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Jumping for joy!

Young Noah Murray, an avid Richmond Tigers fan, was in his wetsuit ready to go jetty jumping last Thursday, when he heard Matthew Richardson was in town. The former AFL player was taking part in a Windermere fundraiser organised by Colleen Williams at the San Remo Hotel, so Noah – still in his wetsuit, with his Tigers towel over his shoulder – persuaded mum Jacqui to take a quick detour. Seen here with Richardson and friend Oscar Tuchtan, Noah (right) was tickled pink to get an autograph and a photo with the former Richmond player. For details of the fundraiser, turn to page 18.



Greg Price, from Alex Scott, was credited with saving the life of 74-year-old well-known Cowes resident Peter McMahon, who had a suspected heart attack while driving on April 7.

Real estate agent brushes off hero tag

The real estate agent who helped save the life of a driver – whose car ploughed into peak traffic in Cowes last week – has brushed off suggestions his actions were heroic.

Greg Price, from Alex Scott, was credited with saving the life of 74-year-old well-known Cowes resident Peter McMahon, who had a suspected heart attack while driving in Thompson Avenue, at 3.15pm on April 7.

The car Peter was driving then struck two vehicles in the Church Street roundabout, before stopping after hitting two parked vehicles in Thompson Avenue.

Greg heard the accident outside his real estate agency and immediately performed CPR for almost five minutes on Peter who was unconscious, before being assisted by paramedics using a defibrillator who succeeded in reviving him.

Peter was then taken to a Melbourne hospital via helicopter in a stable condition.

“I’m not a hero,” Greg said.

“I’m just someone who helped like the rest of the community.”

“In these incidents you just jump straight in.”

Greg said he had last completed a CPR refresher course about 20 years ago but the knowledge quickly came back to him and he had recently read up on changes.

“I remembered you have to do about 100 compressions a minute and to the rhythm of the Bee Gees “Staying Alive” so I had the beat of the song in my head.”

He said the staff of his office would now undergo CPR training.

He said in hindsight while the event was traumatic, it was miraculous shoppers, diners and a young child escaped injury on Thompson Avenue.

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In recent years erosion has threatened to undermine the fence line.

Cowes west next to act on erosion

A report into the impact of erosion on the Cowes Yacht Club – and possible solutions – is expected to be finalised in the next month.

The report has been commissioned by both the club and the Bass Coast Shire following years of erosion in Cowes west that has seen waves inch towards the club's fence line and boat storage area.

And it comes after a successful six-year campaign by Cowes east residents that will later this year see construction of a 330 metre long, eight-metre wide rock wall and eight wooden groynes between Rose Avenue and Coghlan Road.

Club commodore Vanessa Twigg last week told the Advertiser they had commissioned a study with the shire, receiving the draft in recent weeks.

"We need to clarify a few points before it is finalised, which we expect to be in May," Vanessa said.

The club leases the land from the state government, with the shire the land managers.

"I've been at the club since the early '80s and I've seen sand go and come back.

"But we need the data to work out the movement of sand, which will dictate the solutions in the short, medium and long term."



A few years ago pedestrians and yachties could easily walk along this strip of land in front of the club's fence, which had thick vegetation.

Vanessa said any works would require considerable government funding, money "which a small club does not necessarily have".

"It's a shared responsibility. "You don't get government funding without an assessment and proposal."

She acknowledged Cowes west residents more broadly would be interested in the findings of the report.

"We're conscious of the fact people walk past the club and don't necessarily want to walk on the beach over the ramp, so this is about helping everybody."

The Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group (CEFPAG) has been highly successful in lobbying for solutions to control erosion, securing an engi-

neers' report and \$1.1 million in funds from the Federal government, promised at the last election.

In addition the Cowes east area has been part of a long-term university study mapping erosion using drone photography.

Vanessa said the club would be keen to expand that drone research to Cowes west.

In 2018 the Advertiser interviewed long-term yacht club member Ian Samuel who said erosion has been occurring for years, but that year it had been "dramatic, as much as four metres in some spots in front of the club".

"We need to take immediate action to prevent the destruction, not only of the foreshore, but of the club," Ian said.



Police said five cars were damaged in the incident, when a 74-year-old driver suffered a suspected heart attack, while driving in Thompson Avenue last Wednesday afternoon. Photo courtesy of Eyewatch Bass Coast.

Serious accidents in Cowes

After a relatively quiet Easter on the roads, there were a number of serious incidents in Cowes last week.

Five car accident in Thompson Avenue

A suspected heart attack was the cause of a five-car accident at the corner of Thompson Avenue and Church Street in Cowes last Wednesday, April 7.

Police said around 3.15pm a car driven by a 74-year-old man struck two vehicles in the Church Street roundabout before crashing into two parked vehicles in Thompson Avenue.

The driver was found unresponsive in his car by a local real estate agent who performed CPR. A passing paramedic also came to the man's aid and using a defibrillator was able to revive him.

The man was then airlifted to hospital in Melbourne in a stable condition.

Senior Sergeant Andy O'Brien praised the quick response of the estate agent and the paramedic.

"The information the police have is as a result of their action, the man is still alive."

Five cars were damaged in the incident, but no one else was injured.

Snr Sergeant O'Brien said there was a minor disruption to traffic in the area, with vehicles being diverted at the roundabout.

He said the incident highlighted the importance of possessing life-saving first aid skills.

Settlement Road

On Friday morning (April 9), Settlement Road was closed after a car and ute were involved in an accident near the Phillip Island CFA station.

Around 9.30am, a car clipped the tray of a ute parked on the side of the road, and then rolled.

A 77-year-old male driver was airlifted to Melbourne with non-life-threatening injuries.

Police are urging people to take care on the roads, after a spate of serious collisions on Phillip Island in the last few weeks.

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Grantville residents from left Gil Smith, Janice Hughes, Dave Draper, and Elaine and Harry Hartelt, are a few of the more than 70 locals fighting plans to expand an open cut sand mine.

We won't go down without a fight: Grantville residents

Grantville residents says they were "mocked" by the QC representing a sand mining company on the closing day of the Victorian Planning Panels hearing last week.

Last year Victorian Planning Minister Richard Wynne used his powers to override Bass Coast Shire and call in the Dandy Premix expansion plans, convening a planning panel running from March 22 to advise on the application to expand the mine.

If successful the open cut mine will operate for up to 40 years, will remove the equivalent of eight MCGs worth of vegetation and has been described by Bass Coast Shire councillors as "Melbourne-centric", with no benefit – only distress – to the local community.

Under the planning permit, Dandy Premix proposes 120 trucks every day will use the Bass Highway using new traffic lights, which residents say adds up to about four hours of stoppage on the highway.

Save Western Port Woodlands spokesperson Tim O'Brien said while Dandy Premix had six days for pre-

sentation of its case and expert witnesses, more than 70 local objectors had one day for their submissions, after the Panel granted an extension to Dandy and shortened the period available for the community.

Tim said he considered Melbourne QC, Jeremy Gobbo, acting for Dandy Premix, as disparaging, when he referred to submissions and representations made by residents as inexpert, and said their submissions should not be considered by the panel in its report.

He said that he considered Mr Gobbo used condescending and mocking tones when referring to the submissions, and to objectors, and that he was immensely disrespectful to Grantville and Bass Coast residents.

"It may surprise Mr Gobbo but we don't have scientists, hydrogeologists and the like, hiding behind every fern."

He said that in his opinion the summing up by Mr Gobbo highlighted just how imbalanced in favour of the applicant this Victorian Planning Panel process is.

Tim said residents were at a disad-

vantage after they were denied adequate time to respond.

"Mr Gobbo's closing comments, made without right of reply by locals, is a denial of natural justice.

"We are fighting an applicant with the resources to produce an army of expert witnesses to sing from the applicant's song sheet, most providing their analysis of the impact of this mine on Grantville locals from the distance of Melbourne offices."

Anne Heath Mennell of Tenby Point agreed.

"We all declared we are not experts, simply community members wanting to be heard on matters of concern," Anne said.

Grantville resident Dave Draper said he was concerned about the amount of dust that would blow from the open cut mine, which will be more than 1km across.

Tim acknowledged it was a difficult battle.

"But we will fight this for as long as it takes, and we won't stop fighting for this community and its disappearing forest," he said.

Ventnor drowning

A morning swim has ended in tragedy last Wednesday (April 7) after a man drowned at Ventnor Beach.

Police said the man, a 57-year-old from Balwyn North, was staying at a holiday house in Ventnor.

When the man failed to return from his regular morning swim, his wife went to the beach to check, discovered his clothing still on the sand and raised the alarm.

The search of the area included local police, Victoria Police Air Wing, Air Ambulance and the

Coast Guard.

The man was located approximately one kilometre west of where he'd entered the water and was winched into the helicopter and returned to the shore.

Paramedics worked for an hour to resuscitate him, but the man was declared deceased at the scene.

Police said the accident could be due to a medical condition and the Coroner will investigate. The man's death is not being treated as suspicious.

Mini stroke fells councillor

Bass Coast Shire councillor Ronnie Bauer was rushed to Wonthaggi Hospital on Monday after suffering a mini stroke while walking his dog on Cowes west beach.

Ronnie spoke to the Advertiser yesterday from the hospital where he is being monitored and said for the immediate future he would reduce his councillor duties.

"I will be back as soon as I can but for now I'm looking after myself," said the Island Ward councillor.

"(Mayor) Brett Tessari visited and read me the riot act if I even considered working."

Ronnie said he was walking near the Anderson boat ramp at about 4pm when he found it difficult to walk and dropped to his knees.

"I knew if I didn't get down I'd fall down because I lost control of my legs and then I realised my left arm wasn't working and it must be a stroke," he said.

He called his wife Nancie, who called the ambulance.

Ronnie said he was diagnosed as having a transient ischaemic attack, a precursor to stroke, suffering another episode yesterday (Tuesday) morning.



Cr Ronnie Bauer will be reducing his councillor duties while he recovers from the mini-stroke he suffered this week.

"They were going to send me to Monash but felt it was best to monitor me here.

"I'm weak and my left leg is still not working properly."

He has now been transferred to Cabrini Hospital in Melbourne.



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Draft designs of the Cultural and Community Centre were released last September. Council say final designs will be released later this month. Under the project timeline, construction is due to begin in May, but the tender process for the building contract has not yet commenced.

Cultural Centre final designs due this month

Bass Coast Shire Council has confirmed the designs for the new Cowes Cultural and Community Centre will be posted on its website later this month.

"Ongoing consultation with key user groups will recommence later this month (April) at which time the designs will also be available to the community via Council's website," said CEO Ali Wastie.

In May last year, architectural firm Jackson Clements Burrows was awarded the \$1.4 million contract to finalise the designs.

Draft designs went on display in September 2020 and were due to be finalised by the end of the year.

This was later revised to January 2021.

The delay in finalising the designs will impact on the

projected construction start date of May 2021.

A builder has yet to be confirmed for the project.

In January this year, Council's Manager of Major Projects, Damian Prendergast said the EOI process for the building contract had been completed.

Project behind schedule

Ms Wastie confirmed last week the tender process had not yet begun.

"An Expression of Interest process has been conducted for the primary building contract and shortlisted builders will be invited to submit tenders based on the designs," she said.

Without completed designs, shortlisted builders aren't able to submit a tender.

The construction budget for the project is \$19 million.

Earlier this year, Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari re-

assured the community the project was fully funded, and construction would start this year.

The \$19 million budget is made up from \$15 million in borrowings (including a \$10 million low interest loan from the state government) \$1.5 million from Council reserves and \$2.5 million from a Growing Suburbs grant.

Cr Tessari said the intention was always to self-fund the project, but to explore all possible options for grants.

At the March 2021 meeting, it was confirmed the council had applied for a \$5 million grant in the latest round of the Federal government's Building Better Regions Fund.

This program provides grants of up to \$10 million for projects that provide economic and social benefits to regional and remote areas.

A grant application of \$1 million has also been submitted to the state government's Living Libraries Fund.

Yallock-Bulluk draft plan open for feedback

The draft Access and Infrastructure Plan for the new Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park is available for community feedback until Sunday, May 16.

Community sessions at Kilcunda, Wonthaggi and Inverloch will be held next week.

Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale said the draft plan was created following extensive consultation with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the Bass Coast Shire Council and the community.

"Community input plays a huge part in helping us to provide the best experiences for locals and visitors to the Bass Coast," Ms Crugnale said.

Dan Turnbull, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation CEO said: "The Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation is proud to be part of this project, as it allows us to communicate and protect our values and heritage in this amazing cultural landscape."

The draft plan maps out the network of trails for a variety of users, proposed visitor areas, car parking and amenities to improve visitors' experience all the way along the iconic trail linking San Remo to Inverloch via the rugged Bass Coast.

Ms Crugnale said feedback to-date has indicated that the community wants a trail that respects the natural and cultural environment and



State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale and Sid taking a break on their walk along the coastline that will become part of the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park

showcases the beauty of the coastline between San Remo and Inverloch.

The creation of the new Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park is an election commitment of the government.

Ms Crugnale encouraged all Victorians, locals, visitors and interested people and groups to read the draft Access and Infrastructure Plan and provide feedback online at www.engage.vic.gov.au/yallock-bulluk.

Opportunities for face-to-face and online feedback will

also be available throughout April 2021.

Visit the Engage Victoria webpage for details or register your interest by emailing ParkPlan@parks.vic.gov.au or calling 13 1963.

Key dates and locations for face-to-face engagement activities are:

- Monday, April 19, 4pm - 7pm at Kilcunda Community Hall
- Tuesday, April 20, 3pm - 6pm at Wonthaggi Library
- Saturday, April 24, 10am - 1pm at Inverloch Community Hub

Bass Coast Health- Sexual Assault Support Services

Recently there have been multiple stories in the media relating to sexual assault. This may have raised concerns for you or someone you know.

