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Covid has interrupted this year's footy season, but that hasn't stopped three of Phillip Island's junior footy teams making it through to the finals. The Island girls (pictured) have capped off an interrupted season in style, making it through to their fourth grand final in five years. The U14 Blues and U12 Reds are also heading to the grand final next week. Good luck to all teams – go Dogs! More football coverage on pages 18 and 20.

Community responds to lifting of lockdown

Customers who refuse to wear masks are one of the major stressors for local businesses, while others say lockdown uncertainty is hitting staff the hardest.

While the community celebrated the end of four days of lockdown last week, businesses reported the last two lockdowns in quick succession had impacted staff morale the most, especially wage and job stability.

Meanwhile apprehension among residents bubbled up over concerns Melburnians would breach Covid-restrictions following the easing of lockdown in regional areas.

On social media and in comments

to the Advertiser there was a sense the community was torn between supporting businesses, but fears that not everyone "was doing the right thing".

One Cowes resident who spoke to the Advertiser said she had called police several times to report breaches of regional restrictions and there had been no follow up action.

Gym staff losses

YMCA Bass Coast manager Rebecca Wilson said while her 30 staff were "getting quicker at being able to pivot", this last four-day lockdown "threw us".

"Because no one knew we were going to open early. There was a bit of panic," said Rebecca, who works out of the Phillip Island Leisure Centre.

"From a mental health perspective, the last two lockdowns hurt staff more. We felt like things were going well, then we had a two-week lockdown, opened for eight days, shut for four and opened again.

"It's difficult to get into a rhythm and there's a lot of time wasted getting ready quickly and then quickly coming out of it. You achieve nothing. We're told to jump and we jump."

Rebecca said because the lockdown was only four days, regional

Victorian employees were not eligible for disaster payments, which required at least seven days.

"The lockdown before that we also weren't eligible and gyms were locked down longer."

She said Bass Coast YMCA had lost almost 35 per cent of staff because of job instability in the past 18 months.

The Phillip Island Leisure Centre is governed by both Bass Coast Shire and YMCA head office and is following strict protocols, including one person per four square metres, masks to be worn except while exercising, also with a permanent Covid marshall.

Rebecca said they were allowing regional members access to the gym and where a customer was unknown or a casual, they were requiring proof of identity, adding she had observed most Melbourne holiday homeowners or residents had gone home.

"We did have three tradies from out of town try and use the gym, working here on permits. One was from Gisborne so he was ok but the other two we had to turn away."

"These guys were really respectful and it's tough on them given they're in the building industry

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PICAL robbed again

PICAL has issued a community plea to help find a desperately-needed trailer, after it was stolen last week.

The latest theft comes just weeks after another burglary at the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre in June, where almost \$5000 worth of electrical tools were stolen.

PICAL manager Greg Thompson said this latest theft was of their trailer, used to help the homeless, domestic violence survivors and emergency food relief.

He said it was stolen between Friday night and Sunday morning, August 6-8.

"I wanted to shout out to the thoughtful, community-minded person who took PICAL's cage trailer full of rubbish away. Unfortunately they forgot to return the trailer," Greg said.

"The trailer is old, not worth much and therefore it wasn't insured, but we had just put a new floor in it, and it is vital for our operations."

He said the trailer was used nearly every

day to move furniture, to re-house homeless people, and to help move women who are fleeing family violence.

"We also use this trailer for carrying supplies for our community garden which supports our emergency food relief program, which caters to a huge number of local needy people," Greg said.

"Without the trailer, we cannot undertake this essential work, so this is an urgent reminder to return it."

The trailer was originally donated to PICAL in 2015 and featured in an earlier Advertiser article that year (see picture).

It is 6m x 4m, multi-grey coloured, single-axle cage box trailer. The registration is B50-530 "but this may have been re-

moved". The VIN number stamped on the chassis is 6JCTRIKXBEM005900.

Greg urged anyone with information to contact Cowes police.

"Or if anyone saw any suspicious activity at PICAL over the weekend of the latest snap-down, please also let police know."

"Most locals know the value of the work PICAL does, and we have been overwhelmed by the community response to this latest theft."

Greg said the electrical tools stolen from the Church Street centre on the Queen's Birthday weekend had mostly been recovered, "thanks to Cowes police".

"Our proximity and exposure to the Cowes Transit Hub means that many travellers passing through the hub can now easily see into PICAL's yards and gardens."

PICAL says, 'use our community trailer'



PICAL Cowes Community Garden members are pictured with their new trailer, purchased through a grant from the Foundations for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR). The trailer will be available for use by other local community groups. From left, the community garden members are: Stephanie Del Castro, Phil Wrigley, Cheryl Stevens, Elizabeth Bruno, Emma Williams and convenor Adrian James.

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Bullying incident at school campus

Wonthaggi Secondary College has reacted swiftly to reports of a bullying incident at its Dudley Street campus on Tuesday (August 10).

The incident was described on social media as "sexual harassment" and "long term bullying".

A spokesperson for the Department of Education said the school was aware of the incident and "has taken immediate action to investigate".

"The school has zero tolerance for any form of bullying or harassment, and will not hesi-

tate to take disciplinary action if incidents occur," the spokesperson said.

"Wonthaggi Secondary College provides a supportive and inclusive environment for all students, with dedicated education on issues of inclusion, diversity and bullying."

The school confirmed it has a range of curriculum initiatives and health promotion programs used to support student engagement with such issues.

These include Bully Stoppers, Safe Schools, eSmart School, group education sessions on

Cybersafety led by a Police Youth Liaison Officer and student forums on student health and wellbeing. It is also implementing the Respectful Relationships initiative, an education department program aimed at promoting respect, positive attitudes and behaviours.

The incident follows reports last month of online abuse involving local students, which is being investigated by the police.

The online incident involved abuse of a student from Wonthaggi Secondary College but occurred outside of school hours.



Doris Salter and husband Bob celebrated her 100th birthday with a magnificent cake. Unfortunately plans for a birthday party had to be abandoned due to Covid.



Doris proudly displaying her letter from the Queen.

A very special day for Doris!

Doris Salter celebrated her 100 years in style last week, enjoying a magnificent cake, balloons and a letter from the Queen.

There were also plenty of hugs and kisses from her proud husband Bob.

The couple, who live in Cape Woolamai and have been married for 65 years, came to Australia in 1952 with their two children.

The chatty and social centenarian said unfortunately the plans for a big birthday celebration had to be abandoned due to Covid.

"We were going to have a party out here in our garden. It would have been beautiful all lit up," Doris said.

The plan included family, friends, and dancing and Doris is still hopeful it can be rescheduled before Christmas.

Instead, the couple had a more low-key celebration, getting takeaway fish and chips.

"That's my favourite. I love the Co-op's fish and chips. There's nobody to beat them!"

The much-loved local resident even received a visit from her local Bendigo Bank,

with staff member Kim dropping around with some flowers.

Doris' positive attitude to life has helped her through some difficult times, particularly when she was left a widow with a young child.

Fortunately, she met Bob, 15-years her junior, and the couple married five months later.

Since moving to Australia, they've lived in Melbourne, Adelaide and Tasmania (where they bought a restaurant and built their dream home), before settling on Phillip Island.

Together the couple have negotiated life's highs and lows, including Bob's near-fatal heart attack.

"We've been very lucky," Bob said.

"We've had hard times. We've lost a lot of money, but what we've lost we've gained, and we're still here."

And Doris has some advice for living a good and long life.

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Power outage compo delays

Some Phillip Island residents are still waiting on energy company compensation two months after storms cut power to the region for days.

A Cowes resident put out a call on social media asking if any other locals were waiting for compensation from SP Ausnet.

"I've been told we are entitled to compensation for loss of power greater than a 24-hour period," she said.

She said an air conditioning unit had been damaged from the outage.

"I had a technician out and he said heaps on the island had been affected by the power when it was switched back on.

"I have been online and filled in SP Ausnet compensation forms but have heard nothing back, so rang them yesterday."

The resident said locals were still unaware what could be claimed and had been told different "stories as to why they can't claim".

The social media post received several responses including from Trevor Gillings who agreed "yep have not even heard from them".

Liz Birth said they had called the power company, who then said they would send a link.

"That was a month ago and we have still not received it," Liz said.

However, others had positive outcomes, with several explaining they had applied for and successfully received compensation for food spoilage.

Sonya McLeod said she had received "a credit on our power bill annually around April related to how many hours it was out for".

In June, many residents also shared their story of applying for compensation damage.

Marina Healey said their fridge

broke in one power outage, for which they applied for a claim through home and content insurance.

Once she received a report from a licensed electrician, Marina received a new fridge, delivery, electrician call out and money for spoiled food.

Kylie Vines said she claimed food loss through insurance and "they waived the excess which was fantastic".

Tradie Michael Jackson added that home insurance was the easiest option "depending on your policy, age of unit and the overall value.

"If it's less than seven years old then it's worthwhile, but a 10-year-plus unit most likely is not worth the hassle," he said.

Kaylah Howie in June contacted SP Ausnet for spoiled food compensation.

"They replied they don't usually do it but under the circumstances of the power being out for so long they will reimburse me \$200," Kaylah said.

SP Ausnet

According to SP Ausnet, because the company cannot guarantee uninterrupted supply of electricity, "supply outages is not an event that would usually attract compensation".

"We will always conduct an investigation of a claim and depending on the results, we may decide to offer compensation."

The company states compensation will only be paid for damage directly resulting from a voltage variation event and repairs (where viable) or the cost of replacement equipment of a similar age and condition.

Otherwise SP Ausnet can provide a letter for insurance to support a claim.

Details: ausnetservices.com.au/Outages/Claims-And-Complaints.



Back in 2019, local skaters were thrilled at the decision to build a regional skatepark in Newhaven. That has now been downgraded to a local level skate park, with work on designs unlikely to begin before 2022.

Long wait for park upgrade

Newhaven residents will be waiting until 2022 for any upgrade to the park at Grayden's Reserve.

In 2019, the park was identified as the location for a regional skate park but faced fierce opposition from local residents who said it was not a suitable site.

The plans were put on hold in 2020 due to the Covid pandemic, then at the April 2021 meeting, Council resolved to no longer support Grayden's Reserve as the location for the Regional Skate and Play-space Project.

Instead councillors voted to develop a design for a local level skate park in consultation with the local community.

Four months later, skaters and residents are querying what's happening with the proposed design.

Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie said the first stage of the project is to review the Bass Coast Skate Strategy.

"The review of the Skate Strategy will confirm Newhaven as the location of a local skate park and a way forward to select a site for the regional skate park.

"It is intended for the review to begin toward the end of 2021, setting revised timelines for each of these projects," said Ms Wastie.

"Once the Strategy review is prepared for community consultation, we will advertise it broadly though

our social media platforms, website, and the local media.

"The review will take several months to complete and will trigger the designs of any future facilities. At this stage budgets have not been allocated for design or construction, as this would typically occur following the confirmation of the Strategy."

At the May council meeting, local skater Troy Joyner asked if the Newhaven local skate/play space upgrade would "be fast tracked for our community?".

It appears local skaters will be waiting at least another 12 months for upgraded facilities at Newhaven, while the dream of a regional skate park seems further away than ever.



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Best approach for Animal Management?

Bass Coast Shire Council has developed a draft Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2021-2025 and is now seeking community feedback.

The DAMP aims to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership. It explains how Council currently manages this, and establishes objectives to improve and grow the ways in which Council delivers domestic animal management programs.

Bass Coast Shire, CEO Ali Wastie said responsible pet ownership is the key focus point of this Plan.

"The way we responsibly manage our pets is unique in our Shire. In Bass Coast, we must balance the expectations of our community along with the protection of our natural environment and wildlife and the best interests of our pets," Ms Wastie said.

"Importantly, this document sets out the different roles we all must play in achieving this balance," Ms Wastie concluded.

