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Good Friday Appeal area manager Simon Hartley is thrilled the Nature Parks and SES have thrown their support behind the CFA's annual Good Friday Appeal. Simon (right) with representatives of the SES and PINP who will be out and about supporting this important cause on Friday. From left: Julian Glynn (SES) Paul Hayes (CFA), Phil Freidlos (SES new controller), Robin Adair (CFA) and Meagan Tucker (PINP Visitor Experience ranger). Find out more Good Friday Appeal details on page 10.

## Fuel leak pollutes lake at Shearwater Estate

It's a rainbow, but not the kind you want to see.

Diesel fuel leaked into the lake at Shearwater Estate at the start of last week, residents said.

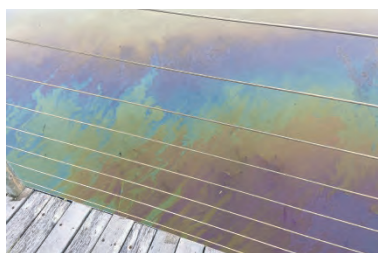
Responding to calls from residents, Melbourne Water officers inspected the site on Wednesday (April 6) and quickly contacted the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

The EPA confirmed it was aware of the incident. "We have received reports of an oil slick on Blue Gum Drain. We have determined this is

a priority and are dispatching officers to investigate," it posted on Facebook on April 6.

Crews from Melbourne Water and CSA Specialised Services arrived on Thursday morning to clean up the spill and returned on Friday to complete the job, using tankers and containment booms.

According to its website, CSA provides professional liquid waste management services, including removing contaminated industrial and storm water.



Its website states all vehicles are "EPA permitted". Melbourne Water confirmed its

crews had conducted a clean-up which was completed onsite on Friday, while a spokesperson from the EPA said an investigation was underway.

### Residents concerned

Vanna Watters and her husband have lived at Shearwater Estate for around eight years.

"We first noticed a film of fuel floating on the west end of the lake last Monday," she said.

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## ADVERTISER EDITORIAL

# There must be an election coming

After weeks of speculation, on Sunday the Prime Minister finally called an election for May 21.

Prior to the official announcement, there were plenty of signs the election was just around the corner.

Missing in action for months after being criticised for his anti-vaccination stance, the current Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent roared back to life in the past week, shooting out media releases spruiking the government's budget and announcing payments and grants for the electorate.

We received four media releases in a fortnight – more than in the past six months.

It's hard not to be cynical.

Mr Broadbent's budget media release praised the government's "unprecedented" investment in regional Australia, however many of the projects he mentioned in the electorate, such as the Cowes Cultural Centre, were already funded.

As our front page story last week reported, the budget has been criticised for failing to deliver any new funding to Monash.

Last week, Mr Broadbent announced a

payment of \$5.9 million to Bass Coast Shire Council, a pre-payment on next year's Financial Assistance Grant.

While it looks impressive, this is money already allocated (part of an annual funding program), but conveniently announced just before the election is called.

The not quite accurate funding announcement, the big cheque photo opportunity – is not a practice unique to one side of politics. But it's one that voters should see for what it is – an attempt to whitewash government spending to look like an additional bonus, or to give the impression of support that in reality never arrives.

Regardless of where you sit on the political spectrum, we all deserve better than smoke and mirrors from political parties, trying to convince us that somehow old promises equal new money or real action.

Government support should go where it is most needed, regardless of how that community voted.

There is a wave of independent candidates across the country, including one in Monash, who are taking on the major parties and demanding action on climate change and transparency in government.

That means, this Federal election, voters have some clear choices, including here in Monash, with candidates for both Liberal, Labor, the Greens and Voices for Monash already announcing they are contesting the seat.

If you want to see better government and proper support for the projects that are important to the community, get involved. Contact the candidates and ask them where they stand on the issues that matter to you: local facilities like the Cowes pool, health services, climate change, education, to name a few.

Importantly, make sure you are enrolled to vote. You must be correctly enrolled by April 18. You can do this via the Australian Electoral Commission website: [aec.gov.au](http://aec.gov.au) or call 13 23 26. You can also update your details online.

The Phillip Island Conservation Society has announced it will hold a Meet the Candidates forum on April 29 at the St Philip's Hall in Cowes. This will be a chance to hear exactly what the candidates propose for this electorate and to let them know what's important to you.

Show up and make sure your voices are heard.

# Check before accepting energy saving upgrade

Don't get duded by companies selling energy upgrades.

That's the message from Cowes resident Lorraine, who was contacted last week by a woman claiming to be part of a government program to help with energy costs.

The woman booked Lorraine in to have an exhaust fan seal installed in her bathroom ceiling fan the following morning.

When the tradesperson arrived the next day, he installed the seal and left, but now the bathroom fan no longer works.

He did not leave any contact number, or details of the company that did the work.

Lorraine has been left with a broken ceiling fan and no way of contacting the company to fix it.

The state government is currently offering a range of

energy upgrades, designed to help residents save money on upgrades and reduce energy bills. This includes door and window seals, replacement or modification of ceiling or wall fans, temporary or permanent chimney sealing, and sealing unsealed wall vents or evaporative cooler vents.

Companies can apply for rebates for the work, and some actively target customers.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said if you are contacted by a company offering an upgrade covered under the government's Energy Saver program, make sure you get the company name and contact details before agreeing to the service.

You can then check them against the list of accredited companies on the Victorian

Energy Saver website.

"We ask that people be mindful of contractors who are not registered as an accredited provider with the Victorian Energy Upgrades program," Ms Crugnale said.

"For any concerns you may have regarding a contractor you can check if they are accredited here: VEU Registry ([veu-registry.vic.gov.au](http://veu-registry.vic.gov.au)) or you can contact my office for further support.

"If you believe you have been contacted by a non-approved contractor, you can register a complaint on (03) 9032 1310 or email [veu@esc.vic.gov.au](mailto:veu@esc.vic.gov.au)."

Details of the rebates on offer are available on the Victorian Energy Saver website: [victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au](http://victorianenergysaver.vic.gov.au).

You can also contact Victorian Energy Saver on 136 186.

**WARNING: This article contains details that will be distressing to some readers.**

# Closing addresses underway

*"It's plain he was jealous": prosecution*

Closing addresses began on Tuesday in the Supreme Court trial for alleged murderer Adrian Basham.

With evidence concluding on Monday, after the defence opted to call no witnesses, counsel for the prosecution Nanette Rogers on Tuesday began her closing address to the jury, which at the time of going to press was expected to run all day.

The defence's closing address is expected today (Wednesday). Justice Lesley Taylor will then give directions to the jury, expected to continue next Tuesday, before the jury retires to consider its verdict.

Justice Taylor said the jury of 14 – with two alternates – will be reduced to 12 through ballot.

Dr Rogers yesterday began her address by detailing the relationship between Mr Basham and Ms Fraser, as well as the accused's motives and his movements before the alleged murder.

"This is a circumstantial

case. There are no eyewitnesses to the death of Samantha Fraser," she said.

"The relationship between the accused and the deceased is of utmost relevance to a determination or verdict of murder against the accused."

Dr Rogers then detailed the evidence from friends, family and health workers that showed Mr Basham was controlling and emotionally abusive of Ms Fraser and aggressive and belittling towards her.

She detailed threats made by Mr Basham to his estranged wife, including one where he allegedly said "watch me I will destroy you" and "if I can't have you no one will", threats which prompted Ms Fraser to contact police in April 2017.

"Her fear was an enduring one, going back until at least August 2015," Dr Rogers said.

"She felt more vigilant about her safety (in the days before her death) as the accused had been sighted on Phillip Island."

Dr Rogers said Ms Fraser's house was "fortified" against outside access and presented evidence to show Mr Basham was using technology to keep Ms Fraser under surveillance.

"It's plain from evidence he was jealous," Dr Rogers said of Mr Basham's motives.

In her opening remarks Justice Taylor explained to the jury the law presumed Mr Basham was innocent until proven guilty.

"The law requires the prosecution to prove he's guilty beyond reasonable doubt," Justice Taylor said.

She explained the jury must find the accused guilty on four elements including the accused committed the act that caused the victim's death; that act was consciously, voluntarily and deliberately done; the act was committed while intending to kill the victim or cause serious injury; and the accused killed the victim without a lawful excuse such as self-defence.

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# No cause for alarm on planning maildrop

Residents have been thrown into confusion by a state government letter in mailboxes detailing upcoming planning changes.

The letter details the draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), currently out for community feedback until April 29. This follows the government declaration of Bass Coast as a Distinctive Area and Landscapes in 2019, to guide future land use.

The draft SPP locks in Phillip Island's current town boundaries – while San Remo's will expand – while there will also be a series of beefed-up landscape planning controls to protect significant landscapes around the island, including the coast and hinterland between Cape Woolamai and Ventnor, as well as the Rhyll Inlet, and areas north of Cowes-Rhyll Road to Newhaven.

But a letter drop into all Bass Coast mailboxes has seen more than 130 calls to the state government's information line, and people take to social media to get clarity.

"Very confusing and not well explained not easy to follow links for more information regarding our property," wrote Steve on Facebook.

Some were more cynical, with Mark commenting it was a way for governments "to control more of our lives" and "stop the little guy from doing stuff".

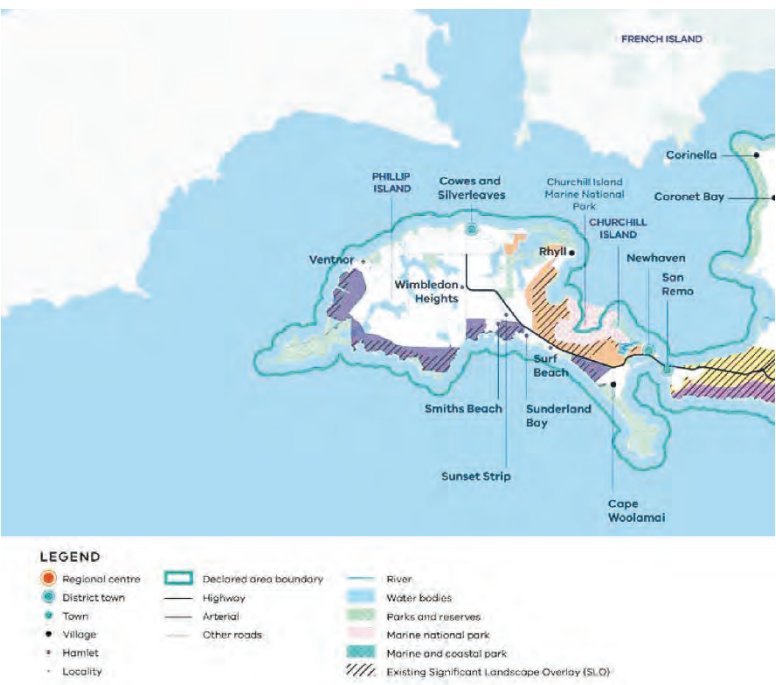
"But if a consortium comes in and there's money in it, it will get done."

Others' comments were misleading saying, "it is like making your property heritage listed" with restrictions even on gardens, and many blaming Bass Coast Shire, even though it is a state government initiative.

However, many took the time to study the SPP documents and understand the implications.

Don Callen did his homework.

"I have downloaded them and spent some time reading them. Ba-



This map – released with the draft SPP in March – shows proposed planning controls of Phillip Island, with significant landscape overlays in purple, with expanded areas of control. Public comment is open until April 29.

sically, in great detail, they show proposed boundaries for potential future developments in Bass Coast," he correctly wrote.

"Depending on which township/hamlet you live in, it lists its environmental features and proposed future growth limits in order to prevent inappropriate development.

"There are some places where very little, if any, new real estate may be developed.

"If you are prepared to spend time on this, don't rely on social media for this information. Go to the site, check out all the information about your own area and respond to council if you are worried."

Rick Tuckett summed it up saying

"I gather it's about over-population of areas and keeping some areas as natural habitats which is a great thing".

And Anne Schade, too, was clear on what the letter drop was about.

"It's the moratorium the government is finally implementing to curtail the expansion of further housing developments which are continuously encroaching on our natural bushland which is also having an impact on wildlife," Anne wrote, adding the SPP was not about "government asking you to rip out your front garden".

Jeff Floyd said the SPP was a "significant step" to stop the expansion of town boundaries on Philip Island,



The views around Pyramid Rock are considered of "state significance" with a range of planning controls proposed to protect the landscape from development.

albeit written "in shocking bureaucraticese".

## Property rights

A public online meeting about the draft SPP in late March saw one questioner ask what the impact on people's property rights would be from the proposal?

The respondent from the state government's Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) said existing property rights remained the same and encouraged the questioner to look at an interactive map on the DELWP website to identify existing and proposed settlement boundaries and significant landscape overlays (SLOs): [mapshare.vic.gov.au/basscoast/](http://mapshare.vic.gov.au/basscoast/)

"Once finalised the SPP will ensure coordinated decision making across public land managers enabling the improved conservation outcomes for Phillip Island and all of the Bass Coast," DELWP said.

Another resident asked what the implications of the amended SLOs would be, to which the DELWP respondent said – where it impacted a property – they would be considered in planning permits to protect

landscapes.

"The proposed landscape planning controls are SLOs that will conserve and enhance significant landscapes, including views and green breaks between settlements."

A resident asked if there would be an increase in native conservation areas for Phillip Island, with the respondent saying there would be no change in the zoning to land into public ownership.

"The Victorian Government is ensuring the ongoing protection of the environmental and cultural values of the Bass Coast and all the things that make the region much loved and unique," the DELWP spokesperson said.

One resident was concerned that, because of Covid, there was no in-person meetings about the draft SPP, with DELWP offering the option for residents to book face-to-face online sessions with project officers up to the April 29 deadline.

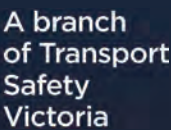
Given the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Cooperation were project partners in the delivery of the draft SPP, their section is not for public comment, the meeting heard.

More DAL information on page 4.



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# Prevent predicted Covid surge

Bass Coast Health said the school holidays and Easter are crunch times for reducing the tide of the current Covid surge.

It is calling on Bass Coast residents and visitors to do all they can to minimise the spread of the highly infectious subvariant of COVID-19 these school holidays and Easter long weekend.

Jan Child, the CEO of Bass Coast Health said the BA.2 subvariant is up to 70 per cent more contagious than the original BA.1 Omicron strain, and cases were likely to peak between now and the end of April, as people interact more and an influx of tourists arrive.

However she said everyone can play a part in stopping the spread of the disease, and help to protect vulnerable members of the community.

"Simple measures like wearing a proper fitting mask, staying at home and getting tested if you have symptoms, and avoiding crowded places, can mean the difference between getting Covid or being able to enjoy the school holidays with your family," she said.

"The most important prevention however, is for everyone to ensure their vaccination status is up-to-date which includes the third dose; If you're eligible for a fourth winter booster, please get it."

Those eligible for the winter booster include adults aged 65 years and older, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people over the age of 50, and people aged 16 years and older who are severely immunocompromised.

Ms Child said it was pleasing to see strong booster uptake in the region.

Data from the Department of Health on April 6 showed up to 75 per cent of the eligible population in Cowes had received a third dose, 75 per cent in Wonthaggi, 80 per cent of Inverloch and San



Travis Hockley was vaccinated against Covid by Bass Coast Health Immunisation Nurse Mary Sylvester. BCH CEO Jan Childs said second dose vaccination rates for children were still too low.

Remo, and around 55 per cent in Bass and Coronet Bay.

"It's also pleasing to see a slight increase in vaccination among 5-11-year-olds in the Bass Coast Shire but many areas are still too low," Ms Child said.

Department of Health figures showed that second dose vaccination rates across the shire were between 15 - 45 per cent, with San

Remo recording the highest second dose percentage.

"Whilst we are all over the pandemic, the pandemic itself is still not over and we must keep trying to prevent hospitalisations and death. Too many people die every day from Covid and many are preventable through vaccination. If you do one thing these holidays, please, get vaccinated."

## What's all this talk about new state government planning controls?

- In 2019 the government declared Bass Coast a Distinctive Area and Landscapes (DAL) to guide future land use. Now we are in the third and final round of DAL consultation - the most important document of all: a draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), which will eventually be enshrined in law, aiming to protect our best features and lock in town boundaries.

- Other areas in Victoria - the Macedon Ranges, Surf Coast and Bellarine Peninsula - have had DAL declaration.

- Town boundaries: It is proposed to exclude from the town boundary the farming zone land at the north-east corner of Coghlan Road and Cowes-Rhyll Road (the Cowes Golf Club and Lechte land). Equally, Saltwater Creek to the west is an important green break between Ventnor and Cowes and should be protected. San Remo's ultimate township boundary will be Punchbowl Road. The Phillip Island Airport site is located in a landscape of state significance and will remain outside the settlement boundary. It is proposed to exclude the farming zone land to the west of the established residential area, near Churchill Island and the chocolate factory.


- Planning controls: There will be a series of beefed-up landscape planning controls to protect six Bass Coast areas that have been declared


state or regionally significant, including the coast and hinterland between Cape Woolamai and Ventnor, as well as the Rhyll Inlet, and areas north of Cowes-Rhyll Road to Newhaven. For example, at San Remo, the draft SPP says no buildings should protrude above natural topography, and significant views should be protected from the George Bass Coastal Walk.

- More than 11,000 new homes will be needed in Bass Coast by 2036, according to the draft SPP. It states Wonthaggi is at the top as a regional centre with a forecast settlement of 10,000 or more people. This is followed by Cowes and Silverleaves - as well as Inverloch, San Remo and Newhaven - all ranked as a district town, with a population between 2000 to 10,000. The report says land within the Cowes settlement boundary has the potential to accommodate between 10 and 13 years of demand.