Bass Coast Health offers sexual assault support services including:

- Individual counselling including therapeutic interventions
- Information, referral, support and advocacy
- Support for affected family or friends
- Community education and prevention initiatives

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We offer telehealth, phone and in-person consultations. You can refer yourself or you can be referred by your carer, doctor, other health care professional or other agency.

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COVID-19 vaccinations ... what's happening?

Relief may be in sight for local residents waiting to receive their Covid vaccination.

There are currently only limited vaccinations available locally for eligible residents in the 1a and 1b group.

However that could soon change.

CEO Jan Child said Bass Coast Health had been working with the Gippsland Public Health Unit and Bass Coast Shire Council to set up a mass vaccination clinic in Wonthaggi.

Last week, the Victorian government confirmed it will be expanding its program of mass vaccination clinics and said its COVID-19 vaccination program was on track to deliver 300,000 total doses at state vaccination sites by May 16.

While the Town Hall in Wonthaggi has been flagged as the ideal site for the local clinic, there is no potential start date, as health officials can't confirm when vaccines will be made available.

Eager residents were keen to book a spot at the new clinic, but Ms Child said it was not possible to take bookings until a start date was confirmed.

"People have already started to ring Council and BCH to book in, but please don't do that yet.

"As soon as the system is up and running, we will get the word out, so people know how to book in."

It's hoped the clinic will be operating by the end of April.

Initially the clinic will work to vaccinate any residents in the 1a and 1b group who haven't received their first injection yet.

At the moment, only a small number of local GPs are providing a vaccination service and most of these are booked out. Some clinics are only administering vaccines to existing patients.

Although more GP clinics are



Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said it was important not to get caught up in mistruths around the vaccination roll out and the side-effects of the different vaccines.

expected to come on board, Ms Child said for many doctors, it simply wasn't possible to provide the vaccination service.

"The logistics are tricky, so you need to have the right facility," Ms Child said.

"You need to be able to observe people for 15 minutes after the vaccination, so many GP clinics don't have the room.

"Everyone is keen for the mass vaccination clinics to pick up the excess."

While eligible residents from

across the shire would be able to use the Wonthaggi mass vaccination clinic when it opens, Ms Child said BCH was looking for potential venues on Phillip Island or Corinella, because of the distance.

"We recognise it will be difficult for some people to get to Wonthaggi, and even closer places could be difficult for some people.

"We need to work out how to get to those people who are vulnerable or with transport issues, so there's still a level of planning

to do."

She said the vaccination teams from Gippsland Public Health, Council and BCH were working together, with teams requiring special Covid vaccination training.

There also needed to be enough administrative staff to handle the consent process associated with the vaccinations.

Concerns

Last week's decision by the Federal government to suspend the use of the AstraZeneca vaccine on anyone under 50, due to serious side effects, has given rise to increased confusion and concern about the vaccination program.

However Ms Child said it was important not to get caught up in mistruths around the vaccination roll out and the side-effects of the different vaccines.

She described the Federal government decision not to administer the AstraZeneca vaccine to people aged under 50 as "incredibly overly cautious" and confirmed she had received the vaccination.

"I think the risks are so rare and the reality of Covid is so scary, but everyone will have to weigh it up for themselves.

"We will make sure we have the right information on our website, and direct people to true sources, so they really understand the risk."

Ms Child said all the residents and staff at Kirrak House and Griffith Point Lodge had received their second injection of the Pfizer vaccine.

To date, almost 280 Bass Coast Health staff have also been vaccinated.

For the latest local Covid information, go to www.covidbasscoasthealth.org.au/covid-19updates.

Don't be Covid complacent

Despite concerns about the side effects of the vaccine and issues with the vaccine roll out, Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child believes complacency is the biggest Covid risk for the community.

Last year, during lockdown and when strict restrictions were in place, she said there were much less instances of cold and flu, but recently those symptoms are showing up again.

"We are starting to see people with cold and flu symptoms and there are some terrible viruses out and about.

"These are spreading more, because people aren't wearing masks, they're not washing their hands and not keeping their distance socially."

Even though it was no longer mandatory to wear masks in shops, supermarkets and most public spaces, she urged people to continue to wear them and to keep their distance.

"We need to keep practicing good public health."

Take the test

Everyone in the community is encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 if you display even the mildest Covid symptoms, to help contain the spread of the virus.

These include: fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, or loss of sense of smell or taste.

Everyone who is tested is required to self-isolate until test results are received. Waiting times for test results may take 2-3 days.

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Wimbledon Heights to turn a shade of rainbow

In a show of support for the Wimbledon Heights resident who was allegedly homophobic attacked at his home in March, the community will help paint his house rainbow this Sunday.

Mykey O'Halloran, a hairdresser renowned for his rainbow designs, said when he moved to his home in February he planned to paint the exterior rainbow.

An alleged confrontation with neighbours on March 16 about the house painting saw him appear in national media, including on Channel 10's The Project.

Last week Mykey told the Advertiser the incident had "only made me stand stronger" and said he had been inundated by support from the community, including two local painting businesses offering 12 staff to paint his house, while Dulux Australia had donated more than 40 litres of paint in seven colours.

The painting day is weather-permitting and Mykey will confirm the event on his Facebook, Instagram and Phillip Island community Facebook pages in the lead up based on forecasts.

He said while he didn't want to disturb neighbours, so many people had offered to help - including painting his fence posts - he decided to have a community day on Sunday, which will be recorded for a documentary.



A community painting day on Sunday (April 18) is planned in Wimbledon Heights to paint Mykey's house rainbow. He will confirm the event on his Facebook, Instagram and Phillip Island community Facebook pages in the lead up based on weather forecasts.

"It's so beautiful to see the community coming together and supporting this event," he said.

"I cannot stress enough that the painting day is to be celebrated as a joyous occasion to celebrate my love of rainbows."

The day will include musicians who have offered to perform, and a barbecue and

raffle.

In addition, since last week he is running a non-profit online auction of more than 40 prizes, and a GoFundMe page, with all money going to Phillip Island community events featuring the LGBTIQ+ community such as drag bingo later this year, and possibly a community pride day in 2022.

Mykey said while many locals were supportive, others had approached him concerned they didn't want the home to become a tourist attraction.

So he encouraged any visitors this Sunday to park on the Hallway Drive public park and not on the street.

Support

Over the past month other community support has included a gardener offering to plant flowers to match the rainbow theme while a tradie offered to make rainbow gates.

Print It Fast has made stickers of a rainbow house saying "I stand with Mykey #RainbowHousePhillipIsland".

Mykey - who works three days a week in Melbourne - is from Noosa and chose to move to Phillip Island because of its coastal lifestyle and it seemed like a "lovely, accepting and joyful community".

He said he had spoken to Bass Coast Shire about his plans to paint his home rainbow.

"They don't have any regulations on what colour you paint a house unless it's heritage listed."

Some comments online suggested the paint could lower property prices, but he said any future buyers would most likely see the street as an accepting one.

Details: www.linktr.ee/unicornmaneshbymykey

Funding for road safety projects

Applications are open for the Transport Accident Commission road safety grants program.

The program provides grants of up to \$30,000 for projects that focus on delivering benefits to at-risk road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists.

Community groups, councils and schools are eligible to apply. Applications close on May 7. More information at www.tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/community-road-safety-grant-program.

Carer's grants

Supporting Carers grants are available for local community organisations to increase opportunities for carers to stay physically and mentally healthy.

Applications close on April 24. For more information visit vic.gov.au/dffh/supporting-carers-locally-grants-program-2021-22-round-2.

Youth survey

Mission Australia's Youth Survey 2021 is now open. Young people aged 15-19 across Victoria and nationwide are encouraged to have their say.

Celebrating its 20th year, the Youth Survey is the largest online survey of its kind and provides important insights into the experiences and views of young people.

The survey is open to all

young people aged 15-19 years-old who are living in Australia and closes on August 9. www.missionaustralia.com.au/youthsurvey

Mother's Day brunch

Australians are being asked to host a Mother's Day brunch in May and collect donations for the Jodie Lee Foundation, to honour mothers who have been impacted by bowel cancer and particularly those who have lost their lives to bowel cancer.

Funds raised will assist the Foundation continue to spread awareness about bowel cancer prevention and to deliver other services to the community.

For details visit: www.jodilee-foundation.org.au/

Webinar series exploring on-farm energy options

Agriculture Victoria is hosting a series of webinars over the next three months exploring energy options that may assist in the reduction of energy costs on farms.

The series of five webinars will include information on understanding electricity bills, options to increase energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies including solar and bioenergy.

The first webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at 12pm. To register please go to: <https://bit.ly/3cCzk1C>.

For information on other webinars in this series or other energy events please visit: www.extensionaus.com.au/energysmartfarming/events/

Local residents the face of new campaign to keep active and healthy

Local residents are the stars of a new campaign encouraging people to 'Step Outside and Move Your Way'.

Recently photoshoots were held at locations across Bass Coast and South Gippsland including Inverloch, Cowes, San Remo, Foster, Fish Creek, Mirboo North and Korumburra.

The photographs will be used as part of a campaign to increase the amount of walking and activity people aged 55 years and older do in our local natural spaces including beaches, trails and parks.

The campaign was co-designed with local residents. Everything from the logo, key messages and images were designed by our local community.

Rebecca Scott, Prevention Manager at the South Coast Primary & Community

Partnership, thanked all the people who contributed ideas for the campaign. "It is really important to involve the community right from the start of the project. They know the local area, have insights as to what might motivate local people and are keen to encourage others to get active".

She said that moving more as we age has many benefits, even starting out with small steps. "We're encouraging locals to build outdoor recreation into their daily routine and explore where they live".

The campaign will be delivered over 12 months and will include activities, resources and prompts to get you out and about.

For information about the campaign please go to <https://www.southcoastpcp.org.au/>

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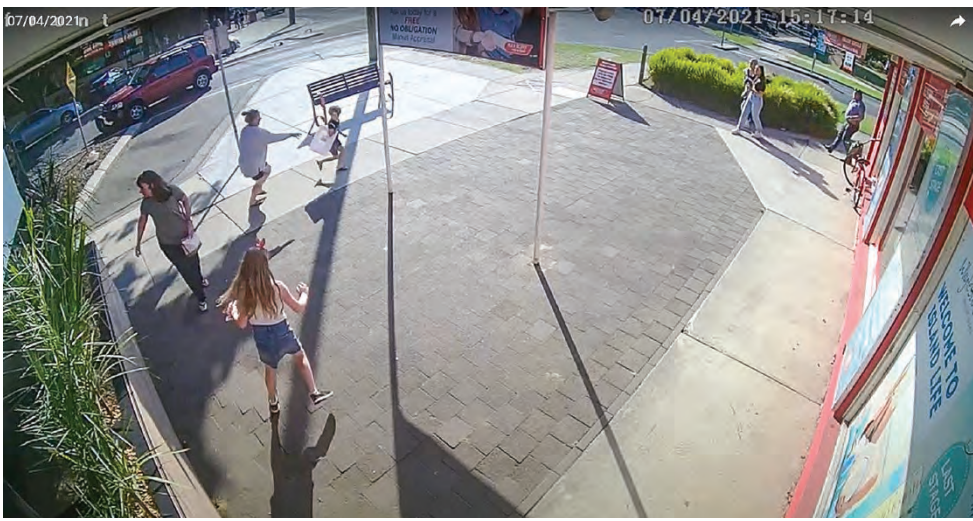
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The CCTV footage from Alex Scott real estate agency shows shoppers and pedestrians running away as the car Peter was driving struck two vehicles in the Church Street roundabout, before stopping after hitting two parked vehicles in Thompson Avenue.

Peter vows to keep fighting

Tireless community worker Peter McMahon says he will continue to fight for a Phillip Island pool, despite facing heart surgery in the wake of last week's traumatic Cowes accident (see separate story).

Peter, 74, spoke to the Advertiser from his Monash Hospital bed after resting from the Thompson Avenue accident that saw him airlifted to the hospital.

"I have even had the shire mayor (Brett Tessari) call me and I told him we have a bet that we're both going to swim in that pool so he'd better hurry up and build it," said Peter, Phillip Island Aquatic Centre Fund secretary.

"When the community has put so much time and effort into the pool, I can't let it go.

"It's one of my concerns while I'm alive. I'm going to be like a magpie pecking them, 'what about the pool, what about the pool!'"

Peter said he was in good spirits "but I'm not good".

He said he'd just visited the Cowes Medical Centre last Wednesday to get a diagnosis on a fainting episode a few days prior where he had "felt funny in the head and fell over, but got up and nothing was wrong".

"I was driving down Thompson Avenue past Woolies and then the same sort of feeling happened. My head spun and I went blank and that was it."

He said the next thing he knew was paramedics were hovering above him "and I was thinking who the hell are you", while estate agent Greg Price was standing against a cypress tree "saying something about the elixir of life".

He credits Greg and the paramedics with saving his life.

"Between Greg and the ambulance officers, if they were not there when it happened, I wouldn't be here now."

Peter acknowledged his wife Anne who saw the whole accident from the passenger seat and "was sure I was dead".

Peter and Anne said they wanted to thank the community and paramedics, adding they were "overwhelmed with the support and well wishes we have been sent".

After being resuscitated Peter - who was given a pacemaker in 2015 - was at the Monash within 15 minutes, where he has undergone numerous tests which concluded he had a ventricular fibrillation, a rapid, life-threatening heart rhythm.

He will most likely stay in hospital until given an operation, either a bypass, stent or a new pacemaker/defibrillator.

Aside from being the Aquatic Centre Fund secretary, Peter is also co-secretary of Island



After suffering a medical episode, which caused a Thompson Avenue accident last week, Peter McMahon (photographed last year) says "between Greg and the ambulance officers, if they were not there when it happened, I wouldn't be here now."

Voice and is on the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association, dedicating many years to being a watchdog and key lobbyist on behalf of the community.

"Something may have to give; I'll make a decision over the next few weeks.

