shire came together on September 2 for the Kids Teaching Kids Bass Coast Conference.

The environmental conference at the Penguin Parade was organised by Earthwatch Australia, which said the aim was to raise awareness and drive action on local and global environmental issues.

The students made presentations and did hands-on activities, focusing on local issues such as beach pollution, waste management and renewable energy.



Phillip Island Village School's Isla, Isis and Oscar with assistant mentor Tara-Maree at the Kids Teaching Kids conference.



Cowes Primary students getting ready to present their workshop at the conference.



Our Lady Star of the Seas students Savannah, Mia and Scarlett at the Kids Teaching Kids conference.

Newhaven College Seniors enjoy formal occasions again

Over the past month, Newhaven College Senior School students had the opportunity to celebrate their school, teachers, parents and each other. Dressing up and joining together in celebration seems a rarity these days, with the Senior School cohort being deprived of such events over the past two years. Understanding this has made Year 11 and Year 12 students appreciate the privilege even more.

On August 8, Year 11 students revelled with one another at Silverwater Resort in San Remo. Parents were invited along to celebrate with these impressive young adults. Everyone

had a brilliant night.

Year 12 students descended on RACV Inverloch Resort on August 27 for dinner and dancing. As Year 12 Co-ordinator, Sharon Patterson, said to all Year 12 parents after the event, "Your young people are a credit to you. They are polite and well-mannered, easy to laugh with and very empathetic. I really enjoy spending time with them."

Witnessing senior students take off into the world with confidence and self-awareness is an important part of a Newhaven College education. The college said it looks forward to more events over the coming years.



Year 11 formal (L to R). Back: Marilla Greenhalgh and Geraldine Archibald. Front: Shari Greenhalgh, Indie Greenhalgh and Willamina Donohue.



Year 12 formal (L to R): Back: Steffi Dixon, Laura Vivian and Ruby McGillivray. Front: Phoebe Gicco and Abigail McCulloch.



Year 11 formal (L to R): Back: Kade Rigby, Hamish Scothern and Kristos Kossena. Front: Lucas White, Mitchell Richardson, Bayley Lawrence and Jack Wightman. Newhaven-formal4



Year 12 formal (L to R): Poppy Marshall, Jasmine Sullivan, Coco Hosken, Riley Sydenham, Millicent Marshall, Jana McKay and Makayla Morris.



Year 12 formal (L to R): Back: Astro Evans and Bailey Walker. Front: Jack Slattery, Christopher Axford, Riley Harris and Jack Donohue.



Best in the League

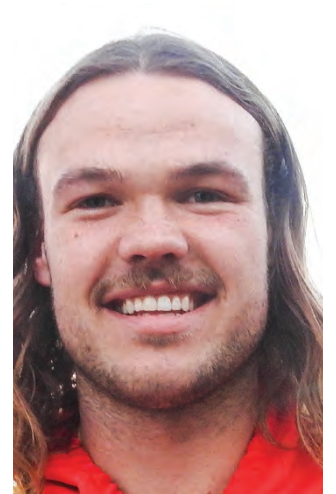
Phillip Island players have excelled at the West Gippsland Football Netball League Junior Best and Fairest Awards at Monday night's presentation ceremony at a gala dinner in Pakenham. Maya Huther, Under 15 netballer (centre) Stephanie Kranner, C Grade netballer (right) and Clara Santorini, Under 11 netballer (second left) won the vote count for best and fairest player in their respective divisions. Ella Duggan, under 17 netballer, and Aisha Hibbert, Under 13 netballer, took out Runner Up Best and Fairest awards in their divisions. Dylan Susic, Under 18 footballer (left) who kicked 50 goals in 2022, took out most goals for the year award.



Cameron Pedersen.



Zak Vernon.



Jack Taylor.

Island players selected in League team of the year

Three Phillip Island Senior players have been selected in the West Gippsland Football Netball League team of the year, announced at the Leagues presentation night held at the Pakenham Greyhound Centre on Monday night.

Cam Pederson was named in the ruck, Zac Vernon as a midfielder and Jack Taylor earned a place on the interchange.

Cam was also named captain of the League team of the year.



Left to right: Mia Bowtell, Willow Zamfirescu, Raven Boisvert, Lacey Rees, Sommer Haire, Amelie Baker-Keys, Stellah Tilley, Evie Kimber, Rory Williams and Mia Tillotson.

Gymnastics GymStar teams shine

In the second GymStar level five competition for the year, the girls brought home another win for the YMCA Phillip Island gymnastics club.