The key themes and areas of community focus highlighted in the draft DAMP include:



Bass Coast Shire Council said the DAMP aims to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership and is seeking feedback on the draft plan. Ry and Kody, and their dog Tikka love running on the off-leash beaches. Photo courtesy of Lorey Bree Photography

- Increased and improved communication, education and training for the community to promote responsible pet ownership

- Increased patrols to improve and increase opportunities for education, regulations and enforcement

- Signage improvements relating to dog areas and regulations
- Improvements and a more consistent approach to dog off-leash areas,
- Introduction of 24/7 cat containment; and
- Council taking a more active and leadership approach, including seeking external funding opportunities and establishing and facilitating working groups.

Battleground

The DAMP is a battleground between conservationists and some beach goers who say off-leash dog walking should happen away from beaches, while Phillip Island Bass Coast Dog Owners Association (PIBCDA) members want access to beaches as well as dog parks.

Earlier this year, the Phillip Island Conservation Society suggested a "state of the art" off-leash fenced dog park should be created at Bass Coast Shire's newly-purchased 45 hectare Gap Road property.

PICS president Jeff Nottle said new off-leash opportunities can be provided in areas other than on beaches.

The PICS submission into the DAMP called for a transition to new off-leash areas away from beaches and for shire bylaws officers to reinforce dog rules.

However Greg Price from the Dog Owners Association told the Advertiser in June it was important the shire recognised dogs were an "important part of our society", especially for exercise and mental health.

Greg said PIBCDA's "huge" membership would "continue to remind councillors and shire staff of these issues at the ballot box".

To view the draft DAMP, go to www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/DAMP.

You can provide feedback in writing, by sending an email with 'DAMP 2021-25 Submission' in the subject line, to basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au, by post to Coordinator Community Safety Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi 3996, or in person at any of Council's customer service centres.

For more information, please contact Council.

Under the Domestic Animals Act 1994, councils must develop and implement a new Domestic Animal Management Plan every four years.



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POLICE BRIEFS

Post box bandits

Thieves have targeted post boxes in Wimbledon Heights and Sunset Strip, stealing mail and damaging the boxes. The incidents occurred on August 5.

The Criminal Investigation Unit is appealing for witnesses.

Wallabies shot

Two wallabies were found dead on the Phillip Island golf course. Police believe a .22 rifle or similar was used in the attack, which occurred over lockdown (around August 12) while the course was closed.

The incident is being investigated and police are appealing for anyone with information to contact CrimeStoppers.

Break ins

Investigations continue into a spate of break ins around Cowes between August 2 and 3. Three chainsaws were stolen from Bass Coast Shire Council depot and police say the incident is "undoubtedly" linked to the robbery of the Offshore Theatre storage shed.

Senior Sergeant Andy O'Brien said it was likely to be the same offenders at both incidents and investigations were ongoing.

The following weekend (August 7 and 8), PICAL was again targeted with a trailer stolen from the yard (see separate story). Cowes Police are examining CCTV footage from the site as part of their investigations.

"If there's anything on the footage, we will share it on the Eyewatch page," Snr Sergeant O'Brien said.

He said the incident was a reminder to lock and secure all vehicles, trailers and valuable items. Anyone with information about any of these incidents can contact CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000 or www.crimestoppersvic.com.au.

Covid breaches

Local police said they continue to follow up any call about breaches of Covid restrictions, including people coming to the area from Melbourne. Any Covid breaches can be reported to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

Authorised by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Canberra.



Andrea Reiniets, Kids as Catalysts Creative Director.



Images of hands: The Handbuilders Team members Hamish, Harvey, Austin and Kaleb from Newhaven PS with Mat Bowtell founder and director of Free 3D Hands in Cowes with the new 3D hand they custom made. Photo courtesy of 3FatesMedia.



Jarvis, Myles, Ryan, Riley, Taya, and Andrea present their Kids as Catalyst project.

Witness our kids making the change

Newhaven Primary School students have teamed up with local community organisations to help change our world for the better.

The project, Kids as Catalysts, is a school-based program that equips children aged 8-12 with real world experience in leading positive community change. It has been delivered in 35 Victorian schools to date.

The Bass Coast Community Foundation funded the pilot program at Newhaven Primary and is hoping to make it available to other primary schools in the area.

So far, the Newhaven Primary students have had some tremendous results and they're keen to share that with the community as a special showcase and expo on Wednesday, August 25.

The school is inviting select members of the local community to join it between 5pm - 7pm to find out more about the project and celebrate the students' achievements.

The Grade 5 and 6 students at Newhaven PS formed teams around their passions for local issues and secured a community partner organisation to work with.

In this partnership the children design a community action, create a community action plan and pitch to a community panel, with \$1130 granted to the projects by the recent panel.

The teams have now hit the ground running to address the issues they feel passionate about - helping animals, children, cultural diversity, disability, elders, environment and gender.

One group dubbed themselves the Handbuilders Team and worked with Mat Bowtell at Free 3D Hands to build a custom-made 3D hand. The team was formed to address the issues faced by people with disability in the local area.

The children will now celebrate with and inspire the community with the first Bass Coast Kids as

Catalysts Showcase Expo. Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions, the event is invite only, but if your invite has not yet arrived, please contact the Bass Coast Community Foundation.

Foundation

Kirsty Mawer, Executive Officer at the Bass Coast Community Foundation said the program pilot at Newhaven Primary school would hopefully pave the way for further programs in schools across the area.

"The Foundation is currently seeking funding and applying for grants to ensure the program is funded beyond this year. If anyone wishes to support the program as a volunteer, funder or community action partner please get in touch on 0493 110 802," Ms Mawer said.

Kids as Catalysts is Victoria's leading creative leadership and social change program. The six-

month program teaches and supports groups of students to be positive change leaders by partnering with local organisations to design and deliver action projects that benefit the local community.

To find out more about Kids Thrive Kids as Catalysts www.kidsthive.org.au.

To secure a ticket for Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts, contact Kirsty Mawer on 0493 110 802.

Local foundation

Bass Coast Community Foundation is an independent philanthropic organisation that enables local donors to contribute cash, trusts, bequests or property to create permanent endowments that benefit people and/or community groups solely within the Bass Coast Shire region.

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in response to a growing need for a sustainable source of funds for community projects. The Foundation operates exclusively within the boundaries of the Bass Coast Shire and is governed by a voluntary Board of Directors.

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Taking the ocean's temperature this National Science Week

Next time you pop out for a pizza, or get one home delivered, spare a thought for Phillip Island's Little Penguins, whose diet also includes the anchovies you may have on your dinner.

The impacts of climate change means the penguins may have to travel further to find their meal.

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"Through our vision of protecting nature for wildlife, our team of research scientists aims to successfully adapt to change and build resilience in our marine and land ecosystems to both short- and long-term climatic changes in our natural environment through innovative technologies," said Conservation Manager Jessica McKelson.



From left to right, Nature Park's Research team members: Ross Holmberg, Jordan Roberts, Dr Rebecca McIntosh, Leanne Renwick and Paula Wasiak. The team is presenting a special online event *Human Change Not Climate Change – How Phillip Island's Seals, Penguins and People are Adapting*. Thursday, August 19, 1pm – 2.15pm.

"Put simply, we are committed to using science, technology and our long-term research to understand and tackle the current climate crisis head on."

oceans," said Andre.

"This affects both penguin breeding and feeding because if the fish move away to find colder water, the penguins must travel further to feed. Therefore, foraging takes longer and when they return to the nest, they may find that their chicks have died."

Warning signs also exist for the world's largest breeding colony of Australian Fur Seals just off the coast at Seal Rocks.

"This area is a place of rest, a place for raising their young – a haven. Yet the seals' current breeding habitat is predicted to be inundated by the combined increase in sea level and storm surge in the longer term," said Rebecca.

"In 2013, for the first time in many years we saw a reduction in the number of pups being born at many of the larger colonies. We are in uncharted territory as far as understanding the population and the impact of climate change. This might be a tipping point.

"Perhaps the seals are going to give up on the place that has been their haven. Under climate change, seals may have to move further south to survive and are expected to become refugees in Bass Strait. These are concerning signals that we need to take notice of and act on."

The power of knowledge gained through science at Phillip Island will help the Nature Parks to identify and tackle the challenges of climate change head on and achieve its mission of protecting nature for wildlife.

So, grab a pizza and settle into some science this week. Oh, and hold the anchovies...

The presentation will be held as part of Inspiring Victoria's program of events and will also be available online to view following the live session at www.penguins.org.au/conservation/research/inspiringvictoria.org.au/

Online event

This Science Week (August 14-22), the Nature Parks' Marine Scientists Dr Andre Chiaradia and Dr Rebecca McIntosh will be sharing their insights and expertise on how the current climate crisis could affect two iconic species if urgent action is not taken: Little Penguins and Australian Fur Seals.

Everyone is welcome to join the online event titled: *Human Change Not Climate Change – How Phillip Island's Seals, Penguins and People are Adapting*. Thursday 19 August 1pm – 2.15pm.

This will be streamed live on Phillip Island Nature Parks' Facebook page.

"We often think about what is happening on the land due to a warming climate, but the whole warming of our planet starts with the

Council Update



Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan

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Draft Healthy Communities Plan and draft Disability Action Plan

Council is working in partnership with the community and service providers to improve health and wellbeing and to make Bass Coast more accessible and inclusive. Council has developed a draft Healthy Communities Plan and a draft Disability Action Plan 2021-2025 and is now seeking community feedback. To view the draft Plans visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/communityplans. To provide your feedback, or for more information on either of the Plans, please send an email to community.development@basscoast.vic.gov.au. Please provide the name of the Plan you are providing feedback for in the subject line. You can also contact Council's Social and Community Planning Team on the numbers below.

Draft Smiths Beach Town Plan

Due to latest State Government restrictions, all three community drop-in sessions for the draft Smiths Beach Town Plan have been cancelled until further notice. In lieu, Council officers are offering the opportunity for you to have a conversation about the project, answer any questions you have and assist you in providing formal feedback on the Plan. Please contact Council's Strategic Planning Team to set up an appointment on the numbers below or email planningadmin@basscoast.vic.gov.au. The draft Plan and survey is available at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/smithsbeach. The consultation period has been extended until 30 September 2021.

Draft Dinosaurs Trail Masterplan

Council is calling on the community to provide their feedback on the draft Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail Masterplan. The Masterplan, as well as a link to the survey, can be found at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail. Hardcopies of the Masterplan are also available to access at Council's Customer Service Centres, in Wonthaggi, Cowes, Grantville and Inverloch. Drop in sessions will be held at:

- Online: Wednesday, 18 August, from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Registration is essential by email to dinosaurstrail@basscoast.vic.gov.au
- Inverloch (Rainbow Park): Saturday 21 August – 9.00am to 11.00am
- Kilcunda (foreshore car park): Saturday, 21 August – 12.00pm to 2.00pm
- Wonthaggi (76 McBride Ave, Wonthaggi): Sunday, 22 August – 9.00am to 11.00am
- San Remo (Lions Park): Sunday, 22 August – 12.00pm to 2.00pm

For more information about this project, visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail, email dinosaurstrail@basscoast.vic.gov.au or contact our Project team on the numbers below.

Wonthaggi Public Art: Join the Working Group

Council is establishing a Working Group to steer the delivery of a Public Art Commission, to be located in Wonthaggi. The Working Group will consist of local residents and stakeholders who can guide the process and ensure the local community is represented and expressed throughout the project. This is an opportunity to be involved in the process of contributing to the identity and character of your town. The first meeting will be held in the foyer of the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre on Monday, 23 August from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. To participate, please contact Team Leader Arts and Culture, David Burrows on david.burrows@basscoast.vic.gov.au or on the numbers below to register. It is anticipated that the Working Group will meet at least five times over the commission period.