"But it won't be the pool."

Real estate agent brushes off hero tag

From page 1

"If the car had hit one of the parked cars slightly differently, then a young child in that car would have been hurt and by hitting that car, it stopped the driver going on to the footpath and towards Fig and Olive restaurant.

"The street was full of people."

Greg said it was also "incredibly lucky" that once he started CPR a local paramedic who had been in the traffic immediately pulled up and

began setting up the defibrillator.

"Then a doctor from the Royal Melbourne hospital began timing my compressions."

After nearly five minutes of "strenuous" CPR, an off-duty nurse took over the compressions from Greg before the paramedic revived Peter with the defibrillator.

"Once you start compressions you keep going and the doctor could see people knew what they were doing.

We were just so lucky these people were there."

Greg continued helping for about an hour, including moving Peter on to a stretcher.

After giving a police statement he went home and "had a scotch".

"I wouldn't say I was shaken, because I had adrenaline, but it was a bit 'wow that just happened'.

"I have never found myself in a situation like that and I'd never had to do CPR before except on a dummy."

Citizen CPR "critical"

The paramedic who taught Greg Price first aid has praised his quick-thinking response, adding that "citizen CPR is essential to saving lives".

Mal McCann, who has now retired from Cowes ambulance service, said the chance of survival for a patient in cardiac arrest drops by 10 percent for every minute without help.

"I think Greg would be embarrassed by accolades, but it needs to be acknowledged that he has shown how essential community CPR is," Mal said.

"Greg is a shining example of the importance of teaching people this skill.

"Paramedics have wonderful skills but it's the community who save lives. If you can keep someone's heart pumping in those vital first minutes, you'll more than double the person's chance of survival."

Mal said a defibrillator was

critical, with CPR alone only saving about two per cent of cases.

"After 10 minutes a patient without CPR has zero chance. Citizen CPR makes survivability longer, keeping oxygen to the brain, in order to get to a defibrillator," Mal said.

"Anyone I have taught CPR to I would hope they would jump in and do the same thing as Greg has done. It's how lives are saved."

Where to learn CPR?

The Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre regularly runs various first aid courses - including CPR and defibrillator use.

The next course is May 8 (\$270) with bookings at www.trybooking.com/722778 or by calling PICAL (5952 1131).

Local nurse Kasey Beattie also teaches an online and hands on first aid training course at PICAL, with the next course in late June.

PICAL manager Greg Thompson said health practitioners advise people do a yearly CPR update with the full first aid every three years.

"In emergency situations the more practical hands-on experience you have had the better equipped you are to deal with the additional stressors of real-life situations," he said.

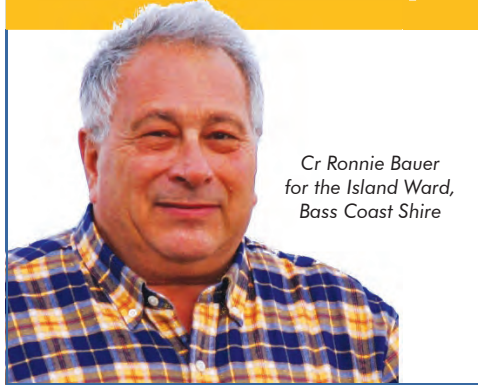
Some courses do have prior online learning requirements.

Ambulance Victoria encourages all Victorians to download the GoodSAM app.

There are 12,500 GoodSAM responders in Victoria who receive an alert on their smartphone when someone close by suffers a cardiac arrest, along with the nearest available defibrillator.

According to Ambulance Victoria many Victorians aren't aware they no longer have to do mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, with hands-only CPR best.

Don't hesitate to contact me, I am here to help.



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Crackdown on badly behaved holiday tenants

Bad behaviour from short-term commercial holiday home renters would be banned under a proposed crackdown by an Island Ward councillor.

Cr Ronnie Bauer has drafted a Short Stay Rental Accommodation bylaw and code of conduct, currently seeking feedback from stakeholders, which he hopes to present before council in coming months.

Cr Bauer said following increasing complaints by permanent residents who live next to "Airbnb party houses", his draft was based on a Mornington Peninsula Shire bylaw and code of conduct (see separate article).

It proposes car parking limits, bans on camping, publicly designated 24/7 holiday home contacts, mandated larger red bins, and funds from shire registration directed to enforcement.

"The issues on the Mornington Peninsula are not dissimilar to ours," Cr Bauer said.

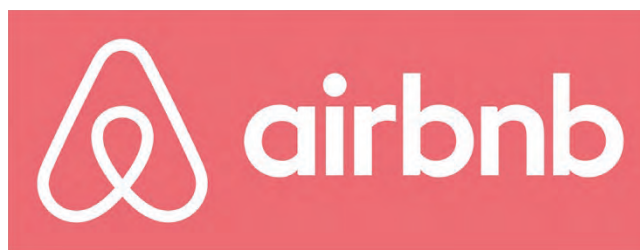
"One of the big problems with Airbnb and other online bookings is they are not well regulated and some

– not all – can cause neighbour problems."

The proposed crackdown follows an Advertiser article in January highlighting one group of short-term holiday renters in Cowes last year led to \$30,000 damage at their rental; while tradies say frustrations from permanent neighbours have boiled over, seeing some residents resorting to surreptitiously turning the power off at next-door holiday rentals to keep the noise down.

Real estate agents, too, have reported a rise in the number of problematic permanent commercial holiday leases – properties with no local manager – with one agent earlier this year calling on the shire to convene a roundtable to "thrash out" solutions.

The problem saw Bass Coast Shire councillor Bruce Kent – who is also a police officer – in January call for a bed tax or a cap on online rental bookings, saying the problem was permanent commercial holiday letting homes in residential areas by off-site owners through online platforms.



"Horrendous" stories

Island Voice is one of the stakeholders who have so far given feedback on Cr Bauer's bylaw and code of conduct, according to secretary Linda Marston, after the group initially contacted the shire about the problem.

"As the island's key community group, we have been approached by a number of residents who have horrendous stories, such as intimidating verbal abuse, rubbish scattered everywhere, property destroyed," said Ms Marston.

"Some residents have a constant neighbouring rotation at least every weekend, if not more often, and don't know what they're going to get from one day to the next. 'It's an issue that comes up

time and time again."

Ms Marston said Island Voice contacted Bass Coast Shire after finding the Mornington Peninsula solution, with Cr Bauer offering to draft the bylaw and code of conduct.

"Under the bylaw, anyone wishing to make money out of a property must be registered," she said.

"You can't hire a property unless you're registered."

Ms Marston said she understood funding paid by accommodation businesses under the shire's current registration process was directed to tourism campaigns, whereas the bylaw would redirect it into enforcement.

Infringements could see accommodation providers deregistered.

"We suggested deregistration could follow three warnings for such issues as rubbish, noise or parking, but one act of intimidation, aggression, violence or property damage would lead to immediate deregistration."

She said based on feedback from Island Voice, the bylaw and code of conduct should ensure that behaviour of renters was appropriate, rubbish was maintained and parking limited.

"We are giving our feedback on the draft based on what has been bought to us, as it's important people who are permanent residents are not overlooked and don't lose out because someone wants to make money."

"But I think it has to have community engagement to make it fair to everyone."

Consultation

Cr Bauer said his interest in the issue rose from his election platform to improve red bin rubbish collection.

He said he wanted to see all commercial holiday properties have a larger 240 litre red bin, as part of the

registration process.

"I also believe there should be a plaque on the front fence stating the contact of an agent or owner, to make them more accountable, like a body corporate," he said.

"Part of the problem is neighbours don't know who to contact at 11pm."

Cr Bauer said he would next consult with key stakeholders, including estate agents and property managers.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie confirmed the Local Law regarding holiday home renters would be reviewed this year, with the first stage of consultation workshops running May-August.

"This review process will involve consultation with key stakeholders, council and the community, and will include the opportunity to include specific measures to better address holiday home issues," Ms Wastie said.

She said a draft would be released by October, seeking further community input, with a final draft of the new Local Law to be presented to Council for adoption in the first half of 2022.

A solution to rental bad behaviour?

In 2018 the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council adopted the Short Stay Rental Accommodation Local Law, providing guidelines on the standards for the operation of this type of accommodation.

According to the council, they recognise "most operators of Short Stay Rental Accommodation act responsibly and manage their property appropriately".

"However, the extent of community concern has been so significant that controls were considered necessary," the council said.

The Local Law ensures Short Stay Rental Accommodation can operate without having an impact on the surrounding area.

It places the responsibility on the owner to control the behaviour of the occupants of Short Stay Rental Accommodation.

This is done by requiring the owner to:

- Register the property with council
- Appoint a designated contact person to respond to neighbour complaints within two hours
- Ensure occupants adhere to the Code of Conduct
- Provide adequate off-street parking and garbage bins

The owner of a Short Stay Rental must provide the adjoining neighbours, including directly across the street, details for a designated contact. This person can be contacted 24/7 if there are any issues with occupants not complying with the code of conduct at a Short Stay Rental. Once the person is contacted, the Local Law requires them to respond to any complaints within two hours.

Full details: mornpen.vic.gov.au/Online-Forms-and-Services/Short-Stay-Rental-Accommodation-Local-Law

Last year NSW introduced a new code of conduct for short-term rentals:

Guests:

- Must not make noise that unreasonably disrupts neighbours
- Must not cause damage to the premises, including any common property in a strata scheme

• Are responsible for the actions of visitors and must ensure they comply with the behaviour standards set out in the code

Anyone breaching the code can be banned from holiday letting for five years.

\$550 on-the-spot fines can also be issued, escalating to several thousands of dollars for serious breaches of the code.

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Council Meeting

Council's next meeting will be live-streamed at 1.00pm on Wednesday 21 April 2021.

Join us on the livestream link at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2021meetings.

The proposed items Council may consider:

- Draft 2021/22 Budget
- Planning Application 200075 - 3382-3384 Bass Highway Kilcunda
- Planning application 200234 - 109 Marine Parade San Remo
- Planning Application 200412 9 The Corsoit, Kilcunda
- Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan and Access and Movement Study
- Bass Coast Living Young Plan 2021-25
- Virtual Council Meetings
- Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality Policy
- Instrument of Appointment and Authorisation - Planning and Environment Act 1987
- Revenue and Rating Plan
- Award of Tender No. 21002 - Grantville-Glen Alvie Road Renewal

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If you are interested in joining us, you can get in touch with:

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Chris Phillips (President): chrisdphillips123@gmail.com



Construction is well underway on the \$115 million expansion of Wonthaggi Hospital, which is due to be completed in 2023. Health Minister Martin Foley inspected the upgrade during a visit before Easter.

Minister inspects hospital upgrade

Victorian Health Minister, Martin Foley visited Wonthaggi last month to inspect the major expansion and upgrade underway at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Accompanied by Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Minister Foley inspected the progress of the \$115 million expansion project which will deliver 18 additional emergency department treatment spaces enabling the hospital to treat an extra 26,000 emergency patients per year.

The hospital's surgery capacity is also being doubled with three new theatres and a procedure room while 32 inpatient beds and four short stay beds will be modernised. The Minister said the ad-

ditional capacity will reduce the need for local residents to travel for care and will help meet future demand in the Bass Coast Shire – one of the highest growth areas in regional Victoria.

“This significant investment will deliver a world-class hospital, meaning residents and their families get the very best care, closer to home,” he said

“We’re ensuring Wonthaggi Hospital has the latest, cutting edge infrastructure that will allow hard-working hospital staff to treat more patients sooner.”

Ms Crugnale said the upgrade ensured the hospital will be able to meet the demands of a growing population.

“Every Victorian deserves quality care, close to home. A bigger, better Wonthaggi Hospital will deliver just that for our local community,” she said.

In a further update, Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said from July 1, Wonthaggi Hospital would also be able to offer a MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) service.

“We’ve not had MRI here before,” she said.

“It will be a huge game changer. Patients in the emergency department can have their scan done here instead of being sent to Melbourne.”

The hospital expansion is on track to be completed in 2023 and will create 345 jobs during peak construction.

Penguin rescue

Ruth and Andre Whitton found themselves transformed into wildlife rescuers on the weekend.

The couple found a small penguin washed up on the beach at Forrest Caves.

“At first we thought he was dead – then he moved,” said Ruth.

The couple quickly contacted the Phillip Island Nature Parks, who asked them to bring the penguin to the Nobbies Centre.

“We picked him up, receiving a nice pecking for our trouble and popped him inside my down jacket,” said Ruth.

“He snuggled in very happily.” At the Nature Parks’ wildlife clinic, rangers assessed and weighed the little penguin and said he was underweight. He’ll be fed and monitored by staff at the clinic and then released back into the wild.

His rescuers were overjoyed with the result.

“He pooped in my jacket, but it was worth it!” Ruth said.



Local potter Emma Le-Mar with participants from the previous “Mindful Making Pottery” class, one of the many classes on offer during Term 2 at PICAL.

We’re digging into Term 2 at PICAL!

Practical skills, creative pursuits and first aid are just some of the courses on offer during Term 2 at PICAL.

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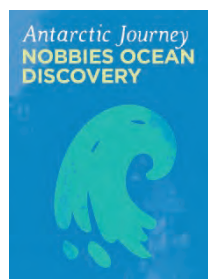


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One councillor is asking: "We need to be asking what level of development we want in Cowes. Do we want to be Pakenham?"

Stop urban sprawl in Cowes east, west, and airport: councillor

Cowes' town boundaries on the east and west – as well as Cape Woolamai's airport land – are vague and need to be clarified to prevent urban sprawl, according to a Bass Coast Shire councillor.

Deputy Mayor and Island Ward councillor Michael Whelan said the imminent third round of Distinctive Area and Landscapes (DAL) community consultation – expected in coming weeks – was the best opportunity to lock in town boundaries.

Cr Whelan said a parcel of land at the back of the 18th hole of the Phillip Island Golf Club, east of Coghlan Road, had an old conditional approval dating back before 2000, at the time called the Lechte development.