- Community consultation on the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) will run until Friday April 29. Submissions must be lodged through the Engage Victoria platform at [engage.vic.gov.au/project/distinctive-areas-and-landscapes-program/page/bass-coast](https://engage.vic.gov.au/project/distinctive-areas-and-landscapes-program/page/bass-coast) by 5pm that day. Where a submitter is unable to lodge a submission online, contact the DELWP Customer Service Centre on 136 186 (select option 6).


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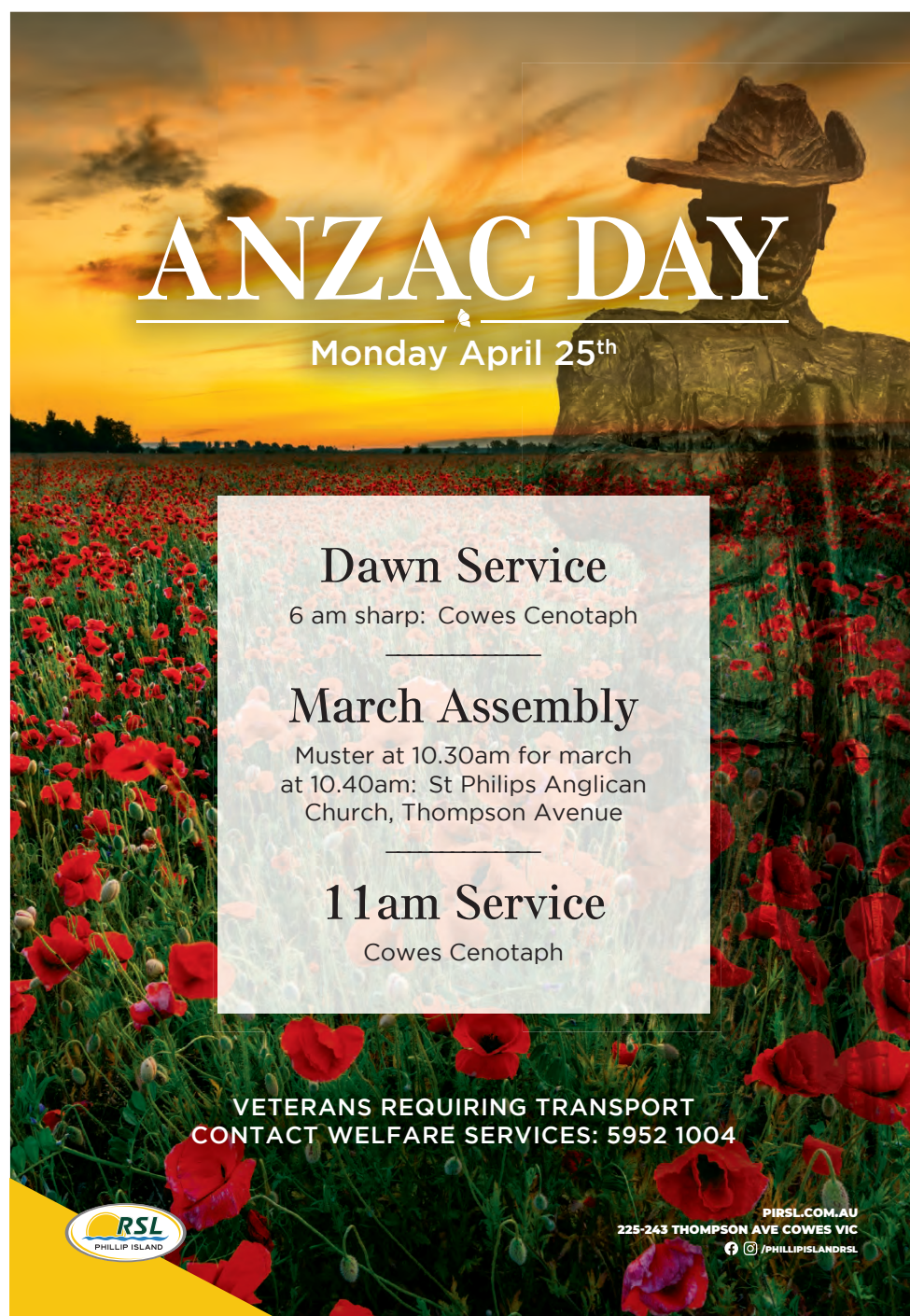
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# Island community urged to ‘turn off for take off’ to protect Shearwater chicks

Phillip Island Nature Parks is calling on locals to “turn off for take off” as one million Short-tailed Shearwater birds prepare to embark on their 16,000km ‘maiden voyage’ to Alaska.

Bright manmade light sources can be a fatal attraction for the fledgling seabirds as they learn to fly for the first time. Many shearwaters are drawn to street lighting and land on roads, presenting a danger to themselves and motorists.

It is expected the young shearwaters’ departure date will coincide with strong winds in late April or early May, although the exact date of the migration is still unknown.

In an effort to minimise casualties and fatalities of the chicks, Phillip Island Nature Parks has partnered with Bass Coast Shire Council, Regional Roads Victoria, Ausnet Services, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the Victorian Ornithological Research Group and the local community as part of the Shearwater Rescue Program.

Phillip Island Nature Parks conservation manager Jessica McKelson said a specialist team was working to mitigate risks to the fledglings for their first flight; and called on locals to help eliminate unnatural light sources and take extra care on the roads during the departure time.

“We are asking residents and businesses in the bird flight path to switch off their lights for our campaign Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly to give the young shearwater chicks the best chance of a safe departure this year,” Ms McKelson said.

Each year, Short-tailed Shearwaters migrate to Phillip Island to raise their chicks. In mid-April, the adult seabirds start the journey back to the Northern Hemisphere, leaving behind their chicks to grow ‘adult’ feathers and begin their indepen-



In an effort to minimise casualties and fatalities of the chicks, Phillip Island Nature Parks has partnered with other agencies and the local community as part of the Shearwater Rescue Program.

dent migration weeks later.

As they learn to fly, the shearwater chicks can be attracted to lights at night and land on roads causing a hazard for both the birds and motorists.

“This has been a particular issue with shearwaters flocking to the San Remo bridge lights, so AusNet will switch off the lights for 8-10 nights during the peak departure period,” Ms McKelson said.

“We’re calling on locals in the bird flight path to join the cause and to switch off their lights to help protect these threatened migratory seabirds.”

In addition, AusNet has installed 50 specialty streetlights to help reduce unnatural light sources during the migration period.

It comes as Phillip Island Nature Parks has significantly ramped up

its efforts to protect the threatened migratory seabirds with the help of a grant from wildlife advocacy group, WIRES. The funding is allowing the team to provide habitat restoration, a strengthened rescue capability, enhanced data collection and community education for the shearwaters.

“Since the inception of the Shearwater Rescue Program in 1999, thousands of birds have been saved from harm as they learn to fly. Without a doubt, we could not have achieved this incredible outcome without the help of the local community,” Ms McKelson said.

“We look forward to more locals joining our campaign this year and ‘turning off for take off’ to give the new brood the best chance of survival during their inaugural migration.”



ALP candidate for Monash Jessica O'Donnell (right) and MHR for Isaacs, Mark Dreyfus at the campaign launch held at the Fig and the Bay in Corinella.

## Labor launches campaign for Monash

Jessica O'Donnell the ALP candidate for the seat of Monash in the coming Federal election, launched her election campaign recently, with an evening for members and guests at the Fig and the Bay in Corinella.

Sixty five people attended the evening to hear both Jessica and special guest, Shadow Attorney General, Mark Dreyfus, address issues and outline policies they believe will benefit this electorate.

Climate change being a key issue, Mark spoke of both the need for stronger action and the benefits and

opportunities that will flow from that action. A lively Q & A session followed with both speakers canvassing pressing local community issues that have been neglected over recent years.

Jessica is keen to answer any questions or discuss any policy issues people may have, as the election draws near and would urge those interested to contact her on 0474 224 737, email [jessica.o'donnell@vic.alp.org.au](mailto:jessica.o'donnell@vic.alp.org.au) or via her Facebook page: Labor 4 Monash.

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# Multi-million dollar payment for Bass Coast brought forward

Bass Coast Shire Council has welcomed the announcement that a \$5.9 million payment from the Federal government's Financial Assistance Grant has been brought forward.

Last week, Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent said the early payment would give the council access to funds to help manage the cumulative impacts of COVID-19.

Baw Baw, Cardinia, Latrobe City and South Gippsland shires will also receive early payments.

"The funding will target councils' top priorities and will ensure the needs of our local communities are met," Mr Broadbent said.

"This will provide a vital boost for our local communities, backing local jobs and economic growth while delivering lasting upgrades that will benefit residents for years to come.

Mr Broadbent's office clarified that the announcement did not include any new funding.

Bass Coast's funding allocation is the lowest of all the Monash councils, with Latrobe City topping the list, receiving \$11.3 million.

The funding is allocated based on population and "relative needs of each local governing body for roads expenditure and to preserve its road assets. In assessing road needs, relevant considerations include length, type and usage of roads in each local governing area," Mr Broadbent's office said.

They also explained that despite having a smaller population than Bass Coast, South Gippsland will receive a larger payment - \$8.8 million.

"The length of road that South Gippsland Shire Council is responsible for maintaining is over double that of Bass Coast Shire Council, making South Gippsland's road

component of the Financial Assistance Grant larger."

## Welcome

Bass Coast CEO Ali Wastie said it was welcome news that the Financial Assistance Grants had been brought forward.

"This is not new funding and is a continuation of the recent practice of paying a proportion of about 75 per cent of the Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants in advance to local councils," Ms Wastie said.

"We welcome the news that the Australian Government has brought forward the payment of this grant as we rely on them to assist in the provision and maintenance of community infrastructure. Especially now after the Coronavirus pandemic, impacts of border restrictions, the Black Summer bushfires and more localised natural disasters, continue to put stress on our budget."

Ms Wastie said the grant was a planned general funding source for the council's operational budget and wasn't linked to any specific projects in the capital works program.

"With large areas to service and a small rate payer base, this can include building new infrastructure, delivering new programs that meet community needs, as well as maintaining local aquatic centres, libraries, sporting grounds and roads.

"Most recently, we used this funding for the Shetland Heights Road project."

Councils in Monash will receive the following payment:

- Bass Coast Shire Council \$5,859,213
- Baw Baw Shire Council \$8,543,621
- Cardinia Shire Council \$9,759,056
- Latrobe City Council \$11,337,465
- South Gippsland Shire Council \$8,774,804



Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent with Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan. The council received \$44,000 to prepare a crisis management framework and plan, including training.

## Crisis management funding

Bass Coast Shire Council has received \$44,000 to put together a crisis management framework, plan and training.

The funding was announced by Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent, who said the money was part of the government's Preparing Australia Program, which aims to build the country's resilience to natural disasters.

"Disasters currently cost Australian taxpayers \$18.2 billion per year and this has been forecast to rise to \$39 billion per year by 2050, even without increased frequency and intensity of weather events due to climate change," Mr Broadbent said.

"The whole idea of the resilience project is that small communities like these can still function during an emergency. If you lose power here, you lose telecommunications and water. This funding commits to a plan to be prepared," Mr Broadbent said.

When he won the seat of Monash in the last election, Mr Broadbent said he didn't believe climate change was an issue in his electorate.

He has also consistently voted against measures to address climate change impacts including a carbon price, fast transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, carbon farming and the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme. However he did support the call for a plebiscite on the carbon pricing mechanism.

Details of Mr Broadbent's voting record available at [theyvoteforyou.org.au/people/representatives/monash/russell\\_broadbent](http://theyvoteforyou.org.au/people/representatives/monash/russell_broadbent)

## Council Update



### Council Meeting 20 April

Council's next meeting will be held at 1.00pm, Wednesday, 20 April 2022 in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi.

Due to current social distancing requirements there will be limited gallery seating available and registration is required. Please RSVP at [c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au). The meeting will also be livestreamed. Join here: [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings). The agenda is released on Council's website on Thursday, 14 April at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings).

There is an opportunity in the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

### Planning and Environment Act 1987 Notice of Approval of Amendment C161basc

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C161basc to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme.

The Amendment rezones land at 2295 Loch Wonthaggi Road, Ryanston (Lot 3 on Plan of Subdivision 305196F) from the Public Use Zone to the Farming Zone.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at [www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection](http://www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection) or by contacting 1800 789 386 to arrange a time to view the Amendment documentation.

A copy of the Amendment can also be inspected, free of charge, during office hours, at Council's Customer Service Centre, 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi and on Council's website, at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/c161](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/c161).

### Caravan and Camping Survey

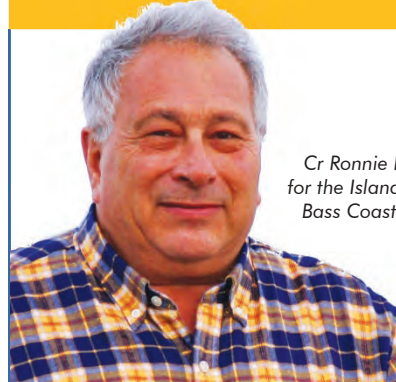
Whether you've stayed with us before, or intend to in the future, we'd love to hear your feedback on caravan and camping options that currently exist across the Bass Coast region. You can provide your feedback using our online survey. Every voice counts and we want to hear yours, to provide us with information that we can consider when making decisions around accommodation in the future.

Consultation will take place online at [www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/camping](http://www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/camping) between Friday, 8 April and Sunday, 8 May.

Enquiries: Contact Vicki Tuchtan on [vicki.tuchtan@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:vicki.tuchtan@basscoast.vic.gov.au) or on the numbers below.

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# Leonard supports offshore windfarms

The development of offshore windfarms in Bass Strait is essential if Australia is to tackle the challenge of climate change and reduce our carbon emissions, according to the Voices for Monash candidate, Independent Deb Leonard.

Ms Leonard said South Gippsland was ideally placed to be the site of Australia's first offshore windfarms, and it would bring with it employment opportunities and much needed investment to many Gippsland communities.

"However, it will be of critical importance to consult with local communities to ensure that issues such as visual impact of turbines are considered as part of the approvals process.

"Climate change is real and it's having a direct impact on many of our coastal communities.

"Local beaches are being eroded at unprecedented levels, and we are experiencing greater extremes in weather events that lead to fires, drought, and floods.

"The Federal government finally seems to be edging towards allowing offshore development in wind, and if elected, I will be doing everything I can to ensure that the developments go ahead.

"The proposed wind farms are ideally located to be able to feed into the grid at Latrobe Valley."

Ms Leonard said it is vital that local community residents and landholders expressed their views on where turbines should be sited as part of the consultation process.

"Everyone with an opinion or concern on this should make their views be known. That way we will have some level of community ownership of the process," Ms Leonard said.



Voices for Monash candidate, Independent Deb Leonard says the development of offshore windfarms in Bass Strait is essential if Australia is to tackle the challenge of climate change.

### State action

In November 2021, the state government announced \$16.1 million had been awarded to The Macquarie Group for the initial development stages of a 1GW offshore wind farm off Bass Coast.

At the time, the Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale told the Advertiser she had met with the group and the project was still in the very early stages and no site had been selected.

Ms Crugnale said it would take at least six years for the project to come to fruition and the offshore wind farm would be 5km from the coast.

"The company will start community consultation in early 2022," she said.

Alongside the Macquarie Group, the other offshore wind projects supported through the Energy In-

novation Fund were Star of the South, and Flotation Energy.

The funding will support feasibility studies and pre-construction development, including environmental assessments, and adds to \$96 million the companies are already investing in these projects.

The government claimed the three projects have the potential to create up to 5600 jobs, bring more than \$18 billion in new investment to Victoria and power around 3.6 million homes.

The government said wild winds off Victoria's coastline – which are among the best in Australia and the world – could see the state become an offshore wind powerhouse, driving economic development and helping Victoria reach its target of 50 per cent renewable energy by 2030.



Independent candidate for the Monash electorate, Deb Leonard, has welcomed the announcement of the election, which will be held on May 21.

## Election welcomed

Independent candidate for the Monash electorate, Deb Leonard, has welcomed the announcement of the election date, saying it finally gives people the chance to have their say at the ballot box.

On Sunday, the Prime Minister announced the election for May 21.

Ms Leonard said that since commencing her campaign in January, she has been surprised at the level of animosity and disappointment in the performance of the two major political parties which has resulted in a warm reception for a

moderate independent.

"It's time to take strong, positive action on climate change; it's time to put an end to corruption with government and it's time that we had a strong, independent candidate that will represent the communities of the Monash electorate," Ms Leonard said.

"I'm excited by the campaign over the next six weeks and look forward to meeting as many voters in that time to hear about the issues that are important to them," she said.



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# A big cheque event – thanks to the community!

The San Remo, Cowes and Grantville Community Banks enjoyed a very successful sponsorship information session last Tuesday night at the Phillip Island Bowls Club in Cowes.

“We had a terrific turn out and lots of information was shared,” says Peter Paul, Chair of the San Remo, Cowes and Grantville Community Banks.

“It was great to see so many community groups supporting the Community bank, as it means we can support you and your projects. A big thank you is also due to Chris Fricke and the PI Bowls Club for their support and allowing us to use their fantastic venue.”