1. To establish the theme and site for the Artist Brief (August)
2. To review and approve the Artist Brief (August)
3. To select the shortlist of artists from the field of entries (November)
4. To select the preferred project from the shortlisted artists (January 2022)
5. To celebrate the delivery of the project (June (2022))

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Farm seeks retrospective permit

A Phillip Island farm that sells meat has applied for a retrospective planning permit for its shop.

Hill Top Farm meats, which operates from 35 Coghlan Road, Cowes, is seeking planning permission for its current shop, with the permit advertised for community feedback.

The planning approval is for use of the land for industry and manufacturing sales in the farming zone, with the two-hectare family-operated business processing meat for sale on site and at farmers' markets, as well as offering a range of pies and produce, fruit and vegetables.

Hill Top has a permit from Bass Coast Shire for advertising signage on the road reserve and a PrimeSafe licence to operate a meat processing facility.

About once a week meat is delivered and broken down and butchered on site for sale, with almost 300 of their pies sold per week and 130kg of smallgoods.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said the application was seeking a retrospective permit for the existing shop and "relates to an open enforcement matter currently with council".



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"A decision on any further enforcement action, if required will be made at the end of the application process," Ms Wastie said.

Ex-College teacher court delays

Legal delays have pushed back a County Court trial of a former Newhaven College music director.

Kirk Skinner, a college department head until stepping down from the role last year, was charged in February 2020 with two counts of sexual assault of a child under 16.

This was followed by a further 10 sexual offence charges, by the Morwell Sexual Of-

fences and Child Abuse Investigation Team (SOCIT).

A County Court hearing on Monday postponed the next hearing to October 7, with further delays expected.

According to the charge sheet, the offences occurred across multiple locations, including Phillip Island, Woolamai and Wonthaggi, dating back every year for the past five years.

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Businesses up for grabs

A high number of businesses on Phillip Island and San Remo are for sale.

From the nearly 20 commercial operators listed on the market, some owners have been economically impacted by Covid, while others said the decision to list their business was a personal lifestyle choice.

For the first time in 44 years Kaloha Holiday Resort – on the beach front at Cowes east – was on the market through an Expression of Interest in August.

The business, which has been hit by lockdown restrictions, includes 31 motel rooms, five-bedroom manager's house, restaurant and 85 caravan and motor-home sites.

Several restaurants are listed for sale including Woolamai Kebabs, San Remo's Chinese restaurant and Cheeky Goose in Cowes, where Expressions of Interest closed on August 5.

Foreshore Bar & Restaurant in Rhyll owner Anita said while their premise was for sale prior to Covid, "Covid hasn't helped".

In July Cowes restaurant Korea Garden closed, after opening three years ago, and is for sale.

That closure followed the end of Citrus and Vine restaurant in March – with that building currently offered for lease – and last year's news that Fork n Waffle's owners would step away, replaced by new management.

The freehold title to Island Whole Foods in Cowes is currently listed, offering "excellent tenants".

Phillip Island Ten Pin Bowling owner Craig Holmes confirmed the business was on the market, but before Covid hit.

He said the pandemic had seen business boom.

"Because people can't travel there's more coming here to visit and moving to the island too."

Businesses, shops

GJ Gardner Homes Bass Coast owner Gill Hardman said the decision to list their franchise had "nothing to do with Covid" and was instead a personal decision to "semi-retire".

San Remo Butcher shop owner Bill said they were for sale prior to Covid, adding the pandemic had boosted the bottom line.

"Being an essential service I've been able to open," Bill said.

"Last winter was the best we've ever had and this year will be our second best."

San Remo Automotive said while



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they had been "touched by Covid like everyone" their decision to sell was not related to the pandemic.

Island Courier Service owner Nicci said she had been busier in the past two years than ever.

"This business needs to grow and I'm not in a position to do that so it's time to sell," she said.

Other businesses on the market include Betsy's Glass, and the freehold vacant possession of 37 Thompson Avenue, formerly Indulgence Conci.

Further down the Cowes main street the freehold for U-Neek Souvenirs and the former 11:Eleven café are also up for grabs.

Earlier this year the Advertiser reported 11:eleven café owner Raj Ruthi and partner Kirsten closed the doors of their Thompson Avenue business "after a long and challenging 15 months", describing it as a "sad and uncomfortable time for us".

Freeholds are also available for 2/146 Thompson Avenue and 57 Phillip Island Road, San Remo, which is currently operating as an art gallery and 20 seat café.

Positive

Last month Barefoot Potential owner Claire Sawatzky posted an urgent plea on her Facebook page, saying the business could financially last "only 30 days".

Claire recently posted an update,

saying the yoga studio was in a much more optimistic situation and would not close.

She thanked the community for their overwhelming support, adding she was grateful to her customers and those who "just wanted to donate to us".

"You don't need to feel ashamed if your business is not thriving at the moment. You deserve to be supported," she said, adding those struggling should reach out for support.

Economic snapshot

According to statistics released in March, Bass Coast was one of the hardest hit areas in the state and the country.

In January 2021, the shire ranked eighth in the state for highest unemployment, and 14th for the impact on wages and salary.

For March 2021, total employment in Bass Coast was estimated at 10,783 jobs, a fall of 0.5 per cent compared to a rise across Australia of 0.3 per cent for the same period.

Earlier this month the state government made it a requirement for landlords to help eligible businesses by offering rent relief.

Businesses that endured a serious trading downturn due to no fault of their own will be supported with rent relief payments through the Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme.



Steve and his Zero adventure bike at the Newhaven Market, Phillip Island.

Silent Fuery – the rise of electric motorbikes

By Zoe Geyer,
Totally Renewable Phillip Island

Steve Fuery may not have the profile of Ewan McGregor or Charley Boorman but is quietly following in their footsteps.

After watching 'The Long Way Up' where McGregor and Boorman rode electric motorcycles from Chile to Honduras, Steve was inspired to jump on board.

Having bought his first motorbike at the tender age of 16, after some initial research, Steve took the leap and purchased his first electric motorbike – a second-hand Zero adventure bike that was shipped over from the UK in February.

Zero, based in California, have been making these bikes for about 15 years. In addition to the adventure bike model, they also make a road bike designed for speed.

Since the e-motorbike arrived Steve has avidly tested the range capacity (noted in the manual as 160-180km) and found the biggest factors are the terrain (especially hills), headwinds, and how aggressive the riding style is. Most surprisingly, the bike's regenerative braking system can actually recharge the bike when riding downhill, increasing its range.

The e-motorbike also gives an estimated range based on the average riding style.

And once it runs out of (electric) juice, the bike takes about an hour to charge. Steve's plug at home will charge at about 10 per cent per hour. The bike is petrol-free, and it's a silent revolution in adventure transport.

"If someone walks out on the road and they don't hear you coming – if you push your horn they'll jump out of their skin, so I've put a bike bell on."

Taking charge

Unlike most cars and bikes, with this bike you don't need to worry

about petrol stations but do need to know about charging stations. Steve uses Plugshare – available online and as an App – to plan trips and locations.

Plugshare will bring up a local map and show all the charge points based on the type of plug needed and Steve's explored purchasing a Tesla plug adaptor to reach a broader range of charge points in the area.

Closer to home, the Cowes Transit Centre is a popular recharge point close to all the attractions of the central Cowes shops and cafes.

Steve is busy planning some adventure trips to push the e-motorbike and see how far it can go.

"I'm not so focused on the destination as the journey, you see so many cool things along the way," he said.

Living so close to the dividing ranges is an appealing touring route.

There's also the opportunity for supporting the region – Steve is keen to visit and stay in some of the small towns that have been affected by the impacts of bushfires, floods, and Covid and show them some support.

While he loves planning adventures, above all Steve says on these silent bikes "...you feel the G forces, the experience, feel a stone under the wheel and hear the cows in the paddocks you go past".

Steve and his bike are regular visitors to Phillip Island's local markets and will join Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) and the Renewable Energy Demonstration Trailer at Newhaven Market on Saturday, August 21.

For more information you can visit www.totallyrenewablephillipisland.weebly.com/ or www.facebook.com/totallyrenewablephillipisland/ for the latest in taking the island to 100 per cent renewable and net zero carbon by 2030.

Community rallies to support Jill

A GoFundMe campaign set up to support a local family has raised over \$23,000 in the first day.

Jill Cousins was diagnosed with breast cancer and is about to start an aggressive treatment regime.

Jill's husband Jaime died of cancer three years ago and this latest diagnosis is a huge blow for Jill and her four children Riley, Matisse, Finlay and Isla.

Friends Jacquie Penry and Briony McIntosh organised the fundraising campaign, hoping to raise \$25,000 to help the family through this difficult time.

They said they've been overwhelmed by the generosity and support of the local community.

To support Jill and her children, go to www.gofundme.com and search for Support The Cousins Family.



Jill Cousins (second from right), with children Riley, Matisse, Finlay and Isla. A GoFundMe campaign has been set up to help the family as Jill gets treatment for breast cancer.

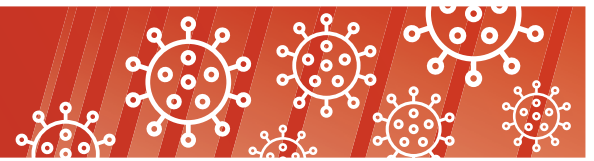
TRPI will be at the Newhaven Market this Saturday 21st Aug!

Curious about electric cars? Come and have a look up close at one! We will be there to answer questions, & chat about new projects.

All donations at the gate of the market support Newhaven Primary. Please be generous!

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Community responds to lifting of lockdown

From page 1

Residents

Social media was less anxious and heated compared to previous lockdowns, but many still voiced concern about how to police visitors to the area.

One Cowes resident said she hoped "holiday house owners don't try to escape Melbourne", with one then commenting "already here, our neighbours arrived yesterday" and another saying their street had "many holiday homes full".

Rob Burns wrote "it only took five visitors one day to put Phillip Island in quarantine last time".

"Take care everyone," he added.

Other residents who spoke to the Advertiser said there was a sense the community was torn between supporting businesses, but fears that not everyone "was doing the right thing".

One suggested there was simmering "resentment" in her area between permanent residents and neighbouring holiday homeowners, who came to the island once regional Victoria was released from lockdown.

Rule breakers

A Maze 'N Things owner Geoff Moed said anti-mask customers were their biggest problem, with staff recently refusing entry to a family that refused to wear masks or show their exemptions.

"The mother was adamant they didn't have to do either and that they would sue us," Geoff said.

"We replied we are a private premise and had the right to choose who we let in. The indignant mother was followed out by embarrassed and sheepish family members.

"We were subsequently congratulated by customers, and have heard nothing since."

Manager of the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op Paul Mannix gained state-wide attention with TV interviews in the last lockdown, explaining his frustration at abiding by Covid-rules only for the business to be closed as a tier one site



YMCA Bass Coast manager Rebecca Wilson said they had lost almost 35 per cent of staff because of job instability in the past 18 months: "From a mental health perspective, the last two lockdowns hurt staff more."

with a Covid-positive exposure.

Paul last week said they had seen an increase in customers and "on the whole most people have got used to Covid protocols".

"Regional residents can dine in again, but permitted metros like tradies can only do take away," Paul said.

"Metro workers understand the rules and seem happy with take away."

Paul said their biggest problem was "still the anti-mask brigade".

"I know this is an ongoing problem for businesses everywhere - dealing with abuse from people more concerned about their own individual rights rather than everyone else around them," he said.

"Don't get me wrong I appreciate there are plenty who have legitimate conditions for not wearing a mask. But those certain few who

claim an invisible medical condition and then loudly exclaim "by law I don't have to show you any certification" just leaves us shaking our heads."

The Cowes RSL posted notices detailing the rules customers must abide by.

"The government directions require that affected businesses must 'use all reasonable endeavours' to determine the ordinary place of residence of individuals accessing their services to ensure those people are not residents of Metropolitan Melbourne," the RSL said.