"As I understand it that approval needs to be cleared up. When there's any uncertainty it provides an opportunity for people to come in and develop it," Cr Whelan said.

"The previous council knocked back other proposals in the Rhyll Inlet area. It's an area that is a distinctive landscape and needs to be protected.

"The DAL is the best opportunity we have had to influence the future of Cowes, to contain the sprawl. The community needs to be all over it."

Cr Whelan said similarly, bushland near Toscana Rise in Cowes west, near Red Rocks Road, had another vague historic development proposal that needed to be clarified.

"There needs to be clarity of the town boundary to protect the bush-

land around Saltwater Creek."

Equally, the airport land at Cape Woolamai was designated as land for "special consideration" under the planning scheme.

"Developers could seek to interpret that and so I think the community wants Cape Woolamai's town boundaries to be defined as they are."

Cr Whelan suggested Newhaven's town boundaries should also be defined as they are today and any "anomalies sorted out" (see separate article on Newhaven West).

Urban sprawl

Under state government planning requirements, Bass Coast Shire is required to have 15-years' land supply to accommodate projected population growth.

Shire strategy and growth manager Donna Taylor said under the planning scheme Wonthaggi was expected to take the bulk of that growth, with Cowes, Inverloch and San Remo playing "a supportive role".

Cr Whelan said he wanted the DAL to take the emphasis of housing developments away from Cowes.

"We have to have a certain amount of infill in Cowes but we need to be asking what level of development we want in Cowes.

"Do we want to be Pakenham?"

Cr Whelan said by defining the town boundaries and areas of ecological importance, the DAL should protect areas such as the Rhyll Inlet

and farmland.

"The sting in the tail is that the DAL can protect other things such as resources, which is where they can consider sand mines around Grantville, ahead of the environment," he said.

"The bottom line, though, is that we want to see township boundaries protected."

Cr Rochelle Halstead said the DAL should identify areas of environmental significance in Bass Coast that need to be protected.

"The shire needs to create plans for our extractive (sand mining) industries and how they fit in with the DAL and today's community expectations," Cr Halstead added.

Donna Taylor said the DAL should identify "what is special about Bass Coast".

"We are one of four regions in the state that have been identified as a distinctive area. The government is saying 'you are so special we are creating this document on top of the planning scheme' to protect areas such as Rhyll's Ramsar site, the coastline, the Bass hills," Ms Taylor said.

"This document should shine a light and show why they're special and why they need an additional layer of protection.

"The next round of DAL community consultation is coming and it's really important so we need as much community feedback as possible."

Homes, towns, coastal charm to be protected

New homes on Phillip Island could be forced to conform to design styles and heights, as part of new planning policies detailed in the state government's Distinctive Area and Landscapes (DAL) project.

And the character and charm of small coastal towns – such as Rhyll – is also expected to be protected in the draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), due to be released in coming weeks as part of the third and final round of DAL community consultation.

Bass Coast Shire Strategic Planning Coordinator Rewa Smith told the Advertiser she expected the DAL to zero in on township character, as well as housing design, "which will give more tools and guidance" on subdivisions, for instance.

Cr Michael Whelan said if the DAL protected the character and charm of coastal towns such as Rhyll, a current townhouse development on Lock Road – rejected by council but approved by VCAT – may not have been approved.

"People want to come to these sorts of places to enjoy the character. Do they want to come to a place filled with houses, a suburb, or a place with natural beauty and racing?" Cr Whelan said.

"We also want to put a value on farmland on the island, but in a way that farmers can make a return such as carbon farming.

"Defining character is hard, nebulous, but we have to have a go at it. We need to be asking how much development we want and where it should go."

Protecting lifestyle

Cr Rochelle Halstead said it was critical the DAL process protected the character of small coastal towns.

"It is understandable that people wish to enjoy the coastal lifestyle but if planning and population is not managed carefully, it will be the relaxed coastal lifestyle that is lost and Bass Coast will be an extension of that which people seek to escape, metropolitan Melbourne," Cr Halstead said.

"The DAL needs to protect and enhance Bass Coast's lifestyle, which is different to that of Melbourne and is what makes us unique.

"I am keen to work with the community and my colleagues through the DAL process and through our own strategies so Bass Coast is sustainable and the lifestyle protected to be enjoyed into the future."

Cr Halstead said she supported the state government policy that Wonthaggi be the regional centre for Bass Coast.

"I am a supporter of regional facilities being located there.

"The DAL should enshrine in legislation town borders, allowing for

some growth, with regional centres providing the higher density living close to infrastructure and facilities."

Cr Halstead controversially questioned the merit of building the proposed sports hub in Cowes during last year's council elections, adding that building key shire services in Cowes would invite traffic snarls.

Regional Roads Victoria has mooted doubling the Phillip Island Road to four lanes to cope with growing visitors and permanent population numbers.

"To build a four lane superhighway from the mainland to Cowes will significantly impact on the environment and wildlife that currently provides for a thriving tourism industry," Cr Halstead said.

"This is a debate the community will need to have."

Dense and rural?

Councillors have for years been debating whether towns such as Surf Beach and Ventnor should become higher density, allowing – for instance – large blocks to be subdivided into smaller "bat-lease" blocks.

The issue underscores the debate between the need for greater building density on smaller blocks of land within towns, to ensure boundaries aren't expanded, and also focusing development around infrastructure such as public transport and shops, making more affordable housing.

On the other hand it's a debate about protecting rural charm and larger blocks.

At both the February and March council meetings, councillors have been divided over several planning permits seeking to divide large blocks, with some councillors accusing the developers of "gaming the system", buying only to make a profit by splitting the land.

But shire strategy and growth manager Donna Taylor said while the DAL would deal with residential land supply, it would not offer solutions to detailed density problems.

"The missing piece is for the shire to have a housing strategy. If council chooses to fund that, it would look at issues around urban sprawl versus infill," Ms Taylor said.

"Where should density exist and what does that density look like."

Cr Halstead agreed.

"I do think as a local government we have our own work to do through a housing strategy that identifies and provides for a wide range of choices, not just affordable housing but accommodating for all tastes," Cr Halstead said.

"Identifying where high-density building should be encouraged and protecting areas identified as lower density."

Newhaven developer playing a watch and wait game

Developers are holding off investing in residential subdivisions on Phillip Island until the state government's Distinctive Area and Landscapes (DAL) project is finished.

In an interview with the Advertiser ahead of the last round of DAL community consultation, expected in coming weeks (see separate story), Bass Coast Shire planners said developers who were eyeing off housing subdivisions were putting them on ice until there was greater planning certainty around town boundaries.

Strategic Planning Coordinator Rewa Smith said this included Newhaven West, land between Corinella and Coronet Bay, as well as Cape Paterson.

She said there was no application for any housing subdivision at the Phillip Island airport site, despite preliminary indications several years ago.

"Developers have indicated they will wait to see what is in the DAL because they don't want to invest big sums of money in work if the DAL won't allow it to occur," Ms Smith said.

In 2017 residents along Boys Home Road in Newhaven received a letter from planners representing several owners of a parcel of land at the back of the chocolate factory, between Samuel Amess Drive and Boys Home Road.

The letter stated the land was cur-



Owners of the land opposite Churchill Island have previously sought to rezone it to residential, which would lead to an expansion of Newhaven's town boundaries.

rently zoned farming, with the owners hoping to rezone it to general residential and rural activity, which would make way for a future possible housing subdivision.

The planned rezoning revives a proposal mooted in 2012, but rejected by the Bass Coast Shire in 2014, then referred to as the 35-hectare Newhaven West development, which proposed 78 residential lots.

If rezoned the land, opposite Churchill Island, would lead to an expansion of Newhaven's town boundaries.

The third round of DAL communi-

ty consultation will see the release of the draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), which will include a 50-year vision for Bass Coast, and a plan for guiding the future use and development of land.

Shire strategy and growth manager Donna Taylor said it was too early to comment about the details of the SPP, and it may or may not specify town boundaries for each town.

Ms Taylor expected the SPP to be released in April-May for community consultation, which could last up to six weeks.

What is the DAL?

In 2019 the state government declared Bass Coast a Distinctive Area and Landscapes to guide future land use.

The first round of community consultation on the DAL was in 2018, when residents sent a loud message there was too much development pressure on Phillip Island and San Remo, and growth should be managed.

The second round of consultation in 2019 saw the release of a discussion paper, which included a vision for the next 50 years to 2070 for Bass Coast.

The paper stated the main challenges facing Phillip Island were congestion and local infrastructure pressures during peak periods, urban development demand, and climate change threats to the

environment.

The paper proposed a number of controls to protect the area, including ensuring new housing designs that fit town character, beautiful views are safeguarded, green breaks are increased between townships, sprawl is avoided along the coast, while urban development close to high-value ecological areas should be restricted.

Now this third and final round of consultation, expected in coming weeks, will be around the most important document of all, a draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), which will eventually be enshrined in law.

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Laser strike is fun for everyone from 5 to 85 says Craig Holmes (left) and Jeremy Westaway who designed and built the Lazer Zone at Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling and Entertainment Centre.

Unlimited fun!

If you want to increase the fun factor of your holiday, there's no better place than Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling and Entertainment Centre.

As well as offering bowling and table tennis, the centre also has laser tag.

The Lazer Zone opened just before Christmas and everyone from five to 85 is able to join in the fun.

Proving necessity is the mother of invention, the idea for the new laser arena came about in response to the government's Covid restrictions. "Originally we had an inflatable arena in that space and with the Covid spacing and cleaning requirements, we weren't really comfortable with that," said centre owner Craig Holmes.

That's when the idea came for a laser arena.

Craig and co-owner Jeremy Westaway got to work, designing and building the 115 square metre structure themselves.

"We employed a carpenter to help us build it, and an electrician came in to do the lighting, but essentially we did everything ourselves," Jeremy explained.

"Everything" included building an internal maze, with cut-outs and slots in the walls,

perfect for hiding behind, and shooting through; painting the entire interior black; highlighting the edges of the barriers with fluoro paint and; fitting the arena with UV black lights and disco lights.

Importantly, the arena was designed with all abilities in mind, meaning it's wheelchair friendly and accessible to everyone.

"We have a very good association with the all-abilities groups in the area and everything we do in this centre is all-abilities focused," said Craig.

"From the car park to the wheelchair friendly entrance, the bench heights and the toilets."

And that means anyone aged five years old and over, gets to share in the thrill of laser tag.

"It's a great game for everyone," Craig said.

With up to ten people allowed in at a time, you can play solo or in teams, with each player fitted with a special jacket or vest that includes a laser gun.

"Different areas of the vests light up, and they're worth different points if you tag them," Jeremy said.

"At the end of the session, everyone comes out and you can see how many points you scored.

"It's not scary and getting tagged doesn't hurt – it just means the light on the vest goes out and you can't shoot or be shot again for five seconds.

"We've had a fantastic response to it so far. Last year we had a group of Year 5 and 6 students from San Remo Primary School come through, and they were jumping up and down with excitement."

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"Everything is provided, just bring yourself and a sense of fun," said Craig.

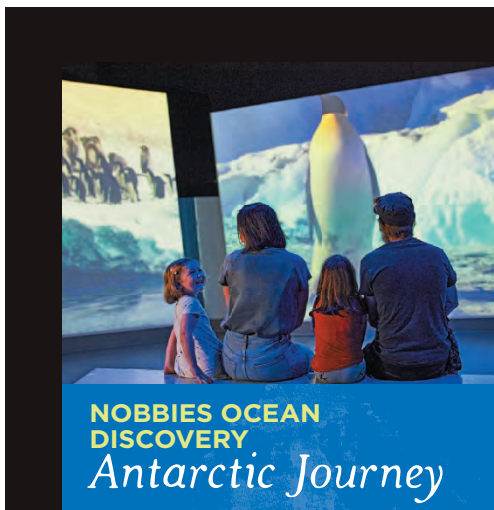
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Wild weekend weather affects Little Penguins

Phillip Island Nature Parks and Melbourne Zoo's Marine Response Unit are responding to reports of Little Penguins washing up on Phillip Island and Victorian beaches after the weekend's severe weather conditions.

On Sunday (April 11), Phillip Island Nature Parks rehabilitation facility received five underweight penguin chicks into their care.

Outside of the island, Melbourne Zoo's Marine Response Unit was able to rescue 13 of the distressed and injured Little Penguins and transport them back

to Melbourne Zoo's vet hospital. Sadly, six of those 13 have since died from injury and trauma. Melbourne Zoo's veterinarian team will continue to care for the remaining Little Penguins and is working closely with Phillip Island Nature Parks on further rehabilitation of the penguins.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Research Technical Officer, Paula Wasiak, said that, while it was distressing to see fledgling chicks in distress, this is a normal occurrence at this time of year.

"The weekend was the perfect

storm of the great breeding season producing more chicks out at sea than normal, and wild weather," Ms Wasiak said.

"Only 18 per cent of chicks survive their first year of life, with starvation being the main cause of death as they are not taught by their parents to feed."

Dr Peter Dann, Nature Parks Research Director has been monitoring the population for over 30 years.

"Little Penguins are quite vulnerable in their first year. When they fledge at eight to eleven weeks old they are on their own and that in-

experience can often result in mortality. This is part of the cycle of life for Little Penguins and supports other animals in the ecosystem.

"The good news for the Phillip Island population is that breeding success is up," said Dr Dann.

"Long-term data indicates on average 0.95 chicks successfully fledge per breeding pair. Last breeding season we recorded 1.98 chicks per pair."

If you find a sick or injured Little Penguin washed up on the beach between the hours of 7.30am and 4pm, call Phillip Island Nature

Parks on 5951 2800 and after hours contact Wildlife Victoria on 8400 7300.

PINP thanked the community for its support, noting this is a natural occurrence and part of the Island's cycle of nature.