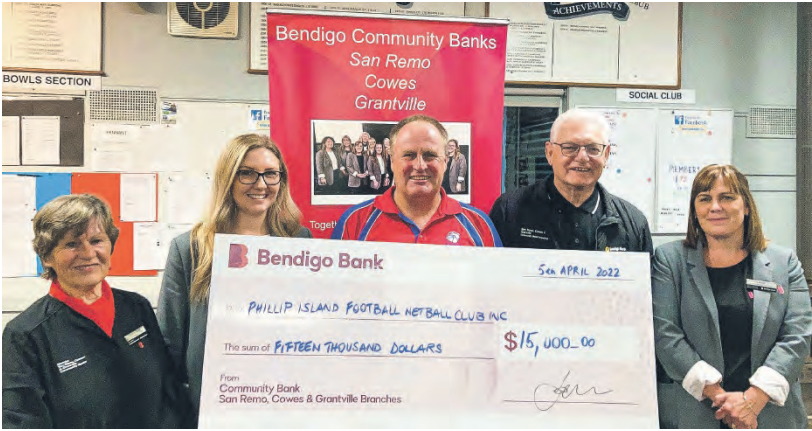
Peter said the main aim of the night was to help groups apply for sponsorship by supplying information as to what may be approved and what doesn't fit the sponsorship criteria.

Tanya Donnan, Community Bank Assistant Manager, spoke about alignment cards and how everyone can support the Community simply by banking with the Community Banks.

“When people do their everyday banking with us, it has an incredible flow-on effect to the Phillip Island and surrounding Community – it means we can give money to all the fantastic volunteer groups we have here,” Tanya said.

Caroline Talbot, Company Secretary and Sponsorship Committee convener, delivered an informative and helpful speech about what may or may not be approved in applications, and how to have the best chance of being successful.

Melanie Mumford from Bass Coast L2P, a learner driver program run by Mitchell House, then spoke beautifully about the impact the Community Bank sponsorship had, helping young drivers in the area get their licence when otherwise they may not



Caroline Talbot (director), Kelly (Grantville Community Bank branch), Chris Ross (President PIFNC), Peter Paul (Chair) and Leonie (San Remo Community Bank branch) with the big cheque for \$15,000 to the Phillip Island Football and Netball club.

have had the opportunity.

Robin Blackman from the Phillip Island Jazz Club also gave a stirring speech about the importance of sponsorship for his group.

Greg Thompson from PICAL then took the microphone to speak about the work PICAL does and how it wouldn't be possible without sponsorship from local organisations such as the Community Bendigo Bank.

The Community Banks will also be holding a grants information night for their 2022 Grants Program at 6pm on Tuesday, May 3, again at the Phillip Island Bowls Club.

Trish Madden, from the Bendigo Community Foundation that runs the annual grants program, will be the special guest speaker and will field any questions groups may have.

So what is the difference between Community Bank sponsorship and the grants program?

“The easiest way to distinguish the

two is to say grants are generally for a one-off, large item, like a shed for PICAL or team shelters for the Phillip Island Breakers Soccer Club,” Peter said.

“A grant is usually supplied for an asset. Sponsorship can be a one-off event or it can be ongoing, such as our annual sponsorship of sporting groups.”

Indeed, Chris Ross from Phillip Island Football Netball Club (PIFNC) was the lucky recipient of the customary Bendigo Bank big cheque, with big money – \$15,000 for the year. The group will also be getting a new defibrillator.

“We sponsored PIFNC, Kilcunda and Dalyston footy clubs \$15,000 each this year. We couldn't do that without the support of those who bank with us.

“The more people that bank with us on the island, San Remo and Waterline, the more we can do in the community,” Peter concluded.

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## Delay to PICAL move

The Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre will finally move into its long-awaited new headquarters at the end of the year.

With PICAL management keen to ensure continuity of services, they will also move into their new community garden at Blue Gum Reserve at the same time.

Last week PICAL president Jeff Floyd said initially they were set to move late last year.

He said council was expected to consider approval for the move of PICAL's community garden and Boomerang Bags to Blue Gum Reserve at its upcoming April meeting.

“The council has recently advised that PICAL's move to Warley Avenue is now targeted at November this year,” Jeff said.

“We are very concerned there is no disruption to the continuity of our services to the community – as promised by council – and that both of our moves take place at the same time, so that we leave our current site on one day and open for business at our two new sites the next day.”

In 2019, the state government announced it would buy PICAL's existing Church Street site to allow for the construction

of the new community hospital.

Bass Coast Shire councillors last year gave the green light to the \$1.3 million development plans for a 1017m<sup>2</sup> site at 16 Warley Avenue in Cowes.

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

The Warley Avenue site is about a quarter of the size of the space PICAL currently occupies and cannot accommodate all the current services.

PICAL will move to a 30m x 40m parcel of land at Blue Gum behind the CFA station, the same size as their current site for their community garden and Boomerang Bags operation.

“The move of all our equipment and materials to the two new sites will be a big task in itself and we will be calling on the community to help us with this, to ensure that there is no break in our services to our clients,” Jeff said.

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



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Residents from the Shearwater Estate are devastated at the pollution seeping into the lake and the loss of birdlife that has resulted.

## Fuel leak pollutes lake at Shearwater Estate

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After she contacted Melbourne Water, she said officers arrived to inspect the site and then contact the EPA.

While Vanna praised the Melbourne Water response, she said the fuel leaks were an ongoing issue that needed to be addressed.

She believes the fuel is coming from the Blue Gum Industrial Estate and wants the EPA to properly investigate this latest leak.

"The EPA has been trying to avoid the issue for some time. We have called them on past occasions, but they never got to the bottom of it.

"It's not just about cleaning up the mess this time. I want them to get to the bottom of where this is coming from," Vanna said.

"This is something that needs to be followed through and dealt with, so it doesn't keep reoccurring."

The lake and stormwater system on Shearwater Estate was built by the estate developers.

Vanna said originally it just filtered the residential stormwater, but at some point, a decision was made to link Blue Gum estate, the golf course and The Palms retirement village to the catchment and there had since been ongoing issues.

"My husband cleans up rubbish that comes from the industrial estate – cups, bottles, glass, building debris."

She said since the lake was installed, the growth of the industrial estate has been significant, and it was now home

to mechanical workshops, a bus depot, panel beaters, metal fabricators and a boat shop.

Vanna believes Melbourne Water and Bass Coast Shire Council needed to work together and find a better way to treat effluent and stormwater waste in the area.

"It needs to be better designed if they are going to continue to run industrial storm water into a residential area."

She said the reoccurring leaks were having an impact on the local wildlife, including nesting birds, swans, geese, turtles and echidnas.

Vanna also said when the lake was initially created it was stocked with galaxias, but it is now full of carp, "which it shouldn't be".

Last week, residents endured a "pungent" smell of diesel.

"All the houses on the northern side of the lake are coping a real lungful," she said.

"Four or five days ago, we had a lake full of birds. Not now."

When asked if Bass Coast Shire Council was working with the EPA and Melbourne Water to deal with the issue, the council did not respond.

However a Council spokesperson disagreed that the lake and stormwater catchment on the estate had originally only filtered the residential stormwater.

"The wetland at Shearwater Estate was constructed as part of the development. The industrial estate and the aged care facility were constructed prior to stage one

of Shearwater Estate, meaning there would be some pre-existing flows going through this catchment already."

### EPA investigates

On Monday this week, EPA Gippsland Acting Regional Manager Stacey Clark confirmed the EPA had investigated the incident.

"EPA officers have spent several hours over two days at Cowes, working with Council officers to investigate a series of possible sources of an oil slick on Blue Gum Drain Lake," Ms Clark said.

"The source of the spill has proved difficult to trace, but the search went as far as lifting sewer lids to follow any traces of oil back to a possible source.

"EPA also took the opportunity to inspect local businesses in the immediate area and offer compliance advice to several of them on measures that would trap a similar spill if it should occur."

Ms Clark said spills of oil or fuel can also come from vehicles and residential sources.

"EPA asks everyone to take care not to allow oil or other pollutants into gutters or drains because they all flow to local waterways such as the Blue Gum Drain lake and can become a hazard to the environment and people's health."

Members of the public can report pollution by calling EPA's 24 hour hotline on 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842) or providing details online at [epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution](http://epa.vic.gov.au/report-pollution/reporting-pollution)

## Neighbour concerns won't change Anderson carpark

Bass Coast Shire will not budge on designs for a proposed new carpark at the Anderson Road boat ramp, despite concerns by surrounding residents.

Work on the new \$675,000 eastern car park – which will formalise the current casual small carpark – is set to start in May, following recent community consultation.

As detailed in last week's Advertiser Craig Brown said he was one of the owners most impacted, with the proposed car park just 12 metres from his front fence, much closer than the current park that is 15m-30m from his home.

In addition, he said the eastern car park and turning bay was set to be raised 700mm.

"With the new car park set to be higher and closer we will have cars turning facing into our property, including our dining room and balcony," he said.

"It's a big loss of privacy. I've asked the shire why they need to raise the level and they can't give me any justification.

"If they weren't as close or as high the impact wouldn't be as great."

Mr Brown said the problem could be resolved by moving the park further north.

Neighbour Ian Harris agreed the new car park would be "completely unnecessary" and would see the removal of three gum trees.

"The work they're proposing is an unnecessary destruction of habitat and a waste of money," Mr Harris said.

### Not budging

Last week the shire posted an update to their website saying they would move the carpark about five metres further away from properties "to address concerns raised at the consultation phase".

According to the website, the carpark will create 20 vehicle and trailer and seven single parking bays, replacing what is currently an informal unmade parking area with no traffic control or designated parking.

"The design has maximised the avoid and minimise principle to reduce the impact on vegetation and on the residents," the shire said.



The Anderson Road boat ramp eastern carpark – set for construction from next month – will be considerably closer to surrounding neighbours than the current park.

"The car park has been reconfigured and moved approximately five metres further away from properties to address concerns raised at the consultation phase."

However, when pressed on details of the modification the shire referred to original 2014 designs.

"We presented the initial car park designs to the community, including abutting landholders in 2014," a shire spokesman said.

"In response to community feedback these plans were amended to move a section of the car park further north by up to five metres as reflected in the current plans.

"The car park cannot be moved any further north due to increased impact on indigenous coastal vegetation. This would encroach into sloping and unstable sand dunes, and closer to coastal erosion hazards, thereby requiring costly additional stabilisation of the car park footings and the potential need for coastal protection structures such as seawalls."

The shire said they had worked to avoid and minimise vegetation removal but three trees could not be saved "without compromising the access and use of car park".

"The three gum trees planned for removal are southern mahogany (*Eucalyptus botryoides*), a species

not indigenous to Phillip Island and listed as environmental weeds in Victoria," the shire spokesman said.

The shire said the new carpark needed to be raised up to 700mm to allow for drainage.

"The car park surface level will be raised across a short section of the car park only. In other areas the surface level will be lowered. This is because the car park is located on undulating land," the spokesman said.

### Complaint

Mr Brown said in the March 2022 plans the shire had increased the set back from seven metres to 12 metres since the 2014 concept plans, "however this is still far less than the 20 metre set back on the westerly Anderson Road car park".

"The shire needs to improve the balanced outcome and lessen the impact on adjoining residents," he said.

"I would like to think the council will see the light, make the required change without the need for further actions."

He said following the shire's response, he had sent a letter to the shire's CEO regarding loss of amenity and privacy.

The project budget includes \$337,092 from the shire and funding from Victorian Fisheries Authority (\$338,608).

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# Simon says: Dig deep for Good Friday Appeal

The Phillip Island SES and Phillip Island Nature Parks have thrown their support behind the Phillip Island CFA, to help out at this year's Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal on Phillip Island.

Phillip Island's appeal area manager, Cowes resident and CFA volunteer Simon Hartley said this week he is delighted with the support from both organisations, and he is hoping for a bumper tally after two disrupted years because of the Covid virus and lockdowns.

Covid restricted fundraising to online only in 2020, and there were fewer people about last year, "so we are hoping that everyone will dig deep in 2022," Simon said.

"Now that tourists are travelling locally, we expect Phillip Island to be extra busy, which means more people will also donate."

"It would be nice to have a record to support the work of The Royal Children's Hospital."

Changes to Phillip Island's Good Friday fundraiser this year will see SES volunteers boosting the appeal's visible presence in Cowes, out and about during the day, tin rattling in the streets.

And the Phillip Island Nature Parks has also come on board, appealing to the millions of viewers who tune into PINP's live streaming of the parade to donate to the appeal, as well as conducting a virtual tin rattle on their extremely popular website.

## New headquarters

There is also a new headquarters for the appeal this year, as the Cow-



Simon Hartley is the CFA area manager and has taken over organising the Good Friday Appeal.

es Heritage Centre, which has been the central point for appeal volunteers over the last two decades, was demolished in 2021.

Headquarters this year will be the office of the Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser (60 Chapel Street) located between the Phillip Island Bakery on the corner and Waterboy Café.

"It is a central position and easily accessible," says Simon.

"Donations can be taken to appeal volunteers who will be set up there ... or made to tin rattlers roving the streets."

In addition, donations can be made at the CFA marquee outside the IGA on the corner of Settlement Road and Thompson Avenue.

The Murdoch and Anderson families will be tin rattling in the main street, as they have over the decades.

As always, CFA trucks will be up and down main thoroughfares and visiting caravan parks around the island, and they will be joined by Phillip Island SES unit volunteers in their vehicles.

At around 5pm, the fire trucks will head out to the penguin parade to support what is happening appeal wise on PINP's webpages.

## QR code coupons

Another innovation in these Covid times is the introduction of QR code coupons to hand out to anyone who would like to donate digitally.

Volunteers will have the QR code coupons with them. The code can then be scanned into your phone, which will take you to a link where your donation can be made electronically, and will also be credited to the Phillip Island final tally.

Simon, a Phillip Island Fire brigade volunteer for 19 years, is no stranger to the Good Friday Appeal having organised the CFA tin rattling for the past decade.

He took over from long time co-ordinators Helen and Reg Excell, in 2021, and is very pleased to say that Helen will be assisting his team again this year, helping out in the background.

"Helen has been mentoring me and CFA members and will still be in the background again this year," said Simon who is a driver with South Coast Taxis and who used to work at Retravision Cowes.

## San Remo Easter Fishing competition \$14,000 in prizes to be won

Craig Edmond, of Jim's Bait and Tackle at San Remo, says that this year's sponsors of the annual San Remo Easter Fishing competition have gone all out to make it the best yet.

After two years of Covid lockdowns, everyone involved is ready and rearing to go, and as always, funds raised go to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

The Easter Fishing competition is offering over \$14,000 worth of great prizes this year. And as they say, you've got to be in it to win it.

There's plenty of family fun to be had, with great prizes to be won in 12 categories across three age groups.

"Get your friends together and come win some great gear, catch fish and raise money for the kids," is Craig's message to the district's anglers.

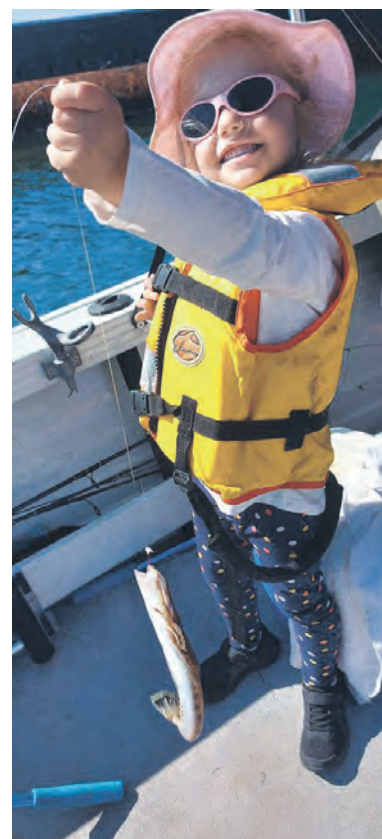
The fun has already started with entries rolling in. The kids show bags have been walking out the door and about half the ladies show bags have gone already, Craig said.

Entries are available from Jim's Bait and Tackle, now located at 90 Back Beach Road, San Remo, or they can be downloaded instead ... and they must be in on by 2pm on Good Friday.

Entry cost is \$30 per adult, \$15 juniors and \$10 for small fry, with 100 per cent of every entry fee going to the Good Friday Appeal.

Fish must be brought back to Jim's Bait and Tackle for a weigh in. The competition ends at noon on Easter Monday, when the winners will be announced. Craig said gummy shark, flathead, whiting and squid are the species to catch.

There are also prizes to be won just for entering, with 100 plus prizes spread over 30 hourly random entry prize draws, over the weekend.



Young Hailey Henderson had a lot of fun fishing in the annual San Remo Easter Fishing competition last year.

There are separate prize categories for Adult, Juniors (11-14 year olds) and Small Fry (up to 11 year old), with prizes for heaviest gummy, flathead, whiting and squid on offer.

For details, go to the Jim's Bait and Tackle Facebook page.

## San Remo CFA's Good Friday appeal



There's great news for the kids in San Remo on Friday.

The much-loved cartoon character Bluey is coming to San Remo Hotel new bridge lawn outside the pub.

Kids can have a photo with Bluey for a gold coin donation, and there is face painting as well. All proceeds to the Good Friday Appeal.

As always it will be a busy day raising funds for this important cause in the town.

San Remo's fire trucks will be out in force, with members on board and walking behind the trucks collecting for the annual Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

The San Remo brigade is managing the local effort, and its members will be out in force rattling tins at San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay from 9am and throughout the day.

San Remo's annual Good Friday Easter Hamper Raffle will be run this year from the Westernport Hotel.

And festivities will continue throughout the weekend with two



On the job at the station last year are CFA members Helen Andrews, Keith Thiele, Lou Thiele, Graham Taylor, Ray Symons, Bob Andrews, Corin Spencer and Ruby Spencer.

well-known bands playing at the pub.