Fines apply to individuals who provide misleading information up to \$19,826 and for business of \$99,132.

"But this is nothing if you happen to have Covid and pass it onto our elderly and veterans," the RSL said.



Liz Ward of Cape Winds in San Remo said it was a relief to be open again.



Surinder Kaur from the San Remo Bakehouse described the frustration of lockdown. "We never know when we're going back into lockdown and we're losing business and money."

Welcome relief at lockdown lifting

While all eyes are on Melbourne, with its extended lockdown and increased restrictions, for now the regions remain under lesser restrictions.

While some businesses have struggled with enforcing rules around mask wearing and turning away customers from Melbourne (see separate story), most were happy to be able to reopen their doors last week.

Liz Ward at Cape Winds said it was a relief to reopen, while Sue Farrell from Not Just Shoes in Cowes said it "feels great to be opened to locals ... so everyone can get out and about and experience some retail therapy again".

Carolyn Hanson at Cowes Ba-

zaar said the lifting of restrictions was a welcome relief. "It's not good mentally for everyone to be stuck at home," she said.

Surinder Kaur at the San Remo Bakery summed up many business owner's frustration with the on-again, off-again lockdown situation.

"It's obviously good to be out of lockdown - such a relief and we're certainly happy to be open again but it's frustrating as well.

"We never know when we're going back into lockdown and we're losing business and money. People don't want to come back out.

"And when we are open, it's stressful trying to recoup money lost during the lockdowns."

Plea to Melbourne - "stay away"

Businesses in San Remo are pleading for Melburnians to stay home.

Last week, a post by the Westernport Hotel called on people to obey the lockdown restrictions.

"Hey Melbourne, you know how much we love you, don't you? And we're really feeling for you right now. And while we know most of you are doing your bit, we've had to turn away a number of Melburnites (sic) today, and it's the least favourite part of our job," the post said.

"We know you love it down here. Probably for all the same reasons we love it down here. It's bloody tops. But to be sure we're all here on the other side of this mess, along with all our friends, loved-ones, our favourite café, pub and all the other small businesses that make up this amazing community, we are begging you - please do the right thing and stay put. Just until we get back on our feet. Don't try to sneak in, or play dumb. And please don't abuse our staff for simply doing their job. None of us get paid enough for that.

"So for now, stay put and we'll have a cold one waiting for you next time you're down. And please take care of each other."

The post was quickly shared by other local businesses, with responses showing growing frustration with those who seem to be disregarding the travel restrictions.

Posts

Gay McCauley described the Melbourne visitors as "the selfish few who flaunt the law", while Audra Schonewille lamented "... if ppl would just do the right thing ... we wouldn't be in lockdown ... so over the covidots!"

"Half Ventnor holiday homes in our street full since last Thursday and Friday. Even one of the number plates say "Elwood" (not exactly discreet!)," said Shiana Harris, with Dee Burch chiming in to say the situation was the "same in San Remo".

"So sorry you had to post this," said Michelle Booth.

"I know it must have taken a lot to poke that bear. Stay safe Westy



This sign at the Phillip Island Bakery in Cowes echoes the sentiments of a post on social media, which asked people from Melbourne without a valid permit to obey the lockdown restrictions, and not abuse staff.

Crew."

Ben Couch congratulated the Westernport Hotel on the post.

"Well done. I am a Melbourne person who would love nothing more than to be in the house where I spend half of each week. But not going to do it. It makes me furious. We are in lockdown ... again ... because people are wandering everywhere," she said.

"People are really suffering during lockdown ... so many lives destroyed. People can't go to funerals ... you can't be with loved ones if they are dying ... kids struggling ... businesses gone to the wall ... we all know this.

"As an individual you have a social responsibility to do the right thing.

"The spread of covid to rural communities will devastate the elderly, the health care system not equipped to cope and potentially wipe out indigenous communities.

"Your holiday or Sunday drive can wait.

"To everyone who got around with blatant disregard, shame on you. You are no more important than anyone else. Stop thinking about yourselves and more for the common good."

Border force: police to monitor movement

With greater restrictions now in force in Melbourne, there is increased concern that some might try to escape and head to their holiday homes.

There won't be a "ring of steel" to stop people travelling between Melbourne and regional areas.

However a government spokesperson told the Advertiser police will be out in force monitoring the regional and metropolitan Melbourne border.

"Victoria Police are now also dedicating hundreds of extra resources to conduct checks and community compliance across Melbourne, so we can limit the movement of people and slow the spread of this virus."

The government has called on everyone to abide by the restrictions, with Premier Daniel Andrews saying he was angry about breaches in Melbourne over the weekend, describing them as "shitty choices".

People from Melbourne cannot travel to regional areas without a permit.

"This delta variant can spread

throughout the community very quickly and we must remain vigilant so we can run this outbreak to ground and protect the freedoms that regional Victorians are enjoying today," a government spokesperson said.

Local businesses have reported turning away people who do not live locally, and issues with customers who refuse to wear masks.

"The restrictions across Victoria are designed to keep the community safe and reduce the risk of transmission," the government spokesperson said.

"Our message is clear - anyone who breaches the Chief Health Officer Directions risks an on the spot fine."

While people who are at their holiday home can return home to their primary residence (ie their usual home), they cannot travel back and forth between them.

People in regional areas like Bass Coast will need proof of their place of residence, such as a driver's licence or signing a statutory declaration

confirming they have been at their second residence since the start of the Melbourne lockdown.

Victoria Police and Authorised Officers can issue on the spot fines of up to \$1817 for individuals and up to \$10,904 for businesses for refusing or failing to comply with directions. Anyone who fails to wear a mask can also be fined \$200.

A \$5452 fine can be issued for anyone found breaching gathering directions in the home or outside, or for anyone who breaches the requirement to isolate or quarantine under a direction from the Department of Health.

While restrictions have been eased in regional Victoria, masks are mandatory outside of the house, and there are still no visitors allowed to your home.

A summary of the current restrictions in regional Victoria is available at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/how-we-live-information-regional-victoria



There were walking sticks, fur stoles, hair rollers, pearls and plenty of specs for Ari Jean, Zeally, Sophie and Heidi from Grade 1, at the 100 days of school celebrations.

Happy 100 – San Remo Primary celebrates

Lockdown might have delayed the 100 days of school celebrations, but students at San Remo Primary School enjoyed a belated

100th celebration last week. Everyone dressed as if they were 100 years old, with plenty of pearls, cardigans, glasses and

even a few impressive moustaches on show. "It was fabulous," said Principal Karen Bowker.



Prep/1 W class got into the spirit of 100-year-olds to celebrate the 100 days of school.



Shawls, pearls and cardigans for Talia and Maya from Grade 5, dressing like they were 100 for the 100 days celebration.



From left to right: Preps Coco, Mila, Ruby, Millie and Lucy celebrated their 100 days of school at Newhaven College by dressing as 100-year-olds.

Preps celebrate 100 days of school

Newhaven College prep students and staff got into the spirit of the celebrations arriving at school in their 100-year-old costumes, complete with walking sticks, a walker, hair rollers, and grey hair.

The magnificent outfits were proudly paraded through the Junior School to the applause of Year 1-4 students. Following onto the Middle School, students were greeted by their Year 6 buddies holding up special 100-day celebration signs.

Throughout the day, students completed a number of literacy and numeracy activities that involved

the number 100.

The College said it was a wonderful way to recognise the students' achievements and make learning fun. The day ended with an afternoon tea party including scones and bread with 100's n 1000's.

"The College is very proud of their prep students," a spokesperson said.

"They have built strong foundations for their future learning, settled into the school routine extremely well and enjoyed making new friends. This special day is a way to celebrate and reflect on all they have achieved this year."



Grumpy old men? Looks like Theodore and Orly had a lot of fun pretending to be old as part of Newhaven College's 100 days of school celebrations for this year's prep students.

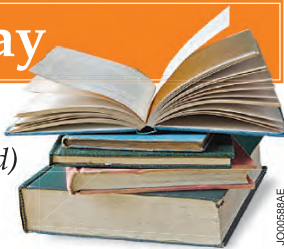
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The draft Community Vision is:

From its flowing hills to its wild unspoiled coastlines, the Bass Coast is a source of celebration for all who live in and visit the region.

Our townships are vibrant, rich with culture and full of life, each with its own distinct character.

Drawing on our creativity, innovation and resilience we've created a thriving and diverse economy that supports sustainable agriculture, industry and endeavour.

As we live respectfully in harmony with our environment, we prepare for future challenges and changes.

We are the people of the Bass Coast. Experience our cultures and history and contribute to our story.

A survey, along with the future aspirations and priorities, is available at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ourfuture, or email basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au to request a copy in the post or via email.

If you require assistance to complete the survey, please contact Ann Selby, Community Engagement Advisor on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211.

Feedback is open until Wednesday, 8 September.

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THE PULSE

Events, entertainment and community news



The second edition of "500 Million Years on Phillip Island" by Linda Cuttriss and Eric Bird is out now and will be celebrated in a launch on August 22, at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes.

500 millions years on Phillip Island

This Sunday (August 22), local authors Linda Cuttriss and Eric Bird explore 500 million years of our island history.

"500 Million Years on Phillip Island" tracks the natural history of the island, beautifully illustrated by Norval Watson.

The book covers the First People's lives on Millow, the arrival of European explorers and first-hand accounts of pastoralist families, seeing how generations of farmers, town-folk and tourists have impacted and changed the landscape. It also looks at how people can work together to nurture, protect and restore the landscape in this revised edition.

To celebrate the release of the updated second edition, the Island Story Gatherers present a very special event on Sunday, August 22, at 2.30pm at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes.

Multi-instrumentalist Rosie Westbrook will welcome the audience with a musical performance and Linda and Eric will be interviewed in a Q&A style format by Dr Laura Brearley. The book will be formally launched by Anne Davie.

Due to Covid restrictions on seating capacity, numbers will be limited and bookings are essential. To book, please go to www.trybooking.com/BTOYC.

The event will also be run subject to COVID-19 regulations.

For more information or to purchase the book, please visit pifestivalofstories.com.

Oscar shoots for the stars

Forget the Olympics - here comes the World Monologue Games.

It's been called the globe's biggest acting event, and a 10-year-old from Phillip Island is right in the thick of it.

Oscar Tuchtan from Cape Woolamai found out this month he's been selected in the regional finals of this year's World Monologue Games.

Featuring performers from 51 countries, the Games are an opportunity for actors to strut their stuff, in a lockdown friendly environment.

The prize money, exposure, and the chance to let off some steam after another year of lockdowns has encouraged performers from across the world to submit videos of their performances.

Oscar's monologue about AFL - another of his passions - is entered in the Tiger category for the youngest competitors.

He wrote it about the day an AFL footballer gave him a pair of muddy boots he'd just played in.

"I loved performing this piece, as it's about a wonderful birthday memory I shared with a great friend of mine," said Oscar.

"We were invited into the rooms after the match and got to see the celebration and the post-match rituals. I still have the footy boots that Rhys Palmer gave me on that day."

Oscar will now compete against nine other finalists from Australia and New Zealand in a regional livestream at 7pm on Saturday, September 18.

Audiences will be able to watch the live stream and also vote for their favourite performances.

Oscar, who has missed being onstage throughout Covid, is relishing the chance to perform for a global audience.

"It's really fantastic to be part of this amazing event," he said.

Family affair

While all eyes will be on Oscar in September, getting there has



Oscar Tuchtan with dad Charles. Mum Vicki describes Oscar as "... an absolute performer. He enjoys any spotlight on him".

been quite a family effort.

Proud parents Vicki and Charles are keen to support Oscar pursue his dreams and were hands on helping him prepare his entry for the competition.

"First he had to apply, then he got invited to enter," Vicki explained.

"We had to film a monologue and send it in."