For all other penguins across Victoria people are asked to call Melbourne Zoo's Marine Response Unit on 1300 245 678.

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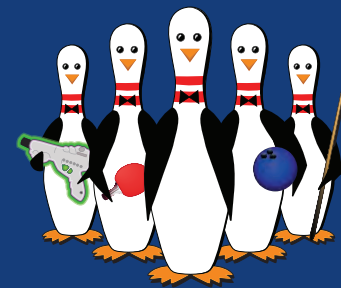
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School holidays at the McLure household at Smiths Beach has bought a few surprises for parents Tim and Lisa and kids Evie and Angus, care of their canine companions and a few school friends including Allira (pictured with Evie).

"It has been a mad house here over the holidays.

We have had kids sleeping over and we've been dog sitting two extra dogs.

The other morning I got up barefoot at 4.45am to get a coffee, bleary eyed, and I walked into the kitchen and stepped in a fresh pile of dog poo.

Even though I scrubbed my foot for 10 minutes I can still feel like I've got it in between my toes. I was dry retching. Totally disgusting.

It was from Dixie the Vizsla puppy, who we're dog sitting. She was just standing next to me wagging her tail looking like she'd given me a gift, with the expression on her face 'do you like it'. It's a new house and she doesn't know what's going on.

She's so adorably gorgeous I can't be mad at her.

I finally got to my coffee and spilt the milk everywhere.

I thought, I just can't adult today.

Then the next day Dixie shone even more brightly.

I took the kids to the Wonthaggi pool because I thought I'd be a good mum and get the kids out of the house during the holidays.

You feel like everyone else is out doing things with their children - everyone comments on it on social media - but of course they're not.

You still feel like a bad parent if you're not doing something every five minutes.

So we went to the pool and I accidentally hit Evie with a pool noodle and there was blood everywhere, so we quickly got out of the pool.

She'd had a wobbly tooth for a while and I'd accidentally hit the tooth and so she pulled it out.

She came home and wrote a big letter to the tooth fairy and put the tooth in a cup of water on the table.

But when Angus was helping me clean the kitchen he picked up the cup thinking it was water and the tooth went flying on the floor.

With three dogs in the house anything that lands on the ground is fair game. Tim said, 'I think Dixie ate the tooth'.

The next thing Evie is in absolute tears saying where's my tooth.

Dixie was just sitting there wagging her tail.

I cuddled Evie and I said maybe we could find it in the poo but Angus came to the rescue and instead wrote a lovely big letter to the tooth fairy explaining that he'd accidentally tipped the tooth out and the dog ate it.

The next morning Evie came run-

ning in - it was so adorable - showing us the letter the tooth fairy wrote to her and the \$50 million she'd been given.

The tooth fairy must have had a big pay rise that week - or been in damage control - because she gave \$20 to Evie and \$5 to Angus for being such a nice big brother and writing the letter.

Staying on the theme of digestive issues, I finally got diagnosed by the doctor as having a parasite in my gut which has been there since we went to Sumatra just before Covid.

I'd been to the doctor because I felt like rubbish, but they'd said because of Covid it could be anxiety.

We've named the parasite Frank and now thankfully Frank will finally leave and I'll have more energy back.

Having said that over Easter, Tim and I worked really hard to build the pergola in the backyard.

We moved 40 barrel loads of concrete to hold the stumps in.

I photoshopped a wind turbine on top of one of the stumps and posted it on social media and said Smiths Beach now has a wind turbine. It got a few comments.

While we were there we found a concrete circle and we opened it up and found a ladder going down.

Everyone was guessing whether we'd find a body or a bag of money down there, but it must be for one of the utilities.

I was telling Tim to go down there but he has done his confined spaces training and he said you never go into a confined space without being a professional because you don't know what's down there, gas or anything.

While we worked the kids went to nanna and pops in Traralgon.

I got so much more done when they weren't here because they want room service every five minutes.

Kids are so messy. Before I had them I couldn't understand why people would always have laundry piling up.

We even got a laundry chute and they still manage to put their stuff on the ground outside the chute when all they need to do is open it. Sometimes I wave the white flag and just pick it up.

But when they were away the laundry basket was empty for a good 10 minutes. It was like laundry porn.

As soon as they go away I miss them and want them back.

I tell Tim to remind me of that moment every time I feel like strangling them."



Annette Verhoeff, Matthew Richardson, Colleen Williams and Jackie Booth are all taking the Windermere Cape to Cape Trek to Keep Kids Safe in October this year.

Terrific treadmill challenge raises over \$4000

A 24-hour treadmill challenge at the San Remo Hotel last week raised just over \$4300 to support children, families and individuals in need across south east Victoria.

Organiser Colleen Williams was over the moon with the result.

Colleen has signed up for the Windermere Cape to Cape Trek to Keep Kids Safe in October with a group of friends.

The seven women all work in hospitality and have christened themselves Beyond the Ladies Lounge. As part of the trek, the women have to raise \$17,500 for Windermere's Kids on Track program.

Two of Colleen's teammates, Annette Verhoeff and Jackie Booth were in San Remo to help Colleen with the treadmill challenge.

"Windermere is so important," said Jackie, explaining an eight-week, state-wide program was being put together to help kids tackle bullying, anxiety, depression, drugs and alcohol, anger management and cyber safety.

"That's what we are raising money for."

Joining the women on the walk is Windermere Ambassador, former AFL champion Matthew Richardson and Richo was also in San Remo to help raise the much-needed funds.

On the treadmill

Friends, family and hotel staff signed up for a session on the treadmill, to ensure it kept moving for 24-hours continuously.

Elaine Williams - Colleen's mother-in-law started the treadmill rolling, taking the first session at 2pm on April 7, while Matthew walked the final leg.

In addition to donations sponsoring the treadmill walkers, there were special Richmond beer cans selling for \$20 - or a six pack for \$100 - which were personally autographed by the former Richmond star.

In the spirit of a great cause, fans lining up for photos made a small donation.

The finale of the challenge was an auction.

One of the treadmills used in the challenge, donated by Taryn Bould was auctioned off for \$250 to Matthew King.

The second auction, a Richmond jumper donated by Barry Williams and signed by Trent Cotchin, Dustin Martin and Jack Riewoldt sparked a bidding war.

The crowd was urged on by Richo, who pointed out the stars' achievements, including Cotchin's stint as the longest serving captain in the club's history, and Riewoldt's position as one of the club's leading goal scorers. "I'm in front of him," he quipped.



Auction winner Chris Andrews made his winning bid on the condition that Matthew Richardson added his signature to the jumper.

In the end, the jumper went to Chris Andrews for \$1200.

Chris placed his final bid on the condition that Matthew Richardson added his signature to the jumper.

"I don't know if that adds to the value of the jumper," the AFL great joked, before obliging.

"I'm a massive fan, I've followed Richmond all my life," Chris said. "And Richo is my favourite. I even named my cat Richo!"

A photo with his AFL idol topped off the day for Chris.

Another starry-eyed fan also got a photo with the former Richmond star. Young Noah Murray was on his way to go jetty jumping, with his Ti-

gers towel over his shoulder, when he heard Matthew Richardson was in town.

A quick diversion to the hotel saw Noah emerge with a big smile, a photo with Richo and an autographed towel.

The 80 km trek along the Cape to Cape track in Western Australia is designed to raise money and awareness for Windermere and its work to keep the community's most vulnerable children safe.

You can support Colleen on her trek by donating to: windermere-c2c-2021.raisely.com/colleen-williams

More photos of last week's fundraiser at www.pisra.com.au



Elaine Ferteis (left) and Leesa Moir take a turn on the treadmills. Elaine and Leesa donated their treadmills to be used for the fundraiser. A third treadmill, donated by Taryn Bould was auctioned off at the end of the day, raising another \$250.

Nails it! A very polished fundraiser

A trip to the hospital has inspired a unique fundraiser at San Remo Nails.

Every Wednesday between now and September, owner Ruby Dang is donating 100 per cent of every manicure to the Wonthaggi Hospital. In a win for customers as well, anyone who books in for a Wednesday manicure receives a 10 per cent discount off the standard price.

Then the rest of the payment is placed in the padlocked hospital donation box in the salon.

Ruby is hoping locals will rally to the cause, with her regular customers already getting on board.

The offer includes all types of manicures, including tips, colour, SNS and acrylic nails.

The only conditions are bookings are essential, and appointments must be paid for in cash.

Two of Sue's regular customers, Sue Brown and Kaz Mock, are monitoring the donations and have the keys to the donation box padlock. The first Wednesday session raised over \$175 from treatments and random donations.

Medical inspiration

Ruby said the inspiration for the fundraiser came after she went to the hospital for a free breast screening.



Every Wednesday between now and September, San Remo Nails owner Ruby Dang is donating 100 per cent of every manicure to the Wonthaggi Hospital.

Amazed by the level of free medical care in Australia, she organised the fundraiser as one way of showing her appreciation.

"Because the service is free, I decided to give something back," said Ruby, who lives on Phillip Island with her husband Robin Hedin.

After meeting in Vietnam, Ruby moved to Australia in 2016 and the couple married later that year.

The chief accountant for La

Coste in her home country, her qualifications were not recognised in Australia and she was unable to secure an accounting job.

After working in a nail salon in Cowes and studying online, she opened her own store in 2017.

Since then, she's built up a loyal clientele, including many customers from Melbourne.

Like most small businesses, the past 12 months have been tough,

with the salon closed three times due to Covid.

After the first nine-week lockdown, Ruby said clients couldn't wait to get back to the salon.

"The first two weeks after the big lock down I was fully booked out, 9am to 7pm every day, including Sunday.

To support the fundraiser and book a Wednesday appointment, call Ruby on 0490 664 883.

Get support for your creative project

More than 250 artists from across Victoria are jumping at the chance to take part in the collaborative program ArtsACTION, running until June 30, 2021.

Facilitated by not-for-profit Jumpstarts NFP in partnership with eight regional Councils - including Bass Coast - ArtsACTION provides inspiration and professional development for artists and creatives to assist them in growing their success. The next round of the program starts on April 21.

"Artists and creatives and their contribution to wellbeing, employment and community development, are highly under acknowledged. In this context, the sector

can be overlooked and/or under supported," says organiser and program founder Sharon Seyd.

"ArtsACTION was developed to provide real and practical support for the creative sector - which makes an enormous contribution to the vibrancy, liveability, and health of our regional communities."

This free program offers a six-part email resource pack, Zoom workshops, and access to a growing supportive network. The workshops cover topics such as being market ready, working together effectively, and digital communities.

Artists and creatives are taking up this opportunity to grow their career, build their brand, and connect

with other creatives around regional Victoria.

Jaci Hicken from Mirboo North in Gippsland is enthusiastic about ArtsACTION, using the program to advance her business, Jacican Food Studio, where she combines her love of all things food, media and Gippsland.

"I've been on a journey to get to where I can be creative full-time. Always building skills, knowledge, and networks. When an arts officer suggested I take part in ArtsACTION, I jumped at the chance," says Jaci.

Emerging or professional artists and people working in community arts or creative industry fields are

invited to move into action, work collaboratively, and refine innovative methods for success.

ArtsACTION has helped artists and creatives with concepts as broad as marketing and selling strategies, branding and portfolio management, setting goals, and building community.

ArtsACTION is FREE to participate and is currently being delivered entirely online until June 30, 2021. The next workshop round begins April 21. As limited places are available, bookings are essential.

For more information go to: popupart.com.au/artsaction. To register for workshops visit: www.popupart-artsaction.eventbrite.com



ANZAC Appeal up and running

Although Covid restrictions are impacting on this year's ANZAC celebrations, regular features like the annual ANZAC Appeal are already underway.

Phillip Island RSL ANZAC Appeal organisers, Cheryl Overton & Glenyce Paul set up a badge sales table on the weekend, to get this year's Appeal started. Anyone able to assist selling badges, please contact Cheryl on 0427 680 483.

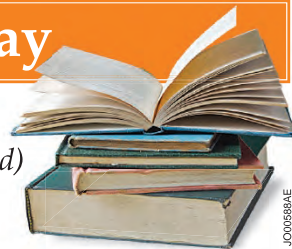
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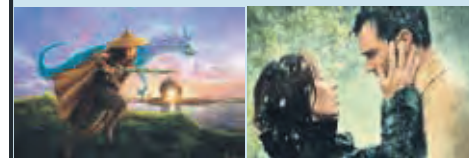
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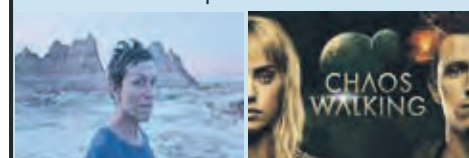
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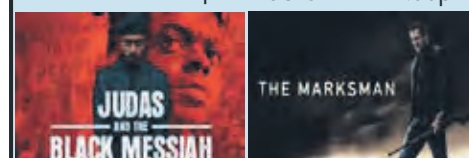
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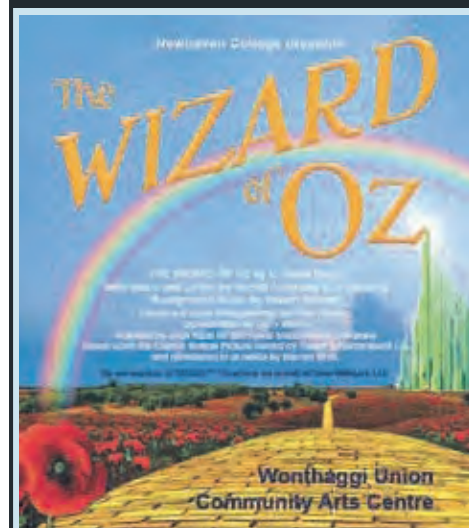


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Ten years plus one birthday for Men's Shed

The Phillip Island Men's Shed will mark its eleventh birthday this week with a "Ten Years Plus One" celebration.