The Laing Brothers will entertain on Saturday night, and the hotel will welcome Nicko on Easter Sunday.

ter Sunday.

Appeal headquarters, where donations can be dropped throughout the day, is the CFA fire station, in Genesta Street.



Nature Parks is supporting this year's Good Friday Appeal, and will invite the millions who tune into the penguin parade live stream to donate to the cause.

## PINP appeal support – potential to reach millions

The Phillip Island Nature Parks has come on board to help with the local Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal this year.

The millions of viewers around the world who enjoy watching the parade's nightly live stream, will this Thursday evening be invited to make a donation to the Royal Children's Hospital Phillip Island appeal.

Meagan Turner, PINP Visitor Experience Ranger, speaking last

Thursday, said PINP was very pleased to help out.

"We are glad we can use our reach to reach virtually millions of people," Meagan said.

A virtual tin rattle will also be conducted on PINP's website where people can easily virtually donate to the appeal as well.

Meagan said when this goes live it will also link with Facebook and YouTube pages.

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# Basham verdict could be next week

The jury in the Supreme Court trial for alleged murderer Adrian Basham is expected to consider its verdict after Easter.

The prosecution case concluded on Monday, and the defence opted to call no witnesses.

The prosecution yesterday (Tuesday) gave its closing address, at the time of going to press expected to take up to a day (see separate story). The defence's closing address is expected to take up to another day.

Justice Lesley Taylor will then give directions to the jury before they re-

tire to consider a verdict, with Justice Taylor on Monday suggesting her directions will continue the day after Easter Monday.

Adrian James Basham is accused of killing the mother of their three children, Samantha Fraser, 38, at her Cowes garage on July 23, 2018.

Mr Basham is pleading not guilty to one count of murder.

Counsel for the defence said they did not dispute that Mr Basham was in Ms Fraser's garage on July 23, 2018 – in breach of an intervention order – and had inflicted “a number of non-

fatal injuries on her body”.

However, the defence argued Ms Fraser was alive when Mr Basham left the garage, alleging she had instead suicided by hanging.

The Advertiser is covering key testimony from each day of the trial. Given the sensitivity of the trial to many local residents, including the family, the Advertiser has opted not to include some details in our coverage. To respect the privacy of individuals, names have sometimes been omitted or a Christian name used.

Counsel for the prosecution is Na-

nette Rogers and Lachlan Cameron. Counsel for the defence is Ashley Halphen and Amelia Beech.

The trial is presided by Justice Lesley Taylor and was delayed one week due to a jury member testing positive for Covid.

Last week Mr Halphen was in isolation due to being a Covid close contact, appearing via an online link to cross examine witnesses.

However, following a Covid test, Mr Halphen this week remained in isolation, with Ms Beech now also in isolation.

“Obviously as you will appreciate it is unusual to have the prosecution appearing in person and the defence appearing remotely,” Justice Taylor told the jury.

“We are all confident that the trial can proceed in that situation.

“We are proceeding in the times that we live in, which is learning to live with the pandemic.”

If you or anyone you know needs support, contact the National Sexual Assault, Domestic and Family Violence Counselling Service on 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732).



## Forensic pathology findings

A forensic pathologist has told the Supreme Court that Samantha Fraser suffered a kind of brain injury that studies have shown to be potentially fatal.

Two days of testimony last week was allocated to detailed autopsy, DNA and forensic testimony.

Dr Sarah Parsons gave detailed evidence from an autopsy she carried out of Ms Fraser, finding the cause of death was hanging in the setting of multiple blunt force injuries.

Much of the questioning revolved around establishing the extent of the blunt force injuries.

Colleague Dr Linda Iles told the court she carried out a brain examination, finding a specific injury from blunt force trauma that “in general terms” can be fatal within “tens of minutes”, although consciousness can remain for weeks.

Last week forensic physician Dr

Rachel Marr told the court on July 26, 2018 – three days after Ms Fraser's death – she examined Adrian Basham, at the request of the homicide squad.

Dr Marr said she took fingernail scrapings of each of Mr Basham's fingers, as well as examined a red mark on his neck, a superficial scratch on his right arm and 2cm scratch to his nose.

“The scratch was indicative of blunt trauma with some degree of friction or movement such as a fingernail or a branch,” she said.

“There are limitless possibilities, and I can't give an exact mechanism.”

Fingernail scrapings taken during an autopsy of Ms Fraser found DNA from Mr Basham, with many witnesses testifying following July 23 he had a scratch on his nose (see separate story).

## CCTV tracks Basham's steps

CCTV footage was shown to the Supreme Court on Friday, tracing Adrian Basham's steps before and after the death of his estranged wife Samantha Fraser.

Footage from cameras including Rip Curl in Newhaven, the Chocolate Factory, the Surf Beach Bottle-O, Skunk Wear in Cowes and private residences on Settlement Road and Seagrove Way was shown to the jury.

A clip shows Mr Basham's motorbike travelling near Ms Fraser's house on Seagrove Way on July 22, 2018 at about 11.30am.

According to the prosecution, he is again seen on multiple CCTV cameras travelling along Phillip Island Road from 7.21am on July 23, then riding along Settlement Road on his motorbike at 7.36am.

Mr Basham is next seen walking towards Ms Fraser's house at 8.55am and then running away in the opposite direction at 12.04pm.

CCTV footage captured Ms Fraser driving her grey four-wheel drive away from her house on July 23 at 8.52am.

Footage from clothing shop Skunk Wear in Thompson Avenue shows Ms Fraser meeting a friend for coffee at nearby G'day Tiger café at 8.58am, later leaving at 11.18am.

Her car is next seen driving on Seagrove Way towards her home at 11.22am.

The prosecution said after Mr Basham was seen running on Sea-

grove Way at 12.04pm, he was soon after captured on CCTV on Settlement Road at 12.13pm on his motorbike leaving Cowes.

He is then consecutively seen in footage riding past Surf Beach and Newhaven, before next being captured in CCTV footage from a Bairnsdale petrol station at 4.46pm on the same day, en route to his father in Paynesville.

Cowes police officer Leading Snr Const Wagner previously told the court he and colleague Leading Snr Const Andrew Pascoe were called at 4.20pm on July 23 to do a welfare check on Ms Fraser's home at Seagrove Way, then discovering Ms Fraser in the garage.

### Mobile tracking

Mobile phone tracking records also show Mr Basham's phone – given to him by a former girlfriend – was on Seagrove Way on July 22, as well as the morning of July 23 then later picked up at Paynesville.

Mr Basham did not bring his own mobile phone at these times.

Phone tracking records also showed no mobile activity on Ms Fraser's phone on July 23, 2018 after 11.36am when an incoming call went unanswered.

In separate evidence, the court on Monday heard that a 2017 phone bill belonging to Ms Fraser was seized from Mr Basham, who had written a detailed list identifying many numbers listed in the bill.

## Lead investigator gives evidence

The lead police officer investigating the death of Samantha Fraser has told the Supreme Court Adrian Basham remained mute when arrested and interviewed.

Lead investigator Detective Sergeant Luke Farrell, from the homicide squad, gave evidence over three days, stating that Mr Basham remained silent after being arrested, cautioned and told his rights and also during the police interview.

After being arrested Mr Basham “refused to stand from a seated position” and Det Sgt Farrell and another officer had to lift him to the custody suites.

Det Sgt Farrell gave detailed evidence to the court of CCTV footage of Mr Basham in Cowes on July 22 and 23, 2018 (see separate story).

He said this was in breach of an intervention order (IVO).

Det Sgt Farrell gave a detailed history of IVOs made at the Wonthaggi Magistrates' Court between the deceased and accused, starting when Cowes police made the first IVO on behalf of Ms Fraser against Mr Basham in April 2017.

The final IVO was made on January 12, 2018 for 24 months which had numerous conditions including Mr Basham was required to keep a 200 metre distance from Ms Fraser's Seagrove Way home.

While Mr Basham had not agreed to the previous IVOs, this last IVO was “without admissions”, which meant Mr Basham agreed to it but without any admission of wrongdoing.

Det Sgt Farrell said IVOs without

admission were a common method seen in courts.

### Re-enactment

Detective Senior Sergeant Stephen Sheahan – who in 2018 was with the homicide squad – told the court when he visited the crime scene on Seagrove Way all doors were locked and entry could only be gained with a key.

“They were all snib locked and for you to leave the premises, you would have to use a key to lock those deadlocks essentially. And all the windows were secured and locked,” Det Snr Sgt Sheahan said.

Prosecution counsel Lachlan Cameron asked: “So was your understanding ... that an individual leaving the house and leaving a door locked behind them wouldn't just be able to close the door behind them. They would need to physically lock that door once outside with a key?”

The officer replied: “Correct.”

A video re-enactment was played to the court that showed Det Sgt Farrell recreating the crime scene at Ms Fraser's garage.

With all doors into the Seagrove Way home locked and no sign of forced entry, the re-enactment showed how a person could press the wall-fitted garage door remote to exit.

### Hindering police

In the days following Ms Fraser's death, Det Sgt Farrell said he was interviewing Mr Basham's San Remo friend Cameron when he had to warn Mr Basham he would be ar-

rested for hindering police.

“Adrian walked inside the house (during the Cameron interview) and said ‘what's going on Cam. I'm not saying anything and I suggest you do too’ in a high pitched voice,” Det Sgt Farrell said.

“I said ‘Adrian you need to go away. I took a step to him with the effect of him going out the door.

“But he took a step to me inside my personal space.

“He said ‘I'm just visiting a mate’ and I said he needed to leave now or I'd arrest him for hindering police.”

### White top

Det Snr Sgt Sheahan said police carried out an extensive search for a white top Ms Fraser was seen wearing on the morning of July 23, 2018 but said the top has never been located.

“It was significant. It was something that we were searching for,” he said.

“I searched the house, top and bottom, each room, her drawers, cupboards, washing machine, dryer, I searched the car and we have not located that white top.”

Det Sgt Farrell also told the court the two-tone blue top Mr Basham was seen wearing in CCTV footage on July 23 was also never found.

Police also issued a search warrant at Mr Basham's sister's Chelsea Heights home collecting phones, a laptop computer, lanyard with four keys and a remote, as well as a CCTV hard drive, along with two power cords and a mouse found in the home's ceiling.

## DNA analysis points to accused

Forensic analysis of a knot behind a rope noose has found DNA was “100 billion times more likely” to be from alleged murderer Adrian Basham than anyone else, the Supreme Court trial has heard.

Forensic officer Jenelle Heffernan provided in-depth evidence on DNA findings for hours last Tuesday and Wednesday.

DNA taken from the rope from the crime scene at Ms Fraser's garage found three of five samples were highly likely to have Mr Basham's DNA.

The outer surface of the knot was 10,000 times more likely to have DNA from Mr Basham than a person chosen randomly from the Caucasian population; the loop below the knot was 1500 times more likely to be from Mr Basham; and the knot when untied was 100 billion times more likely to be from the accused than anyone else.

Under the “likelihood ratio” used by forensic science, a DNA match of 1-10 has “slight support”; 10-100 has “moderate support”; 100-1000 “strong support”; 1000-1 million “very strong support” and over 1 million is “extremely strong support”.

Fingernail scrapings taken during an autopsy of Ms Fraser found DNA from Mr Basham, with many witnesses testifying following July 23 he had a scratch on his nose.

Ms Fraser's right hand fingernails found DNA from the accused.

“A mixed DNA profile of two con-

tributors was obtained. Samantha Fraser is an assumed contributor. The DNA evidence is 2600 times more likely if Samantha Fraser and Adrian Basham are contributors than if Samantha Fraser and one unknown person is contributing,” Ms Heffernan explained.

Swabs taken from fuel tank of Mr Basham's motorbike found “a partial single source DNA profile and the DNA evidence is 4000 times more likely if Samantha Fraser is the source and the other persons of interest are all excluded”.

### Defence

Defence counsel Amelia Beech argued Mr Basham's DNA could have been found on the rope through secondary transfer.

“If I touch your water bottle and walk away and you pick up the bottle it's possible you will collect my DNA,” Ms Beech asked.

Ms Heffernan agreed adding it depended on many factors including how long the bottle had been held and how long ago it was held.

Ms Beech then asked whether it was possible to determine a secondary or primary transfer source of DNA, to which Ms Heffernan said it was not possible.

Ms Beech said DNA samples found in finger scrapings from Ms Fraser had 94 per cent of her DNA and 6 per cent from Mr Basham and it was not possible to say what biological mate-

rial came from Mr Basham.

The defence highlighted that Mr Basham had no DNA from Ms Fraser in his fingernails, arguing DNA has been found to last a number of days even when submersed in water.

### Re-examination

In re-examination, prosecution counsel Nanette Rogers asked hypothetically if gloves were used would they leave a biological deposit.

Ms Heffernan said only if the owner of the gloved hand touched their face or put their finger in the mouth.

Dr Rogers asked whether being a major or minor contributor – (such as 94 per cent or six per cent) – impacted DNA results.

“Results are results,” Ms Heffernan said.

“Our testing is validated regardless of the percentage. That DNA is still present.”

Dr Rogers asked if – in theory – Mr Basham had washed his hands between July 23, 2018 and July 26 – the day when his fingernails were scraped for DNA – any foreign DNA could have been washed away.

“Certainly washing has been shown to remove DNA ... depending how long he washed and how often,” Ms Heffernan said.

Adrian's blood was found on his gloves and work boots.

Ms Heffernan gave a DNA slide show to the jury, to explain the complex science of human genetics.



# Children’s working conditions under the microscope

The working conditions of children under 15 in Bass Coast are under scrutiny.

Wage Inspectorate Victoria has launched a regional campaign to raise awareness of employment laws that protect young workers, ensuring hospitality businesses employing workers under 15 are providing safe workplaces.

This week, they are visiting Phillip Island to make sure local businesses are doing the right thing.

Assistant Director of the Child Employment Team Jessica Downey said it was a common misconception that children can be employed after they turn 14 and nine months.

“Employers need a permit before they can employ a child aged under 15,” Jessica said, noting that children working in a family business were exempt.

In any other circumstance, employers had to apply for a permit.

“The permits are free, you can apply online and it is fast and straight forward,” she said.

Jessica and the team will visit Phillip Island as part of a regional campaign, which also includes Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Warragul and Drouin. She said the visit is designed to educate and inform people.

And as a tourist destination, and a regional area experiencing strong population growth, Phillip Island was a focus.

“Our research shows that children are more likely to be in work in regional areas, eight per cent compared to five per cent in metro areas.

“And almost 50 per cent of kids work in cafes or restaurants.”

Jessica said the rules are designed to protect young workers, not prevent them from getting a job.

Letters have been sent to hospitality business in the area, with 150 businesses selected for a “written compliance check”, which involves producing relevant documents to ensure it is complying with the regulations.

During the two day visit, Jessica and her team were keen to visit as many local hospitality businesses as possible.

“We walked the main streets and met local people and talked to them about their obligations.”

Although she described the visit as educational, she said any non-compliance will be investigated.

If a business is found to have breached child employment laws, either through hiring children under 15 without a permit, or acting outside the scope of a permit, they could face a fine of \$18,174 for a company and \$10,904 for an individual.

Parents have a role to play as well.

“Parents must ensure that the employer has obtained a permit before they let their child go to work,” Jessica said.

“It is also an offence for parents if their child doesn’t have a permit and they are working.”

She said while the team under-



Assistant Director of the Child Employment Team Jessica Downey (left) with James Thompson and Karina Jones visited Phillip Island this week, as part of a campaign to ensure local hospitality businesses are doing the right thing and to educate and inform them of the requirements for employing children under 15.

stood the challenges hospitality had faced over the past two years with Covid, “this isn’t the type of thing we can delay”.

“If there’s a risk to a child’s health and wellbeing, we’re not willing to wait.”

## Rules

Jessica said the rules around child employment focused on health and safety and wellbeing.

The minimum conditions of employment for a child are different to those in a standard industrial agreement.

For instance a child:

- Can only perform light work – no heavy lifting.

- Is not permitted to work near cooking or equipment that might produce high temperatures.

- Cannot not work with power operated tools or sharp implements, at heights, in extreme weather conditions, or with uncontrolled animals.

- Can only work for max of three hours per day for a total of 12 hours per week during school term. On holidays a child can work up to six hours per day and 30 per week.

- Must have a 30-minute break after every three hours of work.

- Must always be supervised by a person who has a working with children check (unless they have an exemption, such as a police officer or teacher).

Jessica said one of the biggest concerns was children being employed to do unsuitable work or exposed to harm.

That could include working long hours or late nights which would affect their ability to go to school.

Wage Inspectorate Victoria’s research showed there were a lot more children working than there were permits for.

It also revealed that almost 50 per cent of children working in cafes and restaurants are asked to work

longer than their allocated shift.

In the past year, the Inspectorate had issued 5750 child employment permits and undertaken 171 investigations.

Three companies were prosecuted for breaches of the Child Employment Act, including a travelling circus, a fashion company (during a fashion shoot) and an education and game development company.

If members of the public are concerned a child is working in unsafe surroundings or in breach of the Child Employment Act, they could make a report online or by phone. Reports can be lodge anonymously.

Jessica said if you observe something and your gut feeling is that something isn’t right, it was worth phoning it in.

“We do get quite a lot of calls, and the most common concern is a child is working late at night or in an environment where there is hot equipment, or being asked to do something they probably shouldn’t do,” Jessica said.

“We take every report at face value and will investigate.”

Jessica said it was important for employers and parents to be fully aware of the requirements of the Child Employment Act.

“Being ignorant of the law is not a defence,” she said.

“It is hard to tell what motivates someone not to follow the rules. Some may not be aware and some may choose not to find out.