The competition was held at Casey Gymnastics in Cranbourne, with the girls competing against ten teams from gymnastics clubs from around the state.

The girls had outstanding results coming home with a swag of individual medals and secured team gold and silver place.

Diamonds team members, Tiffany Clarke, Ava Green, and Abigail Greenhalgh placed first overall.

Second place overall was awarded to Pearl team members Miranda Howlett, Kate McClausland, and Alexis Osebutey.

Individual all round results: 1st Tiffany Clarke, 2nd Abigail Greenhalgh, 3rd Ava Green, 4th Miranda Howlett, and 6th Alexis Osebutey.

Beam: 1st Tiffany Clarke, 1st Ava Green, 2nd Abigail Greenhalgh and 3rd Kate McClausland.

Floor: 1st Tiffany Clark, 2nd Abigail Greenhalgh, 2nd Alexis Osebutey and 4th Miranda Howlett.

Vault: 1st Tiffany Clark, 2nd Abigail Greenhalgh, and 3rd Alexis Osebutey.



Left to right: Isla Craddock, Ayla Williams, Ruby Woodrup, Paige Humphrey, Juliet Justin, Airlie Holmes and Asha Graham.

Rings: 1st Ava Green, 2nd Miranda Howlette, 2nd Alexis Osebutey and 3rd Tiffany Clarke.

P-Bars: 1st Miranda Howlett, 2nd Alexis Osebutey, and 4th Tiffany Clarke.

Congratulations to all the girls for their dedication, preparation and achieving such impressive results.

With two more weeks of competitions now completed, the YMCA Phillip Island gymnastics has delivered some more fantastic results, happy participants and coaches and gained some in-

valuable experience.

On Sunday, August 7, with no sign of the first-time nerves from two weeks ago, the Phillip Island GymStar four team shone with confidence and excitement as they took to the competition floor at Casey Gymnastics in Berwick. The improvement in overall performance was outstanding with the girls increasing their team overall score by an impressive 20 points!

Individual achievements include Mia Bowtell 6th on P-Bars, Evie Kimber 6th on P-Bars and 6th on

vault, Rori Williams 5th on beam, Willow Zamfirescu 4th on floor and Raven Boisvert 2nd on Beam.

Congratulations girls!

Coach Jay, also wanted to give a special shout out to the team for being great sports, cheering on all the winners and teams as they took to the podium.

On Sunday, August 14, the YMCA Phillip Island gymnastics GymStar three team, led by their fabulous coach Dani Mascaros, participated in their second competition for 2022.

The team attended the YMCA Casey Gymnastics facility and competed against several teams from across Melbourne.

The team placed first across all teams and congratulations to individual all round 1st to Ruby Woodrup, all round 2nd to Juliet Justin in her first ever competition and all round 3rd to Paige Humphrey.

Well done to Asha Graham and Airlie Holmes who also participated in their first ever competition and to Ruby and Paige who improved their individual all round placing from their first comp.

A special mention to the team who also received the "best dancing during comp" award.

Phillip Island golf club results

Wednesday, August 31, stableford

The Winner was Vicki Roff-Smith with nine points, runner up was Mary Whelan with 34 points.

NTP: 5th Dawn Andrew, 7th Ros Reid/Judy Henry, BDL to 28 points.

Nine-hole stableford winner was Rosemary Bailey with 14 points, runner up was Barb Moloney with 13 points.

Thursday, September 1, open stableford

Garry Birch (17) was the winner with 37 points from Stephen Earl (14) with 36 points, BDL to 33.

NTP: 5th Heath Grace/Dan McConnon, 7th Phil Cooksey/Fred Panozzo.

Nine-hole competition winner was Ron Hat-eley (34) with 21 points.

Saturday, September 3, 18-hole stableford

The A grade winner was Alex Andrews (13) with 39 points from Daryl Vernon (15) with 36 points.

B grade winner was Chris Lawrence (23) with 34 points on countback from David K Taylor (19).

NTP: 5th Ken Wallace, 7th Jim Richardson, 10th Paul Kelly, and 17th Alex Andrews.

Nine-hole A grade winner was Ada Anglin (15) with 22 points, runner up was Helen Coghlan (7) with 20 points.

B grade winner was Bill Bilson (35) with 20 points on countback from Liz O'Neill.

NTP Ladies: 5th Lesley Meadowcroft, 7th Stacey Meder.

Sunday, September 4, Nine-hole stableford

The winner was Simon Furniss (21) with 15 points.

Phillip Island bridge club results

Results for Monday, August 29.