The Shed's Big 0 milestone birthday party had to be postponed last year because of the Covid lockdown ... and is being dubbed "Ten Years Plus One" now that the celebration is finally able to go ahead.

It will take the form of a luncheon at The Phillip Island RSL on April 16.

The Men's Shed in Cowes was established in 2010, one of many set up in local communities across the state at the time.

It was developed under the auspices of the Phillip Island RSL, but is by no means restricted for use to RSL members.

The concept of a Men's Shed is a simple one.

It is there to be used by community members, and offers space, equipment and a friendly, social environment for men of all ages to mix in while getting involved in workshop activities that interest them.

Its doors are open to all ... for both individual and community projects.

Funded jointly by the Victorian Department of Planning and Community Services, the Federal Department of Veteran's Affairs, and the Phillip Island RSL, for the use of the community as a whole it opened in 2010 in a purpose built shed in the RSL



The Phillip Island Men's Shed is gearing up to celebrate a milestone Big 0 birthday this week, albeit a year late, with a lunch at the Phillip Island RSL. It's being called the Ten Years Plus One lunch, after last year's ten-year celebration had to be postponed due to the Covid lockdown.

grounds, with a very well equipped woodwork centre for members to work in.

Three years later, in 2013, a metal work shed complete with lathe and metal benders, was built adjacent to the first building.

Much of the labour that went into building and merging the woodwork and metal components was provided

by Shed members.

Co-ordinator from the outset has been Terry Heffernan.

He and his team have worked hard over the last decade to provide a relaxed, friendly and safe communal workshop environment, and socialisation opportunities have thrived.

A monthly barbecue is held and enjoyed by everyone.

And the RSL bus is used four or five times a year for members to attend Shed Cluster Meetings around Gippsland, where ideas are exchanged, and guest speakers address those assembled on practical and social issues of interest to men.

Last month's cluster meeting was held at the Drouin Golf Club sponsored by the Drouin men's Shed, with about 100 in attendance.

Hive of activity

Today, the facility is a hive of activity, open on three mornings a week with a current membership of about 40.

Participants can use the Shed's equipment to work on their own projects.

They also collectively repair and restore items for community members; and regularly assist other community groups when a need arises.

They have made penguin boxes for the Nature Park, theatrical sets for offshore Theatre, Honour Boards for a number of sporting clubs, easels for the Artist's Society, shelving for Bill's Book Shed at Melaleuca Lodge, and play items for the kids at the Early Learning Centre.

The Long Tan Cross, proudly erected at the front of the RSL, was made by them.

A current project underway involves restoration of antique furniture and brass bed heads for a com-

munity member.

Students from local schools have benefitted through the Shed, having been taught woodwork in small groups under the tuition of the men.

Student groups from Cowes Primary, Newhaven College and the Village Primary School visited regularly (pre Covid) since the Shed opened in 2010.

However, the school visits are on hold at the moment, which is something that the members miss.

They enjoyed these sessions, and the kids did too.

A small charge is made for repair and restoration works.

Members were proud to be able to use some of the funds so raised to make a donation of \$5000 to Matt Bowtell's Free 3 D Hands work.

The Men's Shed is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and Co-ordinator Terry Heffernan said everyone is looking forward to a return to normal after the Shed was forced to close during the Covid lockdown.

Since it reopened, members have attended on a rotating basis, to comply with social distancing numbers, which means about 15 men at each session.

New members are always welcome to come along.

If you have a project but not the tools, the Men's Shed will give you a warm welcome and a helping hand.

There is no fee to join.



This year's World Labyrinth Day walk will be held at the San Remo Mediation Labyrinth at 1pm on April 30. Last year, more than fifty adults and children attended the 10th New Year's Eve Labyrinth Walk at Griffiths Point in San Remo.

Come together on World Labyrinth Day

This year's World Labyrinth Day theme is Pathways of Peace.

Lorraine Rodda, the South West Gippsland Representative for the Australian Labyrinth Network said the day was a great way to come together and celebrate the "awesome-ness of connection".

The World Labyrinth Day Walk at the San Remo Mediation Labyrinth will be held at 1pm on April 30.

The labyrinth is located off the unmade section of Back Beach Road in San Remo. The turf labyrinth is beautifully maintained by the Bass Coast Council.

The walk will be part of a worldwide research project.

The project aims to study walking in solidarity, recording the impact of people around the world who walk a labyrinth simultaneously, with the same intention.

For details, contact Lorraine Rodda on 0400 045 397 or email lrodda@gmail.com

School studies

World Labyrinth Day also provides a perfect opportunity for schools to explore the ideas and benefits of the labyrinth.

This year, the focus for suggested activities are Inner Peace and Waves of Peace.

The Labyrinths in Educational Setting Group has developed activities to help teachers and group convenor, Louise Mason said the activities "both promote high order thinking skills and also encourage students to engage in reflective and metacognitive thinking; the processes used to plan, monitor, and assess one's understanding and performance; including critical awareness."

The Pathways of Peace resource is supplemented with Teacher Notes, A Short Introduction to Labyrinths Power Point, and a handy checklist to help prepare for the event. A flyer for promotional purposes can also be downloaded from the website: aln.org.au/wld-resources.

Brothers rock Bass Coast

The Hemsworth brothers may be Bass Coast's favourite famous siblings.

But Aidan, Rhett, and Angus McLaren certainly come a close second.

The trio grew up on a 280ha farm in Krowera, at the back of Grantville.

Thanks to their parents' influence all three learnt to play a variety of musical instruments and performed in Bass Coast's local amateur theatre groups.

It's a cultural upbringing that has paid dividends.

Angus, 32, has a successful acting career, appearing in the likes of Packed to the Rafters, Home and Away and in the movie Hotel Mumbai, returning to the farm during Covid-19.

Aidan, 39, a father of two who lives in Inverloch, and Rhett, 37, who lives on the farm, run Red Hill Entertainment, holding music festivals around Victoria.

Their first festival, The Hills Are Alive, started on the farm in 2009 and concluded in 2019, showcasing some of Australia's biggest names from Vance Joy to Courtney Barnett.

From that initial on-farm festival, Aidan and Rhett are now running seven festivals, including NYE on the Hill, also staged on the Krowera farm, but postponed in January because of Covid.

However, their newest event is the inaugural Gippsland Country Music Festival, on April 24 at Mossvale Park, Berry's Creek, which will be headlined by Lee Kernaghan, also featuring Gippsland's home-grown talent in The Davidson Brothers and The Strzelecki Stringbusters.

Isn't it risky starting a festival in the



Rhett and Aidan McLaren, who grew up in a music-loving family on a farm in the Bass hills, are running Gippsland's inaugural Country Music Festival

wake of a pandemic?

"Rhett and I have wanted to create a country music festival for years but because we've been so busy we haven't had time. Covid actually gave us the time," Aidan says, adding that between JobKeeper, working on the farm and consulting work they've managed to pay the rent.

"The pandemic has been incredibly devastating to the events industry. But it's also given a lot of people a moment to reflect on what they really want to do and for us we realised we just love running events, the joy it brings to people and the opportunities for musicians."

Aidan is confident the event will go ahead, with a rigorous Covid-safe plan, such as an on-site officer, contact tracing and hand-sanitiser stations.

If cancelled, it will be rescheduled for later in the year with all tickets remaining valid or refunds given.

Aidan says their father Peter - who still runs the farm - also performs on weekends with his bands Fossil

Fuel and Press Play, including at the Kilcunda pub, while mum Kerena remains an amateur performer with the likes of Leongatha's Lyric Theatre.

Aidan learnt to play drums and Rhett bass guitar, playing in their own bands around South Gippsland - including at their school Mary McKillop in Leongatha.

"In the '80s dad converted the old dairy into a musical rehearsal room and it was the only rehearsal room in South Gippsland so we'd always have local bands rehearsing in the shed," he says.

"You're isolated as a kid on a farm and so in our spare time we played instruments there too.

"It's not fancy but the shed is quite nostalgic and played a big part in our childhood.

"It's right on top of a hill that overlooks Phillip Island, with the most beautiful sunsets."

www.gippslandcountrymusicfestival.com/

Landcare hosts climate change and regenerative ag events

Bass Coast Landcare Network is hosting a series of events over the coming month, focused on regenerative agriculture and climate change.

On Friday, April 30, a farm walk on the Kernot property of Janette and Andrew Allen will look at how farmers are integrating regenerative agriculture into their operations.

Guest speaker on the day is respected agronomist Chris Alenson. The farm walk runs from 10.30am

until 1.30pm and includes morning tea and lunch. RSVP to Joel Geoghegan at Bass Coast Landcare by April 26.

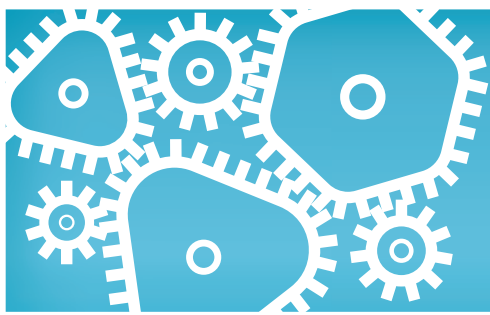
A three-week regenerative business course will run online, starting on Thursday, April 22. The two-hour weekly courses cover how to design your own regenerative business, its influence on profit and decision making, and future prospects. Registrations via www.trybooking.com/BPYK by April 19.

A third event - Water Manage-

ment in a changing climate - looks at on-farm water management, how to work with the landscape and better prepare for extreme rainfall events.

The field day at the Kernot Hall on May 3, from 10.30am until 2.30pm includes a presentation from John Clarke of the CSIRO.

For more information on all these events, please email Joel Geoghegan at Bass Coast Landcare: joel-geoghegan@basscoastlandcare.org.au



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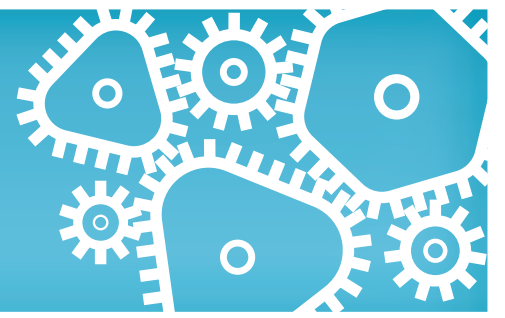
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Easter sport done well

Congratulations to the Phillip Island Football and Netball Club on the mammoth task of organising the Easter Saturday clash with Kilcunda Bass.

It was an amazing day and very much appreciated by the spectators and the supporters.

Well done!

Daisy Weir, Rhyll

Exceptional service

On the Tuesday after Easter (April 5) Apartments at Glen Isla required the services of both a plumber and an electrician. Each were phoned soon after 9am and both tradesmen had attended and completed the necessary work by 12.30pm.

We believe this is exceptional service, and it was really appreciated.

John and Maureen, Apartments at Glen Isla, Cowes

Tidy up bike parking

With the amount of people who like to ride their bikes around the island, we found ourselves in an awkward situation on Wednesday when popping into Woolworths to pick up supplies.

Take us a minute or two to actually find the bike parking only to wrestle with the overgrown shrubs that have spread onto and around the bike parking bays.

With our shopping completed we once again wrestled with the tight space ensuring we didn't fall back on the plants or worse onto the oncoming traffic.

Needless to say, we think it's time the gardeners were sought to tidy the hedge so to speak!

Robyn Johnson, Williamstown

New island life

I refer to J Falkingham's letter to the editor (March 31)

Thank you so much for the lovely words that you wrote in your letter.

Opening my business right before Covid was not in my business plan and as with other local traders, last year was incredibly hard. Through those times however, I have come to know my neighbours and we have become a family of sorts.

Adding the plants to the alleyway has been a joint project with Blue Gum Nursery. The initial idea was to help guide people down the alley to the shop, and it was also a way of giving back to my neighbours for

their support. The energetic lift and street appeal has brought many a smile and comment.

I grew up in Queensland and watched how different councils presented their streetscapes, much of which focussed on showcasing artists. The sense of pride this gave the community was palpable and the enjoyment from visitors evident. Extending this to the Sunshine Coast – a major tourist destination, where local councils have balanced street and amenity presentation whilst also protecting environmental areas.

Having lived on the island now for nearly 10 years, I have watched and listened with interest to the various opinions and discussions relating to 'change/s' implemented by council. Outdoor dining areas implemented in response to Covid have been done well, combined with the added 'green areas' council has implemented such as the one on The Laneway next to G'Day Tiger. It has been wonderful watching people enjoy this space which has also increased pedestrian safety. It is my hope, and that of many neighbouring traders that The Laneway continues as a public space.

As we find our 'Covid normal', and people travel/holiday regionally rather than interstate or overseas, our island is experiencing a surge of tourists and holiday makers and an increase in new families making a permanent home here. Currently our infrastructure has been lacking or non-cohesive, but I hope this new life the island is currently experiencing will bring with it, the required improved infrastructure, facilities and a new sense of positive energy to our community.

Jo Viney, Brinnie T Design

Thank you from Alberton board members

As local football and netball Leagues commence their seasons, the exception is the Alberton Football Netball League.

A League that had conducted football competitions since the late 1800s, survived wars and a depression, was wound up following the outcome of Reviews conducted by AFL Gippsland.

As former clubs move on, Board members of the former AFNL wanted to acknowledge and thank the many participants who had contributed so much to local football

and netball both junior and senior from Wellington, Alberton, South Gippsland through to Bass, Woodside and Phillip Island for over a century.

Thank you to the many clubs – their executives, committees, officials, volunteers, coaches and players and particularly their delegates to the League.

Thank you to the partners to the League who provided the necessary support to AFNL to conduct its competitions: the Alberton Trainers Association together with local ambulance and hospitals, the South Gippsland Umpires Association, the Tribunal, local Police and security.

Thank you to the local Press and local radio that provided extensive coverage and result services for all games.

Thank you to the sponsors and donors who contributed valuable financial support, in particular families and individuals who have been long standing donors of keenly sought-after perpetual awards.