“But as a small business owner, you are expected to understand what the legal obligations are. They exist for a valid purpose – to protect the health and safety of children.”

Companies are also required to have a permit for any work experience children under the age of 15.

For information, advice or to report a possible breach of child employment laws, visit [wageinspectorate.vic.gov.au](http://wageinspectorate.vic.gov.au) or call 1800 287 287.



The Bass Coast Climate Action Network is holding a rally for a safe climate at the Inverloch Hub in A'Beckett Street from 10.45am – 12pm on Saturday, April 16. Photo courtesy of Bass Coast Climate Action Network.

# Election issues heat up

A rally for a safe climate is being held on Easter Saturday in Inverloch.

The Bass Coast Climate Action Network is hosting the event at the Inverloch Hub in A'Beckett Street from 10.45am – 12pm on Saturday, April 16.

“The rally is to call on the people of the Monash Electorate to make their vote count. We must think of the climate and vote accordingly,” said Jessica Harrison, Monash Community Climate Coalition spokesperson.

Michael Borgas, a former CSIRO climate scientist will be speaking at the event and will draw attention to the words of UN Secretary-General António Guterres about the IPCC report released last week.

“It is a file of shame, cataloguing the empty pledges that put us firmly on track towards an unliveable world,” said Antonio Guterres.

“Climate activists are sometimes depicted as dangerous radicals. But the truly dangerous radicals are the countries that are increasing the production of fossil fuels.

“Investing in new fossil fuels infrastructure is moral and economic madness. Some government and business leaders are saying one thing – but doing another. Simply put, they are lying.”

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan will also address the rally.

Bass Coast Shire Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and is aiming for net zero emissions by 2030, “a full two decades before the Federal government,” said Jessica.

Dr Nola Maxfield will talk about the health implications of climate change, which the World Health Organisation (WHO) has labelled “the single biggest health threat facing humanity”.



Mr Jury with some students celebrating the fun and excitement of the Easter Bonnet parade. More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au)

# Easter on parade

To celebrate the end of term one, Newhaven Primary School held a whole School Easter Bonnet parade on Friday morning.

Principal Sharyne Munday said it was fantastic to see the creative efforts put in by students and

it was a lovely way to finish the term.

“We are looking forward to a busy but exciting term two. We wish our students, families, volunteers and local community a safe and relaxing Easter break.”



Finalists in the Easter Bonnet competition showed flair and creativity, with some colourful and cute creations.

# Easter arrives at San Remo Primary

San Remo Primary School finished the term last week with some Easter fun.

The students all created their own Easter hat and there was plenty of colour and creativity on display during the Easter Bonnet Parade on the final day. The school captains also drew the Easter Raffle with some fantastic prizes being donated by local businesses.



There was colour and creativity on display at San Remo Primary School when students made Easter Bonnets on the last day of term. More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au)



# Appeal: address light pollution at San Remo

A San Remo property owner of many years, whose coastal home overlooks the Penniwells subdivision that is currently under construction, has this week expressed his deep concern at the type of lighting that has been installed throughout the new estate.

Geoff Balsillie wants to highlight what he sees as a serious emerging problem, overlooked in the planning stages, but which can and should be easily addressed.

Geoff arrived at his San Remo home a fortnight ago for the weekend and was shocked as night fell to see the effect of the new lights on the estate, on the surrounding undeveloped land.

The environment abutting the foreshore, over which he has long looked, is now flood lit on a nightly basis, turning night into day.

"The lights on the edge of the subdivision light up this very substantial open space, which is home to many species of wildlife, including kangaroos, seabirds and other birdlife."

He is concerned about the effect exposure to light 24/7 will now have on the wildlife which inhabit this area.

Geoff himself has now lost the ability he enjoyed until recently to stargaze.

Constellations such as the Southern Cross formation are no longer visible because of the very sudden loss of a dark sky.

"You expect light pollution in an urban environment and the cities, but not on the San Remo coast," he comments.

Geoff said that the land affected through the poor choice of lighting is both farmland and public open space.

"The land being floodlit is not part of the Penniwells development, and the development should not be permitted to adversely affect surrounding natural areas," he comments.

"As the lights are also visible from Cape Woolamai, I am also concerned about the Phillip Island

shearwaters that could be attracted to the lights and start nesting nearby, where there are no restrictions on dogs, as there is in other shearwater rookeries on the island."

Geoff said when the plans first came out, he realised that the type of street lighting installed could have an impact on the local environment, and he contacted Bass Coast Shire Council requesting it to address the problem he perceived could occur, by imposing conditions re appropriate lighting.

He said council refused his request, telling him that it was up to the developer of the estate to determine the type of lighting it wished to use.

He would like council to now reconsider, believing that conditions are badly needed to negate the unanticipated affect the new lights have had.

"One point I wish to emphasize is that the council planning department should not be able issue permits without proper consideration to the effects of street lighting."

"Obviously they do not do so at the moment."

Geoff said that the Shearwater estate development opposite the golf course in Cowes is a great example of good directional lighting, which should have been used, and still could be used at Penniwells.

"I am appalled this type of lighting is able to impact on the whole surrounding environment, when there is a suitable alternative that could be used."

"This area is now alight 24/7. The light even shines out to sea, which could affect sea birds as well."

Geoff's message to council and the developer is a simple one.

"Please change over the light fittings to something more suited to this area, in the same way many other councils are doing."

"It is possible to do this, and it is important to do so."

"This has only just happened,



These lights on the foreshore perimeter of San Remo's Penniwells Estate have been criticised for what has been described as light pollution adversely affecting the adjacent environment.

was probably not anticipated, and I would like to raise awareness before other areas are impacted in this way."

Geoff said that with so much development occurring in the coastal town, there needs to be a council policy to protect the natural environment, and particularly the environment abutting the foreshore, from light pollution.

"We are only just becoming aware of this problem down here. So something as simple as a condition on lighting installation needs to be in-

troduced."

Last week a council spokesperson said the lighting was installed by the developer to the specifications provided as part of the planning permit.

"This is the usual lighting for standard light fittings and poles," the spokesperson said.

"This lighting is required in all residential areas for traffic and pedestrian safety on public roads."

"The luminosity and spacing of all lighting has been designed to comply with Australian Standards."

Geoff was not arguing, however, that lighting was not required in residential areas.

His argument is that excellent directional lighting is available for use which would remove the problem that is now occurring at Penniwells, such as the lighting in the Cowes Shearwater Estate, and that the council planning department should ensure conditions appropriate to the effect of street lighting on abutting natural environments should be applied when development applications come before them.

## Dark Skies Alliance

A new movement was established in Australia as recently as 2019, called the Australasian Dark Sky Alliance, to address the type of problem Geoff has identified as emerging here, and works to help conserve the night sky.

Because cities/town are getting bigger and producing more and more night light, light has become the fastest-growing pollutant in the world, increasing by two per cent each year.

Only 20 per cent of the world's population can see the whole night sky, and as urban areas grow this percentage will shrink.

Geoff points out that rising light pollution isn't just a problem that affects astronomers.

The Australasian Dark Sky Alliance works to help address the conservation challenge to wildlife species disrupted by artificial light.

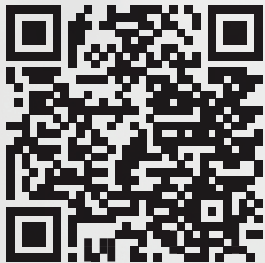
The Federal government's Department of Environment and Energy has already developed National Light Pollution Guidelines for wildlife including marine turtles, seabirds and migratory shorebirds.

These guidelines aim to raise awareness of the potential impacts of artificial light on susceptible wildlife and provide a framework for assessing and managing such impacts.

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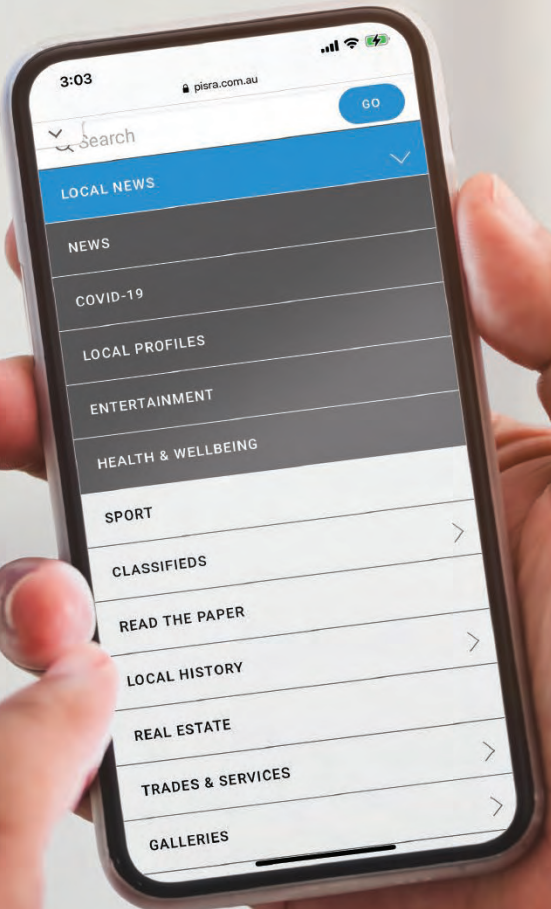
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# Calling all dinosaur fans

Want to know more about the dinosaurs that roamed around San Remo?

Then tonight (Wednesday) there is an online forum run by Melbourne Museum about the *Koolasuchus cleelandi*, a “monster” carnivorous fossil found on the San Remo coastline and now Victoria’s official state fossil emblem.

The forum “Fresh approaches to deep time: A significant fossil can be cool” will

see palaeontologists Dr Tom Rich and Dr Anne Warren talk about the prehistoric monster amphibian that looked like a crocodile and was the size of a car, which lived about 125 million years ago.

Earlier this year Melbourne Museum announced the *Koolasuchus cleelandi* as the winner of a poll to nominate the state fossil emblem, which last year saw 11,500 Victorians vote.

“This extraordinary fossil captured the imagination of the people of Victoria and received the most votes in a field of eight candidates,” Melbourne Museum said.

The palaeontologists will describe how they use fossils to construct a picture of life millions of years ago, including this bizarre pre-historic predator.

“The initial fossil fragments had them shaking their heads as to what kind of animal it was – ‘could it be a dinosaur?’.”

“The puzzle was eventually solved when more fossils with distinctive features were discovered.”

Local fossil collector and educator Mike Cleeland found the fossilised jawbone – teeth included – of the newly-discovered species in April 1990 while foraging in a rock platform off Rowell’s Beach in San Remo.

The forum will run from 6pm-7pm. Details: [museumsvictoria.com.au/](http://museumsvictoria.com.au/)



A fossil of the *Koolasuchus cleelandi* – Victoria’s new official fossil emblem – was discovered in April 1990 in a rock platform off Rowell’s Beach in San Remo.

## silverwaters VINEYARD

The new Silverwaters Vineyard range was launched last year, featuring a Pinot Gris and a Cabernet Shiraz. The Pinot Gris has now sold out and the 2021 Chardonnay and Pinot Noir is selling fast! Silverwaters Vineyard will soon be releasing their 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon and 2021 Shiraz. There are also mixed 6 and mixed 12 pack available.

“Everything under the Silverwaters label is from our single site vineyard in San Remo. We don’t blend.

The wine is sold through the vineyard’s online store, which offers free local delivery, with no minimum purchase. The free delivery covers a huge area from Lang to Phillip Island and all the way to Inverloch, including the towns in between.

People can order ahead and have the wine delivered to their home, their holiday house, caravan park or hotel.

Silverwaters Vineyard also stocks a “project series”, called the Malusa Project. “This is wine we have sourced from elsewhere, of varieties that we don’t grow. We’ve collaborated with other wine makers from different regions within Australia.”

All orders are gift wrapped and can be shipped Australia wide.

You can follow their story on Facebook and Instagram, and order online at [silverwatersvineyard.com.au](http://silverwatersvineyard.com.au)



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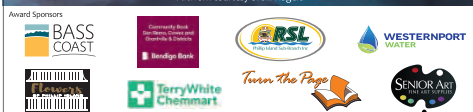
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## World Vision support for Ukraine continues

Phillip Island World Vision raised \$9400 to help Ukraine’s refugees at its recent fundraiser.

“One hundred per cent will go to the front to ease the flight of refugees,” said Phillip Island World Vision President, Lynne Kharanda.

Lynne said the group would continue fundraising over Easter and hopes the community and visitors will get behind the appeal.

Fundraisers include a garage trail sale at Rhyll and collection tables in Cowes.

“Visitors can go to the Rhyll Hall where maps and details of each stall and sale items will be available,” Lynne said.

“Collection tables will be present each day in the foyer of Cowes, at the corner of Church Street and Thompson Avenue. This collection is solely for the Ukraine crisis.”

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# Family fun at the circuit

The Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit Visitor Centre and Go Karts is a destination for the whole family with hours of entertainment on offer - and these school holidays are the perfect time to visit.

If you haven't tried the exhilarating single and tandem Go Karts then you need to strap yourself into the Sodi Karts for a session on the 750-metre track – a replica of the world-renowned Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

With 9 horsepower Honda GX 270cc engines, the French-made karts provides an ultimate karting sensation and are tested to meet the stringent Australian standards.

The RT8 Evo2 single karts can reach up to 65km/per hour and feature a high front blade for greater safety and a roll bar with all-round protection to avoid wheel-to-wheel contact. While the harness seatbelt and easy to use seat adjusters allow for greater comfort and custom fitting.

The 2-drive tandem karts allow the whole family to get involved as the twin seats provide children the thrill of go karting.

The dual steering allows children to get involved while under the safety and super-

vision of an adult driver.

Bookings are recommended.

## Grand Prix motorcycle collection

The star exhibit in the History of Motorsport Display is the collection of 25 Grand Prix winning motorcycles from the two famous Italian marques, Aprilia and Cagiva, with the two-wheel treasures permanently installed in the display at the visitor centre.

In total these sleek racing machines have won nine world championships, 51 Grand Prix wins and 106 podiums.

## Racing simulators

Test your skills or challenge your mates to a simulated race on the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

Go flat out down Gardner Straight, through ultra-fast Doohan Corner, slide through Stoner Corner, thread your way through Siberia and slip stream up the back straight.

Watch out for the hairpin at the bottom of Lukey Heights.

Who will get the bragging rights?

## Café and merchandise

After all the excitement, the Champions licenced cafe delivers with its fresh menu with plenty of choices.

Fantastic coffee and delicious scones, cakes, slices, muffins, pastries, sausage rolls and pies hit the spot.

The gift shop at the visitor centre offers a wide selection of stylish apparel, merchan-

dise, and souvenirs to choose from so you can take a memento home with you.

The Slot Cars, Guided Circuit Tours and Push Bike Days remain unavailable.

For opening hours and current operating conditions visit [www.phillipislandgokarts.com.au](http://www.phillipislandgokarts.com.au). For further information call 03 5952 9400 or visit [www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au](http://www.phillipislandcircuit.com.au) and [www.phillipislandgokarts.com.au](http://www.phillipislandgokarts.com.au)

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**i island GUIDE**

Map of Phillip Island showing various locations and attractions. Numbered markers 1-14 correspond to the surrounding ads.

**WESTERN PORT BAY**

**BASS STRAIT**

**VENTNOR**

**COWES**

**RHYLL**

**SMITHS BEACH**

**SUNDERLAND BAY**

**CAPE WOOLAMAI**

**NEWHAVEN**

**SAN REMO**

**THE NOBBIES CENTER**

**THE Nobbies**

**Seal Rock**

**Black Rock**

**FUR SEALS**  
Take a tour around Seal Rock and marvel at Australia's largest fur seal colony

**PENGUIN PARADE**  
Phillip Island is home to the largest Little Penguin colony in the world. Watch them return from the ocean nightly at dusk.

**GRAND PRIX CIRCUIT**

**SMITHS BEACH**

**Phillip Island NATIONAL SURFING RESERVE.**  
The reserve is made up of four sites along Phillip Island's coast: Cape Woolamai, Smiths Beach, Summerland and Cat Bay.

**WHALE MIGRATION**  
Witness the annual arrival of humpback and southern right whales and even the occasional killer whales from May to September.

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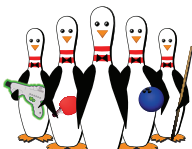
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## Lions and Mitre10 join to fight childhood cancer

On Easter Saturday morning, April 16, the Lions Club of Phillip Island and Cowes Mitre10 will be putting on a fund-raising BBQ to help defeat childhood cancer.

Part of the Australian Lions Biggest BBQ 2022, the BBQ will be held outside the Mitre10 store in Settlement Road on Easter Saturday morning from 9am.

Since 1996, Lions Australia has contributed over \$12 million to childhood cancer research. This effort has helped the development of safer and more effective blood stem cell transplantation for leukaemia patients following chemotherapy, leading to shorter hospitalisation and more rapid recovery.

The battle against childhood cancer is not yet over. Funds raised by Lions Club of Phillip Island at this Easter BBQ will be used to support the best scientific and clinical childhood cancer

research conducted right across Australia. Many of the other 1200 Lions Clubs across Australia will be running similar BBQs throughout 2022 to add their contribution to the fight against childhood cancer.

A particular target for the funds raised in 2022 is to contribute to leading research in Cancer Immunotherapy, focusing on supercharging the body's natural defences to destroy cancer cells.

Mitre10 will of course be open for business as usual on Saturday with its range of quality hardware.

Lions Club of Phillip Island also welcome the assistance provided by Bakkers Delight in Cowes for this battle against kids' cancer.