In third place were Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman on 55.56 per cent.

Bron Sund and Ann Hodgson came second on 59.26 per cent and Beth Banks and Kathleen Dowd had another good week at the tables to come first on 62.04 per cent.

On Wednesday, August 31, husband and wife team Wendy and Graham Mckergow came first on 61.90 per cent.

Next on 55.95 per cent were Marion Wellwood and partner Monika Poole who recently returned from a long winter spell.

In third place were Leng Haggith and Moya Crowley on 53.57 per cent.

Best Monday players for the month of August were Beth Banks and Kathleen Dowd. Best Wednesday players were Wendy and Graham Mckergow.

This week's RSL Euchre Results

Ladies' winner: Caroline Smith with seven wins.

Men's winner: Grant Wadeson with six wins. Encouragement award: Leonnie Brennan.

Tell your friends to come along and have some fun. Please contact Bob Hee for any further information on 0418 173 388.



There has been a noticeable change in the weather.

We are of course in early spring so unsettled weather must be expected but slowly it will improve, and winter will be forgotten.

It's starting to show in the reports we are getting in the shop.

The barrel tuna showed up again or more accurately the weather has improved enough for people to head out to look for them.

We have seen another half a dozen recently ranging from 60kg to well over 100kg.

The reports are a little all over the place, but one common thing with all has been the fish caught wasn't the only one that showed up on the sounder. It appears there is plenty out there still.

With the bay still cold, and a lot of fresh water flowing out of the rivers, others took advantage of the calmer conditions with several boats headed out looking for gummy or flathead.

They also found some schools of snapper offshore and big ones amongst them, the best over 80cm.

If you are finding them on the sounder and not winning with baits give jigging with micro jigs or smaller metal lures a try. You might be surprised with how well they work.

Everyone fishing offshore told us you need to look for the rough bottom as the sandy areas didn't produce much at all, even the flathead was better off the rubble bottom or along the edge of the very heavy bottom.

Back in the bay and a flat barometer early week, things were very quiet. As we started to get a bit of variation in the barometer the reports got better.

No monster snapper but several reported from the mid corals area to Lang Lang, many from the low tide changes.

Along with the snapper of course, the seven gills and other rubbish cold water fish are making their way out of the bay.

Gummies are also mixed up with everything else making it a bit of a lottery when a rod takes off.

Whiting and calamari reports continued this week with both producing some quality.

Dickies Bay is holding some reasonable whiting, but you will have to dig your way through the leatherjackets if you stop in the wrong place.

With fresh dirty water flowing out of the Bass River, fishing slightly deeper along the edge of the fresh has paid off for some.

Below the bridge in Cleeland Bight there aren't the same problem with leather jackets but the whiting is harder to find, so try both sides of the channel. When you do find them, there are good numbers and good sizes.

While the leather jackets aren't a problem, the cuta are. If you are chasing calamari, throw out the cheapest jig you have first before using good expensive ones, to try the waters and see if the cuta are about.

The cuta is a tackle shop's best friend and have expensive tastes with no trouble at all swallowing a squid jig whole.

The shop is now open seven days a week, nine to five on weekdays and eight to five on weekends for September.

As the weather warms up, opening hours will be extended, with updates on social media.

New seasons stock is in and due to all the extra space in the new shop, we have plenty of new items on the shelves and a bigger variety in most areas.

This month, we expect stock to arrive for our fly-fishing section, both for the freshwater and saltwater fly fishermen.

The bait freezers will be filled up this week with some new baits.

Lakes Entrance pilchards are being packed at the moment and look good enough to eat. We have fresh local octopus heads.

Squid heads and legs are back in stock, and we have also sourced fresh Bass Strait squid which will be perfect for snapper and gummy fishing.

On Tuesday evening, September 13, in conjunction with WIRF (Women in Recreational Fishing) we will be hosting another lady's night.

The first lady's night a few months back was a huge success.

The night is for ladies only and is a fun night with demonstrations, information, and giveaways, for those new or wanting to get into fishing, to those who just want to sharpen their skills.

Amanda from WIRF and Mel will be there with guest speakers to run the evening and answer all your questions.

Supper will be provided and along with giveaways there will be shop specials for those attending.

Drop in or call the shop on 5678 5462 to register and keep an eye on our Facebook page for more information.

Phillip Island bowls club results

Social Bowls

A very cloudy day on the island on Thursday, a little cool but no wind and no rain!

Sixteen players took to the green for a pleasant social game. Members are starting to return from their trips to chase the sun, welcome home Carol and Dave Hoffman. It was lovely to also see John Routley back out on the green after his long recovery from health issues.