Thank you to those who supported the League at representative level in both football and netball, the coaches, selectors, trainers, officials and players. The League took great pride in its performances and the players who reached VFA, VFL and AFL level.

Thank you to local professionals who provided advice to the League in legal and financial matters.

Thank you to those men and women who served on the League Executives and Boards and to those administrative employees and volunteers who have provided the expertise and support to member clubs that is necessary for their participation and the efficiency of the competitions.

"The game must go on" but hopefully the part the Alberton Football Netball League has played in providing competition and comradeship will not be totally forgotten.

For and on behalf of former Board Members of the Alberton Football Netball League

Phillip Island Community Hospital

Further to the article written about the recent visit by Health Minister Martin Foley I feel I need to address the criticisms made by some PIM-HAG members.

It is disappointing and upsetting that Peter Paul's continual misinformation and untruths are detracting

from what should be celebrated as an extraordinary step towards better healthcare and support services for residents and visitors.

Mr Paul knows full well that this Community Hospital is the only one out of all ten across Victoria to have a 24-hour, year-round Urgent Care service. He also knows, as it has been in the public realm from the day we announced the commitment in 2018, construction is expected to start in 2022 and be completed in 2024.

Consultation, genuine input, local knowledge, values and experiences are all imperative to the success of any project, service or program.

Our Consultative Committee, established in 2019, is made up of members from our community because we want to have diverse views, diverse life experiences across all age groups, backgrounds and work sectors to inform the services needed, to inform the building design, the landscape, the spaces within, so it is a welcoming, healing, safe place, for what will be an extensive suite of services and supports.

We have met several times, even during a pandemic. Importantly three members – Gill Scrase (PIM-HAG's representative), Samiro Douglas and Mal McCann have been involved in service planning and meetings with VHBA and Architects to ensure local knowledge is at the centre.

I thank the committee for all their valuable input and feedback to date, Bass Coast Health staff and executive who have continued to progress this important work, their own community advisory committee and to everyone we have had conversations with through schools, councils, community and sporting groups. This is a great project, it has a remarkable story of community connectedness. We want the care experience to be positive.

We are on track, on budget and the business case is with Treasury to approve. Once signed off we will show you the design plans, talk about the services in more detail and importantly to hear your direct feedback.

Jordan Crugnale MP, Chair Phillip Island Consultative Committee

Community hospital design clarification

It was our great pleasure to host the Hon. Martin Foley, and Local Member Jordan Crugnale, and tour the

Phillip Island Health Hub, following celebration of the \$115M Wonthaggi Hospital Expansion project.

The Minister and Jordan met Bass Coast Health's staff, patients and volunteers at Wonthaggi and at the Hub. Like most health care workers, BCH staff have experienced a most challenging year as a result of Covid, and the genuine gratitude expressed by the Minister and Jordan was much welcomed.

Whilst at the Hub, the Minister confirmed our purchase of the site for the new Community Hospital. In the midst of the Pandemic, we managed to complete the Master Plan, Services Plan, Feasibility Study and we procured the land! In addition, a business case has been submitted to Treasury and when approved, we will move onto schematic and detailed design and have some solid plans to share. Building works are expected to start in 2022 with new services up and running in 2024.

All of this progress was made with highly valued community input. The Phillip Island Community Consultative Committee (PICCC), (constituted by an independent body), is a diverse local group that has met several times over the past 18 months. Three PICCC representatives have been involved in all meetings with architects to ensure strong local input. In addition, the BCH Community Advisory Committee, comprising several representatives from the Island, have been consulted along the way, and early consultation was undertaken with local indigenous community members. All of this on top of the forty plus community groups I was privileged to meet and listen to, who informed the Hub before it opened its doors.

Bass Coast Health is committed to continually working with these community members to create a vibrant Community Hospital. As this project moves into the detailed design stage later this year, BCH will connect again with the broader community of Phillip Island, to make sure residents and visitors hear what we are doing, and importantly, can provide direct feedback. I encourage anyone with queries or concerns to contact me directly jan.child@basscoasthealth.org.au and I thank those of you who have collaborated with us positively and transparently. Your efforts will help us improve services to our community.

Jan Child, CEO Bass Coast Health

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Phillip Island Reserves player Jim "Pup" Lees is cheered off the ground after playing his one hundredth game for the Island Reserves on Easter Saturday. His children Caylin and Alex who accompanied him off the ground, could not have been prouder.



Beau Vernon with Jess Gislingham, who was given the task of unfurling the 2019 WGFNL premiership flag, at the island's season opener against Kilcunda Bass on Easter Saturday. Jess unfurled the flag, albeit a year later than intended because of the Covid lockdown last year, in honour of his pop, Jim Gislingham, a Club stalwart volunteer who manned the footy gate for 30 years. Jim passed away during last year's lockdown. The Gislingham family also donated the ball for the senior team's first game of the season, in honour of Jim's memory.



A special ceremony for Phillip Island seniors took place before the Club's first match of the year against Kilcunda Bass. The new faces were welcomed and presented with their jumpers by Club legend Steve Duggan. From left: Damien Holmes, Daniel Pearce, Luke James, Lachie Gay and Max Blake.

Footy returns, in glorious conditions!

Many thousands turned out for the first game of the footy/netball season at the Cowes Recreation Reserve on Easter Saturday, in glorious autumn conditions.

After a year in hiatus, the excitement was palpable as the district's young football and netball players took to the ground, with four football and six netball sides playing on the day against neighbouring Kilcunda Bass.

The 2019 flag was unfurled by Jess Gislingham, in honour of his

pop Jim Gislingham, who manned the gate rain, hail or shine at the ground for the Club for the past 30 years.

Jim passed away during the Covid lockdown.

New players were presented with their jumpers for the season, and the traditional Garry Todd Medal was awarded to senior's captain Jaymie Youle, also playing his 200th game for Phillip Island.

All in all, a glorious day, and as they say ... Let The Games Begin.



Phillip Island rivals Kilcunda Bass lined up in a very sportsman like gesture, for the unfurling of the Island's 2019 premiership flag on Easter Saturday.



Phillip Island players and officials stand proudly to attention for the unfurling of the Club's 2019 senior's flag, on Easter Saturday.



It was a big day for Orlando Kane Gillard on Easter Saturday, playing his first game for the island seniors. Orlando, with his mum Lisa Kane at the special jumper presentation, went on to kick four goals in his first senior match. Orlando proudly wears number 31, made famous by the late Keith De Looze, three decades ago.



Phillip Island Seniors captain Jaymie Youle leads his team out on to the ground to play his 200th game for Phillip Island, against Kilcunda Bass. At the end of the game, Jaymie was celebrating a great win for his team; as well as being named winner of the Garry Todd medal, which is presented annually to man of the match after the traditional Kilcunda Bass versus Phillip Island opening round.



Kai McKenzie proudly accepted the Number 5 jumper from his very proud mum Emily McKenzie, as he prepared for his first game as an island senior player in season 2021.

Weather did not dampen the spirits of our Island girls!

Under 11s

The U11 girls braved the cold but unfortunately lost against Cora Lynn 12-7. Isabella Stead did a great job defending as GK.

Under 13s

The girls were anticipating a wet game today and they got one!

The girls had a strong warm up prior to the game, on their toes and trying to keep warm.

They started the game nice and strong with plenty of supply from the mid court into the shooters.

The defensive pressure down the court was consistent and resulted in a number of scores from turnovers. It also meant Cora Lynn were challenged and found it difficult to work the ball down into their shooters.

Halfway through the second quarter, the heavens opened up and the girls were soaked through by half time. The weather didn't wash the smiles off their faces, nor dampen their determined spirit.

Overall, the girls played a really strong and competitive game, coming away with the win, 17-5.

Best On: Aisha Hibbert and Olivia Holmes.

Under 15s

Even with the rain our Phillip Island 15s netball team reigned over Cora Lynn today.

Lily was unstoppable in goals and was well assisted by Meika and Isabella to keep up the momentum.

In the third and fourth quarters the defensive line of Sienna, Ruby, Paige and Isla applied relentless pressure,

repeatedly denying Cora Lynn and restricting them to one goal in the second half.

Maya was outstanding as centre along with Hazel in mid court who distributed the ball well to give the Island the advantage.

Congratulations to the team and coach Anna on another strong win.

Final Score: Phillip Island 22 V Cora Lynn 9.

Best On: Lily Mewett and Sienna McFarlane.

Under 17s

U17 knew it was going to be a tough game against Cora Lynn and they sure put on the pressure from the get-go.

The scores were a draw at first quarter and that motivated the girls to push even harder. Defence continued to work extremely hard - all the goalies did amazing even in windy conditions. Another great team effort girls.

Best On: Ahlee Penry Ella Duggan.

D Grade

In a club first, D Grade were ready to take on their first game. A team with huge potential for the season settled their nerves and took the court, opening strongly and taking a quick lead. Cora Lynn however soon found their feet and fought back to lead in the second and third quarter.

The Island really showed their potential though in the final quarter.

With everything falling into place and some beautiful passages of play, unfortunately Cora Lynn were too hard to catch. Only up from here for the D Grade team.

Awards to Shanae who dominated in



Ella Duggan and Kristie Edwards helped secure the win with great goal shooting for the A grade Island team against Cora Lynn on Sunday.

the second half in defence and Tori who remained strong and steady all game.

Final score: Phillip Island 18 V Cora Lynn 30.

C Grade

The girls went in with heads up high after a motivational speech from coach Jo Jo Ross. They were pumped and ready to go knowing it was going to be a competitive game.

The rain hit hard in the first quarter, but that didn't stop the girls from going in all guns blazing!

Our shooters Steph James, Hayley Moxey and Chloe Kalis worked amazingly together in the ring keeping us in the game.

Mid court runners Brooke Blundy, skipper Steph Krainer and a small run by Sunday Brisbane worked to-

gether to help bring the ball down and work it into our shooters.

Defenders Tori Legg, Bella Ross and Chloe Moxey were reading the ball like legends and helped to stop Cora Lynn from scoring.

C Grade may have had all four seasons in our game, but the girls should be so proud of how they played together!

Getting a rhythm happening in a new team is always hard, but the girls are in it to win it!

Unfortunately, this time they didn't come home with the win, but are going to be a force to be reckoned with!

Final score: Cora Lynn 24 V Phillip Island 21.

Best on: Chloe Moxey and Bella Ross.

B Grade

The B grade girls were eager to take the court even though it was much cooler conditions compared to last week. The first quarter was low scoring and hotly contested due to great pressure by both sides but the B Grade girls settled any nerves they had and this resulted in a small lead going into the first break. With a strong defensive effort by Cailin, Lucy and Cassie, the defenders did a great job shutting down Cora Lynn's attacking end, whilst Nell, Maddy, Charli and Amber provided great drives and plenty of options through the mid court.

Kylie and Emma 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: Cora-Lynn 23 V Phillip Island 53.

Best On: Emma Felsovary and Cassie Stoppa.

A Grade

What a great way to start the season! On a cold, wet and windy day all of the girls were excited to step out on court for their first game in a long time. Ella and Christie combined well in goals with great accuracy.

Anthea and Lucy read the play well in defence and took some spectacular intercepts. Jess, Claise and Hayley combined well in the mid court and worked hard all game. Great to come away with a win!

Final score: Phillip Island 44 V Cora Lynn 26.

Best on: Claise and Anthea.



Cam Pedersen, Brendan Kimber and Orlando Kane-Gillard helped to keep control of the game in a great win for the Island Seniors team.

Bulldogs battle it out in bleak conditions

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The final quarter saw the bulls continue on their way.

An early major to Nick Anderson kept up the momentum. Eli, Kimber, Zac Vernon and let's not forget the defenders. Jase Tomada was doing a sterling job on the opposition gun forward, ably supported by Damian Holmes, Al Officer and Daniel Pearce's experience was showing and assisting the emergence of the likes of Levi Robinson and Tarquin McMillan.

Too many good players to mention so I'll just mention one: ELI! 13 minutes in. ELI! 16 minutes in. Put the dogs 64 points in front late in the quarter. THE WIZZ IS BACK!

Youngster Orlando KG finished them off late and the boys ran out brilliant and convincing 70 point winners against quality opposition.

Good signs.

Scores: Phillip Island: 3.1.19, 8.4.52, 11.6.72, 15.8.98

Cora Lynn: 1.4.10, 2.6.18, 3.8.26, 3.10.28

Goals: Max Blake 4, Wizz Richards 3, Zac Vernon 2, Cameron Pedersen 2, Orlando Kane-Gillard, Nick Anderson, Alex Duyker, Levi Robinson

Best Players: Brendan Kimber, Daniel Pearce, Cameron Pederson, Wizz Richards, Damien Holmes, Max Blake

Reserves

Not a great day for the two's and quite a reality check that if you're not on your game early, it slips away pretty quickly.

In very ordinary conditions, literally polar opposite to the previous week, Cora Lynn caught our boys

napping and the game had all but slipped out of reach by quarter time.

Even worse at half time, Zach Wagner was leading the way for the bulldogs, but in the absence of a number of usual 'mainstays' he did not have a lot of support.

Cora Lynn was leading the way in all areas and showing our boys a clean set of heels.

The second half, and in particular the third term saw a more determined attitude and serious attempt to get back into the game.

A third quarter goal showed promise to be within a few goals but a steadier for Cora Lynn before the last change hurt the bulldogs' momentum.

The final quarter saw Cora Lynn regain a full head of steam and finished over the top of our boys full of running.

Not much of a match summary but in reality there wasn't much to highlight, but 13 days is a long time in footy (certainly longer than the normal seven!), so probably best for this one to be forgotten and re-boot for Round 3.

Early days yet.