The family has a set up at home with lights, camera and a green screen - "he does a lot of auditions, and a lot are online" - with dad behind the camera, and mum handling any additional parts in script readings.

"We're not stage parents pushing him into this, it's just something he has always gravitated towards," said Vicki.

"When you see that spark, you've got to go with it."

Going with it includes helping prepare for auditions, or jetting off to New York so Oscar could attend classes at A Class Act NY, a studio that offers classes for aspiring actors from children to adults.

"We went to New York a couple of years ago and he did monologue training with them," Vicki said.

"He's kept it up and works with a voice coach online, doing US accents."

Dreams

Oscar had his eye on a performance career from an early age.

"He's an absolute performer. He enjoys any spotlight on him," said Vicki, who recalls her son busking out the front of the house when he was two.

"Music is big in our house. My

parents were music teachers and he's had a guitar since he could walk.

"He does musicals, but it's serious drama theatre that he loves the most."

Covid has meant Oscar's theatrical dreams have been curtailed in the past year.

Even so, he still managed to star in two local productions over summer: Vivaldi, Cecilia and the Carnevale with the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, and Wind in the Willows with the Leongatha Lyric Theatre.

He also successfully auditioned for the Mass Performing Choir and will appear at Rod Laver Arena next April - Covid permitting.

Already signed to an agent (based in Queensland), Oscar's dream is to secure a role on television or in film.

In the meantime, closer to home, he's excited the new performing arts centre at Newhaven College is almost completed, and hopes that next year the popular school production will go ahead.

He's also looking forward to the promised new cultural centre in Cowes, which he hopes means more professional productions will come to town.

And when he's not following his acting dreams, he's busy on the football field, playing for Phillip Island, and umpiring for South Gippsland.

Despite his dreams of stardom, Vicki said Oscar is realistic about the commitment and drive it takes to succeed and thinks his football experiences are good preparation for the world of acting.

"He's very resilient. He barracks for Carlton, so he knows what it's like to lose.

"There's plenty of auditions we go for that he doesn't get.

"But he has a natural ability. It's a gift he's been given, and he needs to use it for something."

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Rapid Covid testing now available for hospital inpatients

Inpatients with Covid symptoms can be tested for COVID-19 within three hours at Wonthaggi hospital when a clinically urgent result is required.

Monash Health Pathology is offering Rapid COVID-19 testing to hospital inpatients in South Gippsland, including those attending the Urgent Care Centre in Cowes and the Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Bass Coast Health Chief Executive Officer Jan Child said the service would help ensure the safety of patients, the community and the staff.

"Rapid testing enables patients presenting with Covid symptoms to be assessed quickly for their own peace of mind and also that of the staff treating them," she said.

"Waiting for test results to return is an anxious time, let alone in the middle of a pandemic, and

we want to minimise any anxiety felt by our patients while ensuring our medical staff have all the information they need to be able to make decisions about treatment."

Rapid COVID-19 testing is offered at the Wonthaggi Pathology Laboratory at Wonthaggi Hospital for all health services within South Gippsland.

Stephen Griffiths, Monash Health Pathology's Manager at the Wonthaggi Laboratory, said rapid testing would also improve flow and access within hospitals, enabling patients to be allocated a bed sooner.

"For example, a lot of the beds at Bass Coast Health are four bed wards and we can't place patients within these wards until we make sure that a patient does not have Covid," he said.

Ms Child said this is another great example of the contemporary services offered by BCH's partner Monash Health Pathology.



Stephen Griffiths, Monash Health Pathology's Manager at the Wonthaggi Laboratory, demonstrates the Rapid COVID-19 testing analyser in action.

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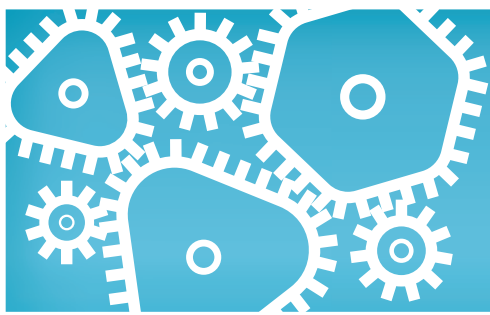
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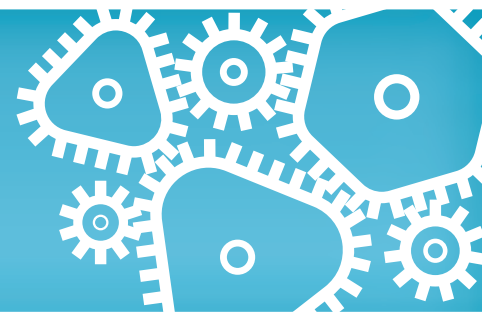
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Petition clarified

In response to the article Cycling Support (The Advertiser, Aug 4), the petition that is for consideration by the Council, supports the creation of a short straight bike path in the west of the Shearwater Estate. This requested bike path will form a link with the Rhyll/Cowes bike path.

Cyclists from the Rhyll bike path, cross Coghlan Road at the safe crossing point to enter the Estate via the existing path adjacent to the roundabout. From here cyclists can travel along the Everton/Shoalhaven/Shelly route and exit from Sanctuary at the especially designed safe entry point into the path that leads to the industrial estate.

It is then possible to safely navigate to Cowes central.

Before the blockade at Shoalhaven/Shelly, this was a popular route for cyclists.

The path along the eastern boundary is not a "dedicated dual pathway". This footpath leads directly onto busy Settlement Road right at the junction with Coghlan Road. It is not safe for cyclists. Golf carts are not mentioned in the Petition.

All information in the petition has been presented clearly and honestly. Its supporters have provided personal details - there is no ambiguity or anonymity.

Cyclists know what is required for safe bike-riding routes.

I hope this clarifies the situation.

Madeleine Pitt, Cowes

Any vaccine for Climate Emergency?

As mainstream news media continues to be saturated with Covid updates, can we find brain space for other issues?

State governments have done surprisingly well, considering lack of action for vaccines and quarantine facilities from Federal.

Similarly, states have done surpris-

ingly well declaring net zero emissions by 2050, while Federal action is in the opposite direction, approving even more huge coal and gas projects.

Nearly 15 years ago, an issue other than Covid was declared "the biggest moral challenge of our generation", the Climate Emergency, by PM Kevin Rudd.

Unfortunately, there's no vaccine for sickness caused by voracious exploitation of nature by humanity.

As declared by so many world authorities, from IEA (International Energy Agency) originally established to further fortunes of fossil fuels, to the Pope and everybody in between, the only cure for this deadly affliction is to stop.

Some of us get cranky, saying it's not fair, why should we stop when people in China and India and Africa ... will just keep going, taking our share.

Is it not clear enough with Covid that we really are all in this together?

As developed countries put pressure on manufacturers of vaccines for high priority supply, doesn't this make Covid ever more rampant, and mutating into new strains, for people in developing countries?

Can't we even see this in Australia, with all other states being asked to donate all available Pfizer vaccine to NSW?

Politicians pretend about their ability to "do deals". Obviously they do get low level results occasionally, with examples like Sports Rorts and/or pork barrelling for Car Parks to get re-elected.

But does anybody believe claims there's plenty of time to "manage the reef"?

Almost as crazy as thinking about making deals with Covid, or Greenhouse Gases.

So, from the moment when you switch all the lights on, with heating on overnight, to long hot shower, to hopping in the car, try to remember your emissions need to be sucked back out of atmosphere, a problem

with still no solution in sight.

Can humanity stop, to show more intelligence than a virus?

Bernie McComb, Cowes

Stroke – look after yourself

I read your follow-up article on Stephen Fullarton's recovery from a recent stroke, and the recovery of Ron Bauer who also suffered a stroke.

I also had a stroke over three and a half years ago now, and whilst I consider myself lucky that I am still here – every day is a challenge and even now I still have issues sometimes with numbers and spelling (a calculator and spellcheck are my new best friends).

When it happened, I was just watching TV and if it wasn't for my wife calling the Ambos when she did – things could have been much worse.

I am certain someone was watching over me – it couldn't have been my time – but this was a warning.

The Ambos arrived in minutes and again thanks to their great work in setting me down, I was rushed off to Wonthaggi. Again, the wonderful doctors and nurses at Wonthaggi saved my life. There is no doubt in my mind, if they hadn't treated me quickly – things could have been different.

I spent two weeks at Monash Stroke Unit and was finally allowed home.

Why am I sharing this now?

Simple – a stroke can happen to anyone – it doesn't discriminate.

I will be on medication for the rest of my life – small price to pay!

I hope this helps others to realise life is so precious – so look after yourself.

Gary Simmons, Cowes

Getting the priorities right

I am writing to comment on the draft Smiths Beach Town Plan. The beach itself barely gets a mention.

Over the last ten or more years coastal erosion has had a significant impact on the beach, and in particular at high tide. The simple fact is at high tide there is no sand that people can

sit on, and if the current trend continues, the amount of sand on the beach at low tide may continue to diminish.

The first priority should be to save the beach as best we can.

All other plans and game changer projects become of lesser importance if the beach is not worth visiting.

My contribution to the debates that are raging around the Smiths Beach Town Plan is to start by developing a rock retaining wall that could include places where people could sit and watch the surf, and combine this with a raised walkway that stretches from Smiths Beach to the beach at YCW. Surfies would be able to move freely from beach to beach, and those who like to stroll along a boardwalk would have a fabulous view of the waves and the action.

As a bonus, the surf lifesavers could patrol both beaches and move between beaches as the need arises.

This suggestion also solves one of the issues regarding the ability of people to move from the YCW car park to Smiths Beach. The proposed walkway across the cliff top is unworkable for families and those with mobility issues, as they would face a steep climb.

It would be much easier to walk down to the beach and then follow a board walk.

This a solution that benefits rate-payers and visitors.

Let's get the priorities right. It might put other issues into perspective.

Owen Weeks, Smiths Beach

Footpath stoush

The footpath at the end of Shelly Court and Shoalhaven Road, Cowes, has had a lot of interest lately.

I reside in the estate and have no issues with the current layout and council path, but can see benefits of a dual use path, if done so safely.

Dale Carnegie once said, "Don't criticize, condemn or complain".

But alas, some have managed all three.

A petition has also begun, with some "interesting" statements. Be it the desire to drive golf carts on the current footpath or cyclists, that if they followed the law, would be required to dismount for approximately 15 steps, some have contacted the council, demanding a completely new path in this area.

They have this right, but have decided a basketball ring and caravan, put on the nature strip nearby, completely out of the way of passing traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, is causing them umbrage.

At times, up to 20 kids have been outside, socialising, exercising and off their screens, utilising the basketball ring.

But no, let's complain to the council and have them removed completely for potential gain of the minority.

Just make the current path a dual use one, problem solved.

The council did in fact arrive, informed the owner of the complaint and demanded the caravan and ring be removed, as they breached local law.

A letter was received by the owner, with threats of legal action, so hasty action was required.

What about the council's own, "Living young Plan", where it identified there is insufficient access to recreation spaces and facilities for children?

I will admit, the basketball ring was looking a little shabby and I witnessed an unidentified man, reliving past glory, to the detriment of us nearby residents.

The council, when questioned, (over consistency) said that other rings and vans were overlooked, due to no complaints being received.

At no time have the petition starters approached all nearby residents and asked their opinions. No knock at my door received.

What about the children? And keep your golf cart on the road.

Carl Pagooda, Cowes

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DEATHS

TITCHEN, Thirza Mary:
11/4/1961 - 13/8/2021
Passed away peacefully on Friday.

Thirza was such a special person in our lives - our loss is huge.

Loved wife of Robyn.

Daughter of Alison and Donald, sister of Sarah, John and Henry and loved by our extended families.

Loved friend of so many people on Phillip Island and in Melbourne, and a respected pharmacist.

We will all miss Thirza so much.