If you would like to get involved in any of the Lions' Community Service activities on Phillip Island please email lionsclubphillipisland@gmail.com



Lions Secretary Steve Munro and Mitre10 Manager Craig Marinus join the fight against kids' cancer. The Lions Club and Mitre 10 in Cowes will hold a fund-raising BBQ from 9am on Easter Saturday.

## Making the world a better place for children

The Island Story Gatherers will partner with the To Be Loved Foundation for a special film and discussion night on Saturday, April 23.

Titled "Making the world a better place for children", it will be presented by Darren Mort BSc, LLB, who will discuss his work as a barrister in the Family Court. His foundation To Be Loved supports children and young adults through their journey of family breakdown via the Family Court.

The award-winning short film "Tommy" will be shown, and a panel of legal experts will explain and demonstrate court procedures and how they can improve the experience for children and young adults.

"Tommy" has been selected for a number of international and national film festivals, including being selected for Academy qualifying and BAFTA recognised competitions.

Co-Produced by Darren the film showcases the painful reality of a family custody battle – seen through the eyes of a child.

With 30 years' experience as a barrister in the family court and a background in acting and producing, Darren sought inspiration from a case he was involved in over a decade ago, involving a young boy severely distressed from the harmful relationship between his parents.

Of the nearly one in two divorces,

48 per cent of those relationships have children and 65 per cent of those children are exposed to family violence.

Making the film, Darren said he hoped "Tommy" would shine light and give a voice to those who are not otherwise heard.

Alongside the short film, Darren has also written a children's book named "Tommy and Tiger Terry" that echoes the film's message.

"Making the World a better place for children" will be held on Saturday, April 23 at 7pm at St John's Uniting Church, 86 Chapel Street, Cowes.

Tickets are \$10. For bookings go to: [pifestivalofstories.com/](http://pifestivalofstories.com/)



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Cheryl Overton and Glenyce Paul preparing the ANZAC items for sale.

## Help this year's ANZAC Appeal

The 2022 ANZAC Appeal commenced this week. Volunteers are always welcome to help with badge sales to support our veterans. If you can lend a hand, please contact the Phillip Island RSL on 5952 1004.



The 2022 Probus Committee. Back row: Beverly Walsh, Peter Glanz, Trevor Edwards, Judi Leece, Dianne Glanz and John Ward. Front: Lillian Heflinger, Lynn Ward, Barbara Moon, Marj Powell and Barbara Riddiford.

## New president and committee for Probus

At the recent AGM of the San Remo Probus Club the new committee was appointed for 2022 – 2023.

The outgoing President Beverly Walsh received a Service Award presented by the incoming President Lynn Ward.



THE ISLAND STORY GATHERERS AND THE TO BE LOVED FOUNDATION BRING YOU:  
**MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR CHILDREN**  
PRESENTED BY DARREN MORT BSc, LLB

DARREN DISCUSSES HIS WORK AS A BARRISTER IN THE FAMILY COURT AND HIS FOUNDATION TO BE LOVED TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS THROUGH THEIR JOURNEY OF FAMILY BREAKDOWN VIA THE FAMILY COURT. THE AWARD WINNING FILM "TOMMY" (M15+) WILL BE SHOWN AND A PANEL OF LEGAL EXPERTS WILL EXPLAIN AND DEMONSTRATE COURT PROCEDURES AND HOW THEY CAN IMPROVE THE EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 AT 7PM

ST JOHN'S UNITING CHURCH, 86 CHAPEL STREET, COWES

TICKETS: \$10.00

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### What's On This Week?

#### School Holiday Cinema



**Sonic the Hedgehog 2**

[PG] 1h50m

Tue 12 Apr 4.15pm  
Wed 13 Apr 6.00pm  
Thur 14 Apr 10.00am  
Sat 16 Apr 2.20pm  
Sun 17 Apr 12.15pm  
Tue 19 Apr 12.15pm  
Wed 20 Apr 10.00am  
Thur 21 Apr 5.00pm  
Fri 22 Apr 10.00am  
Sat 23 Apr 5.00pm  
Sun 24 Apr 12.15pm



**Rabbit Academy**

Mission: Eggpossible

[PG] 1h16m

Tue 12 Apr 10.00am  
2.15pm  
Wed 13 Apr 12.30pm  
Thur 14 Apr 12.45pm  
5.15pm  
Sat 16 Apr 12.30pm  
Sun 17 Apr 3.00pm



**Off The Rails [M] 1h34m**

Tue 12 Apr 12.00pm  
Sun 17 Apr 10.00am  
Wed 20 Apr 5.30pm  
Thur 21 Apr 12.20pm



**The Bad Guys**

[PG] 1h45m

Thur 14 Apr 2.45pm  
Sat 16 Apr 10.00am  
Sun 17 Apr 5.00pm  
Tue 19 Apr 10.00am  
Wed 20 Apr 3.15pm  
Thur 21 Apr 10.00am  
Fri 22 Apr 12.40pm  
Sat 23 Apr 2.30pm  
Sun 24 Apr 3.00pm



**Uncharted [M] 1h56m**

Tue 12 Apr 7.00pm  
Wed 13 Apr 10.00am  
Sun 17 Apr 7.30pm  
Tue 19 Apr 5.15pm  
Wed 20 Apr 12.45pm  
Thur 21 Apr 2.30pm  
Fri 22 Apr 7.45pm



**The Batman [M] 2h55m**

Wed 13 Apr 2.30pm  
Sat 16 Apr 7.30pm  
Tue 19 Apr 7.45pm  
Wed 20 Apr 7.40pm  
Sun 23 Apr 7.45pm



**Dog [M] 1h41m**

Thur 14 Apr 7.15pm  
Sat 16 Apr 5.00pm  
Tue 19 Apr 3.00pm  
Fri 22 Apr 5.15pm  
Sat 23 Apr 10.00am  
Sun 24 Apr 5.30pm



**The Duke [M] 1h36m**

Thur 21 Apr 7.45pm  
Fri 22 Apr 3.00pm  
Sat 23 Apr 12.15pm  
Sun 24 Apr 10.00am

GREEN = OPEN CAPTIONS SESSION

### COMING SOON



**Sun 19 June**

10.45am

Bass Coast Fine Film Group

Parallel Mothers

[M] 2h03m [Spanish]

Venice Film Festival 2021

Best Actress: Penelope Cruz

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**Sun 19 June**

2.00pm Film Fundraiser

Support the SGRAR raising funds for an Afghan family currently in danger in Kabul with this film fundraising event. [www.trybooking.com/BXRSP](http://www.trybooking.com/BXRSP)

Flee [M] 1h30m

[Danish, Dari, Russian, Swedish, French, English]

Flee tells the story of Amin Nawabi as he grapples with a painful secret he has kept hidden for 20 years.



**Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre**

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The open plan kitchen is finished off with stunning stone bench tops, mirrored splash back and premium appliances.



The upstairs living/dining space is the ideal place to relax after a busy day.

# Stunning home in the best location

A rare opportunity to secure yourself a seldom found property with spectacular ocean views and only a few minutes' walk to the amazing Forrest Caves, Surfies Point and Crazy Birds.

The star of the show might be the location and view but don't let that distract you from this quintessential home. Offering three spectacular living zones, three spacious bedrooms, 2.5 bathrooms and a perfectly positioned alfresco to take in the north and south views of Westernport Bay and Bass Strait.

Entering the property you can feel the abundance of space with high ceilings combined with oversized doors throughout the home.

On the ground floor are two bedrooms, two living zones with the front room being ideal for your home office and the larger rear liv-

ing/rumpus room that opens onto the full covered alfresco.

Heading upstairs you get the sense of spaciousness, serenity and ease inside the home with its high ceilings, light flooring and tonal monochrome fittings throughout. The open plan kitchen is finished off with stunning stone bench tops, mirrored splash back and premium appliances.

The living/dining space is the ideal place to relax after a busy day or head out to the adjoining fully covered alfresco, a great place for a BBQ, positioned to take in the northern views of Westernport Bay and to your rear the coastal seas of Bass Strait.

The master retreat is located at the front of the home and built to accommodate furnishings of all sizes. This space offers walk in robes, a private front balcony and a luxury

ensuite complete with double vanity.

Additional features:

- 6 Star Energy rating
- Double glazed windows
- Double car garage with electric door
- Fully fenced and secure property
- Low maintenance
- Walk to the beach
- Versatile floorplan

Not only is this location quiet and protected from the elements, it's a short stroll to one of the best coffees on the island at Ms Dipity's coffee van.

A property of this calibre and location are often sought but rarely found so act quick and call Alex Scott & Staff Cowes on 5952 2633 to call to arrange your own private inspection today.



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# Luxurious home within the Woolamai House Estate

This stunning residence is set amongst some of the best homes Phillip Island has to offer within the Woolamai House Estate.

Offering four bedrooms, two spacious living rooms, oversized theatre room, downstairs outdoor entertainment area with saltwater swimming pool, the upstairs alfresco area is built to take in the amazing water views out to Cape Woolamai safety beach.

This exceptional home showcases style and substance designed to meet every demand from the quality fixtures and fittings – it's one that will tick all the boxes.

Entering the home the stunning hardwood timber floors and high ceilings immediately sets a tone of sophistication and luxury. Three of the four bedrooms are on the ground level, all fitted with quality carpets and built-in robes with one of the bedrooms complete with private ensuite. These bedrooms share a family bathroom with floor to ceiling tiles, spacious shower, and freestanding vanity. Also on this level you will find a laundry with access through to the spacious garage.

The 6x4.4 metre theatre room offers a stunning viewing experience complete with your own projector and screen. This space will be the perfect place to relax.

The rear rumpus room with high ceilings has plenty of room for family gatherings, leading out to the rear entertaining area. And what a space, with bespoke landscaped gardens and Travertine French pattern pavers all flowing to the inground heated saltwater pool.

Designed with upstairs living in mind you will find the heart of the home.

The kitchen is a highly functional space with a large island bench, quality appliances, an abundance of storage, and a large walk-in pantry.

The kitchen flows into the open plan living room and then onto the alfresco perfectly positioned to take in the water views of Cape Woolamai safety beach and sweeping coastline.

The huge master bedroom is located towards the front of the home and offers a beautiful ensuite finished with twin vanities, a walk-in shower, and large walk-in robe.

On this level you will also find a powder room, and a fifth bedroom or home office.

- Additional Features
- Approx. 780 m<sup>2</sup> allotment
  - Inbuilt gas fire with tiled surround and inset TV
  - Three split systems
  - Solar power 5KW system
  - Open plan kitchen with quality appliances
  - Double glazing throughout
  - Extensive upper and lower decks
  - Rainwater tank connected to greywater
  - Side access for boat, caravan or trailer storage
  - Back-to-Base security
  - Bespoke landscaping complete with your own palm tree!

Asking price: \$2,250,000 to \$2,450,000.

This home will be sure to tick all the boxes so call Alex Scott & Staff Cowes to book in your private inspection.



A stunning residence set amongst some of the best homes Phillip Island has to offer within the Woolamai House Estate.



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The alfresco area is perfectly positioned to take in the water views of Cape Woolamai safety beach and sweeping coastline.



## 2 TOSCANA RISE, COWES



- Sophisticated home created with an artist eye
- Walking distance via a sandy track to Red Rocks Beach
- 2 Bedrooms/2 Bathrooms
- Open plan living/2 cars
- Very Private

**CONTACT AGENT**

## 248 SETTLEMENT ROAD, COWES



- Large home in an ideal location only a short stroll to the shops
- Kitchen & dining open onto a large patio area
- 3 bedrooms/3 bathrooms/3 cars

**\$890,000 to \$910,000**

## 1-3 LYALL STREET, VENTNOR



- Large corner allotment of approx. 1413m<sup>2</sup> with 2 residences
- Located 250mts from beach
- 5 bedrooms/2 bathrooms

**\$1,050,000 to \$1,100,000**

## LOT 2 COWES-RHYLL ROAD, COWES



- Approx. 80 acres with views over Westernport Bay and the Rhyll Inlet
- Offering excellent sites for a home STCA

**\$1,500,000 to \$1,600,000**

## 35-37 THE CONCOURSE, COWES



- Freehold commercial factories
- Plus 18 income producing storage units

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## 39 GRAMPIAN BLVD, COWES



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## 29 BUNYA DRIVE, CAPE WOOLAMAI



- Luxurious home within the Woolamai House Estate
- Short 100m walk to the safe beach front
- 4 bedrooms/2 bathrooms/2 cars

**\$2,250,000 to \$2,450,000**

## 2/23 SURF CRESCENT, SURF BEACH



- Spectacular ocean views
- Few minutes' walk to amazing Forrest Cave, Surfies Point & Crazy Birds beaches
- 3 Bedroom/2 Bathroom/2 Car

**\$950,000 TO \$1,045,000**

## 216 COWES-RHYLL ROAD, RHYLL



- Totally self-sufficient, 7-star energy rated home.
- Set on 4.48ha (approx.) with sweeping views of Westernport Bay and French Island
- 3 Bedrooms/1 Bathroom/4 Cars

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## 1/6 HOLLYDENE COURT, COWES



- Perfectly positioned and walking distance to everything Cowes has to offer
- North facing courtyard
- 2 bedrooms/1 bathroom

**\$660,000 to \$680,000**

## 43 BATMAN STREET, SURF BEACH



- Located on The Esplanade at Surf Beach with superb ocean views from Cape Woolamai to Pyramid Rock
- Massive 3 bay garage with entry into the home
- 3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms/3 cars

**\$2,490,000**

## 24 BEMBRIDGE CRESCENT, VENTNOR



- Perfectly positioned only a few minutes' walk to Ventnor Beach
- Water views from the front deck
- 3 bedrooms/1 bathroom/6 Cars

**\$820,000 to \$860,000**

## 4 CLIPPER CRESCENT, SUNSET STRIP



- Enjoy now – develop later!
- Just minutes from Smiths Beach and Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit
- 3 bed/1 bath

**\$675,000 to \$690,000**

## 21/146 THOMPSON AVENUE, COWES



- Stand alone townhouse in the Oceanic Apartment Complex
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- 3 bedrooms/2 bathrooms

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## 21 CADOGAN AVENUE, VENTNOR



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23 Robert Drive, Cowes

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CONTACT MICHAEL MCLEOD 0412 712 034





The popularity of new estates like Penniwells in San Remo has seen a boom in land sales.



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## The alluring beauty of Bass Coast

Over the past two years, Garth Lisle Property Consultants have had the pleasure of being involved in the exciting interest and growth in the local area.

The popularity of the Bass Coast has applied to both house and land sales, with particular interest in new estates such as Penniwells, Westernport views, Vista North and The Park Estate.

The allure of coastal living has seen a rapid turnover of land and houses – all obtaining healthy prices, yet comparatively affordable compared to other coastal areas.

The balance of affordable coastal living has allowed purchasers from Bass Coast, Melbourne, the Peninsula, and regional Victoria to secure seaside property. The local price in-

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### SECURE, PRIVATE AND SPACIOUS



#### Lot 2 95-99 Shetland Heights Rd San Remo

**For sale: EOI Closing 22nd April**

Soon to be titled this generous vacant allotment of 2007m<sup>2</sup> offers a unique opportunity to secure a private yet spacious parcel of land in the thriving coastal township of San Remo. Fully fenced with a long driveway opening to a gently sloping block from back to front, the land is well positioned to take in the views from a second storey dwelling. Being such a large block there is plenty of scope to design and build (stca) your dream coastal getaway accommodating the boat, caravan, and trailer.

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**For sale: Contact Agent**

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### PANORAMA PERFECTION



#### 29 Panorama Dve San Remo

**For sale: Contact Agent**

Panorama by name, Panorama by nature. Superb 858m<sup>2</sup> corner allotment overlooking it all, the bridge, bay and island. The orientation allows for a Northwest facing aspect to compliment the afternoon sun and the beautiful sunsets and night lights. Just a walk to the shopping village and magnificent beaches with the local kindergarten and primary school just down the road.

### COASTAL STYLE AND SOPHISTICATION



#### 30 Potters Hill Rd San Remo

**For sale: Contact Agent**

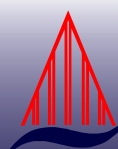
With all the hard work done, this four-bedroom plus study home with bay view's sits ideally on the edge of town within walking distance to the shops and cafes, local beaches, and the newly built secondary college. Set on approx. 675 sq m, the property is abundant, yet low maintenance, appealing to those wanting to make the most of enjoying a seaside lifestyle. With sealed driveway, double garage with internal access and ample off-street parking, the property is well equipped for extra family and friends.

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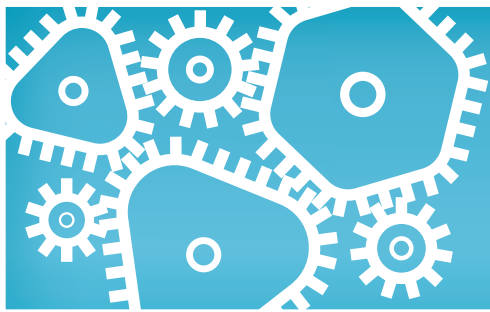


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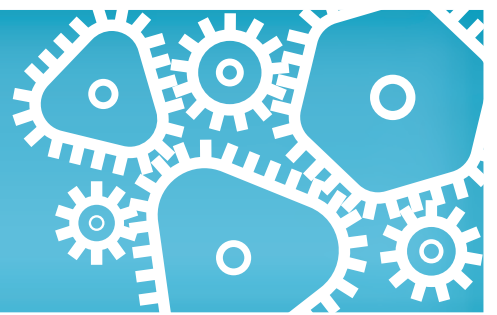
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**HAMILTON, Heather:**  
Now sleeping peacefully.  
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Best friend of Joy from the age of 14 years to 91 years.  
Rest In Peace dear friend.  
I will miss you.  
Love always  
Joy, Trew and Family (WAGNER).