Scores: Cora Lynn: 3.1.19, 6.3.39, 8.3.51, 10.6.66

Phillip Island: 0.2.2, 0.3.3, 1.5.11, 1.6.12

Goals: Dale Larkin

Best Players: Arie Cook, Hamish Harrison, Zack Wagner, Josh Simpson, Luke Glossop, John McLachlan

Under 18s

The Under 18s took the field in what appeared to be improving conditions after the trying conditions

the 16s played in.

The first quarter opened with an even contest, but eventually the PI boys took control.

Goals to Liam Dayson, Will Taylor-Eagles and Jett McMillan saw the lead move out to 20 points.

The second and third quarters progressed through bright sunshine, interspersed cyclone rated winds and hail so heavy that the umpires reported being close to heading off!

In these mad conditions, the PI boys continued to extend their lead despite stiff resistance from the opposition.

Tom Aylett led the charge well supported by Lochlan Hill and Tom Niven, and by the end of the second cyclone - ahh, third quarter - the lead had extended to 52 points.

The last quarter saw conditions ease back to extreme winter, with the PI team continuing to extend their lead.

Jack Pappas and Hayden Smith seemed to move as if they had some form of sail guiding them through the heavy wind conditions, with the bulldogs sailing through and to an excellent win.

Scores: Phillip Island: 3.4.22, 5.7.37, 7.13.55, 11.16.82

Cora Lynn: 0.2.2, 0.3.3, 0.3.3, 0.4.4

Goals: Will Taylor-Eagles 4, Jack Papas 2, Liam Dayson 2, Tom Aylett, Ben Taylor, Jett McMillan.

Best Players: Hayden Smith, Jude Grace, Ben Taylor, Tom Niven, Lochlan Hill, Will Taylor-Eagles

Under 16s

Weather more suited to July greeted the Under 16 bulldogs as they ar-

rived at the Cora Lynn rec reserve.

After a close win last week against the Panthers the coaching staff were hopeful of a 2 and 0 start to the season.

Kicking with the wind after winning the toss, the boys started well, tenaciously forcing the ball forward resulting in a lovely goal to Brady Ross. Cora Lynn replied quickly and rain turned the rest of the first quarter into a real slog. Q/Time: Cora Lynn 1.2 to P.I. 1.1

The second quarter started brilliantly as Zac Walker kicked a long goal into the wind after marking strongly.

It was great to hear Zac back in the team after injury and the boys all got around him.

Cora Lynn again hit back and with the Phillip Island backline pressing up Cora Lynn got a further two cheap goals for the quarter.

With Max Arceo playing well on the wing and Finn Cashman prominent up forward the Dogs scrambled a few points into the wind to be just behind at halftime.

Having said that, the backline led by Leo Savona held up well under pressure in the tough conditions.

Half Time Cora Lynn 4.3 to PI 2.4

The third quarter saw the Dogs start well with Ollie Hibbert hard at the ball as always giving the Dogs great drive out of the centre.

In a great passage of play Kohen Beaumont, off half back kicked to Brady Ross who delivered a perfect pass to Finn Cashman who goaled to see the Dogs within a kick of the Cobras.

After that goal the remainder of

the quarter turned into a real arm wrestle.

The Bulldogs persistence and teamwork was fantastic as they kept forcing the ball forward and repelling many attacks from Cora Lynn, restricting them to only one behind for the quarter.

Three quarter time Cora Lynn 4.4 to PI 3.6

Although only four points down the task ahead for the Dogs was going to be extremely hard but you would not know it when Lucas Chihotski laid a bone crunching tackle forcing a turn over to Jack Johnston who thumped the ball forward where Alex Barbati snapped a great goal to put the Dogs in front.

Cora Lynn quickly replied and although the Dogs threatened they could not hit the scoreboard.

The backline were fighting hard but couldn't prevent another goal to the Cobras.

Working hard into the wind the Bulldogs bravely forced the ball forward and Zac Walker kicked a great snap goal to get the dogs, again within reach.

In the end the conditions and costly turnovers proved too much for the Dogs, I'm sure the coaching staff would be well pleased with the efforts of all the boys on a tough day.

Scores: Cora Lynn: 1.2.8, 4.3.27, 4.4.28, 7.10.52

Phillip Island: 1.1.7, 2.4.16, 3.6.24, 5.6.36

Goals: Zak Walker 2, Brady Ross, Alex Barbati, Finn Cashman.

Best Players: Zak Walker, Brady Ross, Finn Cashman, Ollie Hibbert, Kohen Beaumont

Phillip Island Bowls results

It has been a busy week for our bowlers, as the Monthly triples were at Wonthaggi on Wednesday then Thursday at Phillip Island.

Winners for Thursday were Bob Anketell, Robyn and Andy Dennis.

Runners up were Rohan Walker, Gary Walker and Jimmy Kirk.

It's a long day with four games, back-to-back. Just shows how dedicated are our bowlers.

Thanks must go to those that organise these days and the much-appreciated kitchen staff that provide meals.

Social Bowls had 15 players, with winners Michael Haack, Alan Braughurst, Ray Pepper and Dave Snare with + 33 shots.

The much-anticipated Triples teams Medley day for Saturday was cancelled due to the forecast of inclement weather.

It will now be this Saturday.

The format will be interesting with all players in mixed games.



Triples Winners (left to right): Bob Anketell, Robyn and Andy Dennis.



Social Bowls (left to right) Michael Haack, Alan Braughurst, Dave Snare and Ray Pepper.

Youngsters keen as mustard!



The Under 6 Phillip Island Soccer team is raring to go! (Left to Right): Ashley Anagnostou, Theodore Wilson, Zoe Lambertson, Casey Shipton, Sonny Brebner, Billy Kimber, Jack Chasemore, with Coaches: Jimmy Lambertson and Cameron Chasemore.



Winners: Davis Smith, Sean McWilliams (Triple) and Peter Thorley.



One Game Winners: Tony Heppleston, David Talbot, Vicki Barns and Bill Barns.

Bowls return after Easter

Thursday, April 8 Midweek Bowls was played at San Remo on a beautiful sunny day with 29 eager bowlers ready to play a game of bowls after the long Easter break.

The green was in beautiful condition thanks to our green keeper Sean McWilliams and all our members enjoyed the challenge of a freaky wind which saw a few wayward bowls but still laughter could be heard across all rinks.

Sadly, one of our members, Elaine Fitt had a nasty fall,

but like a true soldier she kept playing on as if nothing had happened.

The wrong bias tin did well again with three of our members having to contribute all in all.

The day at San Remo was a great success and everyone went home happy.

Thank you to the members who brought in goods for the free raffle table.

We had lovely home-grown tomatoes, passionfruit, books and various knick-

knacks.

A special thank you to Peter Thorley in the bar who always serves us with a smile and Elaine Fitt in the kitchen who does a great job for our members.

Next week we will play at Tarwin Lower, 10am at club for a 10.30am start. BYO lunch, 2 games x 12 ends. Everyone welcome.

To register or for more information please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974. See You On The Green.

Come and try Darts!

Phillip Island and District Darts league would like to announce the commencement of the new Darts Season for 2021.

The first event of the season will be the Owen Walton drawn doubles fundraiser to be held on April 26 at 7pm.

This is an open event and all players 16 and over are welcome.

Venue is 223 Settlement Road (Coves Dance Studio next to Betsy's Glass).

We would like to welcome

all past, present and especially new players to attend.

The event has a \$5 entry fee per person and there will be a raffle on the night.

This is a great opportunity to meet players and form teams for the regular season.

BYO Alcohol, drinks and snacks. Minors to be accompanied by an adult.

The new regular season will commence Monday, May 3, at 7pm at 223 Settlement Road, Coves.

The team registration for

the new regular season for existing and new teams can be done at the Owen Walton event between 6pm-6.45pm on April 26.

Teams require a minimum of four players.

Team registration fee is \$10 per player for the season and \$5 per person each Monday night game.

Looking forward to the new season and hope to see you there.

For more information, contact Lindsay Grass, President on 0400 644 120 or visit Facebook - look for Phillip Island and District Darts League.

RSL Euchre Club Results for this week

Mens Winner: John O'Brien 7 Wins.

Ladies Winner: Mary O'Brien 7 Wins.

Encouragement Award:

Mario Amato 1 Win.

Dining tables booked for those wishing to have dinner prior to games 6pm

Games begin: 7.30pm

Please come and have a great night.

Please contact Bob Hee 0418 173 388 for further details.

Under 8's ready to go!



Back row (left to right): Charlie, Zen, Noah, Julian, Taj, Darby, Flynn, Ashkan, Mason, Kian and Max B. Front row (left to right): Anthony Merlin, Chloe, Max A, Marlo, Matilda and Liam Jury.

Phillip Island Golf results

Tuesday April 6 - Mens 18 hole Stableford

Winner Alan Schache h/c (6) 39 points from Trevor Read h/c (19) with 38 points.

Nine-hole competition.

Winner Gary Crocker h/c (28) with 21 points from Steve Reiger h/c (24) 20 points.

Wednesday, April 7 - Ladies Stableford.

Janice Baker h/c (34) won with 40 points from Miyuki Yamaguchi h/c (27) with 39 points and Glenda Longshaw was third with 38 points.

Nine-hole competition winner was Lyn Ward h/c (30) with 16 points from Shirley Watts h/c (39) 14 points.

Thursday Open Stableford

Robert Dean h/c (25) had a great score to win with 42 points from Rick Banfield h/c (16) 40 points and Christian Lloyd h/c (18) 39 points.

Nin-hole competition winner was Ron Hateley h/c (31) with 21 points from Basil Moloney h/c (13) with 20 points.

Saturday, April 10 - Stroke Mens Monthly Medal sponsored by Melbourne Brick - club member Matt Curtain.

A grade Winner Roy Fleming h/c (11) with 75 nett.

A Grade Runner up Rob Hayden h/c (11) 78 nett.

B Grade Winner Gerald Taylor h/c (17) 71 nett.

B Grade Runner up Rick Adolphson h/c (18) 73 nett on countback.

C Grade Winner Levi Robinson h/c (34) 70 Points.

C Grade Runner up Robert Espenberger h/c (29) 71 nett.

Monthly Medal winner was Levi Robinson.

Nin-hole Stableford winner was Bob Leak h/c (27) with 18 points from Jeff Sellenger h/c (27) with 17 points.

NTP 5th Phil Ellard, 7th Laurie Downward, 10th Shane Harding, 17th Anthony Johns.

Next week's competition is 4BBB Qualifications for the RL Smith.

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WED 14 APR	THU 15 APR	FRI 16 APR	SAT 17 APR	SUN 18 APR	MON 19 APR	TUE 20 APR
HIGH 2:24 am 2.64 m	HIGH 2:58 am 2.66 m	HIGH 3:29 am 2.67 m	HIGH 3:59 am 2.69 m	HIGH 4:29 am 2.68 m	HIGH 5:00 am 2.66 m	HIGH 5:32 am 2.61 m
LOW 8:13 am 0.68 m	LOW 8:49 am 0.59 m	LOW 9:23 am 0.52 m	LOW 9:55 am 0.49 m	LOW 10:28 am 0.49 m	LOW 10:59 am 0.51 m	LOW 11:30 am 0.56 m
HIGH 3:06 pm 2.88 m	HIGH 3:43 pm 2.87 m	HIGH 4:15 pm 3.02 m	HIGH 4:48 pm 3.03 m	HIGH 5:20 pm 3.02 m	HIGH 5:53 pm 2.96 m	HIGH 6:28 pm 2.89 m
LOW 8:48 pm 0.97 m	LOW 9:25 pm 0.97 m	LOW 9:58 pm 0.97 m	LOW 10:30 pm 0.98 m	LOW 11:00 pm 1.01 m	LOW 11:32 pm 1.05 m	

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Zac Vernon and Orlando Kane-Gillard hunt down the ball in the convincing win in the Seniors match against Cora Lynn.

Bulldogs battle it out in bleak conditions

Seniors

Seeing the Reserves struggle in the conditions had those onlookers who made the trip in the bleak conditions more than a bit nervous.

Not for long though as a quick centre break, deep forward entry and a Maradona type swing in mid-air from Zac Vernon for a major inside the first minute left the crowding with gaping mouths.

Another centre break and a strong mark dead in front by Max Blake 30 seconds later was looking ominous but he failed to convert what would have been a perfect start.

Cora Lynn had plenty of the play and scoring opportunities but were off target.

Levi Robinson made them pay with a lovely run off half back and an inspirational goal.

Cora Lynn steadied with a major late in the term, but inaccuracy had then trailing the Bulldogs at quarter time 19-10.

The third cyclone for the day greeted the commencement of the second quarter and conditions were difficult for the players.

Eli Richards was not letting down the faithful who had ventured to see his long-awaited return to the side as he was in fabulous touch.

First gamer Seamus Murphy boosted the dogs' energy levels and what was to come was simply stunning.

A summary of the next 10 minutes belied the conditions.

Pederson pack mark and conversion at the 12 minute mark with a quick reply to Cora Lynn brought the margin back to 15 points.

Immediate reply to the bulldogs from Blake to steady with strong work from Kimber to Pederson for latter's second for the quarter.

A purple patch by Noah Bee-Hickman sees Al Dyker get on the end of one six inches out and the dogs were looking pretty handy at the main break, leading 52-18.

The only downside was a head knock to Billy Taylor. An accidental collision with a teammate put Billy into La La land and finished him for the day – and likely taken him off the brush and confined him to rolling walls for a couple of days.

Coach Beau Vernon asked the boys for continued effort in the second half to deny Cora Lynn the opportunity to re-enter the contest.

Next minute ELI! the wiz puts the dogs 40 points the better.

Cora Lynn was trying to claw their way back but the fourth cyclone of the day and a Zac Vernon mark and conversion saw the dogs 45 point leaders nine minutes in.

Noah Bee-Hickman found Pederson and a rare miss from the set shot, albeit from the boundary with a 210kph cross wind was quickly forgotten as Max Blake again separated the big sticks, sending the dogs to the final break leading 72-26.

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Jack Wilson breaks free of the pack in the Reserves match.

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