Please support MND Victoria <https://fight-mnd.org.au/donate/>

A Private funeral will be held

TITCHEN, Thirza:

Remembering our beloved Thirza, a beautiful friend who brought so much love, laughter and wisdom into our lives.

Always in our hearts.

Our deepest love to Bobbie, and all the Titchens.

The Island Invy Girls.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

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Casual care person to help look after my wife Dianne at home in Cowes.
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Bass Coast Health is seeking applications for the following positions:

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Permanent Part Time – Closes 24/08/2021
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Permanent Part Time – Closes 22/08/2021
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SITUATIONS VACANT

Aged Care Lifestyle Assistant – Banfields Part Time

Banfields Aged Care is part of the family owned Australian Aged Care Group, which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds, Banfields Aged Care is a 90 bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

We currently have a vacancy for a vibrant and energetic Lifestyle assistant to join our small diversional therapy team to assist in the planning, implementation and evaluation of our lifestyle support / activities programs.

The successful candidate will have:

- Certificate IV in Leisure & Health or Diploma in Diversional Therapy (or working towards)
- Knowledge of contemporary aged care specific Diversional Therapy activities
- Knowledge & understanding of dementia
- Knowledge & understanding of the Aged Care Accreditation Standards
- Current Police Check.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call the Director of Care, Lara Basso on 5951 2500 or forward your resume to lbasso@banfields.com.au

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- Must be available Monday-Friday
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- Working with Children Card (Mandatory)

Previous experience within the outdoor recreation industry an advantage.
A job description is available upon request.

Applications close Friday 3rd September

Christian Youth Camps Ltd (CYC) is committed to promoting and protecting the best interests of children and has a zero tolerance to child abuse.

Interested applicants should apply in writing, including a resume to:
Jon Dainton/Director of Program Services – jon@cyc.org.au

Newhaven College is an independent co-educational school on Phillip Island offering quality education for students from Prep to Year 12. We are seeking to employ the following:

Replacement Interdisciplinary Year 9 Teacher (0.65 FTE, Term 4 only) & Laboratory Technician (permanent ongoing, 0.8 FTE)

For details on requirements, duties, and responsibilities, visit our College Website www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/about/work-at-newhaven

Applications close 5.00pm, Friday 27 August 2021 and should be submitted to katrina.lawrence@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

Newhaven College is a child safe environment. Every child has a right to be safe, and at the College we have a zero tolerance for child safety risks (including child abuse and reportable conduct). As such, preferred applicants will be subject to child protection screening, background and reference checks, verification of identity checks and must adhere to the College's child safe practices, as outlined in the Child Protection Program policies available on the College website.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

CASUAL ASSISTANT POSITION

San Remo Primary School is seeking applicants to for the casual position of assisting in After School Care.

You will be Certificate III qualified in Children's Services or in Teaching or currently undertaking either qualification.

A current Working with Children's Check is required.

For a position description, please contact Sancha Stevenson on 5678 5354.

Applications can be submitted by email, mail or direct to:

San Remo Primary School, School Council, OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE 22 Bergin Grove, SAN REMO. 3925

Email: san.rem.ps@education.vic.gov.au
Applications close on Wednesday 1st September

Reception/Administration Part Time

The Phillip Island RSL is seeking an enthusiastic individual to fill an integral position as our Front Desk Reception/Administration within its establishment.

Applicants will have preferred knowledge of MYOB accounting system or similar, competent computer skills, reception phone management, be able to adapt and be flexible in a fast-paced Club environment.

This roll requires an individual with a customer focused personality, someone who will meet the expectation of Club members and the ability and willingness to learn all requirements of reception and administration responsibilities.

Applicants must be willing to work nights and weekends. Approximately 30+ hours per week. Knowledge in hospitality is an advantage. Applications close 27 August 2021. Only short-listed applicants will be contacted.

Please forward resumes to:
The General Manager Phillip Island RSL P.O Box 503 Cowes 3922 info@pirsl.com.au

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Notice of the 2021 Island Voice Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Island Voice will be held on Aug 28th 2021 at 11am at the Cowes RSL ANZAC room with special guest speaker BCSC CEO Ali Wastie.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:

- 1) An update on the affairs of the group,
- 2) Conducting elections for committee,
- 3) Voting on special resolutions (if required).
- 4) Special guest speaker – Ali Wastie, CEO of BCSC, will provide an update on what is happening in council from 11.30am. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Coffee and lunch are available at the RSL. If you would like to have a meal, you will need to make a booking to avoid disappointment.

Please Note that COVID restrictions may require changes to these arrangements. If this eventuates, information will be posted on our Facebook page.



In this week's column, the McLure family of Smiths Beach nervously ponder whether the current easing of regional lockdown restrictions will continue, while unearthing old-fashioned entertainment.

"In, out, in, out ...

By the time this goes to print who knows whether we will be in or out of another lockdown.

At this point we are kind of out.

It's nice to be back at work again.

Last Monday I was determined to have the kids complete all of their remote learning.

I spoke to Evie's teacher, the lovely Mrs Taylor.

She said the teachers had spent their entire weekends planning for a week of remote learning.

Our educators work so hard behind the scenes and I for one appreciate them so much.

So we owed it to them to have a good hard crack at the tasks provided.

Evie was happily working away on a group chat with her friends doing their work together and helping each other. It was very sweet.

My other child seemed to have grown devil horns overnight and was not at all inspired to make any headway.

We got through it only to be told that regional areas had an early release, and kids were going back to school the following day.

My phone went bananas with messages from fellow parents celebrating the news.

It's definitely a whirlwind.

I came home from a walk on Saturday to find the family had set up an indoor skipping rope game in the lounge room, one end tied to the staircase and one of them operating the other end.

What could possibly go wrong?

I've given up trying to have any kind of control in this house.

They were having fun and even roped Tim into having a go (pun intended).

It did, however, give me an idea: I went to the local craft shop and bought a long piece of elastic and taught the kids how to play old-

school elastics.

Evie took it to school and even the teachers had a go, reliving their childhood school lunchbreaks.

We have been Googling all of the old rhymes and moves and they have it set up inside between two chairs.

It's not the quietest game, especially when Evie's up at 6.30am jumping around, but it's definitely less stressful than a giant indoor skipping rope.

The salon has been buzzing this week, playing catch up from our catch up.

Clients have been superbly amazing.

It seems the same clients keep being the ones booked in when we go into lockdown each time.

Everyone has moved on from being upset about it, and have managed to find a bit of humour in the situation.

I have one client who has been in three times on the days they have announced a snap lockdown.

Another client who was in on the same day asked to have her future bookings line up with this lady, as she seems to have good luck in getting her colour done in the nick of time.

There's something very satisfying in making a person feel so good about themselves with a nice cut and colour and sending them off with a smile.

It's not just about the application, but also the socialness of the salon environment. It's a beautiful space to work in.

On that note, I'm off to repot some plants: the trees are getting their leaves back, the flowers are starting to bloom.

I love this time of year when nature starts to awaken from its winter hibernation.

If only the weeds in the garden beds would get the memo."

Art and craft lend a helping hand

A unique and crafty idea has helped forge strong friendships and offered a helping hand to bushfire affected areas of Victoria.

After the 2019/20 bushfires, the Phillip Island Community Art and Craft Gallery wanted to do whatever it could to help those communities devastated by the Black Summer fires.

"We wanted to do something, but rather than just donate some money, we decided to do something that had a little more meaning to us," Aleta Groves, Secretary of the Gallery said.

"We decided to approach a community gallery in the affected area and ask what we could do for their members."

The Phillip Island group contacted the Great Alpine Gallery, located in Swifts Creek, right in the middle of the bushfire area.

This would be the beginning of a wonderful community gallery friendship.

"The secretary of The Great Alpine Gallery explained their members had been on high alert for so long that they were all lacking energy, and something that would really help them would be if we could run some workshops in the winter for their community," Aleta said.

"It would give them something to look forward to and workshops have a way of being very inclusive, tactile, comforting and healing."

By early March 2020 a plan was developed to run a series of winter workshops in Swifts Creek.

The Phillip Island Community Art and Craft Gallery would donate the materials for the workshops, with its members running the workshops donating their time and travel, so the workshops would be completely free for the Swifts Creek community.

Then the 2020 Covid lockdowns upended the plans. The workshops had to be put on hold.

"COVID-19 dealt a real blow to our pledge to the Great Alpine Gallery and community," said Aleta.

"Throughout 2020 we kept in contact, but we knew there was no way that we could fulfil our commitment. We would often talk and reflect on the struggles that those who were so affected by bushfire could now be so impacted by this pandemic and we just could not imagine how resilient you would have to be to get through



The Alpaca Felting workshop at Swifts Creek, run by Aleta Groves from the Phillip Island Community Art and Craft Gallery.

these two enormous events."

Finally, in May 2021, more than a year after the original plan, the Phillip Island Community Art and Craft Gallery got to travel to Swifts Creek and fulfil their promise.

On May 6, President Debbie Wright and curator Maureen Ellard ran a fun day for all the knitting enthusiasts, armed with mountains of needles and wool that had been donated by Phillip Island members.

On May 20, committee member and manager of social activities Pamela Parker (Doyle) ran her workshop, needle felting a life-size Blue Wren and on June 24 Aleta Groves, Gallery Secretary took her Alpaca's fleece to Swifts Creek and ran a workshop wet

felting pots from raw alpaca fleece.

It was an amazing experience for everyone who took part.

"I am so inspired after the visit, we were going there to help their community and we got just as much from the experience," Phillip Island President Debbie Wright said.

"Swifts Creek and the surrounding area is such a beautiful part of Victoria.

"Along the way we were reminded by the blackened trees with small amounts of regrowth appearing that it takes a long time to heal and recover from such a tragic event.

"So while it has taken us 18 months to fulfil our pledge, we know that our small offering has helped just a little."



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Dad Tim McLure passed time in lockdown with indoor rope skipping.

SHORT STACK

A QUICK ROUNDUP OF NEWS, VIEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Gippsland session added to telecommunications consultation

A Gippsland consultation date has now been added to the schedule of public meetings into the review of regional telecommunications, between 10am and midday on Friday, August 20.

The review is a chance for people to state their views and experiences with telecommunication services in regional, rural and remote areas.

Key issues outlined include the changing demand for services in regional areas, inadequate mobile coverage, provision of broadband services (including fixed wireless and satellite networks) and providing standard telephone services.

The Issues Paper, consultation dates, and details on how to make a submission can be found at www.rtrc.gov.au. Written submissions should be lodged by Thursday, September 30.

For the full consultation schedule go to www.communications.gov.au/have-your-say/2021-regional-telecommunications-review.

Small business support

The \$180 million Small Business COVID Hardship Fund will provide

small- to medium-sized businesses with \$10,000 grants to get through the recent lockdowns.

The new fund is specifically designed to help businesses that are legally allowed to operate but are precluded from generating revenue due to restrictions. It also includes businesses that have had a significantly reduced customer base due to restrictions, and those whose orders and bookings have been cancelled, such as catering businesses.

To be eligible, these businesses must have experienced a reduction in revenue of at least 70 per cent because of the restrictions in place across May to August.

Applications are now open at business.vic.gov.au and will close once program funds are exhausted or at 11:59 pm on Friday, September 10, whichever is earlier.

Have your say on healthy, accessible and inclusive Bass Coast

Bass Coast Shire Council is calling for feedback on its draft Healthy Communities Plan and draft Disability Action Plan 2021-25.

To view the Draft Plans head to www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/communityplans.

To provide your feedback, or for more information on either of the Plans, please send an email to community.development@basscoast.vic.gov.au. Please provide the name of the Plan you are providing feedback for in the subject line. You can also contact Council's Social and Community Planning Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211.

Feeling arty?

Bass Coast Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest (EOI) from residents and ratepayers to join its Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

Up to five new community members will be appointed by Council for a two-year term.