**HAMILTON, Heather:**  
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Loving memories of a special friend over many years.  
Our love & sympathy to Stewie, Faye, Carol & families.  
Love always & sadly missed.  
June & Kaye xx

**HAMILTON, Heather:**  
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So many wonderful times over the years.  
Will miss you dearly darling!  
Treasured memories.

## IN MEMORIAM

**GLEESON, June:**  
I still can't believe that you've gone. I will love you always and treasure the 60 years we had together.  
With every thought there is a tear. For a Wife I lost and loved so dear.  
Gone are the days we used to share. But the ache in my heart is always there.  
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U12s Captain Brydon Marshall addresses the Phillip Island Blue U12s before the game.



U14s Blue Nate Patch goes up in the ruck. Photo: Karli Di Paola.

# Junior footy victory for Under 14s

## U10s Blues

In a perfect day for football it was a pleasure hosting Inverloch at the kennel. The Blue pups knew they were in for a good contest as Invy has plenty of under 10s running around this season.

Captain for the week Zac Ivey came well prepared with a speech that our senior footballers would be proud of.

The big focus and message from coach Marshy was make sure our backline was tight, our forwards keep moving around and as a team to back ourselves and most importantly have fun!

We certainly started that way with the back line clearing every forward attack Invy threw at us. We were pleased to have one of our top age pups in Flynn Riley playing his first game for the season and he certainly hasn't lost any pace or attack on the footy from last season which saw him play a great four quarter game.

Ned Mathews playing his very first game mixed it with the best and we are all looking forward to his season ahead.

As mentioned, our backline did what was required all day with some standout efforts by Kai Den Blyden, Chuck Cameron, Sonny Williams and Will Patton.

The forwards and midfield also worked hard all day against some very good young Ivy opponents. Archie Paxton, Jax Marshall, Jet Fawes and Cody Naismith were on the bottom of most packs and battled hard all day.

It was a tough one to give out the awards this week as all the pups did what was needed when needed but award winners this week were: Zac Ivey, Flynn Riley, Archie Paxton, Cody Naismith, Sonny Williams and Jax Marshall.

We now have a week off for Easter and school holidays but are all look-

ing forward to round 3. Thanks again to all the parent helpers.

## U10 Reds

This week we travelled to Leon-gatha to take on the Parrots.

The conditions were perfect and the boys were fired up and ready to play.

The Parrots jumped us in the first quarter as the Reds were a bit slow to get going.

Our backline tried hard to nullify the fast-running Parrots applying strong tackles.

The second quarter saw the Reds regain some composure and start moving the ball more freely.

"Crackers" Keinan Stray showed great attack on the ball and rebounded the ball up the ground giving us a chance to score while Hugh Wain zipped around the ground at pace attacking the packs.

The third quarter saw first gamer Louis Brodie go into the ruck and showed plenty of skill tapping the ball to our midfields advantage.

Nash Hornsby Ramage took a great mark on the wing and picked out a teammate with precision.

We really started to click and the ball movement was fast and accurate.

Jye "The General" Smith took a huge mark and locked down the backline.

The intensity went up in the fourth quarter and our team matched it.

Tackle machine Flynn Doig was rewarded with a shot on goal and kicked truly.

Oliver Hellmuth-Pask was tough and skillful running off the backline unloading accurately to our fast wingers while once again the silky skills of Taj Piera kept the ball in the right spot for the Reds in what was our best quarter on the day.

We learned a lot today and will look to work on implementing some new



PI Blues U12s. Left to right: Kyra Carton, Gemma Fischer, Bryce Lawrence, Bailey Parry, Archie William and captain Brydon Marshall run onto the ground.

skills when we take on Dalyston after an extended break.

## U12 Blue

Phillip Island Blue U12s played against Inverloch-Kongwak at the Cowes ground today, in Round 2 of the 2022 Footy season.

Proudly lead by captain Brydon Marshall who gave the Blue pups some words of encouragement before they ran out into the sunshine and onto the field.

The team was wearing black armbands in honour of the passing of Heather Hamilton who was a lifetime member of the PIFNC.

Will Patton and Jax Marshall stepped up from U10s to help their

U12s team who were down six players today including four top age players.

The IK Sea Eagles attacked well and dominated in the first half taking a strong 28-point lead by half time, but Coach Tarryn Allen put a fire under the PI Blue Pups with his half time address, and they picked up their defensive and tackling game, not allowing their opponents to score at all in the third quarter.

Although the Doggies dominated the second half with one goal scored to IK's two points, it just wasn't enough to overcome IK's firm first half lead, and the visiting side took the win 2-1-13 to 5-7-37.

Standout PI Blue Pup players were

Kane Patton, Harvey Paterson, Thomas Hosking, Brydon Marshall, and Kolby Carton, and goal kickers Archie Williams and Ryder Van Steensel.

## U14 Red.

This week Under 14 Red played their first away game for the season at Leongatha. With only 14 kids able to play we had three kids from Under 12 Red play up.

Leongatha had the wind in the first quarter and scored a few goals pretty quickly.

We followed up with five goals in the second quarter and with a solid line of defence we didn't give Leongatha many more scoring opportunities for the rest of the game.

Everyone on the field contributed to a great game of team first footy!

PI.Red 10.13.73 def Leongatha 4.4.28.

Goals: 2 – Connor Macmillan, Zach Sund.

Goals 1 – Max Nicka, Ethan Rhee, Harry Bentley, Thomas Macmillan, Archie Ross, Aidan Smyth.

Best on: 1. Archie Ross, 2. Connor Macmillan, 3. Thomas Macmillan, 4. Max Nicka, 5. Toby Davies, 6. Harry Bentley.

## U14 Blue

The Under 14s Phillip Island Blue Bulldogs, hosted Inverloch/Kongwak on Sunday. It was a warm and windy day and our boys were antsy and ready to play. It was always going to be a physical match.

The Blues stood up to the task and applied intensity and unrelenting pressure, in which they did not waiver. It paid off with us taking home the win 40-29.

Go Bulldogs!

Best mentions to: Felix Bathgate, Seth McBean, Xavier Williams and Ayden Fawaz.

## Tennis grand final

On Saturday 26th March the K&DJTA Grand Final was held at Inverloch and Wonthaggi on another beautiful day for tennis.

It was great to see the teams on the court for the deciding game for the season.

A huge thank you to all the players, parents and coaches for all their hard work in making this season such an enjoyable and successful one.

The K&DJTA committee is looking for more volunteers to assist.

Please contact your local club and express your interest.

Pennant Winners Wonthaggi Murray 2-3-24 def Phillip Island Rays 1-2-20.



Section 4: Westernport Hartwig 6-28 defeated Wonthaggi 2-13. Westernport Hartwig team L to R: Finn Campbell-Walker, Cecilia Leys, Zoe Arnott, Magnus Bathgate and Bede Prideaux.



Pennant. Wonthaggi Murray 2-3-24 defeated Phillip Island Rays 1-2-20. Phillip Island team: Felix Bathgate, Lucas White and Levi Boost.



Section 1: Poonwong Falcons 2-23 defeated Westernport McGregor 1-21. Westernport team: Ameila Crooks, Abby Pappas and Lara Standish.





Jordan Patullo showed the faithful why he is so highly regarded by the coaching panel with a couple of sensational goals.



Orlando Gillard-Kane during the Seniors win against Warragul Industrials.

# Bulldogs all warm and snug!

From page 32

Arie (the Saviour) Cook – looking a lot like he just strolled out of the Middle East 2000 years or so ago – controlled the back group, taking intercept marks right across the ground for a majestic performance.

Harry Anderson played his best game for the club with terrific forward pressure and creating scoring opportunities and adding two more majors to his tally from Round 1.

Jack Opitz was a defensive weapon, tackling hard and holding down a key back role all day. Hayden Smith on the wing played his role beautifully, working both directions and great ball carry thorough the midfield.

A couple of other highlights were goals for the returning duo Matt (Showtime) Freeman and Blake Christopher.

Really solid complete performance from the team who are improving with their structures and ball movement.

The Team really looking forward to playing in front of a bumper Easter crowd on Saturday

Scores:  
Phillip Island: 3.5.23, 7.8.50, 10.12.72, 12.17.89.

Warragul Industrials: 1.3.9, 2.4.16, 3.4.22, 3.7.25.

Goals:  
Phillip Island: Liam Dayson 4, Harry Anderson 2, James Nicolaci 2, Matt Freeman, Blake Christopher, Finlay Cousins, Hayden Smith.

Warragul Industrials: Stephen

Joyce, Dylan Smith, Travis Maher.

Best Players:  
Phillip Island: Tarquin McMillan, Liam Dayson, Arie Cook, Harry Anderson, Hayden Smith, Jack Opitz.

Warragul Industrials: Tyler Irving, Todd Watson, Matthew Willis, Mark Bradley, Darcy Norton.

## U16s

No U18s for the Dusties, so the U16s started later than and they sure appreciated the fact that the dew was already kicked off the ground – something they won't be able to appreciate every week.

The Island boys got off to a great start, and by quarter time were leading by more than four goals.

Second quarter saw the regarded highly regarded Dusties tighten up, but the pups still managed to slot through three goals to lead by six.

Some excellent free-flowing ball movement was the feature, with Max Arceo and Charlie O'Garey leading the charge, ably assisted by goals from Noah Muller.

The second half turned into something of an arm wrestle, as the Dusties tightened up their defence and began attacking, with stern defence from the Island boys being led by Max and Tim Niven, whilst Cooper Walton remained lively.

All in all, an excellent hit out against an opponent expected to be 'thereabouts' later in the year!

Scores:  
Phillip Island: 5.2.32, 8.3.51, 9.4.58, 11.7.73.



Harry O'Brien scored two goals and was named one of the Bulldogs' most valuable players for the match.

Warragul Industrials: 1.1.7, 2.4.16, 3.4.22, 3.5.23.

Goals:  
Phillip Island: Noah Muller 3, Charlie O'Garey 3, Cooper Walton, Sonny McMillan, Max Taylor, Oliver Duggan, Daniel Caffieri.

Warragul Industrials: Alixander Tauru 2, Kade Rossborough 1.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Max Arceo, Charlie O'Garey, Daniel Caffieri, Timo-

thy Niven, Noah Muller, Cooper Walton.

Warragul Industrials: Benjamin Allsop, Zac Tepper, Alixander Tauru, Tom Logan, Declan Burton, Arli Fleming.

## Veterans (Over 35)

After finally being confirmed by relevant leagues and clubs, the Veterans (Over 35s) team was given the go ahead only three weeks ago.

Since that time, frantic organising, registering, chasing and merchandise ordering resulted in the team kicking off on Sunday.

In the inaugural outing for the new kids on the block, the Phillip Island Veterans team turned back the clock and put on a dominant performance.

In ideal conditions, the over 35s headed up the hill to Neerim South, where they sombrely dusted off kit bags heavy with the scent of past glory.

Breakout performances to Joel Goodall, Robbie Linford, Andrew Tolley and Tahi Legg saw a great win go to the bulldogs.

Special mention to Lee Neubauber for kicking the first goal in the history of the Veterans team, also a big thankyou to team manager Jai Kleverkamp, trainer Kylie Hammond and runner Scott Stanley for volunteering their time to the team!

Scores:

Phillip Island: 5.3.33, 9.6.60, 13.8.86, 20.11.131.

Neerim Neerim South: 1.1.7, 3.3.21, 6.4.40, 6.6.42.

# Island netballers came out firing

## B Grade

The B Grade girls were eager to take the court for their first home game of the season.

They came out firing and settled any nerves by scoring the first couple of goals and were able to keep this momentum going throughout the remainder of the game.

With a strong defensive effort by Tessa, Sophie, Amelie, the defenders did a great job shutting down Warragul's attacking end, whilst Maddy, Jannah and Amber provided great drives and plenty of options through the mid court. Janelle, Charli and Lily were fantastic in the goaling circle, combining very well and rewarding any turnovers created by the girls.

It was a strong performance by the whole B Grade side – keep up the good work!

Final Score: Phillip Island 61 def Warragul 33

Best On: Tessa Johnston and Sophie Gysberts.

## C Grade

With another beautiful day on the island, no wind and plenty of sunshine the C Grade team took to the court ready to improve on last week's game.

And they sure did fire right from the start with the defence of Chloe, Niki, Rose, Ruby and Tori playing a tight controlled unit.

The Dusties were struggling to get through to goals, and with plenty of rebounds giving the mid court of Steph, Rose and Alice lots of chances to feed the attackers of Abby and Katie who didn't let their team mates down with solid accurate shooting.

A really good all round team effort bought home a great win.

Yes there's plenty of TLC around this week.

Phillip Island 47 def Warragul Industrials 23.

Best players: Abby Mc Corron and Katie Jones.



B grade showing off the new digital score board after a solid win.

## U17s

U17s showcased athleticism and skill. They started strong and kept a

generous lead throughout the game.

It was a great team effort winning 70/12.

A shout out to our 15s Bella and Meika for filling in.

Best on went to our speedy duo Lexi and Isla.

## U15s

15s first home game on a beautiful sunny day vs Warragul Dusties.

Our girls came out strong, with the entire team playing well.

Defence shut down all passes into Dusties ring, our mid court had speed and fed strong passes into the shooters which were easily converted into goals.

First half we proved too powerful winning both Qs 12/1 and 13/1. Third quarter we changed a few positions and Dusties fought hard having their best Q 6/4.

We took it away again in the last 12/2 winning 43/8.

Best on Isabella and Grace, both showing versatility in goals and defence.





Nikki van Dijk made it through to the semi-finals in the Rip Curl Pro Trials at Bells Beach last week. Photo Liam Robinson, Surfing Victoria.

## Bells Beach trials for island surfers

Phillip Island was represented by five surfers at the 2022 Rip Curl Pro Trials at Bells Beach last week.

None of the surfers made it through to the main event, but it was a brilliant display from the island's young guns.

Sage Goldsbury and siblings Nikki and Joe van Dijk made it through to their respective semi-finals before bowing out.

Victorian Open champion Sophie Fletcher and Phillip Island Boardriders captain Harry de Roth were

knocked out in the heats.

The Rip Curl Bells Beach Pro kicked off on April 10 and competition can run for up to 10 days.

The world class line up includes Sally Fitzgibbons, Carissa Moore, Stephanie Gilmore, India Robinson and Tyler Wright in the women's competition.

In the men's Kelly Slater, Owen Wright, Mick Fanning, John John Florence, Kanoa Igarashi, Filipe Toledo and Nat Young are amongst the competitors.



Joe van Dijk at the Rip Curl Pro Trials at Bells Beach. Photo Liam Robinson, Surfing Victoria.



Sage Goldsbury at the Rip Curl Pro Trials at Bells Beach last week. Photo Liam Robinson, Surfing Victoria.



National team Sophie McKenzie, Skye Munro, Rahni Matheson, Sienna Matheson, Mostyn Lumsden and Coach Dylan Muir are off to South Australia this week for the Age Swimming Championships.

## South Gippy Bass swimming report

It's time to pack your bags, for the seven South Gippsland Bass swimmers joining 1800 athletes at the most anticipated swimming events of the year in Adelaide, at the South Australia Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

First up on April 11-18 is the Swimming Australia's 2022 Australian Para and Age Swimming Championships, followed by the Australian Swimming Championships May 18-22.

Rahni Matheson, Trinity O'Keefe, Milla Laub, Sienna Matheson, Mostyn Lumsden, Skye Munro and Sophie McKenzie will all represent the club at the National Competition in their respective ages.

Achieving National Qualifying times is the dream and goal of many swimmers and these seven made it a reality! The whole of SGB is cheering

you on.

They are in good hands with Coach Dylan Muir there to assist.

Thank you Gippsland Sports Academy for supporting all the Gippsland swimmers attending Nationals.

Day 3: April 13 – 200 Breaststroke Rahni Matheson

Day 4: April 14 – 200IM Rahni Matheson; 100 Breaststroke Trinity O'Keefe

Day 5: April 15 – 50 Freestyle Milla Laub; 100 Breaststroke Sienna Matheson

Day 7: April 17 – 50 Fly Mostyn Lumsden; 200 Breaststroke Sienna Matheson; 200 Breaststroke Skye Munro

Day 8: April 18 – 50 Breaststroke Rahni Matheson, 100 Breaststroke Rahni Matheson

17 May – Open. Sophie McKenzie.



Milla Laub will compete in the 50m freestyle at the Age Swimming Championships in South Australia on April 15.



Trinity O'Keefe is off to the Age Swimming Championships in South Australia, competing in the 100m breaststroke on April 14.

## South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group

Thursday's midweek bowls was played at Koo Wee Rup with 28 bowlers very happy to be out on such a beautiful Autumn day, although the strong wind made for some very wayward bowls. As usual good-natured banter could be heard across the green.

The green was in very good condition, which made it easy to play on.

We welcomed two new players and they enjoyed themselves very much and will be back.

As usual the scores were high.

With only one two game winner the scores were as follows: winner 36 points runners up 24 points one game winners 22 points.

I think it is a sign of things to come for midweek we have some excellent bowlers.

Sad to say we had a couple of late comers Bill and Michael – I think they forgot to change their clocks

back!

A big thank you to David Talbot and Gwen Jeffrey who helped out

In the kitchen and David in the bar also thank you to Delia Cave who baked beautiful muffins for our morning tea. A great midweek member and enthusiastic bowler.

Thank you to the members who brought in items for the free raffle table we had a lovely arrangement of products.