Runners up with a win and a loss and 21 shots up were Dave Hoffman, Ken Linton, Lindsay Meredith and Joan Farmer.

Winners with two game wins and 32 shots up were Barry Grazules, Clive Smith, Carol Hoffman and John Routley.



Social winners: Barry Grazules, Clive Smith, Carol Hoffman and John Routley.

Pennant practice:

Well, it was a fantastic turnout on Saturday for the first of five pennant practice matches giving the selectors a chance to move people around into teams that will ensure our best chance of bringing home another pennant flag in the upcoming season.

The weather was a bit of hit and miss with a rain shower thrown into the mix to keep us on our toes but the 50+ members took everything in their stride with lots of laughter being heard around the green. Well done everyone.

Winners after 21 ends and a +11 shots were Ian Diss, Beb Hyslop, Lynne Thomas and Lou Bellino.



Pennant practice winners: Ian Diss, Beb Hyslop, Lynne Thomas and Lou Bellino.

Midweek bowls results

Another great day at Koo Wee Rup with great weather, great friends, and great conditions on the green.

Some extremely happy bowlers among the 26 who turned up could be heard around the green. A few wrong bias bowls (as usual), but generally some great quality of bowls as can be seen by the high scores.

Winners on an excellent score of 39 are: Phil Wright (S), David Talbot (3), Sue Wright (2) and Bob Arnold (L).

Runners up on a 36 (normally a match winning score) are: Tony Heppleston (S), Luke

Monckton (3) and Cheryl Floyd (L).

Best one game winners on 35 points are: John Nicholson (S), Gillian Harper (3) and Bill Williams (L).

Many thanks to David Talbot and George Crynes for opening up and setting up the green as well as keeping everyone's thirst in check at the bar.

Next week we are headed to Lang Lang, so we are looking forward to seeing all our members next Thursday.

Be at the club by 10am for a 10.30am start. See you on the green.



Winners were Phil Wright (S), Sue Wright (2), Bob Arnold (L), and David Talbot (3).



Runners up were Tony Heppleston (S), Cheryl Floyd (L), and Luke Monckton (3).



Best one game winners were Gillian Harper (3), Bill Williams (L), and John Nicholson (S).

Tenpin bowls results

2's company: 1st on 15.5pt Jail, 2nd on 15pts the Hounds, and 3rd on 15pts Alley Cats.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 96pts Pinpals, 2nd on 81.5pts Just Bowl Already, and 3rd on 81.5pts Fairlanes.

Business early: 1st on 16pts Turkey Slappers, 2nd on 13pts Balls Deep, 3rd on 13pts Bettsys, and 4th on 11pts Happy Hour.

Business late: 1st on 19pts Holy Splits, 2nd on 15.5pts City Lights, 3rd on 14pts Dynamic Painting and 4th on 11pts Coles Cows.

This week's top scorers across each league:

Men: Steve Clarke 201, Rob Wilkinson 194, and Nick Harris 193.

Woman: Sue Gale 197, Jin Samoena 169 and Jacque Kent 163.



Ahlee and Ruby dominated in defence in the U17s match.



Lexi Walton played an amazing game against Korumburra on Saturday.



Lily Mewett continued her accurate shooting and helped the team go through to the Grand Final against Dalyston this weekend.



Ella Duggan in action in the U17s match against Korumburra. A great win for the girls.

Three teams into Grand Finals!



Piper O'Brien played a great match in the U13s preliminary final.



It was great to have Olivia Holmes back on the court after her injury, just in time for the Grand Final!



Matilda Feehan in action. To view more U13s & 17s match photos go to pisra.com.au.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 7 SEP	THU 8 SEP	FRI 9 SEP	SAT 10 SEP	SUN 11 SEP	MON 12 SEP	TUE 13 SEP
LOW 1:26 am 0.48 m	LOW 2:22 am 0.56 m	LOW 3:33 am 0.64 m	LOW 4:57 am 0.68 m	HIGH 12:16 am 2.55 m	HIGH 1:33 am 2.72 m	HIGH 2:38 am 2.88 m
HIGH 8:47 am 2.68 m	HIGH 9:52 am 2.63 m	HIGH 11:04 am 2.64 m	HIGH 12:16 pm 2.71 m	LOW 6:16 am 0.66 m	LOW 7:24 am 0.63 m	LOW 8:22 am 0.63 m
LOW 2:02 pm 1.32 m	LOW 3:08 pm 1.37 m	LOW 4:30 pm 1.34 m	LOW 5:55 pm 1.18 m	HIGH 1:21 pm 2.82 m	HIGH 2:17 pm 2.91 m	HIGH 3:05 pm 2.95 m
HIGH 8:04 pm 2.53 m	HIGH 9:17 pm 2.46 m	HIGH 10:46 pm 2.45 m		LOW 7:04 pm 0.95 m	LOW 8:01 pm 0.73 m	LOW 8:50 pm 0.55 m

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What a match! The Island players and crowd went wild with excitement after the siren in the thrilling game against Warragul on Saturday.