Read the Terms of Reference and the Bass Coast Arts and Culture Strategy 2019-29 before returning your completed Expression of Interest form, which can be found at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/acac.

Expressions of Interest need to be received by Sunday, August 29.

U14s Red went down fighting till the end!

With a rushed return to football and the prelim finals, Phillip Island Bulldogs U14 Reds, played Inverloch at Inverloch on Sunday.

Incredible winds made the match a battle from the start.

The intense pressure on the ball and team motivation was evident throughout the match.

The boys fought it out to the end. However, congratulations to Inverloch who were able to take advantage on their home ground and with the wind, to take home the win 34 to 23.

Goals to Ayden Fawaz, Jake

Hughes and Finn O'Brien.

Best mentions to Charlie O'Garey, Cooper Walton, Xavier Williams and Finn O'Brien.

Coach Dan Larsson, assistant coach Ken Carlon and team manager Sam Dean, would like to congratulate the boys on a fantastic season and one they should be proud of.

The growth on and off the field was awesome to witness.

Thank you also to their families for all the support and assistance.

Good luck to our Phillip Island Bulldogs U14 Blues, heading into the grand final.



A Proud U14s Red team went into the preliminary final with high hopes, unfortunately they went down in a hard-fought game against Inverloch.



Will Hill breaks free from his opponents and played a great game on the weekend.



Cooper Walton and Heath Womersley go up in the ruck in the strong winds on Sunday.



Coaches Harry Hermans and Liam Jeury with the U8s players at Wonthaggi who are obviously thrilled to be back playing soccer!



Coach Cam Chasenore with the U6 soccer team at Trafalgar.



Team 1, U10s soccer team: Edie, Rhys, River, Kane, Nash, Hailey, Leroy, Zach, Miller, Harvey and Hunter.

Fun weekend of soccer

It was a busy weekend of soccer coming after another week of lockdown and it was great to see everyone back on the pitch playing again.

The weather was kind, and we were able to play in perfect soccer conditions. The weekend began with the Go Girls program on Friday night with 20 girls learning new skills and having fun.

Saturday was the first Gala Day for 2021 with all the mini roos teams from across the league playing in round robin tournaments.

The U6s had an early start and went off to Trafalgar for a 9.30 kick off and played multiple games for three hours.

The U8s were hosted by Wonthaggi, and we hosted the U10s at Newhaven.

Everyone who participated had a fantastic morning of soccer and there would have been many exhausted children on Saturday afternoon after running all morning.

Thank you to our U10 parents who helped out in the canteen and with setting up and packing up on the day – your help was appreciated.

On Sunday we were hosting again at Newhaven, with our U14s v Drouin 2, winning 12-2, U12B v Prom Coast with a 6-1 win, U12 A had a tight win against Mirboo North, 3 goals to 2 and the senior men victorious with a 6-1 score line.

The 17s did not play due to a forfeit from Inverloch but played a friendly game against a combination of reserves, women and U14 players which was an entertaining, high scoring game.

There are still a few weeks of the season left to play and we hope we are able to play a few consecutive games to finish out the season before the final.

U12B team report

Phillip Island hosted Prom Coast

on Sunday, a clear but blustery day.

The wind was definitely a factor and the team played to the conditions perfectly.

Phillip Island kicked 4 goals to nil in the first half with the wind.

The team then played the ball low in the second half and kicked 2 goals to 1 against the wind.

Archie in goals had another great game, saving some great shots in the second half.

The team focused on set shots recently at training and their set shots were stand outs.

Well done to all players and thank you to all the parents who continuously help out.

Plenty to be excited about with the team and we are all so proud of their continuous development.

Goal kickers: Tiki 2, Hamish 2, Gus 1 and Joss 1.

Final score: Phillip Island 6, Prom Coast 1.



Patika Reed, from the U12B soccer team.



Jad Ellaz from the U14s soccer team, shows his classy moves.

**Congratulations
to each team
for making the**

2021 GRAND FINAL!

12'S

**Phillip Island Red
v
Leongatha**

KORUMBURRA SHOWGROUNDS
9:30am

14'S

**Phillip Island Blue
v
Inverloch - Kongwak**

KORUMBURRA SHOWGROUNDS
12:10pm

YOUTH GIRLS

**Phillip Island
v
Drouin**

KORUMBURRA SHOWGROUNDS
10:45am



Phillip Islands U14s Blue team were pumped after the game after securing their place in this years grand final.

U14s Blue secure their grand final place

The game was on, then off, then on again.

PI U14 Blues were definitely on, on Sunday without a doubt.

The distraction of lockdown and uncertainty about playing couldn't stop the determination and enthusiasm of the boys.

It was a scrambled start with the dogs rushing the ball through for three quick behinds.

This was not their normal style of play.

Korumburra-Bena looked hopeful; it was anyone's game at

this stage.

At six minutes in, Max sent the ball sailing through the middle sticks for the dogs' first goal.

This rallied the troops, KB had something to fear.

Goals by Jasper and Nathan gave the dogs a great first quarter start. 22 to 0.

The second quarter saw the dogs move the ball from the centre with great efficiency to their scoring zone.

This meant very little ball time for KB and PI easily bumped the

score up to 36 to 0.

Entering the third term KB made a break for goal but PI kept up the pressure and made a spectacular turn over resulting in a ripper goal from Cha Cha.

KB took off again trying to take advantage of the wind, they managed to score a behind and a goal with 1:30 to go.

Kicking back with the wind in the final quarter, Max made short work of adding to the scoreboard. The dogs were relentless in applying pressure to KB and made

excellent play through the ground hitting each target they set up.

At the final siren the dogs had dominated against KB.

Thanks to KB who didn't give up against a strong and determined team.

Final score: Phillip Island 12/9/81 def Korumburra-Bena 1/1/7.

Best on: Riley, Jack B, Cha Cha, Max

Next Sunday PI U14 Blue meet Inverloch in the grand final. Thanks to all supporters and volunteers.

Island girls through to the grand final

The Island girls have capped off an interrupted season in style, making it through to their fourth grand final in five years.

Excited just to be back on the park after lockdown the girls started strongly with Ahlee Penry providing the girls first use of the ball in the ruck and Nikki Williams, Sunday Brisbane and Isla (Cuz) Cousins taking full advantage.

Korumburra showed much improvement from the start of the season and came ready to play.

The windy conditions made marking the ball difficult and a number of chances went down, but the Island girls soon worked hard putting pressure on the Korumburra girls at every opportunity.

Sara Eldridge and Jorja (Jorga) Newman were relentless in their attack.

A strong contest from Bella Ross on the wing gave the Island girls possession of the ball and some great ball movement saw Stevie Hower get the first goal on the board for the Island.

This seemed to help settle the girls and it wasn't long before captain Sunday Brisbane had scored another.

The second quarter saw Lexi Walton move into the middle with immediate success.

Lexi was everywhere in the second quarter and had great support from Jade Ricardo.

Nikki Williams was exceptional down back and had great support in defence from Amelie Wragg and Lily Huther.

Brinn Hamley provided a highlight of the day with an amazing blind turn and handpass onto a teammate, while Zoe Carr was applying consistent pressure to the defenders.

A free kick in the forward pocket to



Coach Didi giving the girls a pep talk before their semi-final match on Sunday.

Sienna Steiner saw her score the Island's only goal for the quarter.

The third quarter saw the Island continue to press forward.

Ahlee Penry showed great dash and attack at the football, which culminated in a goal to Romi Purdey.

Imogen Bradford also kicked a great ball to the goal square where crummer Mia Boost, in the perfect position snapped truly for her first.

Nikki Williams was again dominating, while Maya and Lily Huther demonstrated some sisterly handball action.

Jade Ricardo was rock solid at half back and repelled numerous attacks.

The final quarter saw Korumburra

score their only goal of the game.

Lexi Walton back in the middle continued to dominate, while Poppy Marshall started to get her hands on the ball, kicking two goals for the quarter.

The girls will face Drouin next week in the Grand Final.

Congratulations to Poppy Marshall who finished the season as the leading goal kicker for the league on 16 goals.

Final Score: Phillip Island 7.4.46 def Korumburra 1.0.6.

Goals: Poppy Marshall 2, Sienna Steiner, Mia Boost, Stevie Hower and Romi Purdey.

Best on: Nikki (Jo Jo) Williams, Lexi Walton, Sunday Brisbane, Jade Ricardo, Ahlee Penry and Maya Huther.



Sam Docherty, who is now facing a second cancer challenge, has inspired many a young Phillip Island footballer. He is pictured here in 2016 playing kick to kick with some local youngsters at the Cowes oval on a trip home.

Island prayers for Sam

Carlton co-captain Sam Docherty will undergo chemotherapy after being diagnosed with testicular cancer for a second time.

The former Phillip Islander posted the news on the club website last week.

"It's obviously not the news we wanted to hear but the support I have from everyone around me in my family, friends and the footy club will get me through this next challenge," Sam said.

"I am very fortunate this secondary diagnosis was detected early as part of a routine check-up. We now have a clear plan in

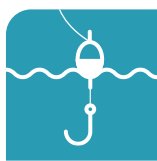
place to get through this.

"I really want to get the message out there of how important it is to be mindful of your health. If you feel something isn't quite right, please, get checked and make sure you look after yourself."

Sam previously underwent surgery to remove a malignant testicular tumour in late 2020.

He will undergo 12 weeks of chemotherapy, and is expected to make a full recovery in time for pre-season training next season.

The Phillip Island community sends their very best wishes to Sam and prayers for his speedy recovery.



Sleeping in and getting all those odd jobs around the house completed is inviting to most and for the first few lockdowns was a bit of a novelty. Sadly we are all well past that now and there is plenty of uncertainty every day you turn on the news.

Spare a thought for all those in business, who have a considerable amount of time and money invested and are trying to make decisions at a minute's notice.

Most have been closed more than open, especially over the last month, most are trying to put plans in place for the expected busy tourism season coming up, most are trying to do as much as they can for their staff and most importantly just trying to pay the bills for when they are able to trade.

Add all these up and it leads to a whole heap of extra stress on top of the normal stress of running a business.

Sadly, we have lost a few businesses around the area but on a positive the majority are getting through and doing the best they can.

I hear it all the time in the shop, "of course you should be able to get through the government is giving business plenty of money". The truth is not all qualify (and so receive nothing) and even those who do get the odd financial help would much prefer to be open and trading than being propped up by the government.

Local support has been by far the main reason that most of these businesses are surviving and getting through.

The only thing we all ask is next time you are asked to sign in, wear a mask or produce ID please just do it. That will save any more unnecessary stress. Remember it's not our rules but rules we must enforce.

Of our customers very few have been allowed to venture out for a fish as most of them live just outside that 5km travel bubble, so the reports are few and far between.

Those lucky few that did manage to venture to the water for their two hours exercise spent it well. The majority of the few reports we did get came from down towards the bottom of the bay Cleeland bight side.

The main capture being whiting with one lucky customer managing a nice bag full in his two-hour allotted window.

There were also a few small Salmon caught on pilchards down off the Inverloch pier.

If you're expecting reports full of fishing spots, or an exuberant amount of fishing stories then unfortunately you will be disappointed.

That is the unfortunate reality we have faced this past year with no one getting a good run at finding the fish.

On a positive note, they say every cloud has a silver lining and the last month's silver lining actually comes in the form of the clouds themselves.

The weather has been awful; windy and rainy overcast days ... but we haven't been able open or fish so it's not all that bad! Hopefully we are getting all the bad weather out the way before the fish turn up.

Don't be discouraged by the lack of reports, it's not caused by a lack of fish, it's caused by a lack of fisherman and will get better.

Winter is nearly a thing of the past, the blossom on the trees is out and turning to fruit which is a sign Spring is nearly here and that means the reds are too.

Snapper season is definitely a time most Westernport fisherman add to their fishing calendar each year.

Now is the time to get all your gear ready, update that rod or reel and tie all your rigs ready for the season.