Next week we will be playing at Lang Lang. As usual 10am at club for a 10.30am start. BYO lunch. Everyone welcome please come and give us a try you will not be disappointed. We will make you feel very welcome.

For more information or to register please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 the night before.

Come early on the day. See you on the green.



Winners: Robyn Coulson, Barry Johnson, Sue Wright and Michael Saunders.



One Game Winners: John Nicholson, Elaine Williams and Luke Monkton.

## Phillip Island golf results

### Tuesday, April 5 Mens Stableford

Winner was Alan Schache (31) with 39 points on c/b from Glen McInnes (31) with 3 points.

Mens Nine hole competition winner was Brian Baker (16) with 19 points on c/b from David Gladman (16).

### Wednesday, April 6 Ladies Stableford

Winner was Mary Smith (32) with 39 points, runner up was Sheryl Smith (33) with 38 points.

Nine hole competition winner was Wendy Hamilton (21) 15 points, runner up Norma Carr (22) 14.

### Thursday, April 7 Open Stableford

Winner was Max Bentley (39) with 21 points, runner up Mark Haringsma 39 (31) on c/b.

Nine Hole stableford competition winner was Len Fenton (18) with 17

points, on c/b from David Scarse (18) 17 points and Ian Bray (18) 17 points.

### Saturday, April 9 Stableford

A Grade winner was Rob Sparkman (12) with 39 points, runner up was Matt Brown (10) with 38 points on c/b.

B Grade Winner was Fred Panozzo (16) with 40 points to Denis Osborne (15) with 38 points.

C Grade Winner was Don Stewart - Uden (24) with 39 points on c/b to Karl Elise (22).

NTP: 5th Mark Jamieson, 7th Brent White, 10th Dan McConnan, 17th Mike Fitzmaurice, 18th John Maguca.

The Ladies winner was Jen Bilson (27) with 42 Points from Lorraine Hammon (18) with 38 points.

NTP: 5th Lesley Meadowcroft, 7th Vicki Roff-Smith, 10th Jen Bilson, 17th Liz Gleeson, 18th Dawn Andrews.

### RSL Euchre results

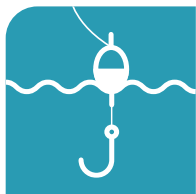
Ladies Winner: Vicki Amato 7 Wins

Men's Winner: Les Walton 6 Wins

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## AROUND THE BAY

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE

Easter and the school holidays already and generally the last chance for most to have a bit of a holiday while the weather is still reasonable.

With the Rhyll boat ramp still closed remember to arrive at Newhaven or Cowes with a bit of patience because it will be busy.

The fish won't go anywhere and if you need to be at your favourite spot at a certain time just get to the ramp early to save the stress. No point starting off the day badly then possibly catching not much, doesn't make for a good holiday.

The Easter weather can be a little inconsistent and as I write this report on Sunday afternoon, the forecast is showing a possible a few showers Friday but looking at improving from then but still mid 20s and little wind.

Mind you by the time Friday gets here the forecast could be 100 per cent different.

Easter Good Friday Fishing competition is on and as well as entries coming in we have had several customers come in and donate to the prize pool.

We posted a list about a week ago which has changed several times since with the addition of prizes and a few categories have been added.

You must catch a fish to win the category or secret weight prizes but everyone that enters goes into the hourly prize draws and with over 100 prizes to be won its worth entering just for that. (See more details on page 9).

Entries must be in before 2pm Good Friday and fishing goes from Friday morning to Monday lunchtime, so plenty of time to get out for a fish.

Over the weekend we send out regular texts not only to let people know who has won the hourly draws but to give you information about the comp, additional categories, special draws and to promote our sponsors who make this competition possible. It's because

of our generous sponsors we are also able to donate 100 per cent of the entry money to the Children's Hospital Appeal. The shop will be open at 6am everyday over the Easter weekend.

Fishing over the last couple of weeks has been ordinary at best but with very good reason and nothing to do with the fish not biting.

It's always difficult coming into Easter to give reports as we only ever get a handful between the Labour Day long weekend and Easter with very few fishing.

The reports we do get however from those able to get out for a fish are usually of quality.

This year things have been a little different with the weather not the best with the east winds still hanging around. Unfortunately it's been the pattern for the whole season and there isn't a worse direction for the wind to come from. The other thing that has slowed down the fishing is the price of fuel over the last month it's becoming just too expensive to fuel up the boat.

Thankfully it looks like there will be some relief for Easter at the petrol bowser and while some will leave the boat at home there is still plenty of places to fish off the land so don't forget the fishing gear.

The reports we did get over the last couple of weeks have been good with the quality fish mostly whiting with a handful of calamari and snapper.

The quantity of fish belongs to salmon, especially in the bay where we have had large schools chasing the even bigger schools of bait.

They have been reported from most of the channels and off Cowes but also from across the corals.

Mixed up with the salmon is plenty of Tailor and you just don't know what you have got until it gets to the boat because they will both take the same lures.

Whiting reports have almost all come from the shallow water of late which could be a little to do with the southeast winds which make the deeper spots uncomfortable and difficult to anchor.

With the tuna disappearing the traffic has slowed in Cleeland Bight and we have seen more whiting from there again.

The most consistent area has been under the sand hill but if it is a little quiet there and conditions allow, head over to the gutter on other side to the back of Foots and give it a try.

Don't forget your squid jigs as the calamari are in the same spots.

The whiting from in Dickies Bay have been at the Maggi Shoal end then across the top around Reef Island.

Bass River also had a report or two from Corinella.

Most of the whiting were very good size and consistent size while numbers were ok.

Calamari from the same areas in the boats but more reports from the land with the ordinary weather, jetties during the day and beaches early and late.

Not as many snapper during the week but several showed up over the weekend.

Gardiners Channel to Elizabeth Island the best with a lot of smaller pinkies across the corals.

Gummies also in the same spots but not too many of any size across the corals and only a couple reasonable ones from in the channel.

The best reports from the last couple of weeks would have to be the kingfish being caught in the bay.

While they haven't been one metre plus fish that you see offshore, several have been a respectable 70cm plus and very close to the boat ramp, live bait or whole Californian squid.

Jim's Bait and Tackle is now at new address 90 Back Beach Road, San Remo.

## The tenth Rhyll Angling competition

The Rhyll-Phillip Island Angling Club (RPIAC) concluded the 2021/2022 season with its tenth angling competition on April 9 and 10.

Angling members, who were keen to add fish to the season's tally, embraced the best of the weekend's weather on Saturday and a few tried again on Sunday in lumpier conditions. Light winds, mainly from the north, and bouts of sunshine combined to bring mild autumn weather for the weekend.

With the final weigh-in day of the competition on Sunday, there was a supportive crowd at the club room to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of the RPIAC anglers.

This weekend's post-competition presentation was also a special occasion for the Squidgies (anglers aged nine and under) and Juniors (anglers aged 10 to 16) as their season's participation awards and club champions were announced.

It was a great opportunity for members to catch up, enjoy a meal, and thank volunteers and the weekend's catering sponsors, Kristo's Charcoal Rotisserie and Bakers Delight Cowes.

Despite cooler water temperatures, a total of 32 fish and one shark were in contention for prizes from club sponsor Phillip Island Marine.

The weigh-in masters were busy on Saturday and welcomed a few first-timers who embraced the opportunity to weigh-in on the weekend.

The variety of eligible species included snapper, King George whiting, leather jacket, flathead, trevally, and gummy shark.

Hunter Williams participating in his first competition and Denver Firth an angler of many seasons, were inseparable in the weekend's Squidgie Mixed Bag Points competition.

Hunter and Denver each presented two fish worth 40 points for weigh-in, and shared glory to tie in first place.

Phoenix Firth had a great day out on Saturday and caught the Junior's biggest

fish, a flathead weighing 605 grams, to win the Junior Weight competition.

Isabella Bland was motivated and enthusiastic, weighing-in a valuable King George whiting worth 938 points (335 grams), to win the Junior Points competition.

The Senior Heaviest Weight competitions were won by Len Bates and Helen Ismail, each weighing in fish hovering around the one-kilo mark.

Len's biggest fish was a leather jacket weighing 965 grams, whilst Helen weighed-



Isabella Bland, the 2021/2022 Junior Club Champion and winner of the weekend's Junior Points competition.

in for the first time with a trevally weighing 1030 grams.

The Senior Points competitions were won by Sam Orr and Carrienne Peatey, who chased and caught some impressive King George whiting worth 1526 points (545 grams) and 1484 points (530 grams), respectively.

The Senior Shark competition was won by Shain Ismail, also weighing-in for the first time, with a gummy shark of 3305 grams. The Secret Weight prize was reeled-in by Tenille Predice, who was closest to the weekend's secret weight with a 625-gram flathead (secret weight 623 grams).

The 2021/2022 RPIAC Squidgie competition was dominated by the remarkable consistency and enthusiasm of Denver Firth, who always performed and often out-fished older competitors. Over

the 10-competition season, Denver weighed-in 41 fish for a total of 720 points and was awarded the trophy and title of Squidgie Club Champion. Zachary Gomm, who fished well early-on, finished the season in second place and was announced the Squidgies' runner-up.

Anglers showed great energy and enthusiasm in the 2021/2022 RPIAC Junior Competition, which was close, and the top two were separated by just one fish. Phoenix Firth impressed throughout the season and finished with a total of 7773 points in the competition, earning the trophy for Runner-up Junior Club Champion. With a total of 8211 points, Isabella Bland squeezed through to the top and was awarded the title and trophy for 2021/2022 Junior Club Champion.

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

The incentives up for grabs were for eligible species that equal or exceed the nominated weight and included: King George Whiting (1000 grams), Snapper (10kg), Gummy Shark (20 kg), Mulloway (25kg) and Kingfish (25kg).

The RPIAC Senior Club Champions will be announced at the RPIAC Senior Presentation Night function on May 14.

RPIAC encourages the sharing of interests and enthusiasm for angling to create lasting bonds and memories. They promote responsible and sustainable practices and welcome participants in the next competition season, scheduled to commence in Spring 2022.

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

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

## Phillip Island bowls

Things are starting to quieten down here on the Island for this bowls season with one major tournament left to come - the Robin Blackman Autumn Carnival from Sunday, April 24 until May 1 with lots of competitors from near and far expected to participate.

Meanwhile we had a team of ladies head off to Country Week. We all know what happens at country week stays at country week but the girls did us proud and made it all the way to the quarterfinals before being out bowled by the team from Moama.

Also this week we had 32 players head up to Yarrawonga to compete for the RSL Edinburgh Shield and although the weather was pretty miserable on arrival on Friday



Photo: (L-R) Julie Pora, Carol Hoffman, Trish Williams and Lynn Rogerson.

and had some of us doubting if we would get to play at all over the weekend, the rain curtain parted and the sun shone through for a great finish to our time away.

The results were mixed from both A and B side teams and as we went to print, final

results for who took home the Shield was not yet available. I'm pretty confident it wasn't us, but we had a fabulous time and caught up with old friends and some newcomers to the team made some great new friends. A great time was had by all.

## Tenpin bowling results

### Current ladder

2s Company: 1st on 15pts Pinheads, 2nd on 15pts Him & Her, 3rd on 14pts Strike me Lucky.

ABL: 1st on 112.5pts PinPals, 2nd on 100.5pts Island Sector, 3rd on 100pts Just Bowl Already.

Business: Winning this season in 1st place Turkey Slappers on 23pts, 2nd on 15.5pts 3 Stooges, 3rd on 13pts CTD Carpentry.

Phantom: 1st on 11pts Falcor, 2nd on 11pts Blondie, 3rd on 10pts Elizabeth.

### Top scorers this week

Men: Steve A Clarke 203, Joe Depetro 199, Peter Macinnes 192.

Woman: Barbara Burns 175, Penny Wolswinkel 164, Karen Klym 163.



Business League finish off their first season! Taking out first place we have Turkey Slappers: Will Musgrove, Joel Panozzo and Chris Lawrence (not pictured).

## TIDE GUIDE

Tidal predictions for Stony Point, Cowes -0.09 Newhaven -0.31

HIGH TIDE IS MARKED IN BLACK

WED 13 APR		THU 14 APR		FRI 15 APR		SAT 16 APR		SUN 17 APR		MON 18 APR		TUE 19 APR	
LOW	1:59 am 1.30 m	LOW	2:55 am 1.32 m	LOW	4:08 am 1.27 m	LOW	5:22 am 1.12 m	HIGH	12:32 am 2.54 m	HIGH	1:27 am 2.62 m	HIGH	2:15 am 2.69 m
HIGH	8:09 am 2.30 m	HIGH	9:19 am 2.25 m	HIGH	10:46 am 2.30 m	HIGH	12:11 pm 2.47 m	LOW	6:25 am 0.91 m	LOW	7:18 am 0.69 m	LOW	8:07 am 0.49 m
LOW	2:03 pm 0.96 m	LOW	3:06 pm 1.08 m	LOW	4:29 pm 1.16 m	LOW	5:51 pm 1.15 m	HIGH	1:19 pm 2.70 m	HIGH	2:18 pm 2.93 m	HIGH	3:11 pm 3.11 m
HIGH	9:18 pm 2.47 m	HIGH	10:23 pm 2.44 m	HIGH	11:30 pm 2.47 m			LOW	7:00 pm 1.09 m	LOW	7:56 pm 1.03 m	LOW	8:46 pm 0.98 m

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Zac Vernon in action during his 100th Seniors game.

# Bulldogs all warm and snug!

What a difference a week (well six days really) makes. From cold, wet and drizzle in Round 1 to perfect sunny skies with 26C for Round 2. The Kennel looked absolutely stunning for its first senior game for 2022.

## Seniors

The Senior game began with Snug (Zac Vernon) being recognised for his magnificent 100 senior games for the Bulldogs. Bulldogs identity and famous son Jess Gizza ran through the banner with Zac to bring the team onto the ground – think that Zac might be one of Gizza's favourites!

With Damo Holmes and Kai Mackenzie returning the seniors, the Bulldogs looked primed in the beautiful conditions.

The game began with the Bulldogs attacking the Chapel Street end goals.

Frustratingly for the coaching panel, a period of early domination resulted in a string of behinds, with the occasional foray forward for the Dusties.

After 15 minutes the Dusties led by 12 points (2 goals) to 5 (all behinds).

Zac Vernon was busy in his milestone game, and Daniel Pearce was leading from the back.

Late in the quarter a sudden rush of straight kicking saw the Bulldogs move ahead!

The second quarter saw more sustained domination in the middle, with Cam Pedersen and Jaymie Youle bringing in the Taylors-B (Bill and Ben) and the returning Kai (Duck) Mackenzie into the fray. Jack (Bison) Taylor began to roam the forward line – covering the absence of Max Blake – and Harry (H) O'Brien started to run riot all over the ground.



Banner made up for Zac Vernon's 100 games! Bulldog identity and famous son Jess Gizza ran through the banner with Zac to bring the team onto the ground.

A late flurry from the Dusties say the lead reduced to a solid 21 points.

After 31 minutes of play it became clear that the ever-faithful PI siren was suffering from heat exposure, with timekeeper Don having to almost hang out the timekeeping window to get the quarter stopped!

The third was all the Bulldogs. Jordy Patullo showed the faithful why he is so highly regarded by the coaching panel with a couple of sensational goals, then that man Pedersen stepped up for a couple and Harry O'Brien continued on his way.

Man of the moment Snug Vernon (with three points to his name) showed his team-first approach when he had the perfect chance to slot a goal, only to unselfishly pass on the certain goal late in the quarter.

The defence led by Daniel Pearce, and Jason (Sauce) Tomada locked down any of the Dusties

entries and the lead headed out to eight goals, with the heat certainly being applied to the opposition.

At three quarter time, it was clear the heat was taking its toll.

Requests for water, drinks, cool towels were granted, and requests for a quick visit to the esky were not!

The Dusties had come to play and were not going to just give up.

They fought out an impressive last, outscoring the Doggies to reduce the end margin.

An intriguing sideline being the Seniors and Reserves scoring exactly the same score! Coincidence or planning of a greater being?

With Snug Vernon chaired off the ground by his teammates, it was time to celebrate after the game with an excellent win against a much-improved opposition!

Scores:  
Phillip Island: 2.6.18, 6.11.47, 11.12.78, 12.17.89.

Warragul Industrials: 2.0.12,

4.2.26, 4.6.30, 8.11.59.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Jordy Patullo 3, Cameron Pedersen 2, Harry O'Brien 2, Orlando Kane-Gillard 2, Alex Redmond, Eli Richards, Brendan Kimber.

Warragul Industrials: Mason McGarrity 2, Bailey Beck, Todd Beck, Anthony Brun, Nic Visser, Shane Brewster, Adrian De Sando.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen, Harry O'Brien, Daniel Pearce, Mark Griffin, Jaymie Youle, Zak Vernon.

Warragul Industrials: Luke Walker, Todd Beck, Bailey Beck, Nic Visser, Corey Micari, Shane Brewster.

## Reserves

The PI Reserves came for their team meeting, and once again Stirts proved he does his research.

A solid opener with a presentation incorporating game setups from St Kilda games certainly provided food for thought for the Resses.

Wonder how many of them remembered it all once the siren sounded.

The Bulldogs took charge early in the first – a relief for all concerned given the history of not great starts from the Bulldogs. A consistent team effort ensured across all 4 quarters, with several the team leading the charge.

Tarqs McMillan led from the front all day in the ruck and was terrific around the ground, continuing his transformation from defender to ruckman. Liam Dayson (aka Bailey Smith!) was moved forward as a live wire and created heaps of scoring opportunities, kicking four goals.

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