Noosh's dream sinks Dusties

Another perfect spring Saturday beckoned, as the Phillip Island faithful made the welcome small trek to Dalyston for the senior's preliminary final.

Coming up against the vastly improved Warragul Industrials, who had dispatched Inverloch-Kongwak and Cora Lynn in previous finals, coached by Harmit Singh, presented a huge challenge for the Bulldogs.

It was to be a drama-filled afternoon. In the finish, it took four quarters of football, and two periods of drama-filled extra time, for Phillip Island to climb off the canvas and qualify for the West Gippsland Grand Final.

It all came down to 18-year-old Orlando Kane-Gillard's after the siren effort for the Bulldogs to snatch the most amazing of victories by two points over the broken-hearted Dusties.

After an exceptionally even first half with the Dusties leading by three at the major break, the second half started with the Bulldogs gaining the ascendancy.

Goals to Jesse Patullo and Zac Vernon (his second) as well as a poster by Jack Taylor resulted from the mid field finally able to get on top.

Cam Pedersen and Zak Vernon were tireless, as well as Jason Tomada and Kai McKenzie outstanding in defence.

Trailing by nine points at three-quarter time, it took the Dusties defenders – Luke Walker and Matt Herbert – to finally break through the Bulldogs' defence.

Goals were answered by Bulldogs forward Jesse Patullo kicking his second for the day, with the Bulldogs leading by a point with just 39 seconds left on the clock.

Dusties winger Bailey Beck had the chance to snatch victory, but his left-foot snap sailed through for a point, leaving scores tied after regulation time.

Confusion reigned-supreme for both camps and the umpires, with coaches Beau Vernon and Harmit Singh entering and leaving the field on multiple occasions before both coaches were allowed to address their teams ahead of extra-time.

It was finally confirmed two x five minute 'halves' would be played, with time-on!

A rushed behind to the Dusties was the only score in the first period of extra time, and a goal to Mason McGarrity, two minutes into the second period, appeared to have the Dusties destined for a magnificent Grand Final appearance after working their way through from sixth place.

Phillip Island star Cam Pedersen then won a



Ben Taylor strong and aggressive as always in Saturday's preliminary final against Warragul.

stoppage clearance on wing/half-forward, with the ball finding itself in the arms of Kai McKenzie, who shanked his forward-50 entry.

The Sherrin tumbled end over end and onto the waiting chest of Orlando (Noosh) Kane-Gillard, who marked with six minutes and 41 seconds on the clock, as it turned out no more than four seconds before the siren sounded.

As he had almost certainly dreamed of many, many times with his team four points behind and with their season resting on the 40-metre kick, it was all up to Noosh.

A perfectly struck set shot sailed inches over the Dusties desperate defence, triggering Grand Final-like scenes as Bulldogs fans rushed the ground. Boyhood dreams fulfilled.

After all his years in coaching, Bulldogs leader Beau Vernon remarked, "I've never experienced anything like that ... it was almost unbelievable what took place."

Phillip Island now take on Tooradin-Dalmore

in the WGFNC grand final next Saturday at Garfield.

Scores:
Phillip Island: 2.5.17, 3.6.24, 5.8.38, 7.12.54.
Warragul Industrials: 3.1.19, 4.3.27, 4.5.29, 7.10.52.

Goals:
Phillip Island: Zak Vernon 2, Jesse Patullo 2, Orlando Kane-Gillard, Max Blake, and Billy Taylor.

Warragul Industrials: Mason McGarrity 2, Anthony Bruhn, Jackson Mockett, Nic Visser, Luke Walker, and Matthew Herbert.

Best Players:
Phillip Island: Orlando Kane-Gillard, Kai Mackenzie, Billy Taylor, Jason Tomada, Zak Vernon, and Jesse Patullo.

Warragul Industrials: Mark Bradley, Kane Oldham, Michael Debenham, Kyle Beveridge, Todd Beck, and Luke Walker.

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