It's also time for all the dads to put in the requests for Father's Day presents - gift vouchers are just perfect.

For those who haven't been in the shop over the last month or so, next time you come in you will notice a lot of changes as we have done a bit of a remodel and added around 50 new stock items with plenty more to come.

To keep up to date with all the changes and new stock and the many specials we have including some of those stock items we aren't keeping anymore, follow us on Facebook.

We are still running our weekly auctions and of course as soon as reports come in that's where you will find them.

The decision has now had to be made to cancel the 2021 San Remo Fishing Festival, and the following statement was released: "The organisers of the 2021 fishing festival have regrettably decided to cancel this year's festival. Covid has thrown up many challengers over the last 18 months for businesses and events and seems a long way from any sort of normality.

"We have been discussing the Fishing Festival for 2021 and feel to run it this year it would be very restricted and not to a standard that we are trying to achieve but also with the very real prospect it could be cancelled at a minute's notice. This is not the end of the festival, and all efforts will be again made to make it bigger and better in 2022."

Westernport Field and Game August clay target shoot results

Westernport Field and Game held their monthly shoot, the John Paterson Memorial, on August 15, with 36 shooters attending.

John Paterson Memorial winner was Travis Paterson (68).

Grade winners
AA Grade: 1st Jarryd Passarin (65), 2nd Matt Hall (67) and 3rd Adam Hirschfield (64).

A Grade: 1st John Passarin (61) and 2nd Murray Huitson (53).

B Grade: 1st John Dudley (52), 2nd Mick Braden (51) and 3rd Daniel Briscoe (50).

C Grade: 1st Jai Ryan (44), 2nd Michael Briscoe (43) and 3rd Henryk Struck (37).

Ladies: 1st Katrina Hirschfield.
Veterans: 1st Lionel Bradley (63).

Juniors: 1st Ravi Fostin (28).
Our next shoot will be held on Sunday, September 19 consisting of 75 targets with nominations commencing at 9am.

Self-nominations will be available through MCMS before the event.

Clay target shooting is suitable for all genders, ages and fitness levels with juniors shooting for free.

Midweek bowls

South West Gippsland midweek bowls winners were Dennis Talbot, Michael Dady and Michael Saunders.

Runners up were Vern Elliott, Sheila Korda, Bev Elliott and Peter Thorley.

One Game winners were Bob Glogoski, Gwen Jeffrey, Rob Hill and Mary Nicholson.

Midweek bowls was played San Remo on a lighting fast green which saw many wayward bowls. As the day progressed the green became a lot easier to bowl on.

With 22 happy bowlers taking the conditions in their stride there was a slight wind and every now and again the sun popped its head out.

Still, it did not deter the enthusiasm

of our bowlers and as usual happy voices were heard all around the green, which was in lovely condition.

Some high scores were recorded: winners 32 points, runners up 31 points and one game winners 25 points.

We enjoyed the bank seats provided by the club which meant we weren't stepping up and down the bank, which was great news for us oldies, thanks to Sean Mc William's hard work to cut the chairs to size.

Thank you to Sean and Peter Thorley for tending the bar and Gwen Jeffrey for looking after the kitchen. Also a thank you to the members who brought in items for our free raffle table.

For the next week (August 19 and 26) we will be playing at San Remo



Winners of Midweek bowls were Michael Dady (3), Dennis Talbot (S) and Michael Saunders (L).

due to maintenance work, provided we are not plunged into lockdown again.

As usual 10.30am at the club for an 11am start, BYO lunch 2x12 ends.

For more information or to register please contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974 the night before. Everyone welcome. See you on the green.

Phillip Island bowls

We are out of lockdown again and ready to strut our stuff on the bowls green.

Work on the new green is progressing nicely and hopefully will be ready to play on in the next week or so.

Now for results of this week's games, first up we had our Social Day on Thursday.

It was a bit cloudy and cool today for the first game of bowls after lockdown number six.

Twenty-nine bowlers enthusiastically took to the green in teams of fours to honour their skills.

Runners up with two wins and a +31 were (lead) Ray Excell, (second) Barry Grazules, (third) Lance Wearne and Skip was Tony Mac Kieran however, the winners for today

also with two wins but with a +33 was (lead) Inga Royce, (second) Peter Carter, (third) Andy Dennis and Skip was Terry Dawes.

Well done everyone.

A big thank you to our volunteers for the day Ray Pepper and the lovely Judy.

Next up we had the hotly contested Saturday 2-4-2 competition which will finish next week with winner being presented their prize money by the sponsors for this event Audika the Hearing Specialists.

It was another splendid day on the island and 28 enthusiastic bowlers took to the green for the second last week of the competition.

The competition was fierce as only those in the top group of 10 will get to

play for the money next week. Results were Runners up with two wins and a +7 was Lou Bellino and Murray McClimont.

The winners with two game wins and a +19 was Chris Fricke and Bob Carter. Well done one and all.

Sitting in the top spots at the moment for this competition: Bruce Puncher on 25.5 points, Steve Farrelly 23.5, next is Alan Beaddows who score wasn't listed then Ray Pepper on 20.5.

The final list will be on the board at the clubhouse when Alan has sorted out everyone's points. Good luck all.

Finally, we were able to mingle with our mates for some fun and good laughs abiding by Covid safe rules for Friday night happy hour and raffle draw and members draw which will Jackpot to \$100 next week.

Come and say g'day every Friday from 4.30pm, also you can find us on Facebook - Phillip Island Bowls club.

Phillip Island golf

Tuesday, August 10 - Men's 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Ian Young H/c (23) with 38 points from Rick Banfield H/c (17) with 37 points.

Men's 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Harold Jackson H/c (33) with 19 points from Brian Carvell H/c (26) with 18 points on a countback from Ian Bray H/c (28) also with 18 points.

Wednesday, August 11 - Ladies 18 Hole Stroke - Monthly Medal: Proudly sponsored by EMG Consulting.

A Grade winner and Monthly Medal - Liz Gleeson H/c (21) 71 nett. Well done to Liz for her first Monthly Medal at PI.

B Grade winner - Jan Daff H/c (33) 76 nett.

C Grade winner - Anne Dunk H/c (34) 77 nett.

Putting winner - Glenda Longshaw and Jan Daff - 29 Putts.

NTP's: 5th - Jill Zelman, 7th - Helen Coghlan, 10th - Helen Coghlan, 12th 2nd Shot (B & C Grade) - Kim Rippon-King and 17th - Vicki Amato.

Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was Patricia Jamieson H/c (44) with 23 points from Roz Wells H/c (44) with 20 points.

Thursday August 12 - Men's and Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Dave Miers H/c (21) with 41 points from Sean O'Brien H/c (6) with 38 points on a countback from Mark Hill H/c (21) also with 38 points.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stabl-

eford: Winner was David Gladman H/c (17) with 19 points from Malcolm MacArthur H/c (33) with 18 points on a countback from Ron Hateley H/c (33) also with 18 points.

Saturday, August 14 - Men's 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Nigel Firth H/c (23) with 40 points from Tony Hornsby H/c (24) with 39 points.

NTP: 5th - Ken Sellers, 7th - Craig Southern, 10th - Steve Bann and 17th Steve Bann.

Ladies 18 Hole Stableford: Winner was Karen Green H/c (14) with 35 points on a countback from Jan Daff H/c (33) also with 35 points.

NTP: 5th - Ira Septiana, 7th - Faye Morris and 10th - Liz Gleeson.

Men's and Ladies 9 Hole Stableford: Winner was John Duthie H/c (40) with 14 points on a countback from Lynore Mercer H/c (27) also with 14 points.

Next week's competition - Men's Monthly Medal - Stroke.

Phillip Island Ten Pin Bowling league results

2s Company: 1st on 6pts Storm, 2nd on 4.5 pts The Hounds and 3rd on 4pts King Pins.

ABL: 1st on 39pts Buckineers, 2nd on 37pts Island Sector and 3rd on 33.5pts Dreamers.

Business Early: 1st on 8pts Team Vee, 2nd on 6pts Happy Hour, 3rd on 6pts The Redundants and 4th on 4.5pts Ballz Deep.

Business Late: 1st on 9pts Daj Bricklaying, 2nd 7pts S&R Clarke Auto, 3rd on 4pts 3 Stooges and 4th on 3pts Brew Ups.

This week's top scorers are:
Men: 211 Joe Depetro, 192 Rob Wilkinson and 191 Justin Porthouse.

Woman: 188 Niki Vandermeer, 166 Carmel Mitchell and 157 Emma.



Wednesday night league ABL season 1 2021 winners: From left, John Batty, Steve Clarke, Raff Merante and Steve R Clarke.

TIDE GUIDE

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

	WED 18 AUG	THU 19 AUG	FRI 20 AUG	SAT 21 AUG	SUN 22 AUG	MON 23 AUG	TUE 24 AUG
LOW	12:56 am 0.43 m	1:43 am 0.46 m	2:36 am 0.52 m	3:43 am 0.59 m	4:59 am 0.62 m	HIGH 12:06 am 2.51 m	HIGH 1:22 am 2.59 m
HIGH	8:04 am 2.81 m	9:02 am 2.75 m	10:06 am 2.72 m	11:15 am 2.73 m	12:24 pm 2.79 m	LOW 6:14 am 0.62 m	LOW 7:19 am 0.60 m
LOW	1:23 pm 1.16 m	2:15 pm 1.29 m	3:19 pm 1.37 m	4:37 pm 1.39 m	5:58 pm 1.30 m	HIGH 1:29 pm 2.88 m	HIGH 2:25 pm 2.95 m
HIGH	7:27 pm 2.70 m	8:18 pm 2.60 m	9:24 pm 2.52 m	10:44 pm 2.48 m		LOW 7:08 pm 1.14 m	LOW 8:06 pm 0.96 m

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U12s Red had a great win against Korumburra to secure their spot in the grand final this weekend. More footy photos at www.pisra.com.au

Grand final for U12s Red

It was a windy, cold morning but the sun was shining, and the boys were pumped to play in their first final vs Korumburra.

We had our first clearance out of the centre with Sonny in the ruck sending the ball into our forward 50.

We showed great intensity with our tackling and intercept from Archer and a strong mark from Felix and Jacko.

The first quarter was a lot of back and forth between us and the opposition, with Bailey and Duke laying tackles with ball called.

Both teams went into the break with no score and showing equal hunger for the ball.

Our defenders were kept on their toes in the second, with it difficult to get the ball into our forward line, the wind seemed to take every kick straight to where we didn't want it to go.

They continued to chase down the ball after turn overs and were strong on ground.

We went into half time 0-6.

In the third we had the ball in our



The entire U12s Red team gave their all on Sunday.

50 but couldn't quite finish off with a goal.

A great tackle from Sam O fired the boys up.

Down back, the pressure was put on Korumburra, going into the break 1-8.

After a big pep talk at three quarter time from the coaches, we could see the boys came out in the fourth ready to win.

We had great 1-1 contests from Louis and with Felix kicking our first goal of the match, the adrenaline was pumping.

Coming back into the centre, we got it clear with the mids kicking beautifully to our forwards.

Jack laying two awesome tackles, with holding the ball calmed the team and we knew our chances were high.

The boys' energy and intensity was right up.

We knew we needed one more goal, and that's when, from the centre of the pack, came Felix with a strong mark leading to our second and game sealing goal.

We were all pretty excited for the



Although it was a real team effort by all the players, there was a particular star of the game, Felix who kicked the two winning goals for the team.

boys who took the win 14-10.

Well done to Korumburra for a great game and tough competition.

Next week is grand final day versus Leongatha.

We are so proud of all of the kids for how far they have come individually and as a team and to get to this position in the year that was. Go Reds!



U12s Blue Phillip Island football team went down fighting in their final against Leongatha on the weekend. The boys played a great game of football but unfortunately Leongatha won on the day.

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